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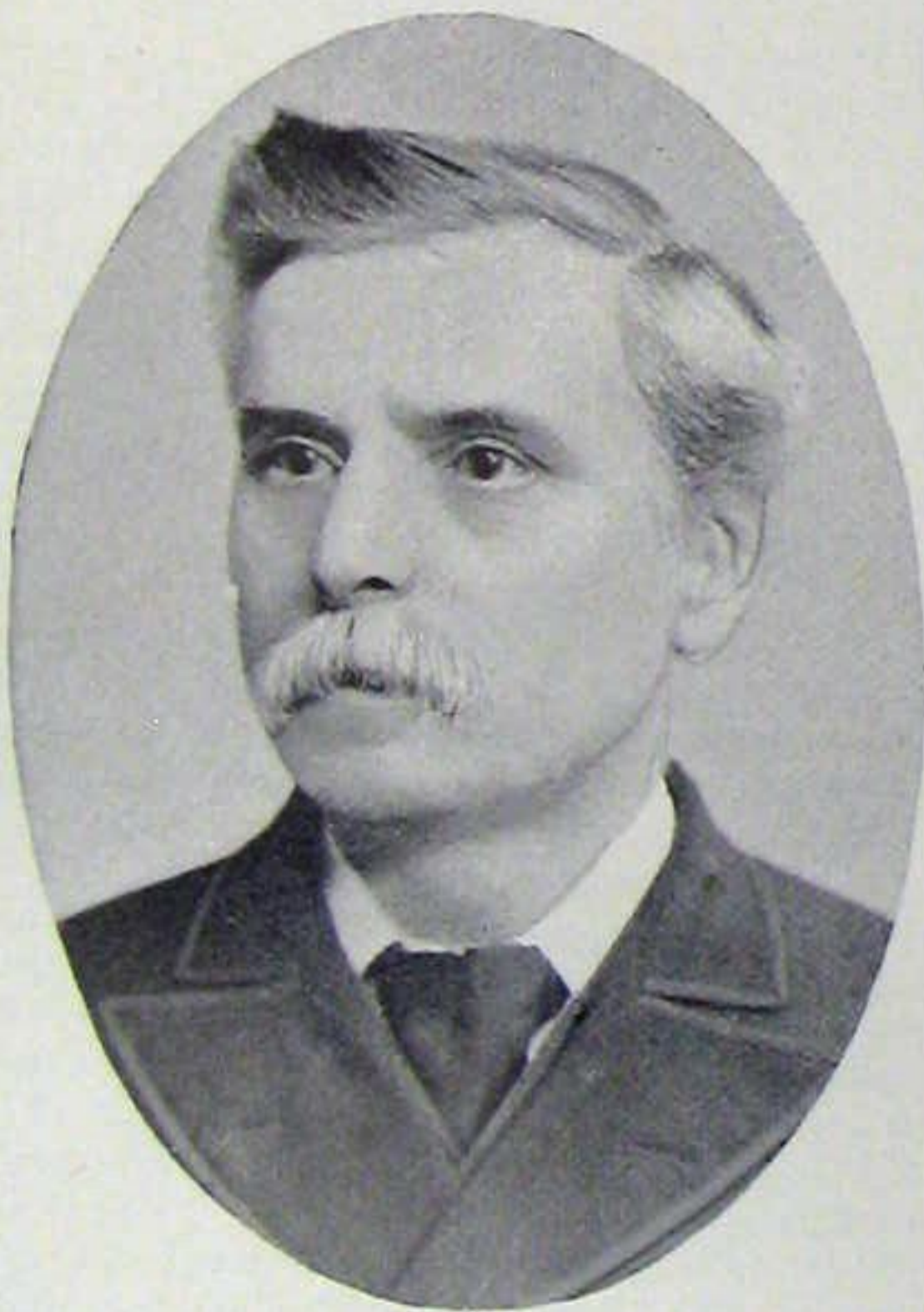
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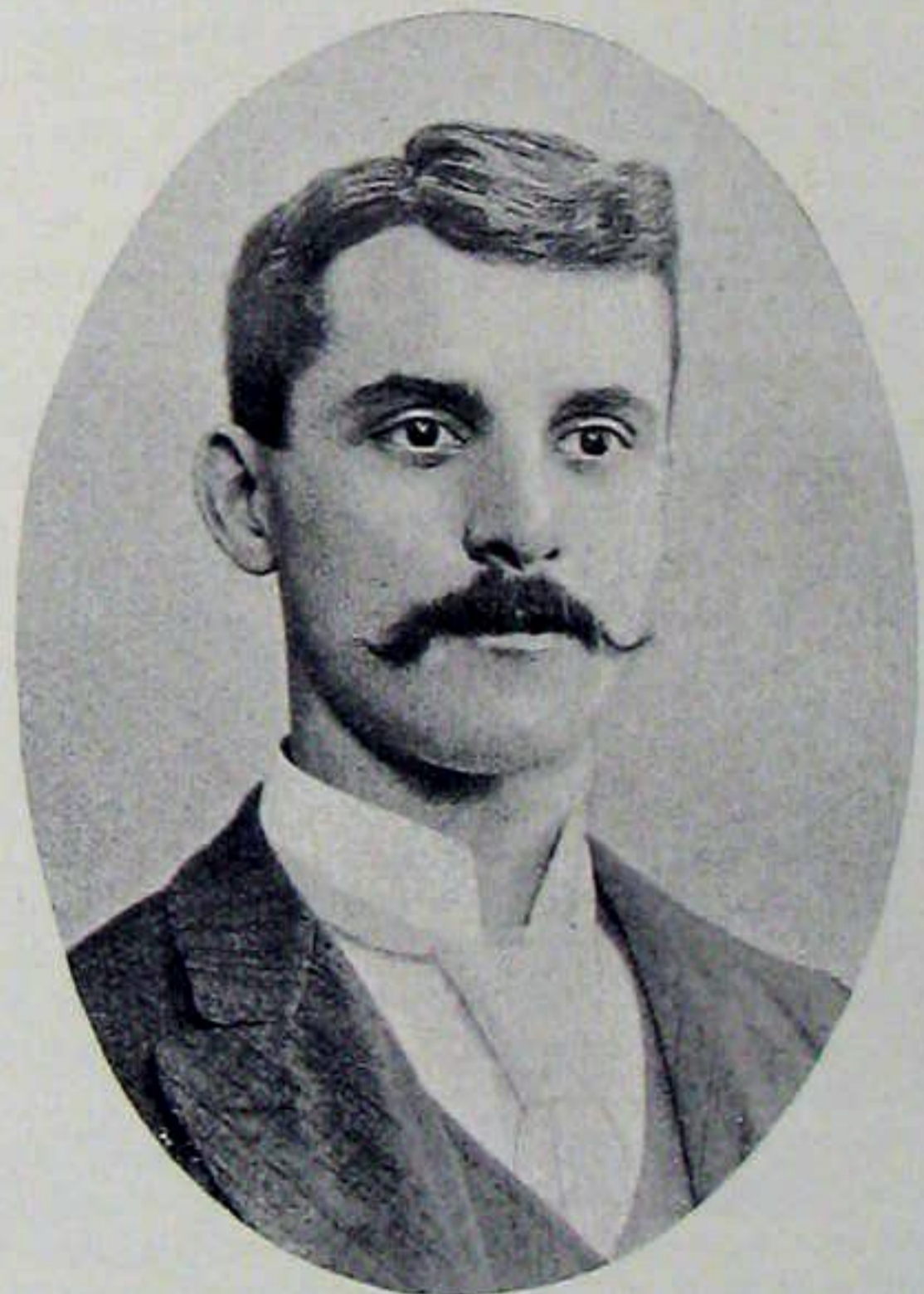
MESSRS. STOAKLEY & SON, CAMBRIDGE.

VISITING that ancient seat of learning and bookmen—Cambridge, we passed into a quiet little street where for a good many years the principal binders of the town—Messrs. Stoakley & Son—have been located, and were tempted to pay a visit of inspection to a house which is well known by repute to many beyond the confines of that academic town. The dull thud of the backing hammer soon

his new undertaking and produced such good work that he gained a certificate at the great exhibition of 1851. It was next taken over by Mr. Nutt (nephew of David Nutt, the foreign bookseller) who was in turn succeeded by Mr. J. B. Hawes, one of Mr. Nutt's employés, when the latter left Cambridge to go into business in London. At that time Mr. Nutt strongly urged Mr. G. F. Stoakley—also in his employ—to accompany him to the capital, but Mr. Stoakley



G. F. STOAKLEY.



LOUIS STOAKLEY.

caught our ears and guided us to No. 30 Green-street, where we found father and son up to the eyes in the mysteries of the craft, but willing to give us some particulars of the history of their house and with a few minutes to spare for a run through the workshops.

The business was established by Messrs. Macmillan some fifty years ago, but it afterwards passed into the hands of Mr. Budden, who held a confidential position in their establishment, and who succeeded so well in

declined and continued in the same shop working for Mr. Hawes, who held the business for about twenty-five years, gaining for himself during that period an excellent reputation as an expert and reliable binder.

MR. GEORGE FREDERICK STOAKLEY first became acquainted with the trade in the year 1846, when he went as an errand boy to Mr. Henry Richard Wiseman, of Cambridge, binder by appointment to Her Majesty. There he was apprenticed, finished his

