

Thaxter, Celia (1836-1894), was born at Portsmouth, New Hampshire. She was a daughter of Thomas B. Leighton, keeper of the White Island Lighthouse, and was married in 1851 to Levi L. Thaxter, of Watertown, Mass. She died on the Island of Appledore, off the coast of Maine. Her principal works are *Among the Isles of Shoals*, *Driftwood*, and *Poems for Children*.

Thomson, James (1700-1748), poet and dramatist, was born at Ednam-in-Roxburgh. At eighteen he entered Edinburgh College as a student of Divinity, but abandoned his course and went to London in the spring of 1725. The publication of *Winter* (1726), though it brought in little money, gave him many friends. *The Seasons* (1730) was received with much favour. By the death of a patron in 1737, he was reduced to great poverty, but later receiving an appointment which enabled him to live in easy, indolent enjoyment, he wrote his greatest work, *The Castle of Indolence* (1748). He produced his most successful tragedy, *Tancred and Sigismund*, in 1745, with Garrick and Mrs. Cibber in the leading roles.

Twain, Mark (1835-1910). "Mark Twain" was the pseudonym of Samuel Langhorne Clemens. He was born in Florida, Missouri. He learned the trade of a printer, became a pilot on the Mississippi River in 1855 and, in 1861, accompanied his brother to Nevada as his private secretary. He took up newspaper work in Virginia, Nevada, and afterward in San Francisco and in Buffalo. In 1867, he took up his residence in Hartford, spending much of his time abroad. His principal works are *Roughing It*, *The Innocents Abroad*, *Tom Sawyer*, *A Tramp Abroad*, *Old Times on the Mississippi*, and *The Prince and the Pauper*. His racy and original humour,