

# Martineau Society



An Invitation to Join

Harriet Martineau (1802-76) journalist and writer was best known as a populariser of political economy though her career spanned many other aspects of Victorian literary culture. The daughter of a Unitarian cloth manufacturer, she shot to fame in 1832 as author of *Illustrations of Political Economy* – short stories showing how economic conditions impacted on the lives of ordinary people. She visited America from 1834-36 and identified with the anti-slavery cause, which she promoted in her work for the rest of her life. She was also a strong advocate of women's rights.

She is regarded as the first significant British woman sociologist, and wrote a lively and provocative Autobiography. Despite two extended periods of ill-health, she remained as an influential journalist writing for many publications including the *Daily News* for which she wrote over 1600 articles.

James Martineau (1805-1900), philosopher and theologian, is best remembered for his views on religion based on reason and conscience. An author and Unitarian clergyman, he started his ministry in Dublin, 1828, and married Helen Higginson in December, 1828. In 1832, he moved to Liverpool where he became highly respected. He joined the staff of Manchester College in 1840, at the time of its return to Manchester. James was involved with Unitarian affairs nationally including the Dissenters' Chapels Act, the opening of the universities to dissenters without doctrinal tests, and the decision to remove Manchester College to London (associated with UCL). He became Principal, 1869-85, and president in 1887.

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# Preserving the Legacy of the Martineaus

## Aim of the society

To foster the collection, preservation, study and publication of material relating to the Martineau family of Norwich in the 19th century and the principles of equality and freedom of conscience advocated by Harriet Martineau and her brother, Dr. James Martineau.



House where Harriet Martineau was born, Gurney Ct, Magdalen Street, Norwich

## Benefits of Membership

Members receive a biannual newsletter, which offers résumés of papers and other relevant Martineau materials. Members can also attend Annual Meetings where seminars and papers are presented. A Martineau Trail is a feature of these gatherings, involving visits to Martineau-related sites. Members are drawn from all over the world. Currently, the United Kingdom, United States, Australia, Taiwan, Japan and the Nordic countries are represented.

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## Information/membership request

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