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Century

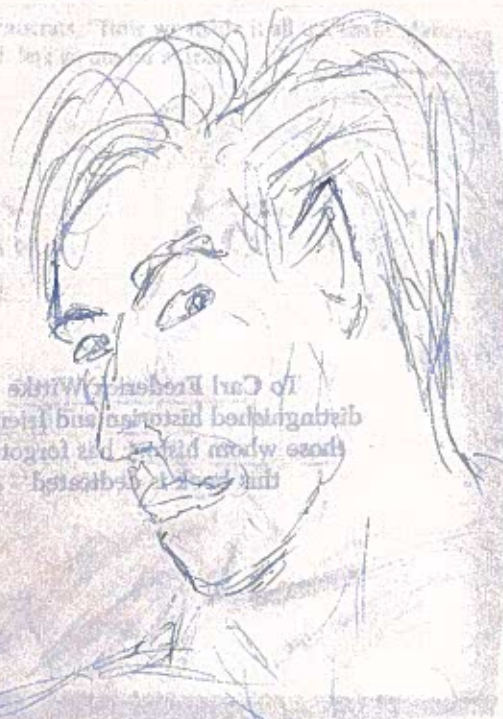
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To Carl Friedrich (Wittke)
distinguished historian and friend of
those whom history has forgotten
the first of his kind

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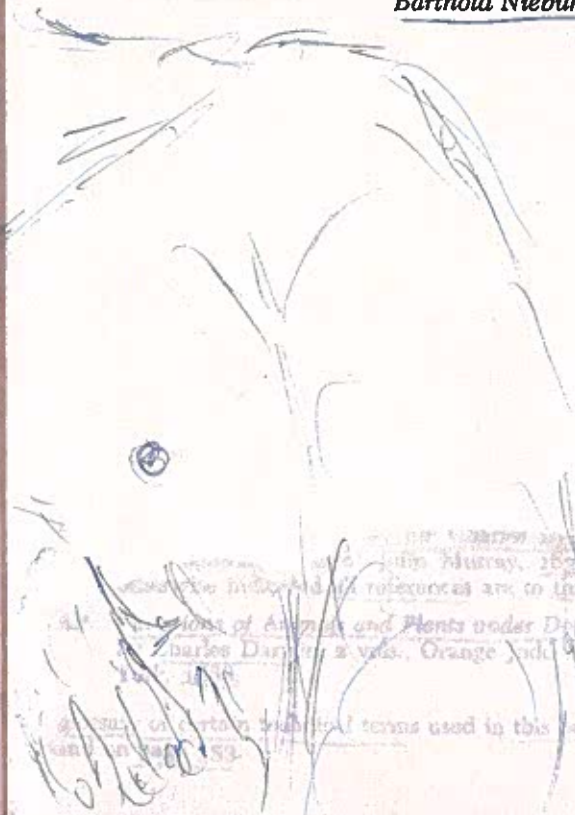
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The gods
made Loren
god of
intellectual
historians

He who calls what has vanished back
again into being, enjoys a bliss like that
of creating.

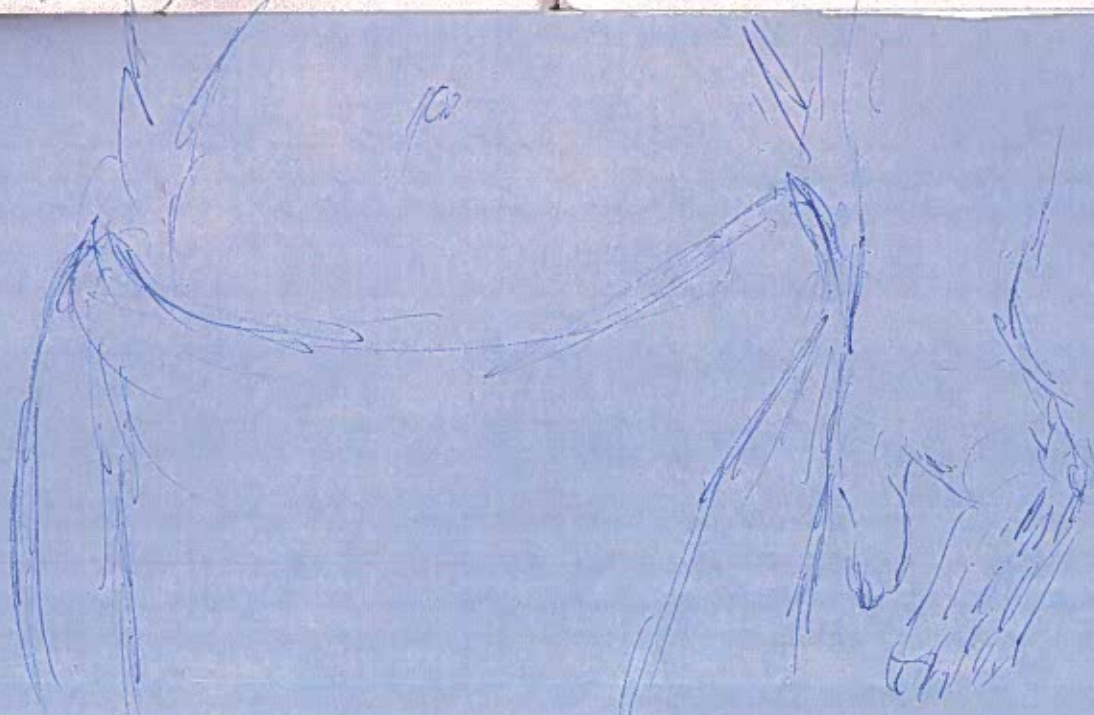
Barthold Niebuhr



by John Murray, 1881. (Unless
otherwise indicated, all references are to this edition.)

Origins of Animals and Plants under Domestication
Charles Darwin, 2 vols. Orange Judd & Co., New
York, 1845

Some of the terms used in this book will be
explained in the Glossary.



to hear from bureaucrats. "Time we made it all up, then! Marcus Didius, old friend, let's go out for a drink . . ."

"Meanwhile
the Arvals
were hearing
a discourse
on the
heliocentric
universe of
Aristarchos
of Samos"

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and most dreadful fate of all, there passed away from that proud, world-famous man the knowledge even of his own name. There remained in his garden only the dried husk of an old plant among new flowers reaching for the sun.

He lived in his
"fenced-in" garden

"No symbol
in his mental decline
just what flesh
is heir to.
The height
of his powers
in humane
genius"

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Carolus Magnus

Linnaeus

(1707-1778)



To Carl Frederick Wittke
distinguished historian and friend of
those whom history has forgotten
this book is dedicated

1892
-1971

"Carl"
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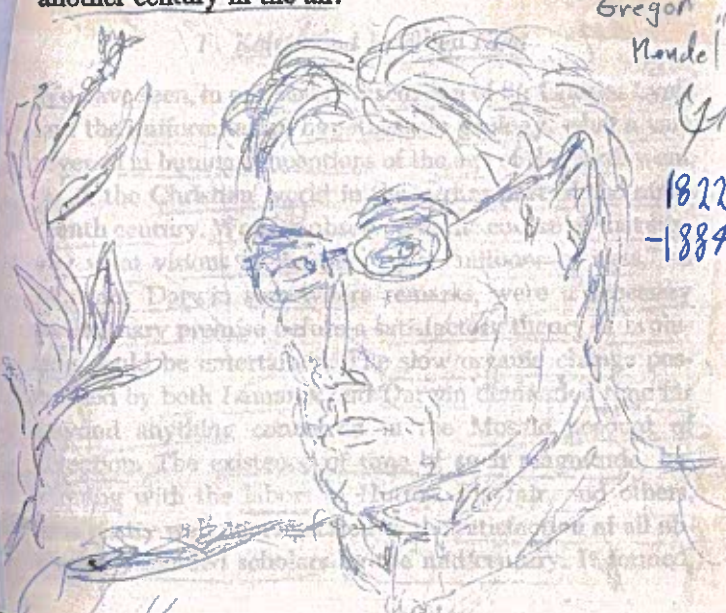


... it was the indelible echo of
another century in the air.

"Gregor
Mandel"

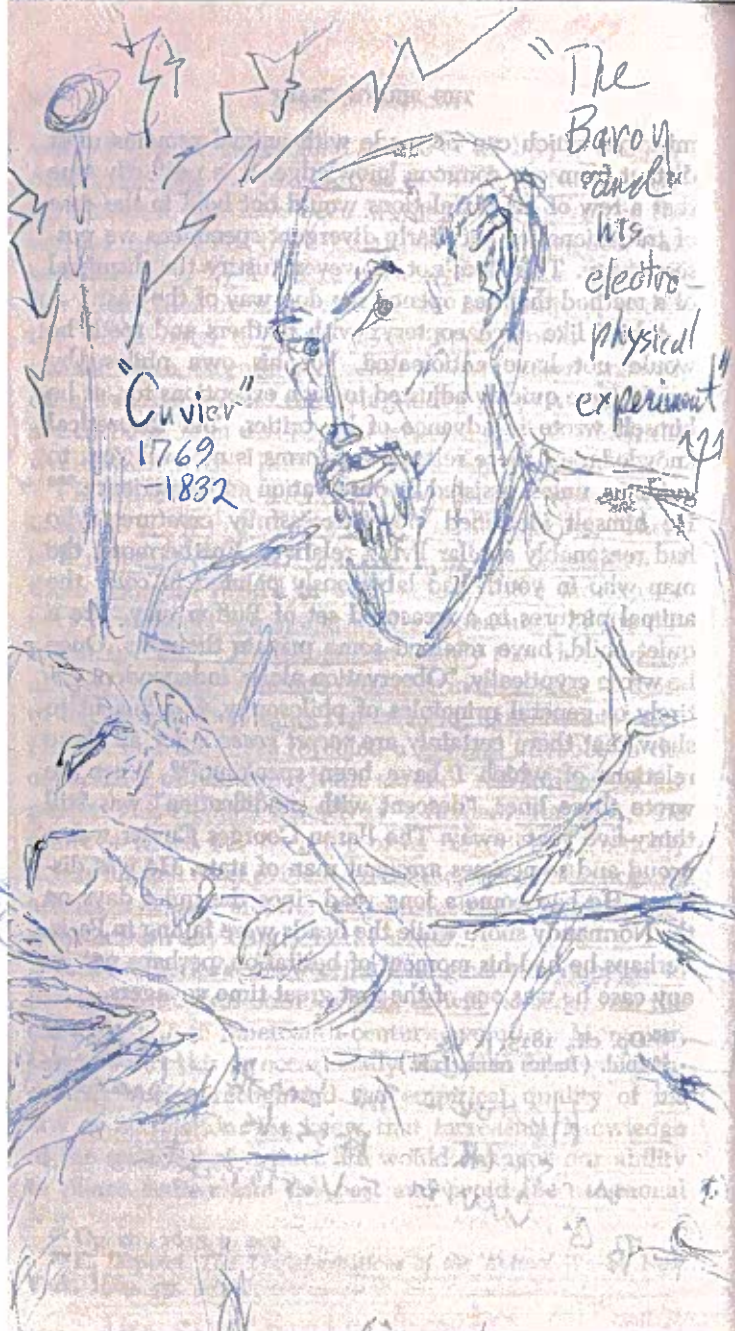
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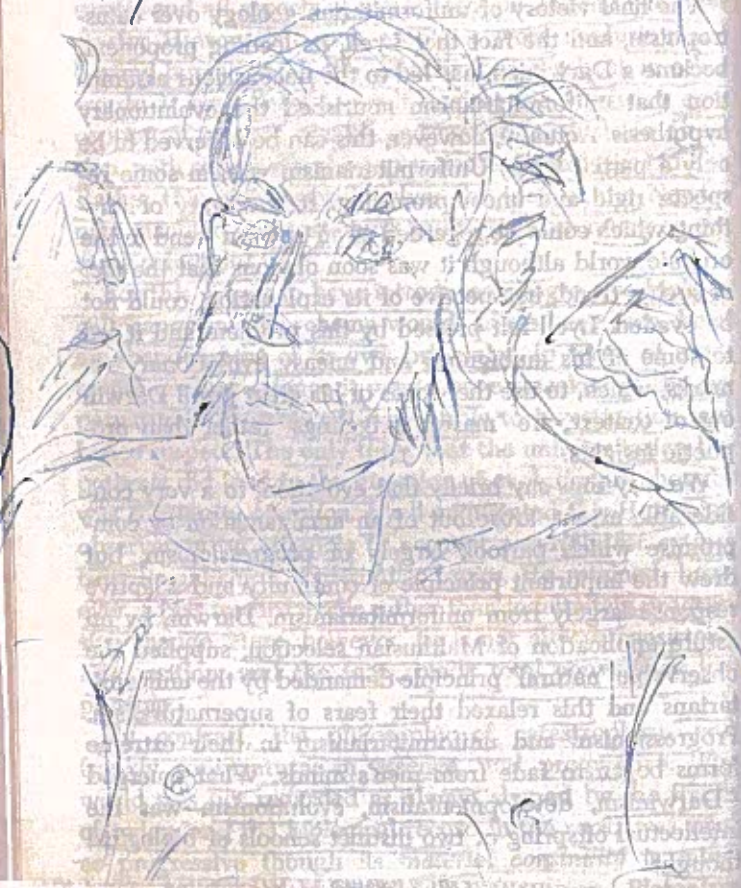


"The Principles of Geology"
 — Here's to the professor of
 Geology, master of all
 Natural history

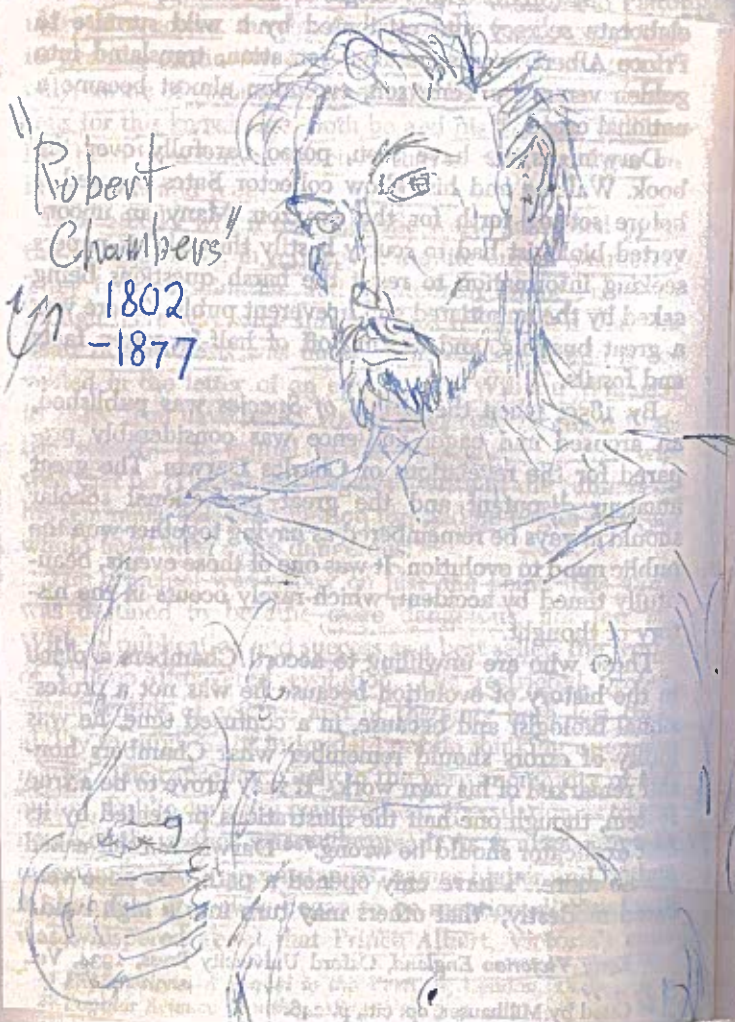
"Vestiges of
 the Natural History
 of Creation" (1844)



Charles Lyell (1797-1875)



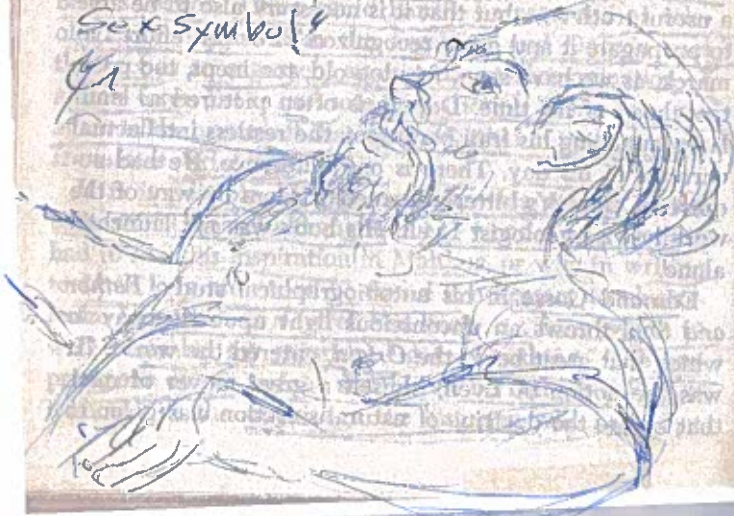
"Robert
 Chambers"
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48 Wm. Heinemann, Windmill Library ed., London, 1928, p. 106.
 Gosse's memory seems slightly at fault here. The date was most
 probably the summer of 1858.

"Charles Darwin 1809-1882
 Sex Symbol"



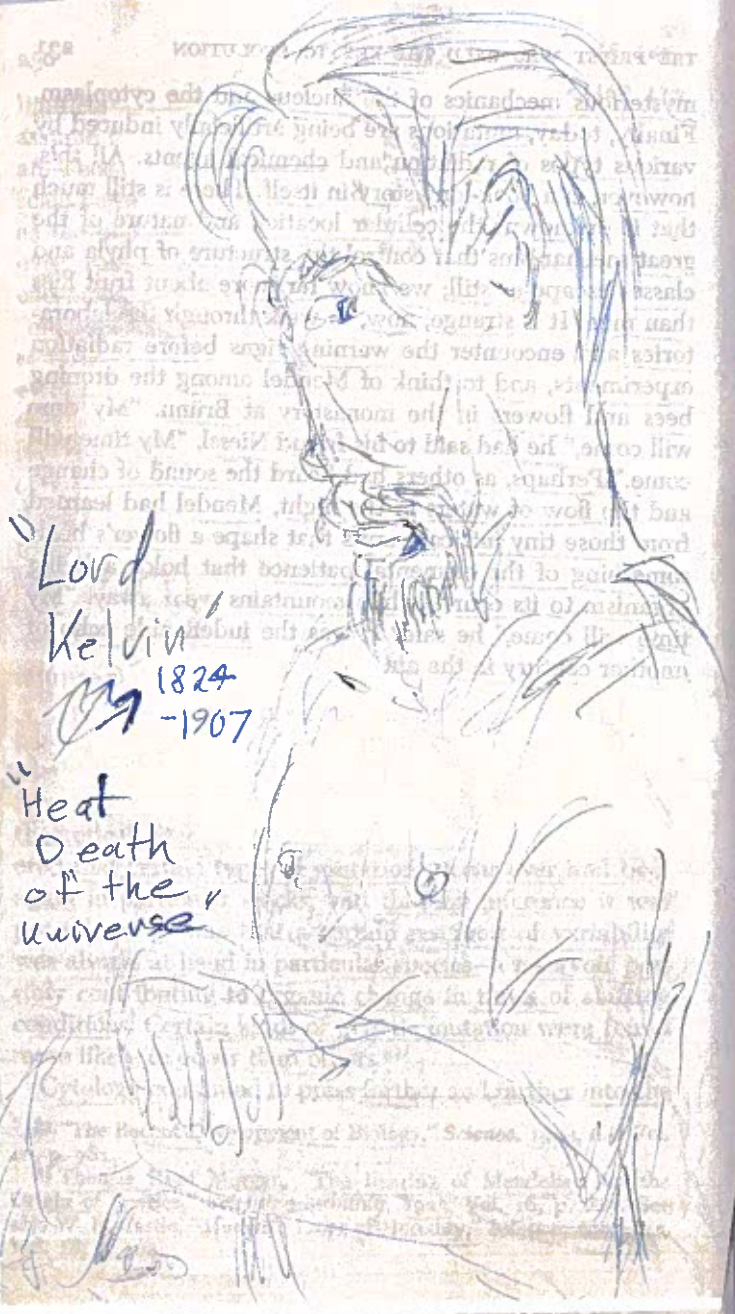
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"The Neanderthal
 in us all"



"Lord
 Kelvin 1824
 -1907"

"Heat
 Death
 of the
 universe"



"Whither
 Man?"

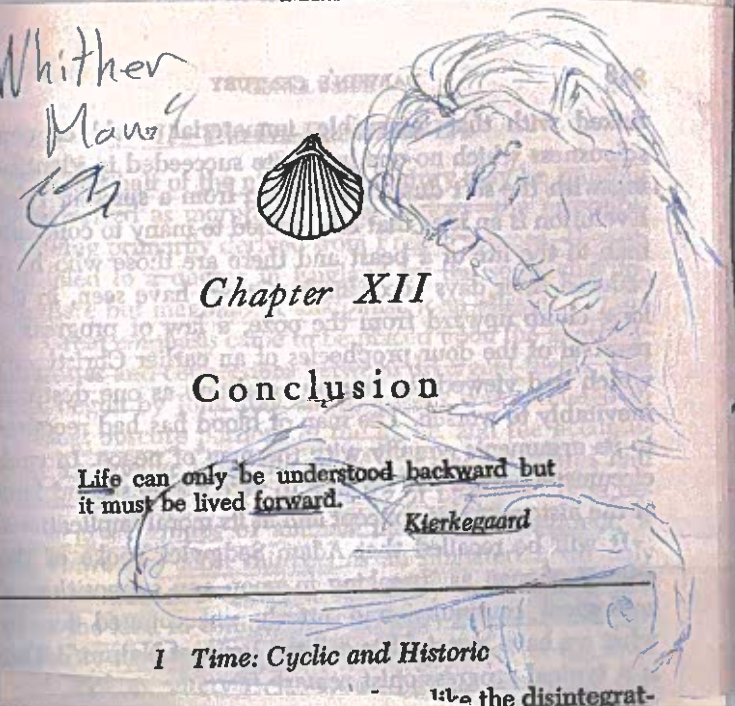


Chapter XII

Conclusion

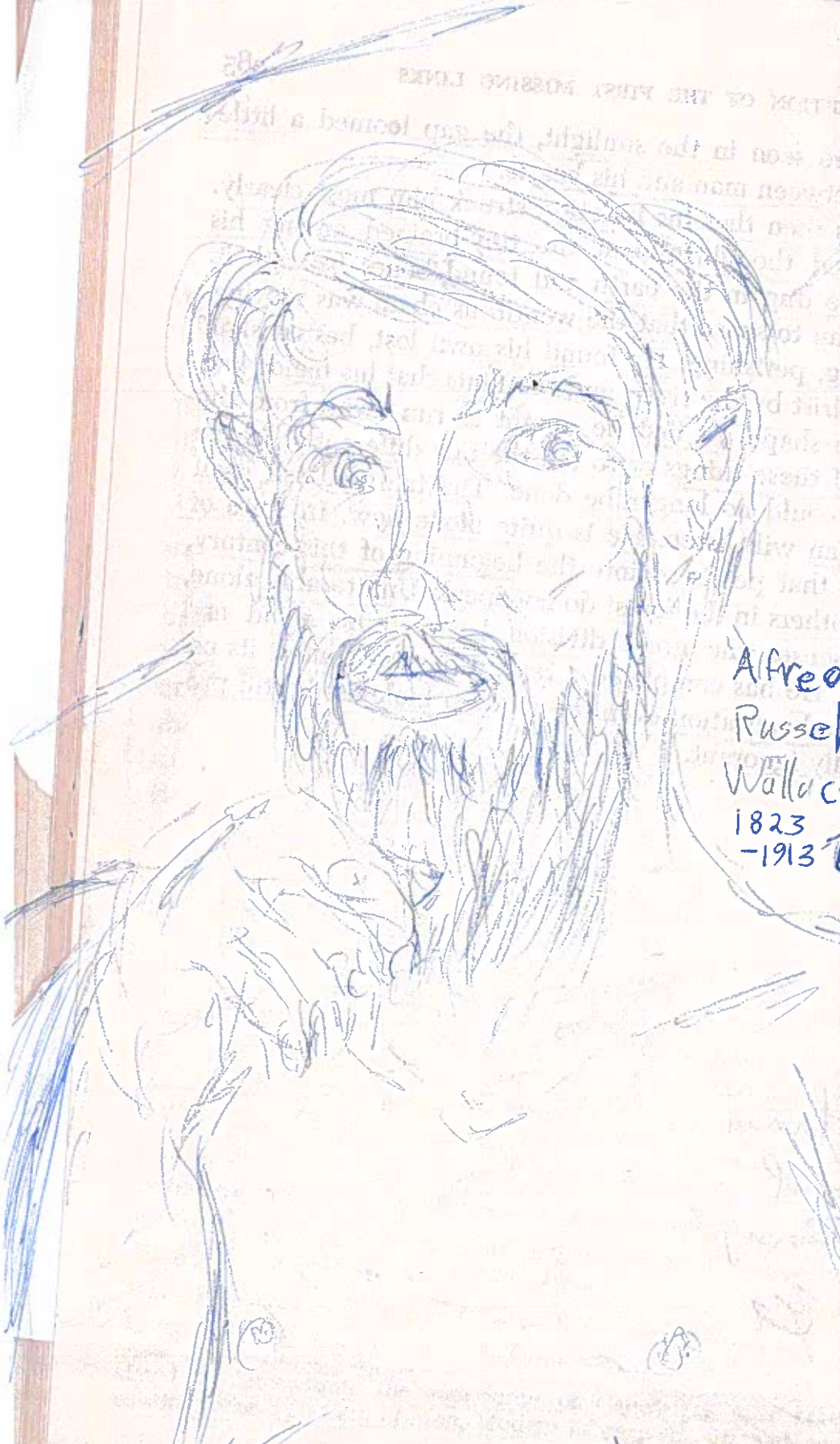
Life can only be understood backward but
 it must be lived forward.

Kierkegaard



I Time: Cyclic and Historic

the disintegrat-



Alfred
Russel
Wallace
1823
-1913



Chapter

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The difference between key and the hand of a when they are both pl table, but in that diffe be, lies the whole diffe gan limited to the cli plucking of fruit, and correlated with man's by its aid the Earth is tance of the sun is mea

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"As evolution came to be the men of science," remarked was to be anticipated that it of the human mind, would have seen in the last chapt unconscious motivations of human and animal nature, to each other as possi ing the evolutionary gap wh between man and his existi

¹ Anonymous, "The Origin of Species," 1889, Vol. 170, p. 359.