connection with Messrs. Cassell, Petter & Galpin and Dalziel Brothers. Mr. Lock and his partner afterwards entered into business relations with the late Mr. S. O. Beeton, whose publications they purchased and continued, thus becoming the proprietors of "Beeton's Boy's Magazine" and "Annals," the "Household Management" of Mrs. Beeton, and other works. For some years after this time, Mr. Charles Tyler, a brother of Mr. Alderman Tyler, was associated with the firm, which was then known as Ward, Lock & Tyler, and removed from Fleet-street to the premises in Amen-corner, formerly occupied by Orr & Co. Subsequently the operations of the house were widened by the purchase of the business of E. Maxon, Son & Co., and some time afterwards by that of William Tegg & Co. The production of books for popular instruction, and for the entertainment and improvement of the great general public, continued to employ the chief attention of the house, as shewn in the issue of the "Universal Instructor," "Worthis of the World," a series of Popular Histories, the "Lily Series," and at a later period, of the "Minerva Library." The rapid increase of the business necessitated the erection of larger premises—Warwick House, Salisbury-square—to which the firm removed in 1878. In 1879, after the retirement of Mr. Charles Tyler, Mr. James Bowden and Mr. Lock's brother, Mr. J. H. Lock, both of whom had worked in the firm for many years, became partners, and the style was altered to Ward, Lock & Co. A branch was also established in New York, and, at a later period, another at Melbourne. Mr. Lock twice visiting America in connection with this extension. Advancing age and necessity for rest, some years since, induced the senior partner, Mr. E. Ward, to withdraw from active participation in the management of the house; and the enfeebled health of Mr. George Lock during the last two years naturally threw more of the work upon the other partners, Mr. James Bowden and Mr. J. H. Lock. It was determined a short time ago that the future style of the firm should be Ward, Lock, Bowden & Co. Mr. Lock died on August 8th. He leaves a widow and a family of five sons and four daughters. The three elder sons are engaged in the firm.