



MATILDA MARY HAYS

“I SUSPECT WE WOMEN WILL HAVE A BETTER CHANCE IN THE NEXT, AS A HOLY BAND OF MARTYRS, IF NOTHING ELSE.”

Matilda M. Hays was a revolutionary feminist, translator, journalist, and actress born September 8th, 1820, in London, England. Matilda M. Hays is remembered for her forward and progressive ideology along with how she introduced French literature's Sand to England.



Matilda M. Hays was born in September, 1820, in London, England, and she passed away in July, 1897, in Liverpool, England.



Matilda M. Hays's radical and ahead-of-her-time ideas, which she talked about openly and fearlessly, on women's and queer's rights.



In the year 1848, Matilda M. Hays met Charlotte Cushman, with whom she had a ten-year relationship publicly.



Despite the absence of detailed information on Matilda M. Hays's formal education, her active participation in the literary community and contributions to literature suggest a degree of intellectual engagement and self-education.



Matilda Mary Hays served as one of the co-founders and editors of the English Woman's Journal in 1858. The journal became a hub for the Society for Promoting the Employment of Women and the Victoria Press, both of which Hays played a role in founding.

Matilda M. Hays is remembered for her feminist and queer persona along with her romantic relationships with actress Charlotte Cushman and poet Adelaine Anne Procter. Hays portrayed her true self as it was during an era that allowed no queerness in front of the eyes of society.



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