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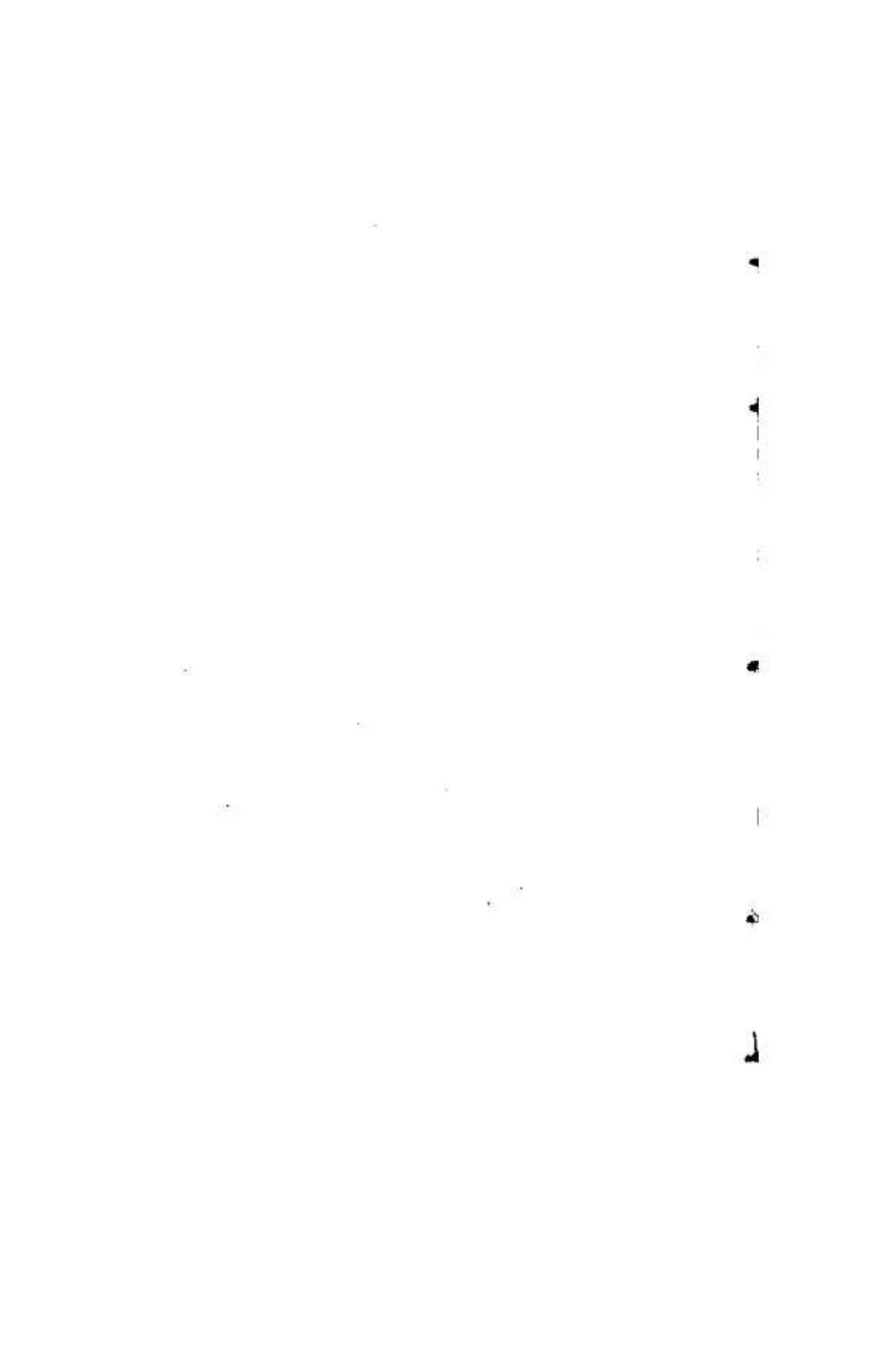
THE Editor feels that he owes many apologies to the Public for the delay which has attended the appearance of this volume. The fault has not been wholly his own. More than ordinary hindrances have occurred, and much protracted correspondence has taken place between himself and the families most deeply interested in the accuracy and impartiality of these memoirs. For the various communications forwarded to him, he is under deep and lasting obligations.

He has one word to offer by way of apology. It may appear, on a comparison of the present with the preceding volume, that whereas the longer and more important memoirs which the former contained were entirely original, many or most of the same kind in the volume for 1857 have already appeared in the daily papers. The Editor, being unwilling to plead guilty to the charge of either indolence or plagiarism, is under the necessity of confessing himself the original author of most of the longer memoirs in the present volume. He is entirely responsible for those of Sir H. Pottinger, Father Mathew, Bishop Monk, Sir Richard Westmacott, the Earl of Shrewsbury, and Sir William Sleeman, which appeared in the columns of the *Times*. In no case, however, has a memoir been reprinted, without having been first submitted to a careful revision.

The Volume for 1858 is already in a forward state, and will appear at Easter next.

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