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THE FOLLOWING ESSAYS ARE AFFECTIONATELY

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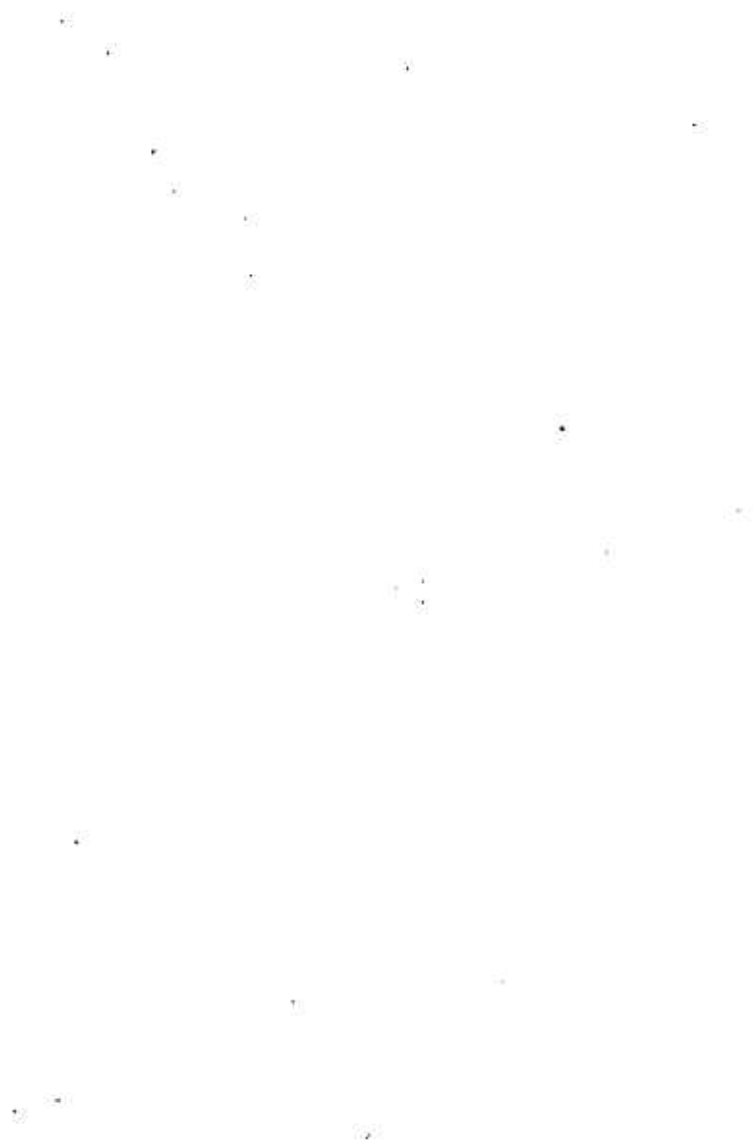


Figure 1.10: A scatter plot showing the relationship between the number of children and the number of adults.

P R E F A C E .

THE following production, although small in compass, is the result of a good deal of observation and reflection. It might easily have been swelled into a large volume, and made to assume the shape of a systematic treatise. Such was not, however, the intention of the author. With regard to the Diseases of Children generally, we have so many books of established value, as to render unnecessary, at present at least, any additions to their number. Among these, the author would particularly mention the works of EVANSON and MAUNSELL of Ireland, West of England, and in his own country, those of DEWEES, EBERLE, STEWART, and CONDIE. The design of the author was, to notice some prominent subjects which appeared to him not to have sufficiently attracted attention, and concerning which he hoped to offer some suggestions of practical importance. From the manner in which the work has been received, he is inclined