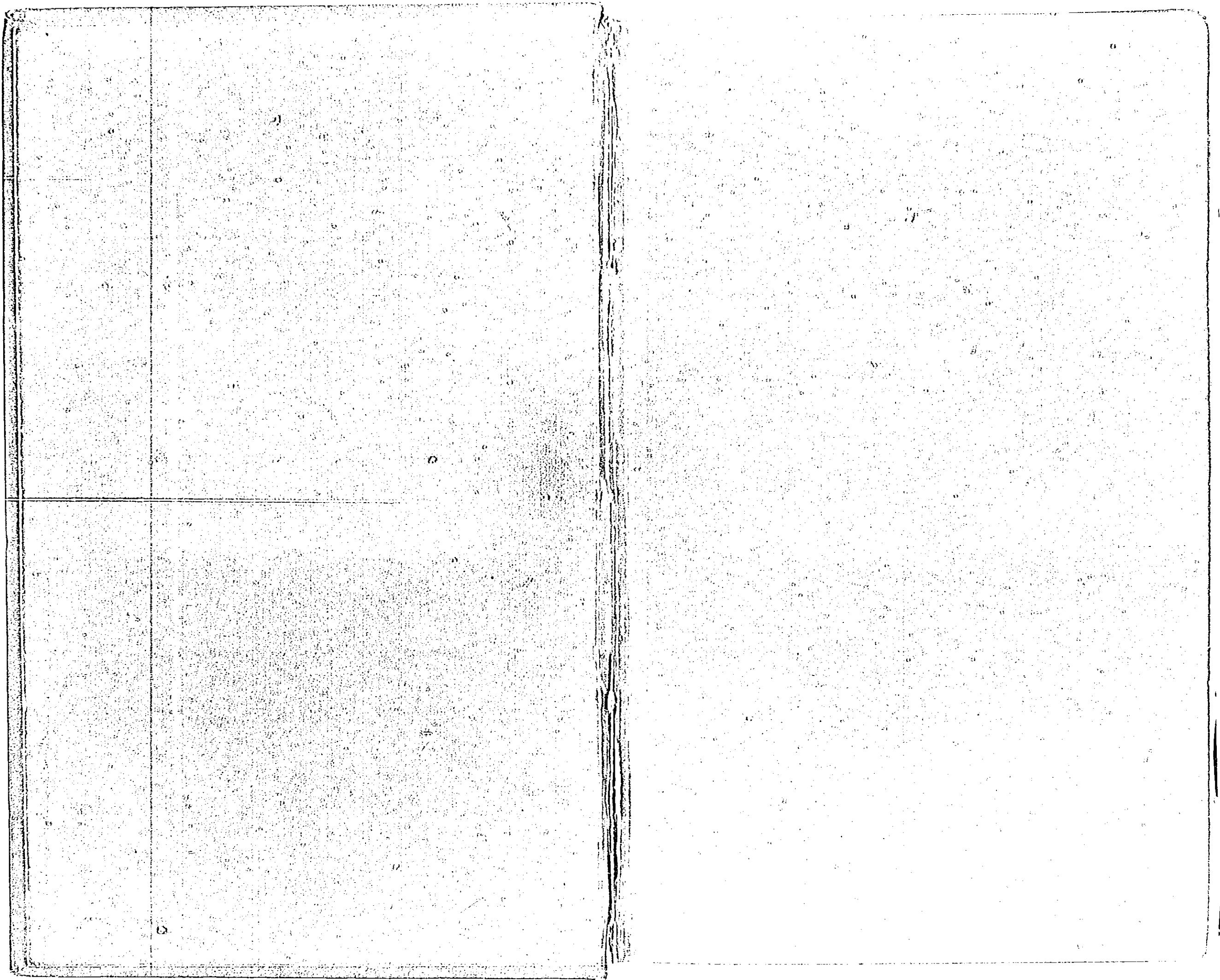


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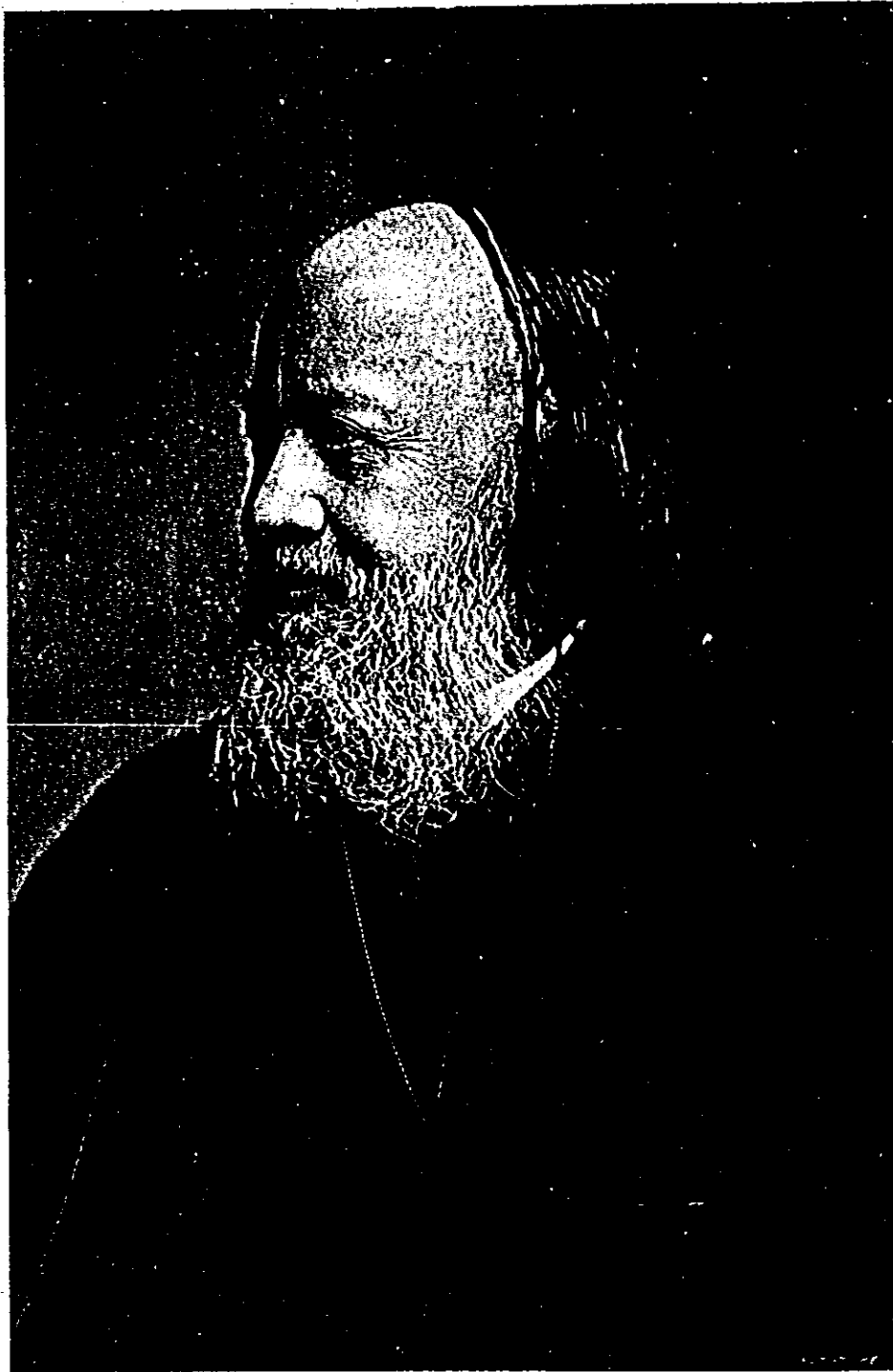
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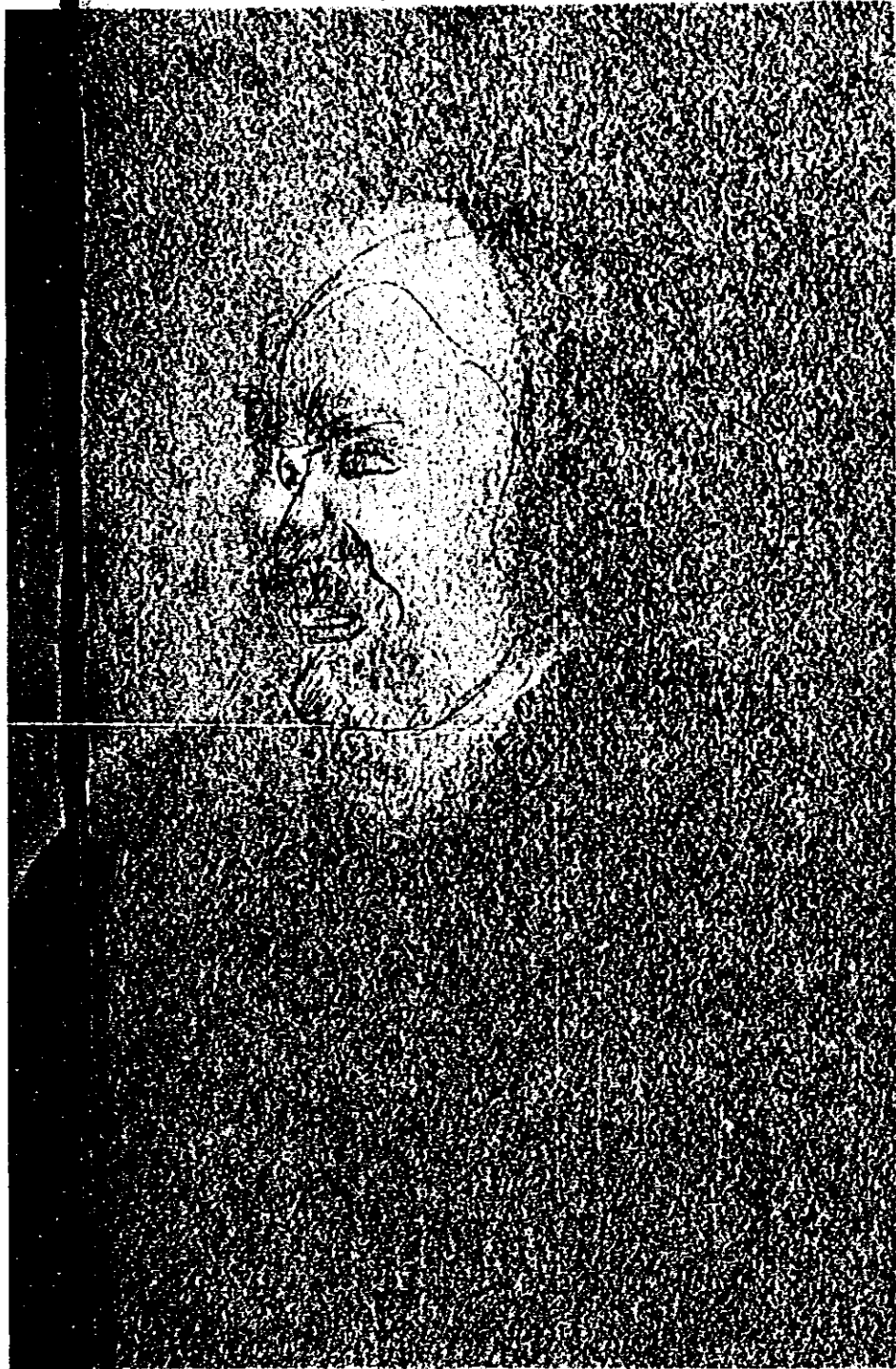
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To

MRS. EDWIN CHADWICK.

DEAR MRS. CHADWICK,

When in the olden times our forefathers desired to perpetuate the memory of a man who had rendered great services to his country and age, they were wont to include in the record of his name and eminent deeds, the name also of her, his chosen companion, whose talents, virtues, and affections were the truest treasures of his life.

Permit me, then, in like manner, to unite, in this dedication, your name with these memoirs of the learning, industry and beneficent genius of your distinguished husband.

Faithfully yours,

B. W. RICHARDSON.

PREFACE.

IN the early part of the year 1883 Mr. Edwin Chadwick, the author of the works herewith submitted to the public, did me the honour to entrust the labour of preparation to my care, with the understanding that the selection and arrangement, in two volumes, should rest entirely on my responsibility.

I accepted the task with the expectation that the work might be completed in from twelve to fifteen months; but long before that time had arrived, the abundance of material which was placed at my disposal, accruing from the labours of one of the busiest lives during sixty active years, was sufficient to call for fully three times the period originally contemplated.

The work thus protracted beyond what was expected at the outset, has, however, afforded compensation in the assurance felt, stage by stage, that it will not be lost, and that the historian of a later day, who shall write the history of the England of the nineteenth century will be glad that there was so much material to be con-

densed from the writings of an author who, born with the century and living through it to its near end, was one of the most industrious and observing students of the "very age and body of the time, his form and pressure."

In the course of the volumes the methods of arrangement are so fully described, I need add nothing here on that score; but I must say a word respecting the title given to the work. For that title I am solely responsible. I was at first inclined to select a title connecting the subjects discussed strictly with English life and character. Gradually, however, it dawned upon me that nothing was advanced that did not bear, or that might not be brought to bear, on the well-being and happiness of peoples, everywhere. And so, under a bolder name, I venture to launch, with the hope that it may obtain both the present and future breezes of public favour, my friend's book as the "Health of Nations."

B. W. R.

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