

A TRIBUTE TO JOHN DALTON AT HIS 250TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY (2016)

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September 6, 2016 was celebrated as the 250th birth anniversary of the eminent English scientist John Dalton, the Father of Chemical Atomic Theory, a pioneer in Colour Blindness and the discoverer of the Law of Partial Pressures and the Law of Multiple Proportions. A Quaker by origin, Dalton did not have much formal education. Yet, by sheer diligence, perseverance and merit, Dalton rose to a great height of eminence by working mainly in Manchester during his last fifty years. An attempt has been made in this article to depict how Dalton prospered, academically speaking, from a poor Cumbrian village to become a savant of Manchester. His early life and education, his scientific activities and accomplishments in Manchester, the awards he received and his last life have been dealt with in this article. Although it is a tribute to Dalton, a few things have also been discussed about Daltonian doubts only to complete the story. Useful references and supporting photographs have also been included.
