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Born in 1802 in Elgin, James Grant first established himself as a reporter and then as a leading newspaper editor in Victorian London, heading the *Morning Chronicle* for two decades before moving on to the *Christian Standard*. His 1839 *Travels in Town* was designed as a companion piece to his earlier reflections on London, *The Great Metropolis* (1838) and *Sketches in London* (1838). This two-volume work reflects Grant's enthusiasm for 'this modern Babylon' and his lively interest in the intricacies of everyday life there. Interweaving general descriptions with specific local information, Volume 2 describes the post office and bookselling in Paternoster Row before turning its attention to the city's various religious denominations. Grant, an ardent Calvinist, concludes with reflections on London's moral state.

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