

James Alex. George Lamb.

MR LAMB was born on the 4th March 1869 in the Royal Bank House, Granton, where his father was agent of the bank. Heredity and fate rather than inclination made him a banker; his whole aspirations were towards the intellectual, and his interests were varied. Geology, Mathematics, Music, and Astronomy divided his attention and all his spare time.

He had a good knowledge of harmony and counterpoint, composed songs, both words and music, and at one time got up the work necessary to take a musical degree at a university where attendance at the lectures was not compulsory, but pressure of business prevented him getting away to sit for the examinations.

In science his chief interest lay in Astronomy, and he read everything thereon which came his way. Mirror-grinding also attracted him, and he made an 8-inch mirror for a reflecting telescope.

He served on the Councils of the Edinburgh Geological Society and the Edinburgh Astronomical Association.

Stevenson says, "An aspiration is a joy for ever, a possession as solid as a landed estate, a fortune which we can never exhaust and which gives us year by year a revenue of pleasurable activity. To have many of these is to be spiritually rich." Surely we may apply this to our friend with his many aspirations after the intellectual. He was elected a Fellow of this Society in 1921, and died at Edinburgh on 7th February 1930.

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