

PURNELL, THOMAS (1834 - 1889), author

Name: Thomas Purnell
Date of birth: 1834
Date of death: 1889
Gender: Male
Occupation: author
Area of activity: Literature and Writing
Author: William Llewelyn Davies

Born at Tenby. He matriculated at Trinity College, Dublin, 1852, and later went to London, where he became a journalist and writer. From 1862 until 1866 he was assistant secretary and librarian of the Archaeological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland. He wrote to the *Athenaeum* under the pseudonym 'Q'; he also founded a small club, the 'Decemviri,' with A. C. Swinburne, J. McN. Whistler, and others as members. He came to know Mazzini, to whom he introduced Swinburne and others. He published: *Literature and its Professors*, 1867; *Dramatists of the Present Day*, 1871; *Correspondence and Works of Charles Lamb*, 1871; *To London and elsewhere*, 1881; *The Lady Drusilla: a Psychological Romance*, 1886; *Dust and Diamonds: Essays*, 1888; and edited *Historian Quatuor Regum Angliae* (by John Herd) for the Roxburghe Club, 1868.

Author

Sir William Llewelyn Davies, (1887 - 1952)

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