

THE OCCULT REVIEW
LONDON, ENGLAND
SEPTEMBER 1917
(page 176)

A DISAVOWAL.

To the Editor of the OCCULT REVIEW.

Sir,—On May 15 last, the Press generally stated in connexion with the prosecution against me, Mary Davies, of 93 Regent Street, that I was the protégée of a man [**Aleister Crowley**] of evil reputation and a traitor to this country. I desire emphatically to disavow any such association. I have no knowledge whatsoever, nor ever had, of the views and actions—political, social or private—of the person referred to. The only link I had with this person was on Masonic grounds, in the mysteries of which no one could be more profound. It is scarcely necessary to stress my own patriotism, as my public know since the beginning of the war my Intercessory Services at Kensington have been solely such as to encourage and to fortify every patriotic effort, and I deliberately repudiate the stigma implied by the quotation given above.

MARY DAVIES.

[The injustice of the charge above alluded to will be sufficiently evident when I mention that Mrs. Davies' son has fought through two South African campaigns, being specially mentioned in General Smuts' despatch of February 10, while her husband is an old sailor pensioner, possessing three war medals; her father was in the Crimean War and had medals with Alma, Balaklava, and Sebastopol clasps; while her husband's grandfather was with Sir Colin Campbell, and the Duke of Wellington in the Battle of Waterloo,—Ed.]