

AYRTON, W. (Con.)

England 12 April 1817; edited and wrote much in the *Harmonicon* 1823-33; wrote the musical articles in the *Penny Cyclopædia* 1833-44; edited the *Sacred Minstrelsy* 1834-35 and the *Musical Library* 1834-36; one of the original members of Royal Institution and of the Athenæum club; F.R.S. 1 June 1837; d. 9 Bridge st. Westminster 8 May 1858.

AYRTON, WILLIAM SCROPE (only son of the preceding). b. 28 April 1804; ed. at Loughborough house school; barrister M.T. 26 Nov. 1830; a registrar of Court of Bankruptcy Aug. 1838 to July 1847; comr. of Leeds district Court of Bankruptcy 5 July 1847 to 31 Dec. 1869 when granted sum of £1800 on abolition of his office; F.S.A. 21 May 1840; author with Basil Montagu of *Reports of cases in Bankruptcy* 3 vols. 1834-39 and of *The law and practice in Bankruptcy* 2 vols. 1837. d. Clifden, Saltburn-by-the-Sea 3 May 1885.

AYSCOUGH, JOHN (son of John Ayscough, Capt. R.N.) b. on board H.M.S. "Swan" during an action on the way from North America 1775; captain R.N. 18 April 1806; protected Sicily against invasion of Joachim Murat 1810; superintended the ordinary at Plymouth 1822-25; Comr. of dockyards at Jamaica and Bermuda; admiral 3 Oct. 1855; awarded good service pension. d. Norwood, Surrey 2 Dec. 1863. *O'Byrne* (1861) 33-34.

AYTOUN, ROBERT. b. Edinburgh 1799; ed. at Univ. of Edin.; a writer to the Signet; member of Royal Scottish society of arts 1826; read many papers; A.L.C.E. 1839; invented a safety cage for mines exhibited at great exhibition 1862. d. 9 Sep. 1876.

AYTOUN, WILLIAM EDMONDSTOUNE. b. 21 Abercromby place, Edin. 21 June 1813; ed. at academy and univ. of Edin.; M.A. 1849; a writer to the Signet 1835; an advocate 1840; on the staff of Blackwood's magazine 1839 to death, contributed more than 120 articles; professor of Rhetoric and Belles Lettres in Univ. of Edin. 22 Oct. 1845 to 1864, during which time he raised number of students from 30 to 1850; sheriff of Orkney and Zetland 29 May 1852; delivered 6 lectures on poetry and dramatic literature at Willis's Rooms, London 1853; presided at Burns centenary festival at Ayr 25 Jan. 1859; hon. pres. of associated societies of Univ. of Edin. 1860; author of *Poland, Homer and other poems* [anon.] 1832; *Lays of the Scottish cavaliers and other poems* 1848, 29 ed.

AYTOUN, W. E. (Con.)

1883; *Firmilian or the student of Badajoz*, a spasmodic tragedy by T. Percy Jones [pseud.] 1854; *Bon Gaultier ballads* (with T. Martin) 1855, 13 ed. 1877; *Bothwell*, a poem in six parts 1856; edited *The ballads of Scotland* 2 vols. 1858, 4 ed. 1870. d. Blackhills near Elgin 4 Aug. 1865. *Theodore Martin's Memoir of W. E. Aytoun* 1867, portrait; *Crombie's Modern Athenians* 1882, portrait.

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BABBAGE, BENJAMIN HERSCHELL (eld. son of the succeeding). Geologist of colony of South Australia; examined the country north and east of Adelaide for gold 1856; commanded an exploring party sent by Parliament of South Australia to Lake Torrens Feb. 1858 to 5 Nov. 1858. d. Adelaide 22 Oct. 1878 aged 63. *W. Howitt's History of discovery* ii, 311-24 (1865); *Rev. J. E. T. Wood's History of discovery* ii, 260-79 (1865).

BABBAGE, CHARLES (son of Benjamin Babbage of London, banker). b. near Teignmouth, Devon 26 Dec. 1792; ed. at Enfield and Trinity and Peterhouse colleges Cam., B.A. 1814, M.A. 1817; F.R.S. 14 March 1816; a founder of Royal Astronomical Society 1820, one of its secs. 1820-24, vice pres., foreign sec. and member of council successively; began his calculating machine 1823, suspended its construction 1833, after spending on it about £6,000 besides £17,000 granted him by Government; Lucasian professor of mathematics at Cambridge 1828-39 but delivered no lectures; a founder of British Association 1831, a trustee 1832-38, originated the statistical section at Cambridge meeting 1833; contested Finabury as a radical Dec. 1832 and June 1834; chief founder of Statistical Society 15 March 1834, chairman 1835; author of *Table of logarithms of the natural numbers from 1 to 108,000*, 1827; *The decline of science in England* 1830; *On the economy of manufactures* 1832, 4 ed. 1835; *The ninth Bridgewater treatise* 1837, 2 ed. 1838. d. 1 Dorset st. Portman sq. 18 Oct. 1871. *Babbage's Passages from the life of a philosopher* 1864; *Monthly notices of R. Astronom. soc.* xxxii, 101-109 (1872); *C. R. Weld's History of royal society* ii, 369-91 (1848); *Edinburgh Review* liz, 263-327 (1834); *Journal of statistical soc.* xxxix, 411-15 (1871); *I.L.N.* liz, 423 (1871), portrait; *Graphic* iv, 495 (1871), portrait.

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