

MR. GEORGE TAYLOR was born at Lowmoor, Yorkshire, on the 8th of August, 1820. In early years he served at the Lowmoor Ironworks as a hammerman ; but, about 1840, entered the works of Messrs. Cooper, Field and Hood, Leeds, where he remained until 1857. He then, in conjunction with his brothers, James and Samuel Taylor, commenced business as manufacturers of best Yorkshire iron, to which was afterwards added the manufacture of crucible cast steel. The house first came into notice in 1860 by making iron that stood the Woolwich test for Armstrong guns. George Taylor distinguished himself particularly in the manufacture of large forgings, such as locomotive crank-axes, for which his firm enjoyed a high reputation. He was one of the earliest, if not actually the first, workman who forged a locomotive double crank-axle from one slab, and his skill in this description of work laid the foundation of his commercial success. After the death of his two brothers, he continued to carry on the business until the time of his death, which occurred rather suddenly, from the bursting of a blood-vessel, at his residence, Buckingham House, near Leeds, on the 19th of June, 1875.

George Taylor may be regarded as a typical Englishman—possessed of great energy of character, perseverance, and industry. He had the wisdom to see what was going to be the demand, and applied his mind to one object—the making of a high quality of iron for railway and other purposes. In this he attained conspicuous success, and was rewarded with opulence. Stout and robust in physique, and somewhat rough in manner, he conveyed the idea of good common sense and thorough knowledge of his work. Mr. Taylor was much esteemed in Leeds, where he had achieved a high position by means of his ability and enterprise ; and shortly before his death his name was added to the list of borough magistrates. He was elected an Associate of the Institution of Civil Engineers on the 6th of March, 1861, and was a frequent contributor to the *Conversazioni* of the Presidents, when those gatherings were held in Great George Street.

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MR. HENRY ROBERT WOOLBERT, the only son of the late Mr. John Henry Woolbert, was born in London on the 24th of May, 1822, and commenced his professional career as a student in the engineering department of the Military School of Brussels, where he remained for four years. Leaving in 1844, he was