



Annie Matteson 1854-1924

Writer, Poet, Suffragist

Annie was born in Blackheath but the family moved to Nottingham in 1856 where her father Rev James Matheson was minister of Friar Lane Chapel. He was also a member of Nottingham Subscription library – now Bromley House and a supporter of women's suffrage. Annie was also active in these movements and began to contribute to periodicals in her teens developing into a well-published poet, essayist and biographer.

She wrote 'A Song for Women' against sweated labour and this was printed by the Women's Protective and Provident League. Her father died in 1878 and the family moved back to London. She wrote 8 books of poetry and prose as well as biographies of Florence Nightingale 1913 aimed at children, Elizabeth Fry and Joan of Arc.

She died in London but her ashes were interred in Nottingham General Cemetery in the grave of her parents. A booklet researched and published by Rowena Edlin-White on Annie Matheson's life is available at ro@edlin-white.net.