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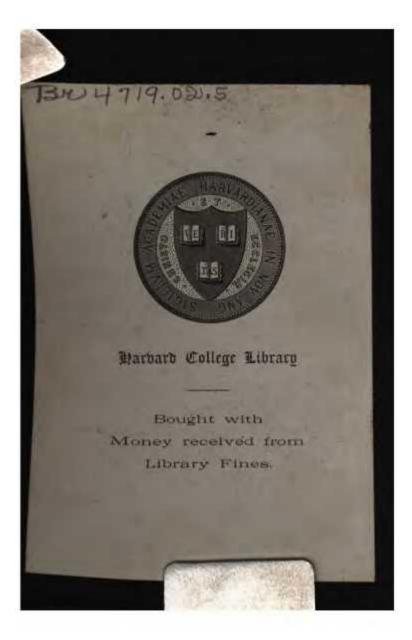
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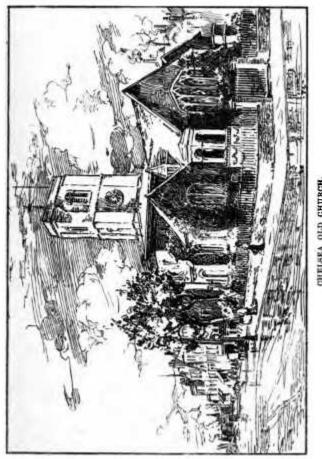
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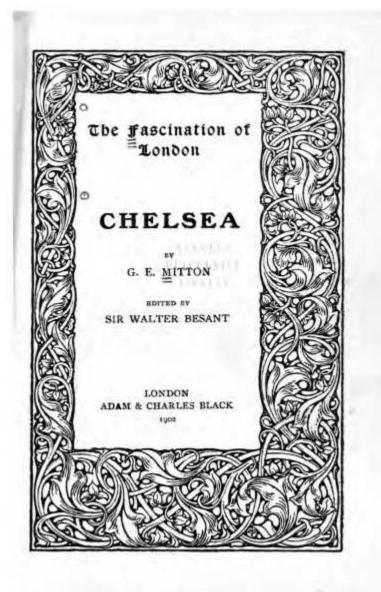
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A SURVEY of London, a record of the greatest of all cities, that should preserve her history, her historical and literary associations, her mighty buildings, past and present, a book that should comprise all that Londoners love, all that they ought to know of their heritage from the pastthis was the work on which Sir Walter Besant was engaged when he died.

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