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Dedicated to
THE
HUMANITY OF THE HIGHER LIFE,
BY WHOSE MANIFESTATIONS
LIFE AND IMMORTALITY HAVE BEEN BROUGHT
TO LIGHT.



Alfred R. Wallace.

PROF. A. R. WALLACE, LL.D., F.R.S.

A PHILOSOPHICAL Materialist, believed only in matter and force at the outset of his inquiries. After most careful and painstaking investigation, he was compelled to succumb. "*The facts beat me,*" he says in his valuable book on "*Miracles and Modern Spiritualism.*" His brave, outspoken declaration of his knowledge of spirit existence and communion has made him, by his eminence in other fields of Science, a veritable tower of strength for Spiritualism.—*T. W.*, April 3, 1896.

PREFACE.

WITHIN the last half century the thought of the world has been revolutionised. From Materialistic negations it has turned to Spiritual affirmations. Instead of deriving life and mind from matter, men now begin to realise that matter is vitalised by Life, and is the vehicle for the manifestation of Spirit. The reality of the Unseen, and the continuity of conscious individual existence after the death of the body, are being admitted on all hands.

For this mighty reformation of the world's advanced thought we are within our right, and but proclaiming a fact, when we affirm that the "despised and rejected" "phenomena called Spiritual" are mainly responsible. Nothing else could have turned the triumphal advance of Materialistic scientific thought and routed the advocates of annihilation. The evidence of the presence of "Intelligences at the other end of the line," afforded by the manifestations through mediums, together with the spontaneous, unexpected, and often undesired, displays of Spirit presence and power which have occurred in all parts of the world, and the immense amount of independent testimony to the facts, from trustworthy witnesses, have overpowered the opposition—outweighed all *à priori* objections, and vanquished the Materialism of both the Scientific and the Theological antagonists. The New Spiritual Dispensation truly "brings Life and Immortality to Light," establishes Faith on the basis of Fact, and gives a rational interpretation of the phenomena of Life and Death.

Like Alfred Russel Wallace, once "a Philosophical Materialist," millions of men and women have had to confess "THE FACTS BEAT ME!" and the world's Hopes and Ideals, which at one time seemed fading out in the glare of the search-light of Physical Science, are now revealed in fairer and more beautiful proportions, and, by the aid of the Light of Spiritual Science, are found to be based upon the Eternal Laws of the Infinite. Physicists and philosophic theologians and metaphysicians are seriously turning their attention to, and appreciating the value of, the evidences afforded by Spiritual phenomena, are utilising the suggestions they afford in their efforts to unlock the storehouses of mystery, and are entering into possession of the treasures of knowledge of the purposes and issues of Life.

All honour, then, to the mediums and their faithful friends, the brave and true-hearted men and women who formed the Advance Guard of the great Army of Progress, who, through good and evil report alike, devotedly maintained "the Truth against the World," and thus, in co-operation with the promoters of the new Revelation from the Other Side, once again broke the bread of Life for man, and brought back the wanderers from the bogs and marshes of Doubt and Materialism into the way of Immortality and the light of Love.

While preparing this Album of Mediums and Spiritual Workers—which is but an incomplete Roll-call of the heroes of the fight, and will doubtless be followed by others to supply its imperfections—we have been struck with the evidence of the catholicity of this great movement. The Power of the Spirit has been exemplified through all sorts and conditions of men and women. Spiritualism stands for the great principle of Brotherhood, and under its banner of "Immortality proved by facts" are enrolled men, women, and children from all ranks, races, climes and conditions. Royalists or Republicans, courtiers or colliers, creedalists, Conformists or Non-conformists; Secularists, Agnostics, Materialists, or Rationalists, it matters not. The Spirits have been abroad o'er all the earth, into the highways and byeways, *compelling men and women to come in* to the marriage feast which celebrates the union of the Two Worlds—the nuptials of Fact and Faith—of Science and Religion. This great fact constitutes Spiritualism the Universal Religion. Spirit manifestation has ever been the basis of Truth underlying the world's Theological creeds and systems, and now that the superficial rubbish is cleared away and the dividing lines are destroyed, we again get down to the bed-rock of Spiritual Principles and Demonstrations. The Truth of God-the-Spirit and Man-the-Spirit makes us free—free to unite in love, sympathy, and service to Humanity, to bring peace, joy, and goodwill upon the earth, and thus to find *and live* the better way that opens—through the portals of the Death Change—into the Land of Realisation, Re-union, Progression, and Beauty over-there.

[We gratefully acknowledge and record our indebtedness to Mr. E. Dawson Rogers, the kindly and able editor of our friendly contemporary *Light*, or permission to use his blocks, and due references are made both to THE TWO WORLDS and to *Light*, where fuller details than are given here can be found by those desiring further information.]

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MRS. EMMA HARDINGE BRITTEN (MANCHESTER).

HER long and arduous labours, and remarkable career as a medium, seer, prophetess, and inspired advocate of the new Spiritual Dispensation in America, Australia, New Zealand, and Great Britain, give her front rank in the long roll of honoured mediums and leaders of the early days of the movement. Fearless and incomparable, her wonderful powers of inspirational oratory have exerted vast influence for good.



DR. WM. BRITTEN (MANCHESTER),

WAS Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Two Worlds Publishing Co., Ltd., for the first four years, and took an active interest in its promotion. He ably supported Mrs. Emma Hardinge Britten in her labours as an inspired speaker and editor. Passed to the higher life in 1894.



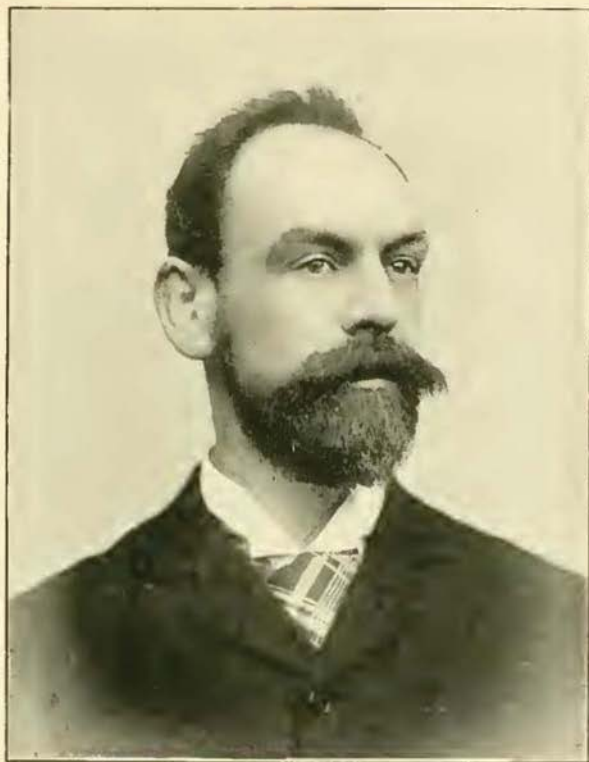
MRS. M. H. WALLIS (MANCHESTER)

BEGAN to be "controlled" upwards of twenty years ago, at first as an impersonating medium, then for inspirational speaking and clairvoyance. She attended seances at the London Spiritual Institution, and after marriage, on Nov. 14, 1876, co-operated with Mr. Wallis at the East End Institution. Afterwards at Nottingham, Walsall, and Glasgow, she gave public addresses, and for a number of years has filled engagements in all parts of the country, and was a Director of the Two Worlds Publishing Co., Ltd., from the commencement.—*T. W.*, Oct. 25, 1895.



MR. E. W. WALLIS (MANCHESTER)

TWENTY-FOUR years ago began to investigate, and developed as a trance speaker, psychometrist, and clairvoyant. Twenty years ago commenced public work in the East End Spiritual Institution, London. Became Secretary and Manager of the Two Worlds Publishing Co., Ltd., when it was originated, and editor of the Two Worlds in Feb. 1892.—*T. W.*, March 31, 1891.



MR. S. S. CHISWELL,

HON. SEC. Liverpool Society of Spiritualists, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Two Worlds Publishing Co. Ltd., for four years, three times President of the National Federation of Spiritualists, Conductor of the Liverpool Children's Progressive Lyceum, and President of the Lyceum Union Conference in 1894, is an energetic and capable worker, and an inspirational or semi-trance medium. - T. W., Dec. 28, 1894.



MRS. CHISWELL

Is a quiet worker, who, like her husband, is heart and soul in the work for the children. As Musical Director and Leader of "Liberty" Group in the Liverpool Lyceum, she exerts much influence for good. Is thoughtful, intuitive, and mediumistic, clairvoyant, and impressional.



MR. LEWIS FIRTH.

A QUIET, thoughtful, and earnest man, a student, and a sincere truth-seeker, he passed from Swedenborgianism into the broader philosophy of Spiritualism. In Rochdale, Bacup, and Blackpool, at different times, he was a steady and persistent worker, he never lost heart, and gave courage to others by his own devotion. He was one of the old Lancashire District Committee that did such good pioneering work, and was a Director of the Two WORLDS Publishing Co. Ltd., until ill-health caused him to retire. He has passed into the light, and from the higher life still sends greetings and good wishes to all who work for the truth he loved.—July 10, 1896.



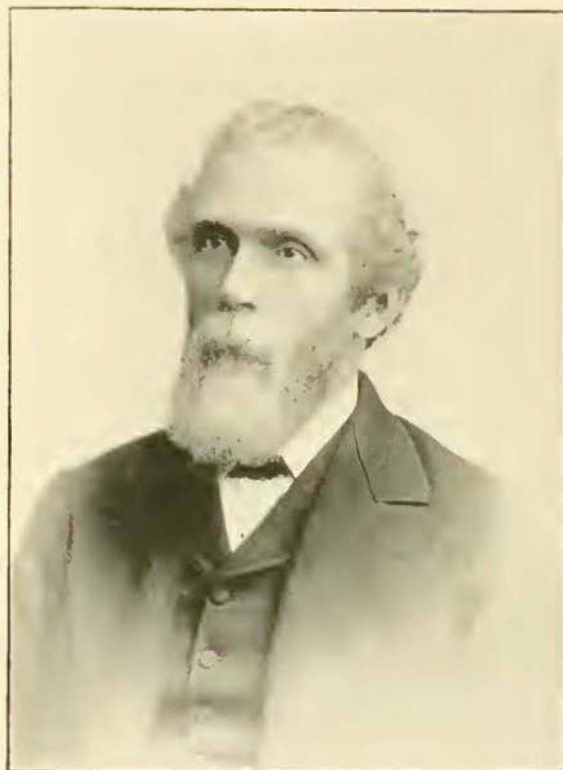
MR. F. TOMLINSON (SALFORD).

A LEVEL-HEADED and shrewd business man, a keen judge of character, and a hater of shams. Mr. Tomlinson, nearly forty years ago, became convinced of the reality of spirit return. A Church of England "believer," he grew to disbelieve the orthodox theology, and found in the Spiritual Philosophy a key to the problems of life, which unlocked the gates of death, and revealed the angels and the life beyond. One of the promoters and a Director (now Vice-Chairman) of the Two WORLDS, he has, in this and many other ways, done good service to the cause — T.W., July 3, 1896.



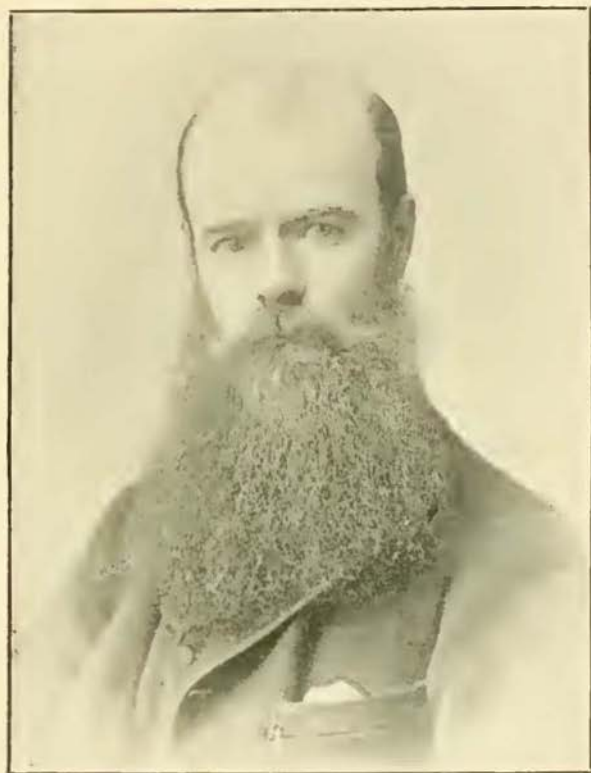
MR. R. FITTON (MANCHESTER).

A WELL-KNOWN, tried, and trusted friend of mediums and the cause, is Treasurer of the National Federation, and a Director of the TWO WORLDS Co., Ltd. Trained a Methodist, he has been a Spiritualist for thirty years. Is a quiet but reliable worker, especially for the religious development of the movement.—*T. W.*, January 4th, 1895.



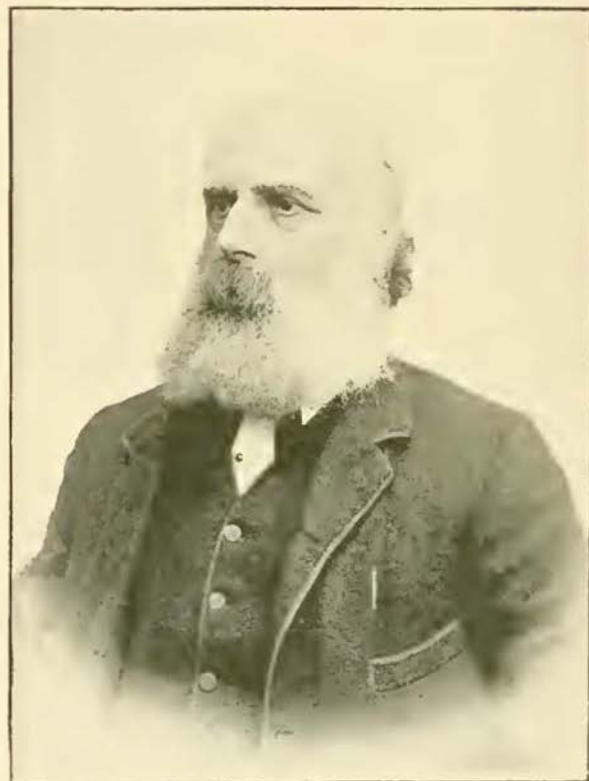
MR. PETER LEE (ROCHDALE),

VICE-CHAIRMAN of Board of Directors of the TWO WORLDS Publishing Co., Ltd., for two years, and still a Director; President of the National Conference in 1894, and now Socialist representative on the Rochdale School Board; is a thoughtful man, and a good, earnest, and philosophical normal speaker.—*T. W.*, February 22nd, 1895.



MR. W. T. BRAHAM (MANCHESTER)

WAS a Particular Baptist, but began sitting at the true "communion table" and attending Spiritualist meetings, with the usual result. He gained satisfactory proof of the return of the so-called dead. Spiritualism has afforded him his greatest happiness, and he has worked for its advancement in a variety of ways, including services as a Director of the Two Worlds Publishing Co. Ltd., from the start.—*T. W.*, Dec. 15, 1895.



MR. W. JOHNSON (HYDE).

A WELL-KNOWN and respected trance speaker. A level-headed, practical man, who grew out of Methodism and travelled along the road of Materialism until he developed as a medium. One of the most active "organising" workers, he was a moving spirit in the Lancashire District Committee, the Two Worlds Publishing Co. Ltd., and the National Federation, and is still on the "Board" and the "Executive" of the latter bodies, and constantly engaged in lecturing work.—*T. W.*, Nov. 1, 1895.



MR. G. HILL. (MANCHESTER)

HAS been President of the Manchester Spiritualist Society and Director of the Two WORLDS Co. Ltd., for years. Was trained a Methodist, but became indifferent until convinced of the truth of Spiritualism. Has had remarkable mediumistic experiences at home, and is an active and persistent worker.—*T. W.*, May 31, 1895.



MR. T. SIMKIN (MANCHESTER),

A QUIET, reliable worker, not a medium, but a very helpful, sympathetic sitter, has worked for the Manchester Society in various functions for many years, was on the Executive of the National Federation, is also a Director of the Two WORLDS Publishing Co. Ltd.—*T. W.*, March 15, 1895.



MRS. HANNAH TETLOW

WAS trained in Methodism, and was for years a teacher with the Methodist Free Church, and has been a Spiritualist about 15 years. She is a trance and clairvoyant medium, and often assists her husband in circle work.



MR. J. B. TETLOW (PENDLETON)

WAS led from Primitive Methodism through the marsh lands of doubt into Spiritualism about nineteen years ago. He has developed into a good trance speaker and public psychometrist, and has striven by the study of mediumship to give good conditions and co-operate intelligently with his spirit friends in the development of his gifts. He was for several years hon. secretary of the National Federation, and is also one of the Directors of the Two Worlds Publishing Co. Ltd.—T. IV., Dec. 14, 1894.



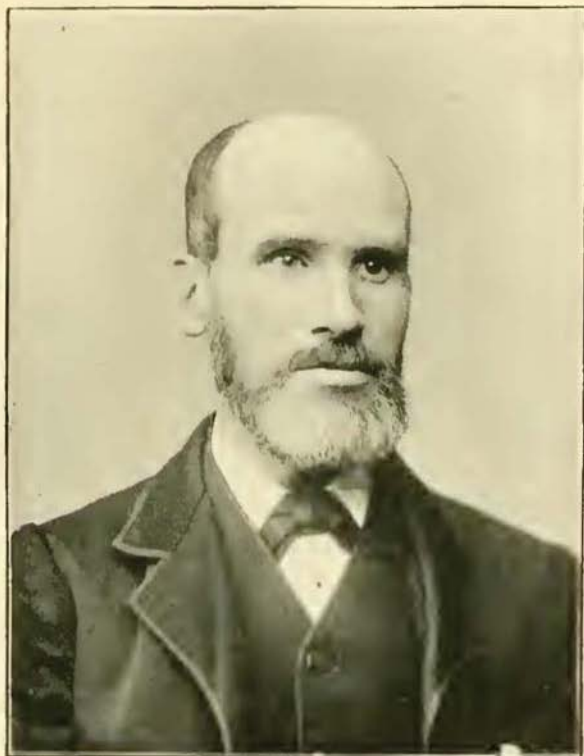
MR. RICHARD WOLSTENHOLME (BLACKBURN).

ONE of the founders of the Blackburn Psychological Society, for years its esteemed president and an active worker, he has witnessed almost all phases of phenomenal Spiritualism during the last twenty years, and has been a Director of the Two WORLDS Publishing Co. Ltd.—*T. W.*, May 17, 1895.



MR J. PEMBERTON (WARRINGTON).

PRIOR to 1870, pooch-pooched Spiritualism, and, like hundreds of others, determined to "expose the fraud," but soon witnessed phenomena that convinced him of the foolishness of his preconceptions. Although a Swedenborgian he was unaware of Swedenborg's Spiritualism, and his old friends forsook him when he drew their attention to the fact. Public meetings were held in Blackburn, where he then lived, and he founded a Lyceum. He is a good trance speaker. Is Superintendent of the Unitarian Sunday School, and teaches a young men's class in Warrington. In 1892 he became, and still is, a Director of the Two WORLDS Publishing Co. Ltd.—*T. W.*



MR. J. SWINDLEHURST (PRESTON),

A STRONG anti-vaccinator and social reformer, he is an ardent worker, and is the right man in the right place as "organising speaker" for the Spiritualists' National Federation. Was a Secularist before he became a trance medium. At present he is a powerful and acceptable inspirational speaker.—*T. W.*, February 1st, 1895.



MR. GEO. COLBECK (ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE),

A STURDY, practical, industrious Yorkshireman, was for years a frequent visitor at Spiritualist meetings in Oldham and Manchester, and latterly an active promoter of the society in Ashton. For some years a Director of the Two Worlds Publishing Co., Ltd. He is an unobtrusive but useful worker —*T. W.*, April 26, 1895.



MR. GEORGE SPRIGGS (MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA),

A MEDIUM for upwards of twenty years, was developed in Cardiff, and after joining Mr. Rees Lewis' circle, became a medium for most marvellous and convincing materialisation phenomena. Proceeding to Australia, and finding his powers waning, he became a clairvoyant medium for medical purposes, and has been eminently successful. Is a modest unassuming man, who has become a general favourite for his sterling qualities. During his visits to the home land of late, he has made many friends and done good work.—*Light*, October 19, 1895; *T.W.*, Sept. 18, 1896.



MR. J. T. WARD (BLACKBURN)

HAS been a Spiritualist for seventeen years. Commenced to investigate with some friends, and was convinced of spirit return before he was aware that others had obtained the same knowledge. Is impressional; and has healing power. President of the Blackburn Spiritualist Society; on the Executive Council of the Spiritualist National Federation. Treasurer of the local I.L.P., and a Director of the Two Worlds Publishing Co. Limited. He is an ardent worker for social and spiritual progress and reform.—*T.W.*, June 26, 1896.



MRS. J. J. MORSE.

THE marriage of Mrs. J. J. Morse was, in great part, a spiritual matter, though, at the time, Mr. Morse was not acquainted with the fact. Mrs. Morse (then Miss M. A. E. Lewis), received a communication from her spirit-father, to the effect that she would meet with a gentleman at the circle, where it was given, who would be her husband; this being twelve months prior to Mr. Morse's advent as a medium. They were subsequently thrown into one another's society, and a visit to a public entertainment brought fruition to the spirit-prophecy; after which Mr. Morse was informed of the event above narrated. Mr. Morse often says that he could never have gone through what he has in his public career had it not been for the comforting and guiding influence of his beloved wife.—B. B.



MR. J. J. MORSE (LONDON),

A DEVOTED servant of the spirit-world for twenty-seven years, has won honour and esteem, both as a man and a trance speaker. He was born in 1848, the memorable year of the Rochester knockings, and has visited America for lecturing purposes three times. Probably, upwards of six thousand public addresses have been given through his organism, upon a great variety of subjects, not to speak of the many private meetings at which he has been controlled, and many remarkable evidences of spirit-power, identity, and wise ministration have been given through him. As a cogent, logical, and eloquent platform advocate, he stands in the front rank, and is deservedly popular with all audiences.—*T.W.*, Nov. 16; *Light*, July, 1894.



THE COUNTESS OF CAITHNESS (DUCHESS DE POMAR).
RECENTLY deceased, was an ardent Spiritualist. Herself a writing
medium, she had a great sympathy for mediums, and invited many to
visit her in Paris. She spent much time and money, and published
books and pamphlets, to further the cause she had so much at heart.
—*Light*, April 21, 1894; *T.W.*, Sept. 11, 1896.



MR. E. DAWSON ROGERS (LONDON).
PRESIDENT of the London Spiritualist Alliance and Editor of *Light*,
occupies the foremost position in the movement in "Modern Babylon."
He has exerted great influence for good, has been brought into touch
with many mediums for all kinds of phenomena, and knows more of the
spread of Spiritualism in Society than any other man. He was manager
for a number of years of the National Press Agency, and commands
respect from all who know him well. Long may he continue to fill his
present position!—*T. W.*, Sept. 13, 1895.



MISS A. ROWAN VINCENT (LONDON)

HAS contributed effective public service for Spiritualism during recent years as an intelligent and capable speaker, a clairvoyant and psychometrist of much ability. Not a professional medium, a lady of independent views, and attractive personality, she is an acquisition to Metropolitan Spiritualism.—*T.W.*, Feb. 21, 1896.



REV. J. PAGE HOPPS (LONDON)

WENT to the Baptist College at Leicester, and attained his majority after commencing his ministry. In 1858 he assisted George Dawson, in Birmingham, and, a few years after, joined the Unitarians. He set the example of gathering the churchless into public halls for worship. At Leicester, for years, from two to three thousand people attended every Sunday during the winter. About twenty-five years ago Mr. Hopps was convinced of the reality of spirit communion. He issued the *Daybreak* (afterwards published by Mr. J. Burns, and called the *Medium and Daybreak*). He has published a number of pamphlets and small books, notably "Death, a Delusion," which sets forth some of his spiritual experiences.—*Light*, September 24, 1892.



MRS. KEEVES-RECORD (LONDON).

UPWARDS of thirty years ago a lecturer upon Mesmerism, Phrenology, and Spiritualism aroused the attention of Miss Keeves, a Wesleyan Methodist worker. She passed through a fierce struggle when convinced of spirit presence and identity, but succeeded in breaking the fetters of old theology. Naturally clairvoyant, she became a good trance medium, and, by her tests and lectures, has comforted and helped many hundreds of people.—*T. W.*, May 12, 1893.



MR. JOHN LAMONT (LIVERPOOL)

UP to 1870 was an utter sceptic and regarded Spiritualism as a gross fraud, but, prompted to investigate, after hearing Mrs. Emma Hardinge Britten lecture, he soon witnessed phenomena that caused a radical change of opinion. He is a good medium, and speaks well and forcibly "under influence." For many years president of the Liverpool Psychological Society, and an active worker, he was also connected with the Lancashire District Committee, and presided over several Conferences, including that of the National Federation.—*T. W.*, Dec. 1, 1893.



MISS FLORENCE MARRYAT.

DAUGHTER of the famous Captain Marryat, has written a large number of books; probably none have been more popular than "There is no Death," a narrative of her experiences with mediums, and her later work, "The Spirit World." Her lectures on the same subjects in 1894 and 1895 aroused much attention. Mediumistic and spontaneous, she affords helpful conditions, and has had most remarkable "tests" of spirit identity.—*T. W.*, March 23 and June 22, 1894.



MR. J. F. HEWES (NOTTINGHAM).

EARNEST and capable, founded, in conjunction with three others, the Spiritualist Society which has for five years carried on Sunday meetings in the Masonic Hall, Nottingham, that have been a credit to the cause. Brought up a Baptist, he now recognises that Spiritualism is Religion, and desires to see it publicly presented, so as to command attention and win the support of intelligent people.—*T. W.*, June 5th, 1894.



MRS. A. J. STANSFIELD (SHAW).

SPIRITUALISM ["gathers them in" from all sorts and conditions of people. Mrs. Stansfield was trained as a Roman Catholic, but the priests could not hold her after the spirits had controlled her as their medium, and for some years past she has been doing good service under their guidance as a speaker and public clairvoyant.—*T. W.*, Jan. 31, 1896.



MR. WILLIAM CROOKES, F.R.S.

MR. CROOKES is one of the most noted and notable chemists and physicists of the time. In his work "Researches into the Phenomena called Spiritual," he boldly asserted the reality of the manifestations, and declared that trickery could not cover the ground. He affirmed recently that there is "absolutely no reason *à priori* to deny the probability of such phenomena " as he described, and he still adheres to the statement of facts made in his book.—*Light*, May 13, 1893 ; *T. W.*, July 24, 1896.



MR. W. STAINTON MOSES (M. A. OXON)

STARTED out to "smash up the so-called science of Spiritualism," but became a medium instead. He developed remarkable powers. Rappings, table tiltings, movement of articles without physical contact, levitations, "voices," scents, spirit lights, trances, writings "direct" and "automatic," all occurred through his instrumentality. A fine volume of "Spirit Teachings" contains many of the messages written through his hand. A cultured, cautious, and critical man, his experiences and testimony are extremely valuable, and as author, and editor of *Light*, he did yeoman's service to the Cause, and passed to the higher life in 1892.—*T. W.*, June 19, 1896.



MR. W. E. LONG (LONDON).

ONE of the most energetic spirits and active medium-workers in South London. A Secularist about sixteen years ago, he has since developed as a trance speaker and a clairvoyant of ability, is doing good work at the Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, and occasionally speaks for other metropolitan societies.—*T. W.*, Sept 23, 1895.



MRS. ELLEN GREEN (HEYWOOD)

Is a sympathetic trance speaker and good natural clairvoyant. Schooled in Wesleyanism, she was first controlled eighteen years ago, and of late years has performed valuable and very acceptable public work all over the country.—*T. W.*, January 11th, 1895.



MR. ALFRED KITSON (DEWSBURY),

SECRETARY of the British Lyceum Union, was trained a Methodist. Twenty-eight years ago his father investigated Spiritualism, expecting to "find the fraud," but, instead, developed as a medium. Alfred became convinced, but is not a medium. His heart is in the work for the children.—*T. W.*, February 8th and 15th, 1895.



MRS. A. A. CRAVEN (LEEDS),

AN unconscious trance medium, was educated in Methodism, but in 1882 became an inquirer, and developed in the home circle. For some twelve years she was a welcome and effective trance speaker, and will, we trust, again do good work for humanity.—*T. W.*, January 25th, 1895.



MRS. EVERITT (HENDON, LONDON).

MRS. EVERITT'S name has been a household word in Spiritualism for many years. Her mediumship has been varied; the most remarkable manifestations being "rappings," "direct writing," "voice-speaking," and "spirit lights." A very great many people have been convinced and comforted through her instrumentality.—*T. W.*, August 2, 1896.



MR. EVERITT

HAS been a strong supporter of Spiritualism, and has frequently lectured before London audiences. At the present time he is president of the Marylebone Spiritualist Association, and one of the Council of the London Spiritualist Alliance.—*T. W.*, August 2, 1895.



MR. J. ARMITAGE (HANGING HEATON, DEWSBURY),

AN effective, outspoken, and earnest platform speaker, was in the New Connexion, but the orthodox hell drove him to the Unitarians, and he afterwards developed as a medium. For years connected with the Yorkshire District Committee of Spiritualists and for nearly twenty years member (some time chairman) of the Toothill School Board.—*T. W.*, March 22, 1895.



MISS S. W. McCREADIE (LONDON)

DEVELOPED her mediumship in Manchester, and as a clairvoyant, psychometrist, and test medium, has done good work publicly and privately. Since her removal to London, she has met with much success and appreciation.—*T. W.*, April 19, 1895.



MR. J. ALLEN (STRATFORD).

REARED in orthodoxy, was fast becoming a Materialist, when he investigated Mesmerism and Spiritualism, and after long waiting developed trance mediumship and psychometric clairvoyant powers. As secretary of the Spiritualists' International Corresponding Society, which he founded, he is doing a good work.—*T. W.*, January 18, 1895.



MISS BARLOW (RHODES, NEAR MANCHESTER)

WAS trained in Wesleyanism, but in 1868 began to attend "circles," and developed as a "table medium," afterwards obtaining spirit messages by automatic writing, and subsequently was entranced and made to speak, improvise poetry, and prescribe for the suffering with much success.—*T. W.*, Aug. 30, 1895.



MRS. BUTTERFIELD (BLACKPOOL).

FOR twenty years a trance speaker. Delivered powerful addresses throughout the provinces, and several times visited London. She and her husband graduated from the Primitive Methodist body through the Independent Church into Spiritualism. They suffered for their fidelity to their convictions, as all pioneers must. Mrs. Butterfield afforded striking evidence of supernormal powers, and did most valuable work for spiritual progress and freedom.—*T. W.*, Mar. 20, 1896.



MR. W. H. ROBINSON (NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE)

PASSED from the orthodox fold into the spiritual sphere of liberty and self-knowledge. In 1874 he became convinced of spirit return, and experienced strange outpourings of influence from the unseen. He is now a cultured thinker, a seer, and an inspired speaker. *The book-man of the North*, he comes into touch with all classes of people, and realises that the subjects which most deeply engage the thoughtful consideration of earnest minds are those which deal with man's spiritual powers and possibilities here and hereafter.—*T. W.*, April 10, 1896.



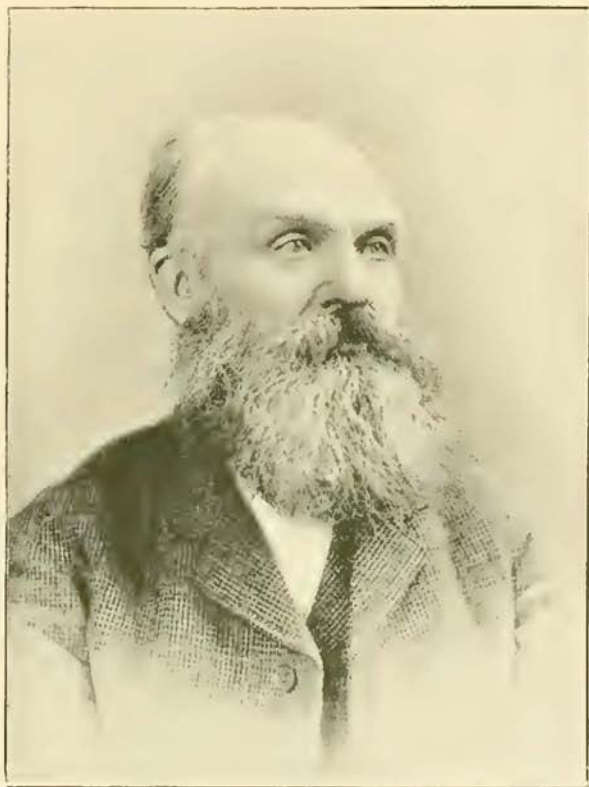
MR. WILFRED ROOKE (LEVENSHULME, MANCHESTER)

WAS preaching the "Gospel" ten years ago, but in 1886 began investigating Spiritualism with the usual result. He became a trance medium, clairvoyant, psychometrist, speaker, and healer. Is now hon. sec. of the National Federation.—*T. W.*, April 5, 1895.



MRS. ANNIE MELLON,

Now in Australia, formerly of Newcastle-on-Tyne, is one of the most remarkable mediums for "form" manifestations. She has frequently been "tested" in an immense variety of ways, and, through her mediumship, spirits have given remarkable evidences of their presence and power.—*T. W.*, May 3, 1895.



MR. JOHN TAYLOR (FARNWORTH).

A MODEST, matter of fact man. No one would suspect that "miracles" occur in his presence. For nearly a quarter of a century tables have disobeyed the laws of gravitation when he placed his hands upon them—sometimes when he did not touch them. Three or four men have stood upon a table, Taylor has put his hands into glasses placed upon the table, and glasses, men, and table have been levitated some inches from the floor. These things happen in the light of day—not in the dark.—*T. W.*, October 11, 1895.



MISS F. S. E. COTTERILL (MANCHESTER)

CAME from the Salvation Army into the ranks of Spiritual workers in 1890. A natural sensitive and clairvoyant, Spiritualism explained many perplexing experiences of her past life. As a trance speaker, public clairvoyant, and psychometrist, she is doing good work.—*T. W.*, July 26, 1895.



MRS. VENABLES (WALSALL).

MEDIUMISTIC, very impressional, and energetic, this lady has been a great stay and help-mate to her husband; her intuitive and healing powers have been of great value, undoubtedly contributing largely to prolong the life of her husband and several of her children. Treasurer to the Spiritualist Society, an active member of the Women's Liberal Association, a worker in the local soup kitchen efforts during the winter months to assist the poor, Mrs. Venables is constantly busy in labours of love, and for the good of humanity.



MR. J. VENABLES (WALSALL).

AS ORGANIST, chairman, member of building committee, president, and worker generally, has devoted considerable time during the last twenty years to the upbuilding of the Spiritualist Society. Brought back from the very jaws of death some years ago, he is determined to do his utmost for humanity and the truth.—*T. W.*, July 5, 1895.



MR. W. WALLACE (LONDON),

PIONEER Missionary, trance medium, first travelled the country, and did a good work, nearly forty years ago. Trained a Baptist, he became an Atheist, but in 1840 he was interested in Mesmerism, and in 1853 inquired into Spiritualism. He and Mrs. Wallace became powerful physical mediums, and other phases afterwards developed. They were the first mediums to appear before the public in London.—*T. W.*, March 1, 1895.



MR. JAS. ROBERTSON (GLASGOW),

DESPITE their "cautions" disposition, it is noteworthy that a large number of Scotch people have become Spiritualists. Like many others, Mr. Robertson revolted against cold, cruel, crushing Calvinism. Twenty years ago he began to get many clear evidences of spirit presence. President of the Glasgow Association of Spiritualists, a versatile speaker and writer; thoughtful and persistent, he has done much good work. Every inquirer should read his pamphlet on the "Rise and Progress of Modern Spiritualism." He presided over the National Federation Annual Conference in 1894.—*T. W.*, Jan. 3, 1896.



MRS. VINCENT BLISS (LONDON),

HAS been well and favourably known for some years as a clairvoyant, healer, psychometrist, and test medium. She has had considerable experience with Psychical Researchers, who, while they fight shy of Spiritualism, seek evidences from mediums. Facts win, and theories go to the wall, in the long run.—*T.W.*, August 7, 1896: *Light*, February 1, 1896.



MR. W. J. MAYOH (BOLTON),

COMMENCED to investigate Spiritualism about sixteen years ago, and very soon became entranced. At first a physical medium, he afterwards became a magnetic healer. Was clairvoyant when a youth, and, being weakly, had very little schooling. Brought up in the Church of England, he joined the Wesleyans when seventeen years of age, but thought his way into Secularism, and graduated as a Spiritualist, and is now a good and acceptable trance speaker.—*T.W.*, May 29, 1896.



MR. ROBERT COOPER (EASTBOURNE)

GRAVITATED from the Church through Materialism and Mesmerism into Spiritualism more than thirty years ago. At a time when Spiritualists were few and opposition was fierce he started a "Spiritual Lyceum" in London, and published the *Spiritual Times*. Mr. Cooper has had much and varied experience with phenomenal mediums, and is still deeply interested in the growth of the movement.—*T. W.*, Sept. 6, 1895.



MRS. HELEN T. BRIGHAM (OF NEW YORK)

HAS been a medium from early girlhood. Faithful to the spirit-people who developed her powers, she has been an ardent public advocate in New York city as an inspirational speaker and poet for many years, and has ever had staunch friends and supporters. Her visit to England in 1896 won her many new friends.—*T. W.*, March 27, 1896.



MR. DAVID GOW (LONDON)

HAILS from Scotland, is of a literary turn of mind, and has done considerable journalistic work. Is a member of the Executive of the Marylebone Association of Spiritualists, and has taken clever reports of many discourses by Mr. J. J. Morse and other mediums (a by no means easy task, because of the nature of the subject and the rapidity of the speakers). Only a sympathetic mind can properly appreciate and reproduce the *spirit*, so to speak, of the inspired utterances, and that Mr. Gow has been eminently successful in doing.—*T. W.*, Feb. 7, 1896.



MR. R. A. BROWN (MANCHESTER)

Has been a Spiritualist for some twenty years. A trance speaker of power, he has done (and is still performing) good work. Trained by the Wesleyans, he became a Sunday school teacher, but the spirit-world found him a wider sphere of labour for truth and humanity. He has taken great interest in progressive politics, and has suffered for his anti-vaccination convictions.—*T. W.*, December 7, 1894.



MRS. HAMMARBOM (NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE).

THIS lady has been an ardent and devoted Spiritualist, and an office-bearer in the local society for a good many years. Some most marvellous phenomena have occurred in her home with Misses Wood and Fairlamb. Genial, sympathetic, and sincere, Mrs. Hammarbom gives good conditions, hence these successful results. She is an earnest worker in the Children's Progressive Lyceum, and has been Treasurer of the Spiritual Evidence Society for years. Spiritualism has been a great comfort and source of strength to her in hours of trial and sorrow.



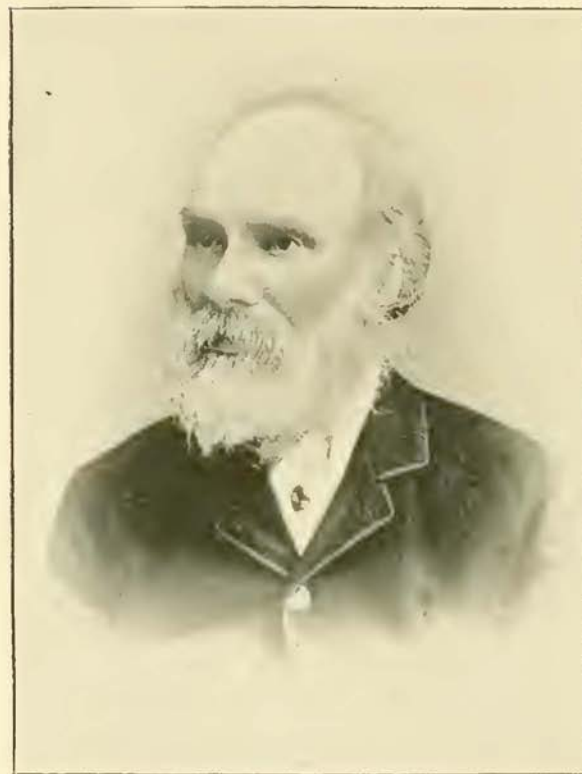
MR. J. H. MOSS (GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE)

AFFORDS a striking example of natural fitness for the divine art of healing the sick—discovered and developed by spirit guidance. A blacksmith for many years, under the influence of his spirit guides he has successfully diagnosed the conditions of hosts of sufferers, and cured many who were regarded as incurable by the faculty, and the whole of his time is now occupied in attending to the patients who seek him out.—*T. H.*, April 24, 1896.



MR. T. POSTLETHWAITE (ROCHDALE)

Was a Wesleyan over twenty years ago, but became acquainted with Spiritualism, and was assured by spirits that he would have to become one of its public advocates. At some "home circles" he was entranced by spirits who gave proofs of their personal identity. Then he was compelled to give addresses upon scientific and philosophical subjects, and he has been for some years an acceptable public speaker and psychometrist.—*T. W.*, Jan. 17, 1896.



MR. JOHN C. MACDONALD (MANCHESTER).

For many years an active temperance worker, lecturing agent for the I.O.G.T., he passed from the U.P. Church, through phrenology and Mesmerism, into the study of Spiritualism, and became a trance speaker. For ten years he has been actively engaged advocating and promulgating the truths of Spiritualism.—*T. W.*, July 12, 1895.



MRS. FRANCE (HUDDERSFIELD).

A TRANCE speaker of good ability, a test medium, psychometrist, and clairvoyant, who has rendered much satisfactory service, principally in Yorkshire. Mrs. France is likely to become increasingly useful as a platform advocate of Spiritualism.—*T. W.*, May 15, 1896.



MR. FRANK HEPWORTH (LEEDS).

He was indoctrinated with the Church of England theology, but some fifteen years ago experimented with "table turning," and became a "healer" under spirit influence, afterwards a trance speaker and clairvoyant of ability. He has done (and is still doing) good public work — *T. W.*, June 28, 1895.



MR. W. J. COLVILLE

COMMENCED his career as an inspirational exponent of the Spiritual philosophy in London nineteen years ago. Shortly afterwards he went to the United States, where he has lectured to large audiences in most of the principal cities, and has paid several return visits to this country. He has done a great amount of good work, and has published several books.—*T. W.*, August 9, 1895.



MR. J. AINSWORTH (ST. ANNS),

ALTHOUGH trained in the Methodist School, could not accept the "eternal torments" dogma, and when brought face to face with spiritual phenomena, speedily grasped their significance. With others he sat in a circle weekly for six months before obtaining results, but ultimately received most satisfactory evidences of spirit presence. By voice and pen, especially by controversial letters to newspapers, he has done yeoman's service for the truth.—*T. W.*, March 13, 1896.



MR. AND MRS. S. C. HALL (NOW IN SPIRIT LAND)

WERE well-known authors, and for many years earnest Spiritualists. Mr. Hall founded and edited "The Art Journal," and in addition to many other literary labours wrote a valuable book, entitled, "The Use of Spiritualism."—*T. W.*, March 29, 1895.



MRS. GROOM (BIRMINGHAM)

HAS been identified with the public work of Spiritualism for over twenty-five years, and has travelled well nigh all over the country to deliver addresses and give clairvoyant descriptions. In her early days she had strong physical phenomena, and now obtains remarkable psychometry.—*T. IV.*, October 4, 1895.



MR. A. F. COLBORNE (CANTERBURY),

PASSED from Orthodoxy through Secularism into Agnosticism. Attracted by the literature of Spiritualism, he investigated, and had many striking evidences of spirit-return, through table-tiltings, rappings, and entrancements. He had dreams, clairvoyance, psychometry, and automatic writings of much value and beauty. The spiritual philosophy regarding man, his nature, possibilities, and destiny, has for him the greatest value.—*T. IV.*, May 22 and 29, 1896.



MR. TRAILL TAYLOR

PASSED behind the veil lately, but not before he had borne most clear and convincing testimony to the reality of what are usually called "spirit photographs." Editor for many years of the *British Journal of Photography*, his was "expert" testimony, for which a great outcry had been raised; but neither ordinary nor expert testimony satisfies those people who seek only *adverse*, not confirmatory evidence.—*T. W.*, November 22, 1895.



MR. J. W. SUTCLIFFE (ROCHDALE).

A YOUNG and promising trance speaker and psychometrist, seemed likely to do a useful public work, but his arduous daily labours were more than his delicate frame could bear, and he "went forth" in November, 1895, into real life in spirit land. Death had no terrors. He had seen, through its gloom, the light of the beautiful land beyond.—*T. W.*, Dec. 20, 1895.



MRS. CLARK (CAMDERWELL).

A SPIRITUALIST for thirty-five years, has done much effective service for Spiritualism by opening her house twice weekly for circles. Warmhearted, loyal, level-headed, and with strong magnetic power, she is very successful in assisting in the development of mediums and in healing by the laying on of hands.—*T. W.*, Feb. 14, 1896.



MR. J. CULPAN (HALIFAX).

Who passed to that "bourne" whence it is erroneously stated "no traveller returns" (yet what would "Hamlet" be without the "ghost"?) some eight years ago, was a good type of the sturdy Yorkshire reformer. The Chartist, Temperance, Free Trade, and other "movements" were warmly espoused by him. Upwards of forty years ago he settled his "doubts" on religious matters by investigating Spiritualism, and continued to steadily support the local movement, where he was the first Spiritualist. To-day there are probably thousands!—*T. W.*, Jan. 10, 1896.



MRS. E. GREGG (LEEDS)

HAS done good work as an inspirational speaker and public clairvoyant, and privately, by healing, psychometry, and test mediumship, has given many people comfort and spiritual aid.—*T. W.*, May 24, 1895.



MR. A. J. SMYTH (BIRMINGHAM)

Is a good sample of the business men of ability who have contributed to give strength and stability to our movement. Careful, thoughtful, and plodding, he thought his way out of the orthodox atmosphere, and, in search for truth, obtained the knowledge his soul desired in Spiritualism. Not a medium but a worker, he has done great service to the Birmingham Spiritualist Union, and presided over the Conference of the National Federation in July, 1896.—*T. W.*, December 6, 1895.



MRS. BATIE, *née* LONGBOTTOM (HALIFAX).

A good Yorkshire lass, some twenty odd years ago was "called of the spirit" unto the work as a medium, and powerful discourses were publicly given through her agency, while in the "home-circle" sweet, consolatory, spirit communion was enjoyed by many people. In 1879 she accompanied her husband to America, and Spiritualism here was the poorer for her departure.—*T. W.*, Dec. 27, 1895.



MR. J. J. VANGO (LONDON)

Is a good trance medium for "test messages" and other manifestations; is also clairvoyant and psychometrical. Was an earnest worker in a Christian Mission, until expelled because of his Spiritualism, but many people have cause to be thankful that he has devoted his time and talents to meeting the needs and calls of inquirers.—*T. W.*, March 6, 1896.



MRS. HYDE.

MANCHESTER has been fruitful soil for mediums of late years. Quite a number have developed here, and Cottonopolis has become a centre of much activity in the movement. Among the recruits of recent years Mrs. Hyde has done good service, and has acceptably given addresses and clairvoyance in adjacent towns.—*T. W.*, November 29, 1895.



MR. JOHN BLACKBURN (HALIFAX).

THIRTY or forty years since the phenomena of mediumship were more often physical in character than mental, and Mr. Blackburn was used by the spirits to give such sledge-hammer blows to the scepticism of those "hard-headed" folk who "investigated," and who "tied," and "trussed" him, that many were convinced who would in all probability never have been reached by anything less objective than the manifestations they witnessed. John foretold his own departure, and had no fear of "passing over," for he knew whither he was going, and that friends awaited him, where he would no longer be blind.—*T. W.*, Jan. 24, 1896.



MR. BEVAN HARRIS (NOTTINGHAM).

FORMERLY of Newcastle, is an enthusiastic propagandist, open-air worker, and versatile writer. Not a medium, but a sincere Spiritualist. He threaded his way through various forms of orthodoxy and heterodoxy to find firm foothold upon the rock of spiritual facts.—*T. W.*, May 10, 1895.



MR. NORMAN LATHAM (BURNLEY)

Has been a Spiritualist for twelve years. Was reared in a hot-bed of Calvinism, and became a thorough Materialist, until the facts of Spiritualism beat him, and shattered his Materialistic idol. He has been an ardent student of the spiritual philosophy, and an active worker in the ranks as pioneer and supporter of the local societies.—*T. IV.*, February 28, 1896.



MRS. SCATTERGOOD

DID NOT belie her name. The wife of a working man, she was influenced by the wise spirit people. Paul said: "I suffer not a woman to teach," but the spirits knew better, and inspired her to deliver public addresses which charmed the large audiences attracted by the novelty of a "woman speaker." She was a successful healer, and for years in America practised as a medical medium with marked success. She has enjoyed life in "the Summerland" for some years.—*T. IV.*, Dec. 27, 1895.



MR. EDWARD WOOD

WELL illustrated the power of spirits to control an uneducated man to speak intelligently, to diagnose disease, and to prescribe successfully so as to effect a cure, in many cases where sufferers had been "given up" by medical men. He was one of the pioneer mediums, and experienced very rough and unkind treatment. He entered spirit life some years ago.—*T. W.*, Oct. 18, 1895.



MR. JOHN CHAPMAN (LIVERPOOL)

WAS a Wesleyan local preacher for nearly a quarter of a century. He studied phrenology and then Spiritualism, and in 1863 saw the Davenport Brothers. Connected with the public work of Spiritualism for thirty years, he has had much experience.—*T. W.*, Mar. 8, 1895.



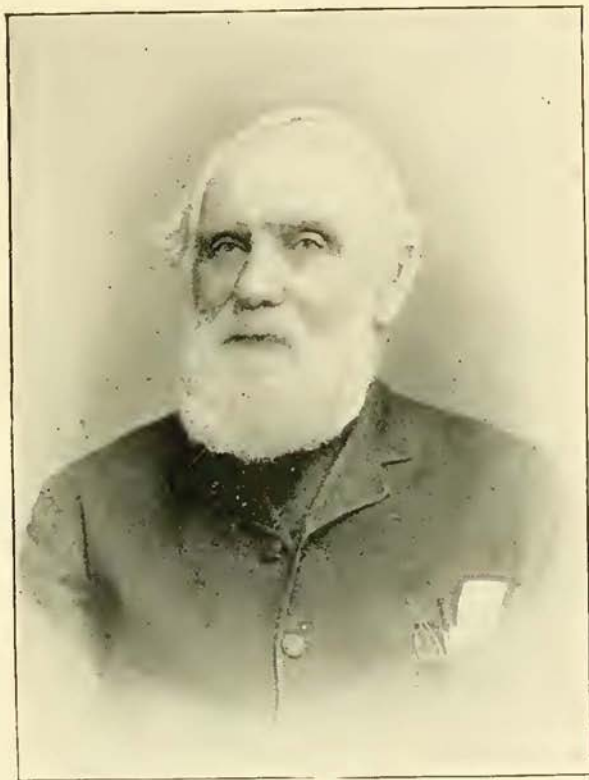
MRS. P. SUMMERSGILL (HUDDERSFIELD)

COMES of mediumistic stock, and is naturally clairvoyant and psychometrical. Under spirit control she is an acceptable speaker, thoughtful, sympathetic, and spiritual. Many persons have received from her striking evidences of the presence of spirit-people, and the sick and suffering have been benefited by the advice and treatment recommended through her mediumship.—*T. W.*, May 1, 1896.



MR. G. E. ALDRIDGE (WOLVERHAMPTON).

Trained in the Church, he began his pilgrimage out of darkness into light about fourteen years ago. The process of breaking away was (as it is with so many) slow and painful, early teachings continually asserting their sway; but eventually the facts won, he became an avowed Spiritualist, and has occasionally lectured acceptably. Was president of the Walsall Spiritualist Society for several years.—*T. W.*, Nov. 8, 1895.



MR. W. HESKETH (MANCHESTER),

ONE of the early mediums for trance speaking, has had thirty years' experience, and engaged in the work when there were few supporters. Mrs. Hesketh is also a good medium and clairvoyant, and both, despite advancing years, are still earnest and hopeful.—*T. W.*, June 7, 1895.



MR. REES LEWIS (CARDIFF).

SPIRITUALISM triumphs with all who give it fair and impartial study. Upwards of thirty years ago, Mr. Lewis, then a Materialist, was convinced, and became an active advocate. He formed a "circle of light," in which most remarkable materialisations occurred, Mr. Spriggs being the medium. Being 86 years of age, he, like many others, disproves the charge that Spiritualism injures health.—*T. W.*, Aug. 23, 1895.



DAVID ANDERSON (GLASGOW)

WAS born in Armagh (Ireland), and strictly brought up in the Methodist faith, but while only a youth he found he could not accept orthodox doctrines, and joined the Unitarians, and afterwards became a Swedenborgian. In 1877 he commenced investigating Spiritualism, and became a fine trance speaker, clairvoyant, and test medium. In trance he is very successful in diagnosing diseases, and not only supplies evidence of spirit identity, but has made many remarkable predictions.—*Light*, February 2, 1895; *T.W.*, July 17, 1896.



MRS. CORA L. V. RICHMOND (CHICAGO, U.S.A.).

AN inspirational medium whose life has been spirit-guided since girlhood. She did valuable work in London and the provinces upwards of twenty years ago. Her long record of public labours for spiritual truth is a noble tribute to her high character and the wisdom of her spiritual guides, philosophers, and friends.—*T. W.*, June 14, 1895.



MR. H. U. SMEDLEY (BELPER)

Was a young but earnest, sincere, and conscientious Spiritualist, not particularly mediumistic, but devotedly attached to the Children's Progressive Lyceum work, and the Band of Hope movement. Knowing, from constitutional conditions, he could not hope to live a long life here, he determined it should at least be a useful one. Belper Spiritualists and the Lyceum Union have great cause to regret his passing into fuller life beyond the shadows; but none can grudge him his well-earned liberty. —*T. W.*, April 17, 1896.



MR. THOS. OLMAN TODD (SUNDERLAND).

FORMERLY an active worker for Good Templary and Free Methodism. Becoming convinced of spirit communion, he threw himself energetically into the work for Spiritualism, and is at present editing the *Lyceum Banner* with much acceptance. He is a thoughtful speaker, clear and logical, and presided over the Conference of the Lyceum Union in May, 1896. —*T. W.*, September 27, 1895.



MR. ROBERT COGMAN

ONE of the pioneers. A trance speaker and a developing medium, he carried on the East End Spiritual Institute in Mile End, London, for some years, and many mediums learnt to regard him as their "spiritual father." He entered spirit life in 1876.—*T. W.*, April 12, 1895.



MR. J. BENT (LEICESTER).

A CAPABLE trance speaker and earnest supporter of the public Spiritual work in Leicester for upwards of twenty years. An active temperance worker for over half a century. His long and honourable career has won for him respect and high esteem. Spiritualists in Leicester owe both Mr. and Mrs. Bent a deep debt of gratitude for their steadfast services to the cause.—*T. W.*, May 8, 1896.



MR. JAS. BURNS (LONDON)

MR. BURNS was best known as the editor of *The Medium and Daybreak*, which he published for over 25 years, but he was also an exceedingly able lecturer, phrenologist, and Spiritual student and teacher. He rendered yeoman service to the movement under most trying circumstances, and was for years the leading personality in the public work of Spiritualism. He passed to the higher life in December, 1894. Earnest, thoughtful, original, and devoted, he has his reward.—*T. W.*, Aug. 21, 1896.



MISS E. A. SMITH (MANCHESTER)

IN 1895 Spiritualists were startled to find that a medium could be arrested as a common fortune teller, for practising psychometry, yet so it was, and Miss Smith suffered the indignity of spending some 36 hours in a police cell. She was let off with a fine and a caution not to do it again. As a clairvoyant she is eminently successful, and is an acceptable speaker and psychometrist. Her powers have been considerably developed since her trial, and she has met with much sympathy.—*T. W.*, Aug. 28, 1896.



DAVID DUGUID (GLASGOW).

A MODEST, retiring man, he has been continually made the subject of controversy. A physical medium, a trance speaker, a painting medium, and one through whose instrumentality spirit photographs have been obtained—if testimony can prove anything, David Duguid is one of the wonders of this materialistic age. The people who know him best respect him most, and stand by him, despite all attempts to discredit his striking mediumistic gifts.—*T.W.*, Oct. 16, 1896; *Light*, Oct. 27, 1894.



MISS FLORRIE COOK

Comes of a mediumistic family. She began to fall into trances when about fourteen years of age. Attending a séance, raps came and followed her wherever she went, and she soon developed other phases, notably materialisation. Mr. Crookes thoroughly tested the phenomena, and declared that every test he asked for was granted. He says it would "do more violence to his reason and common sense to believe that the Katie King" (spirit form) he had seen was "the result of trickery, than it would to believe her to be what she affirmed herself to be." A guarded way of saying that reason and common sense compelled him to believe his own senses and Katie's claim.—*Light*, December 15, 1894.



HUDSON TUTTLE (BERLIN HEIGHTS, OHIO, U.S.A.)

Was born in a log cabin. At sixteen he became a medium. Physical phenomena soon gave place to other phases, notably automatic and impressional writing. In this way he has written quite a number of valuable books, scientific and philosophical, and spiritual song and story have been given to the world through him. Steadfast and uncompromising, he stands firmly for the new truth as enshrined in Spiritualism.—*T. H.*, June 6th, 1896.



MR. W. H. TERRY (MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA).

Mr. TERRY carefully investigated Spiritualism in Australia in 1857, and was compelled to accept the evidence. He became an ardent Spiritualist, and in 1870 opened a book store for the sale of Spiritual literature, and commenced publishing his able monthly magazine, the *Harbinger of Light*, which is still "one of the best." He has issued many books, and is the recognised head and centre of public Spiritualism at the Antipodes.—*T. H.*, Sept. 4, 1896.



MISS KATE WOOD.

Miss WOOD was a medium for remarkable physical phenomena and "form" materialisations. She was tested more severely than almost any medium before or since. Although many times charged with fraud, indubitable evidences of the reality of the manifestations were afforded through her mediumship to hosts of inquirers, including many scientific, professional, and literary men and women. She was developed at Newcastle, in company with Miss Fairlamb, now Mrs. Mellon, and was induced to go to Australia, where she passed into the world of souls.



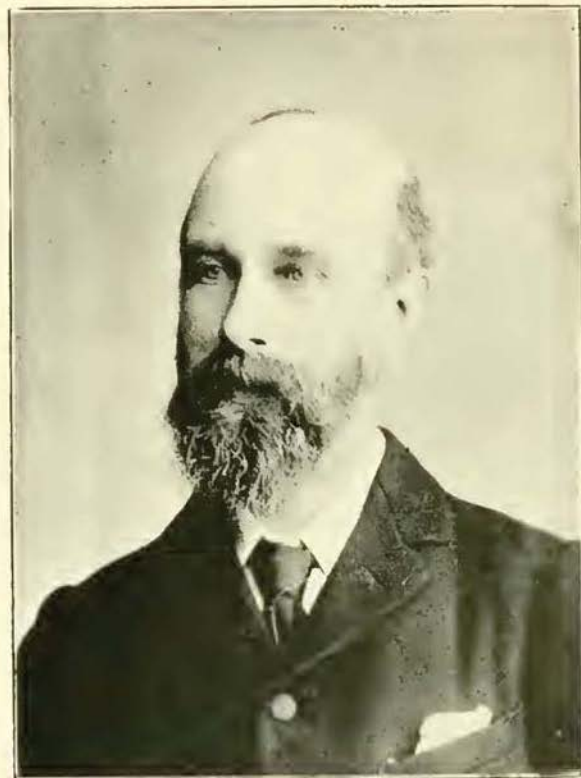
MR. THOS. SHORTER (LONDON)

Has led a strenuous life, always on the side of progress, reform, and co-operation. Forty-two years ago he investigated Spiritualism. His experiences were published in the *Yorkshire Spiritual Telegraph*, 1856-7. He wrote a great deal for magazines, and published several important books; one, a valuable work, entitled "The Two Worlds."—*T.H.*, Nov. 15, 1895.



MRS. RUSSELL-DAVIES (LONDON)

HAS been a medium all her life. Her relatives experienced table phenomena, and communicated with the operators fifty-five years ago. She is a clairvoyant and has had remarkable experiences, being very successful in diagnosing disease by "sensing"—or a species of psychometry. An extremely interesting book, "The Clairvoyance of Bessie Williams," tells the story of her life.—*Light*, September 22, 1894.



W. F. BARRETT, F.R.S.E., M.R.I.A., ETC.,

PROFESSOR of Experimental Physics, and Dean of the Faculty in the Royal College of Science for Ireland, and his brother, the Rev. G. S. Barrett, D.D. (chairman of the Congregational Union), were born in Jamaica, their father being a well-known missionary there. Professor Barrett has made a number of scientific discoveries, which have placed him among the foremost living scientists. In 1868, Mr. Barrett witnessed remarkable experiments in mesmerism and thought-transference, and was, by them, led into Spiritualism. In 1882, he and Mr. Dawson Rogers summoned a conference, when the Society for Psychical Research was founded. He is a philosophical and religious Spiritualist.—*Light*, September 15, 1894.



MRS. TITFORD (LONDON).

MRS. TITFORD has been a private medium for a number of years. Through her instrumentality a great variety of demonstrations of the power of spirit operators to control the movements of physical objects have been given, also direct writings in various languages, and materialisations.—*Light*, August 25, Sept. 1 and 8, 1894.



MR. WALTER HOWELL

Is an excellent trance-speaking medium. Born blind, he has, by surgical operations, been enabled to see dimly with the aid of strong glasses. Yet many people who have heard his lectures have repeated the old question, "Whence hath this man this learning?" There is but one answer, "The spirit helpeth his infirmities." For seventeen years he has occupied the Spiritualist rostrum in this country and U.S.A., and has done a vast amount of good work for humanity in spite of his disadvantages, and has made hosts of warm friends.—*T. W.*, June 12, 1896.



MR. T. P. BARKAS, F.G.S. (NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE).

Now a denizen of the spirit spheres, was a patient painstaking truth-seeker. He employed his trained scientific mind in the investigation of Spiritual phenomena, and witnessed many remarkable manifestations. From the Presbyterian Church he passed out of orthodoxy, and for many years was an avowed Spiritualist. He had nearly forty years' experience.—*T. W.*, July 19, 1895.



MR. LUTHER COLBY (Boston, U.S.A.)

FOUNDED *The Banner of Light* in Boston, in 1857, and edited it for over thirty-seven years. He had previously been a Materialist, but "by his investigations became convinced of the conscious continuity of human life beyond the grave, and the power of the exanimate ones to intelligently make their presence known—under certain proper but imperative conditions—to the dwellers in the mortal form." He was thus brought to recognise the soul within himself, and his sturdy independence of mind made him a fit instrument for pioneer work for the angel-world. *The Banner of Light* is still the leading American Spiritualist journal, and is the oldest weekly devoted to the Cause. Mr. Colby passed to the higher life in 1904, in his eighty-first year. Himself a medium, he had great sympathy with "sensitives," and disproved the absurd assertion that mediumship is injurious to health, and shortens life. The good he did lives after he has "gone home."



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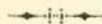
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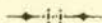


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