

Mary & William Howitt

(died 1888)

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were "a Victorian Institution". Every year they produced moral tales, instructive handbooks for children, interesting translations, poetry, fables, popular histories & all the other literary what-not <sup>dearly</sup> of the Victorian heart" Hester Burton, biography of Barbara Bodichon.

also Times obituary -

"Their friends used jokingly to call them William & Mary & to maintain that they had been crowned together like their royal prototypes."

& "Nothing that either of them wrote will live, but they were so industrious, so disinterested, so amiable, so devoted to the work of spreading good & innocent literature that their names ought not to disappear unmourned."

Mary Howitt wrote "The Spider & The Fly"!  
 ↓ this at least lives for the children.