

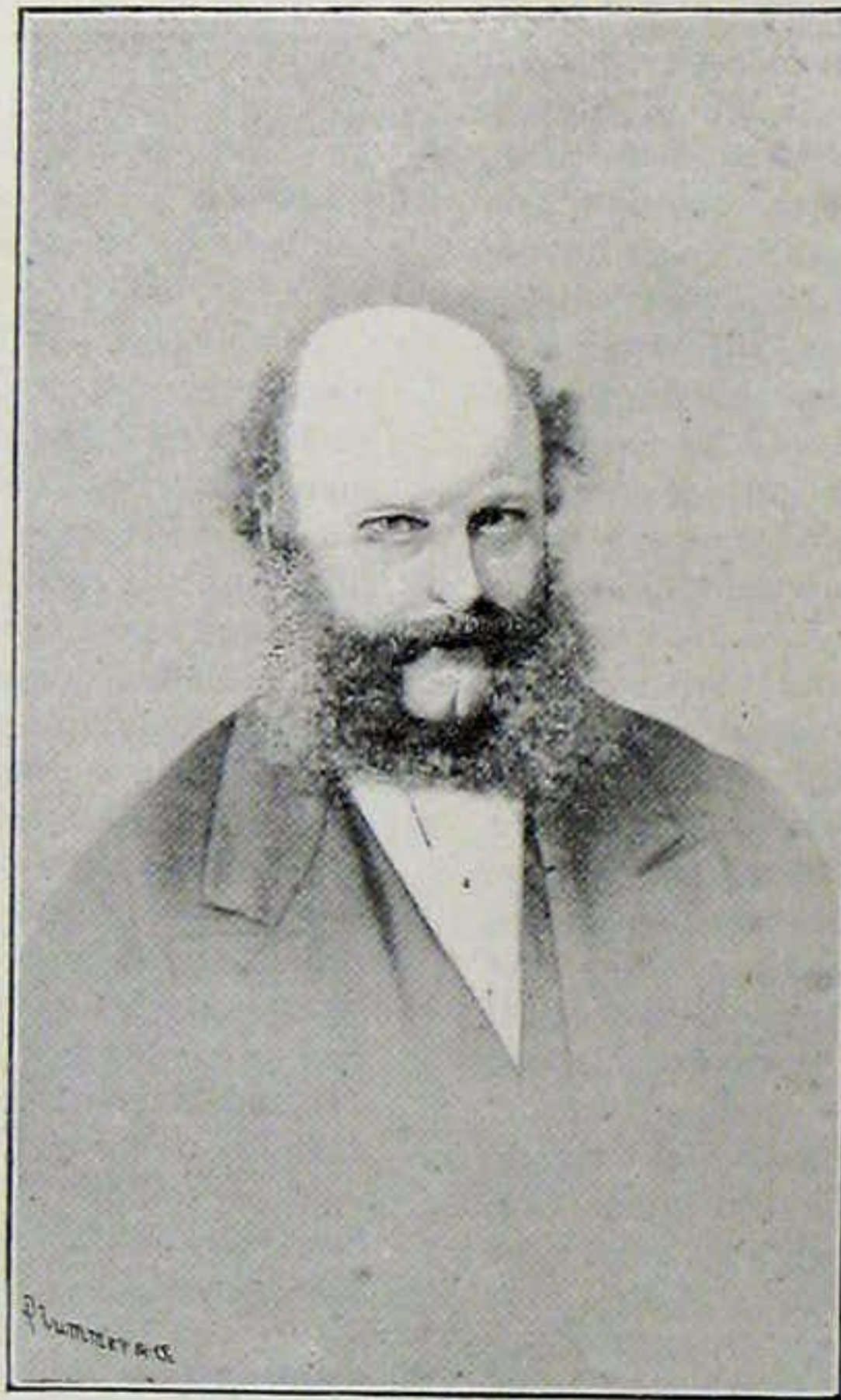
The Late Mr. George Lock.

MR. GEORGE LOCK, a member of an old Dorsetshire family, was born at Dorchester, in February, 1832. His father held extensive farms under the late Lord Portman, with whom he was, for a series of years, a favourite tenant. Several of his cousins have distinguished themselves in their university career, and literature, the law, etc. One of them, formerly an assistant master at Eton, is the author, among other works, of one of the most popular of our standard books on arithmetic; another is well known as a barrister on the Western circuit. George Lock's mother belonged to the Galpin family. Her father, an eminent member of the Society of Friends, took a leading part in the scheme for social and educational reform promulgated by the "White Quakers." After an education at a private college at Southampton, Mr. Lock was articled to, and served his time with the late Mr. Squarey, agricultural and general chemist, of Salisbury. In 1854, he came to London, and was introduced by his cousin, Mr. Thos. Dixon Galpin, then in partnership with Mr. George Petter (as "Petter & Galpin"), to Mr. E. Ward, who, after an experience of ten years in the house of Henry G. Bohn, and subsequently managing, for some years, the book business of Ingram, Cooke & Co. (National Illustrated Library) was about to commence business as a publisher on his own account. The two entered into partnership as "Ward & Lock" in 1854, at 158 Fleet-street, premises occupied some years before by David Nutt, foreign bookseller. The two partners, both of whom "travelled," built up a great connection throughout the country, and established a high character for activity, enterprise, and sound judgment. There was, from the first, a recognition of the increased educational requirements of the age, and of the popularising tendency of the book world; and the success of the firm was based on the publication of good books at popular prices. "Webster's Dictionary," the "Webster Spelling Book" and "Reader," and a number of popular Railway books, will be found amongst the earliest successes of the firm, some of whose ventures were made in

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. Moxon, 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," "Worthies 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.



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