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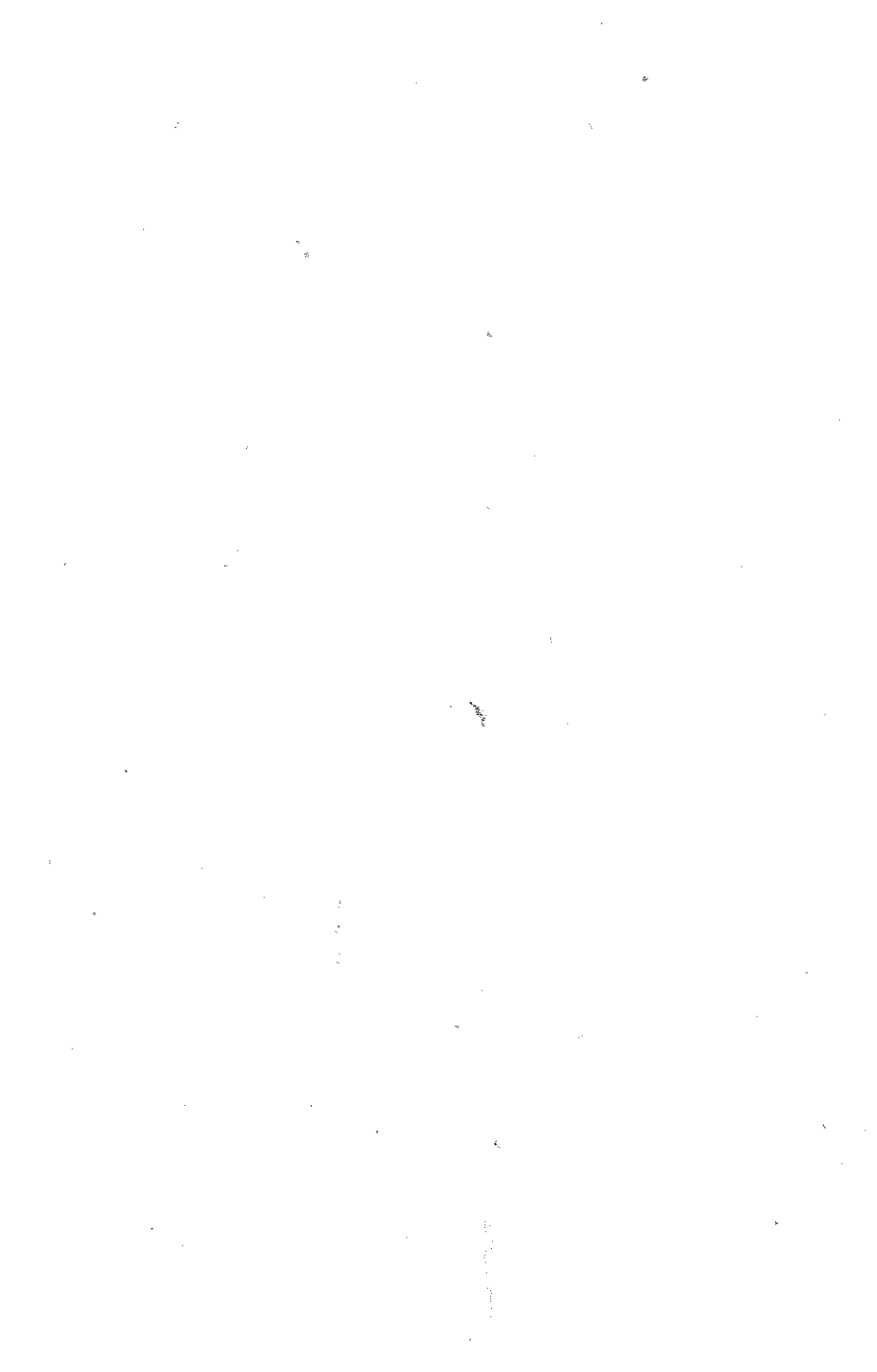


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Already thousands of families have been led to transform their whole scheme of living as a result of their studies at the School, or reading of its Research Bulletins. These families have left cities; they have often changed the work by which they formerly supported themselves; they are on the road to real security and independence.

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