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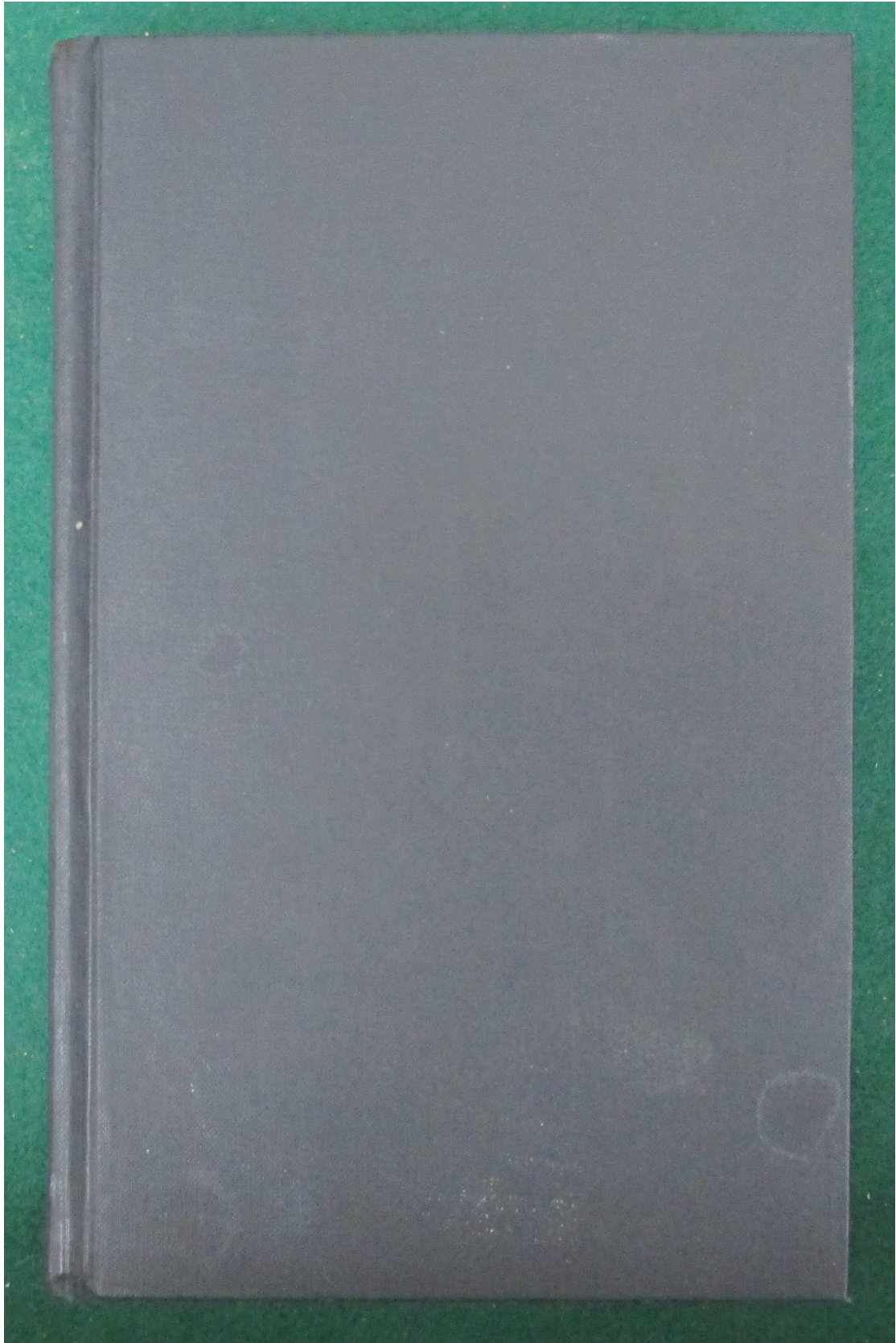


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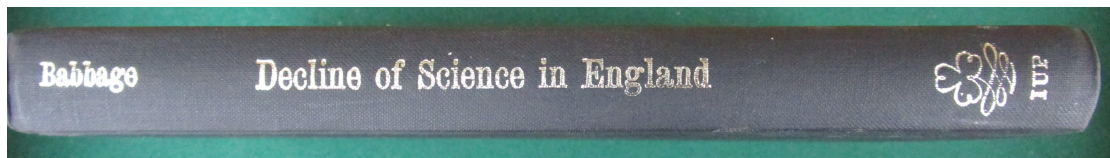


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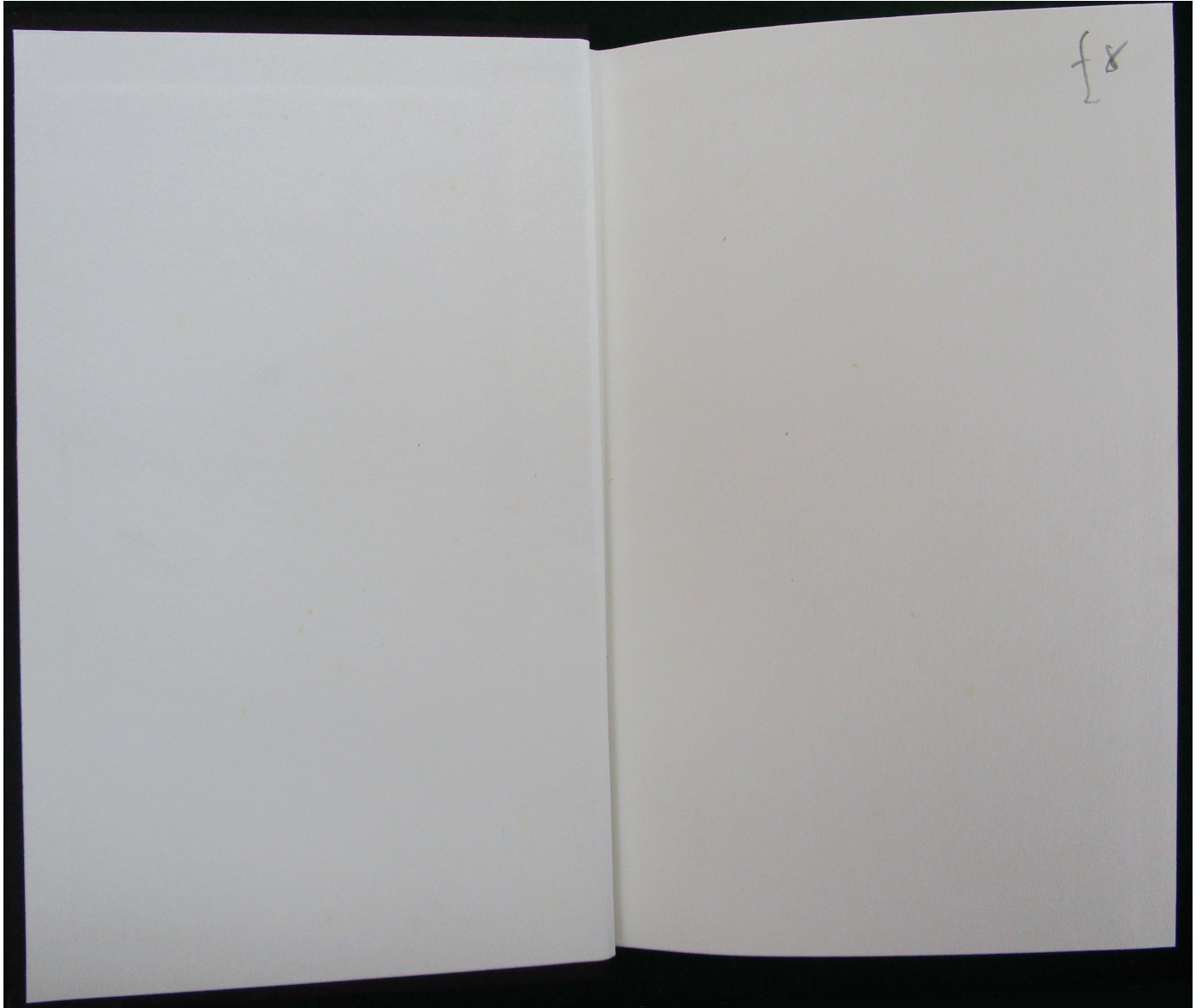


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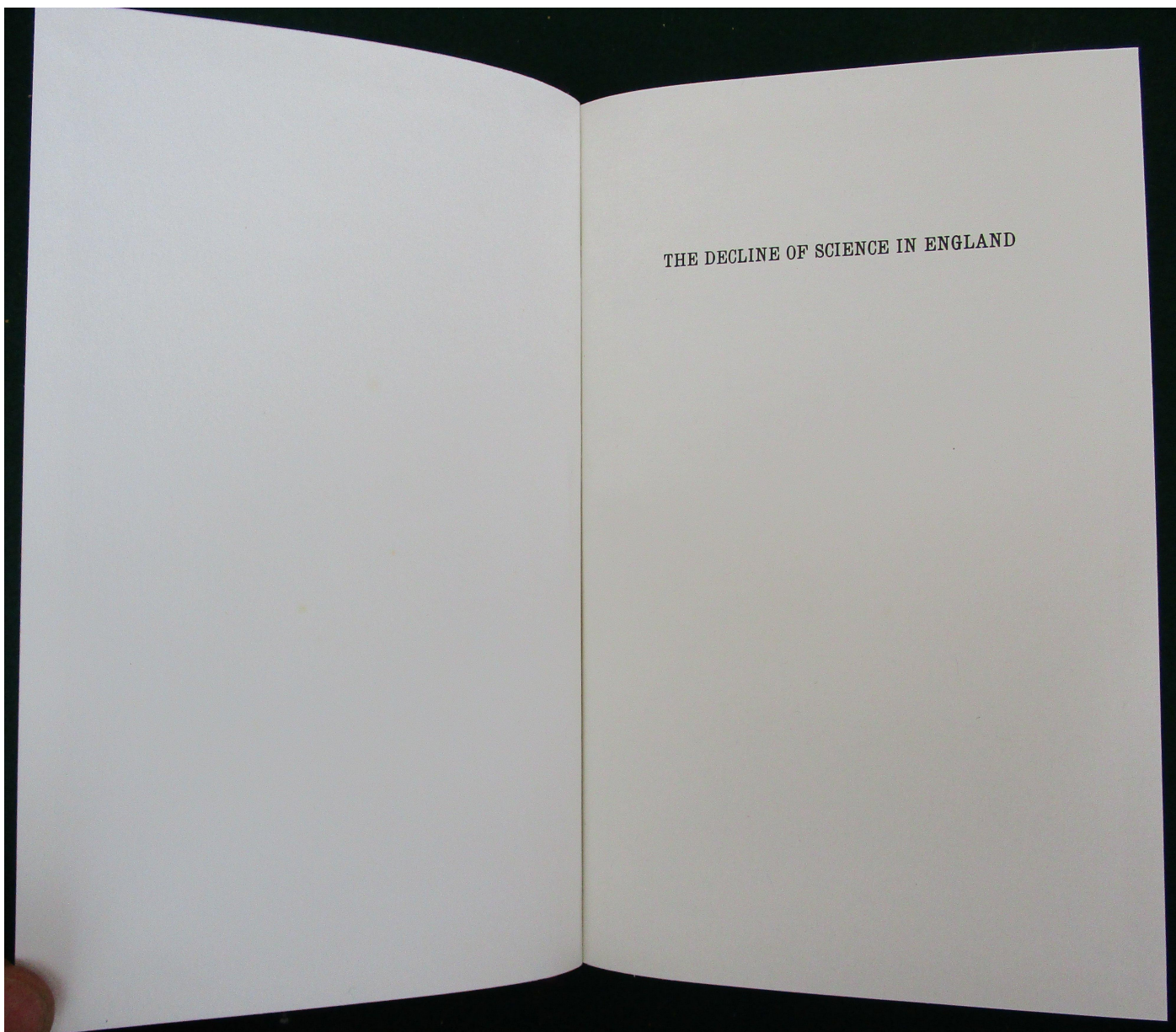


Figure 5: Decline of Science in England, Title Pages page 1 and page 2

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Figure 6: Decline of Science in England, Title Pages page 3 and page 4

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Figure 7: *Decline of Science in England*, Title Pages page 5 and page 6

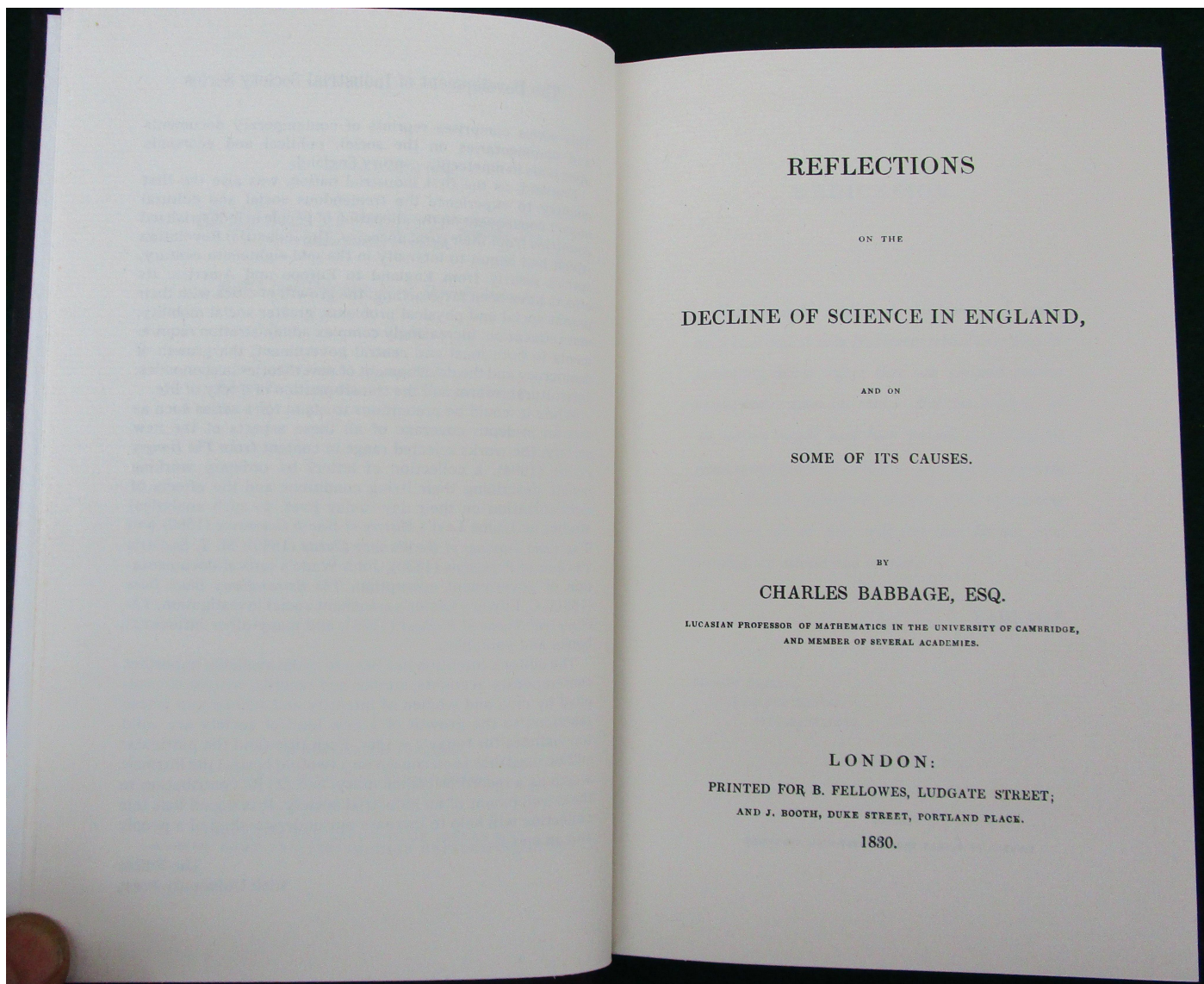


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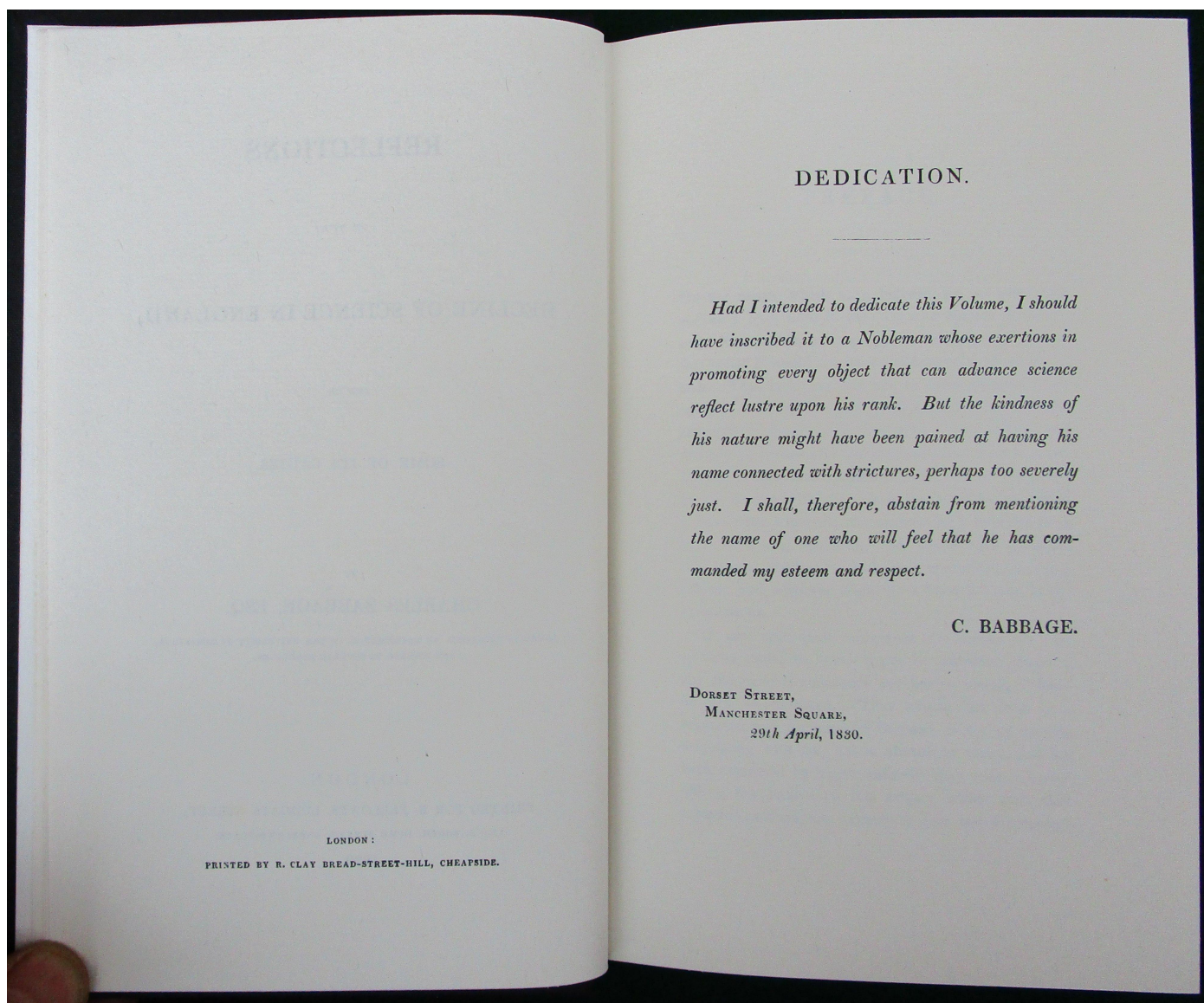


Figure 9: *Decline of Science in England*, Title Pages page 9 and Dedication Page

PREFACE.

OF the causes which have induced me to print this volume I have little to say; my own opinion is, that it will ultimately do some service to science, and without that belief I would not have undertaken so thankless a task. That it is too true not to make enemies, is an opinion in which I concur with several of my friends, although I should hope that what I have written will not give just reason for the permanence of such feelings. On one point I shall speak decidedly, it is not connected in any degree with the calculating machine on which I have been engaged; the causes which have led to it have been long operating, and would have produced this result whether I had ever speculated on that subject, and whatever might have been the fate of my speculations.

If any one shall endeavour to account for the opinions stated in these pages by ascribing them to any imagined circumstance peculiar to myself, I think he will be mistaken. That science has long been neglected and declining in England, is not an opinion originating with me, but is shared by many, and has been expressed by higher authority than mine. I shall offer a few notices on this subject, which, from their scattered position, are unlikely to have met the reader's

Figure 10: Decline of Science in England, Preface