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THE SOIL.

From Photograph of a Boy on entering the School, now a respectable Tradesman.

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"Can hope look forward to a manhood raised
On such foundations?"

" ' Hope is none for him !'
The pale recluse indignantly exclaimed ;
' And tens of thousands suffer wrongs as deep.'

" At this day

Who shall enumerate the crisy huts
And tottering hovels, whence do issue forth
A ragged offspring, with thin upright hair,
Crowned like the image of fantastic Fear;
Or wearing (shall we say?) in that white growth
An ill-adjusted turban, for defence
Or fierceness, wreathed around their sun-burnt brows
By savage Nature? Shrivelled are their lips;
Naked, and coloured like the soil, the feet
On which they stand, as if thereby they drew
Some nourishment, as trees do by their roots,
From earth, the common mother of us all.
Figure and mien, complexion and attire,
Are leagued to strike dismay; but outstretched hand
And whining voice denote them suppliants
For the least boon that pity can bestow.

WORDSWORTH.

TO
M. E. L.
WHO HAS HER NAME GRAVEN
AT FULL LENGTH
ON THE
GRATEFUL HEARTS OF MANY CHILDREN SAVED
BY MEANS OF THAT
ORIGINAL RAGGED SCHOOL,
WHICH HAS OWED
SO MUCH OF ITS SUCCESS
TO HER GENEROUS, ZEALOUS, AND
UNTIRING LABOURS.

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