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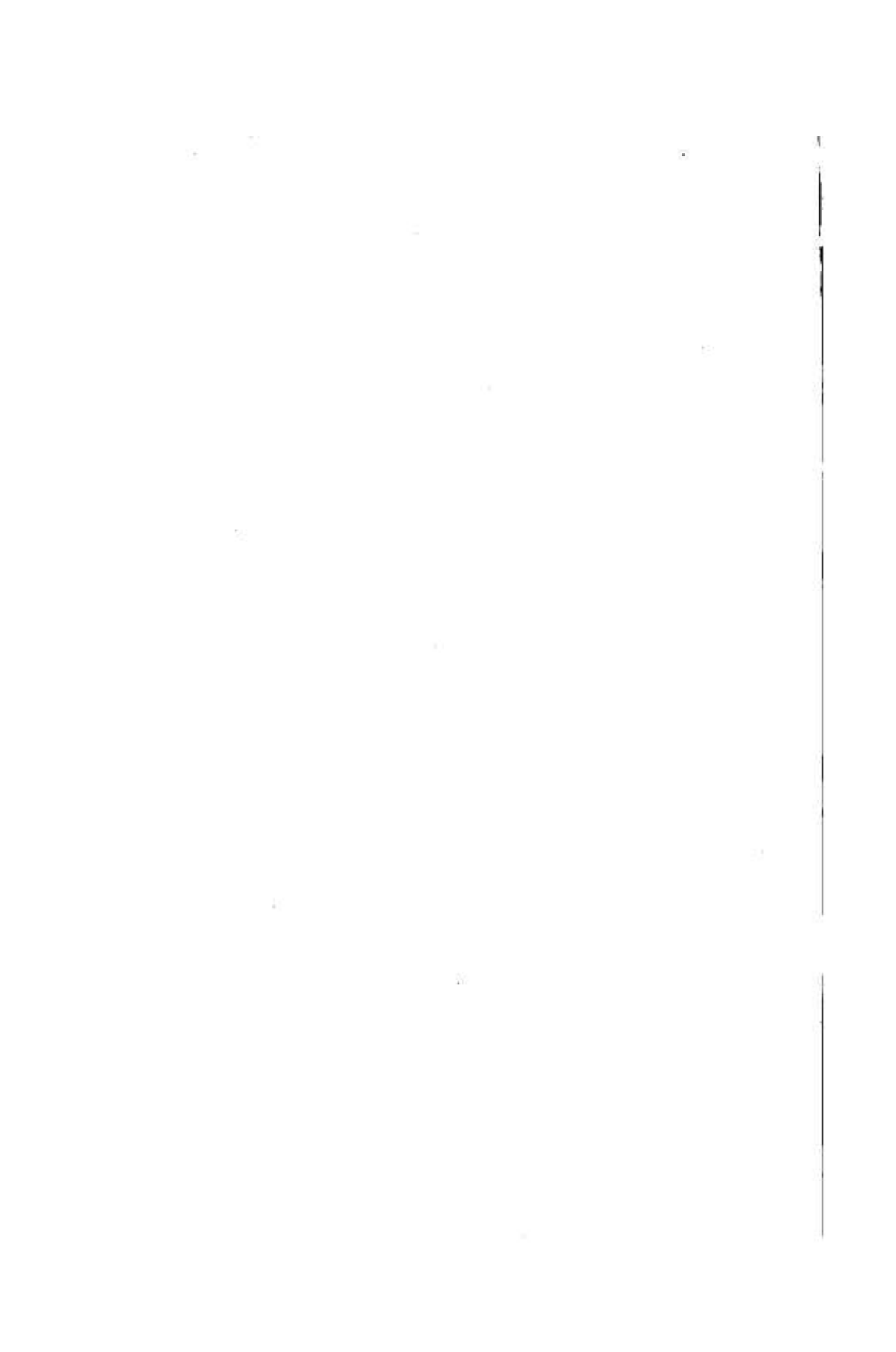
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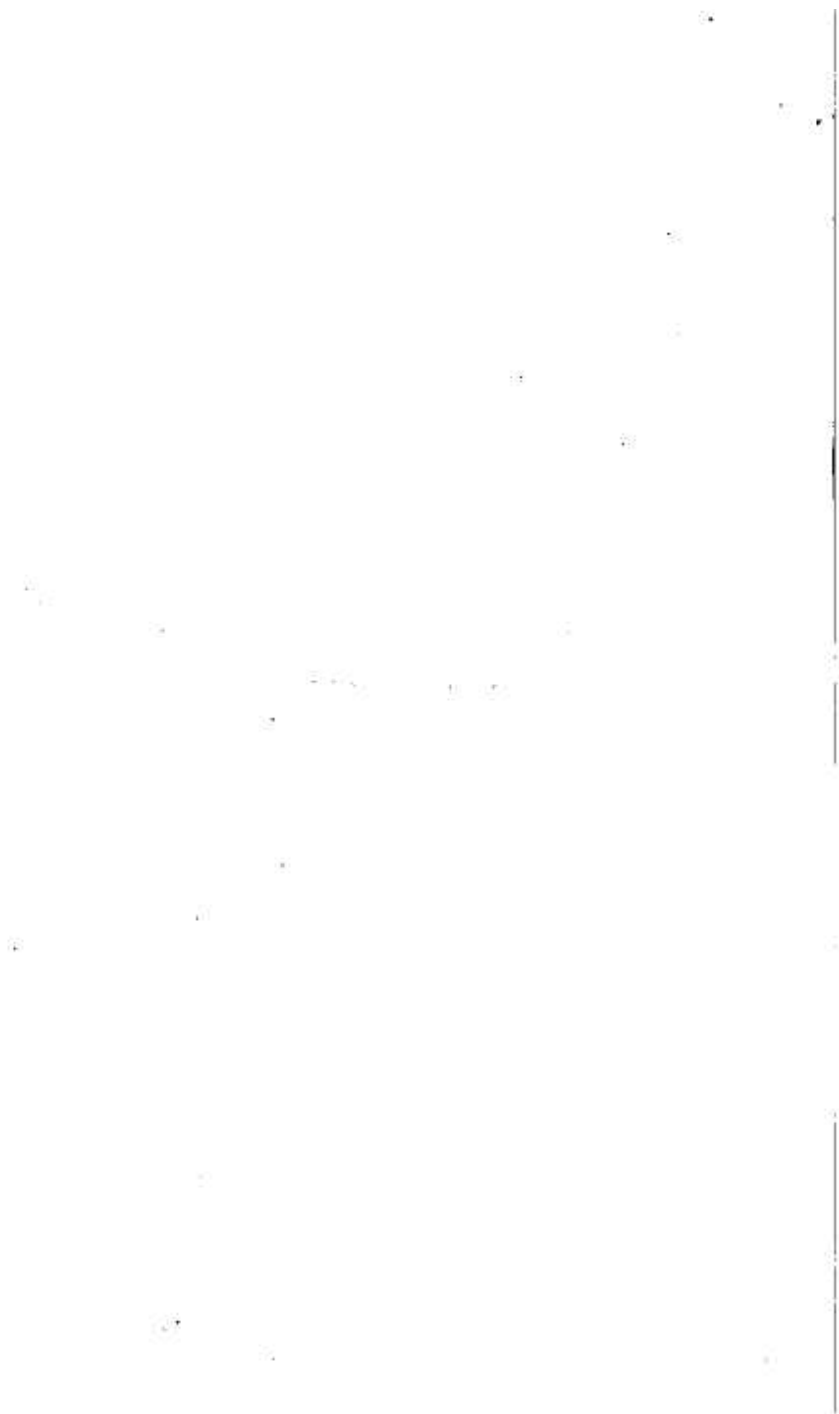
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EDITOR'S PREFACE

IN the days when the Rev. Thomas Dale had a school in Grove Lane, Camberwell, he was, as well as a schoolmaster, a poet, author, and preacher. In 1835 he was presented to the living of St. Bride's, Fleet Street; in 1843, to a Canonry of St. Paul's; and he died in 1870, shortly after accepting the Deanery of Rochester.

Amongst his papers were some writings of John Ruskin, his pupil in Grove Lane and, later, at King's College. The earliest of these is an essay written the year before Mr. Ruskin went to Oxford; the others are letters from Rome, Lausanne, and Leamington. The interest of these papers is great. They belong to that period when Mr. Ruskin was trying his powers, when "Modern Painters" was taking form, and when some of the most perfect pieces of prose ever written were given to English readers. The hand of the master is