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TO THE
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OF NORTHAMPTON AND MONROE,
WHO BEGAN LIFE IN THE PAST CENTURY,
AND WHO ARE WITH US TO-DAY,

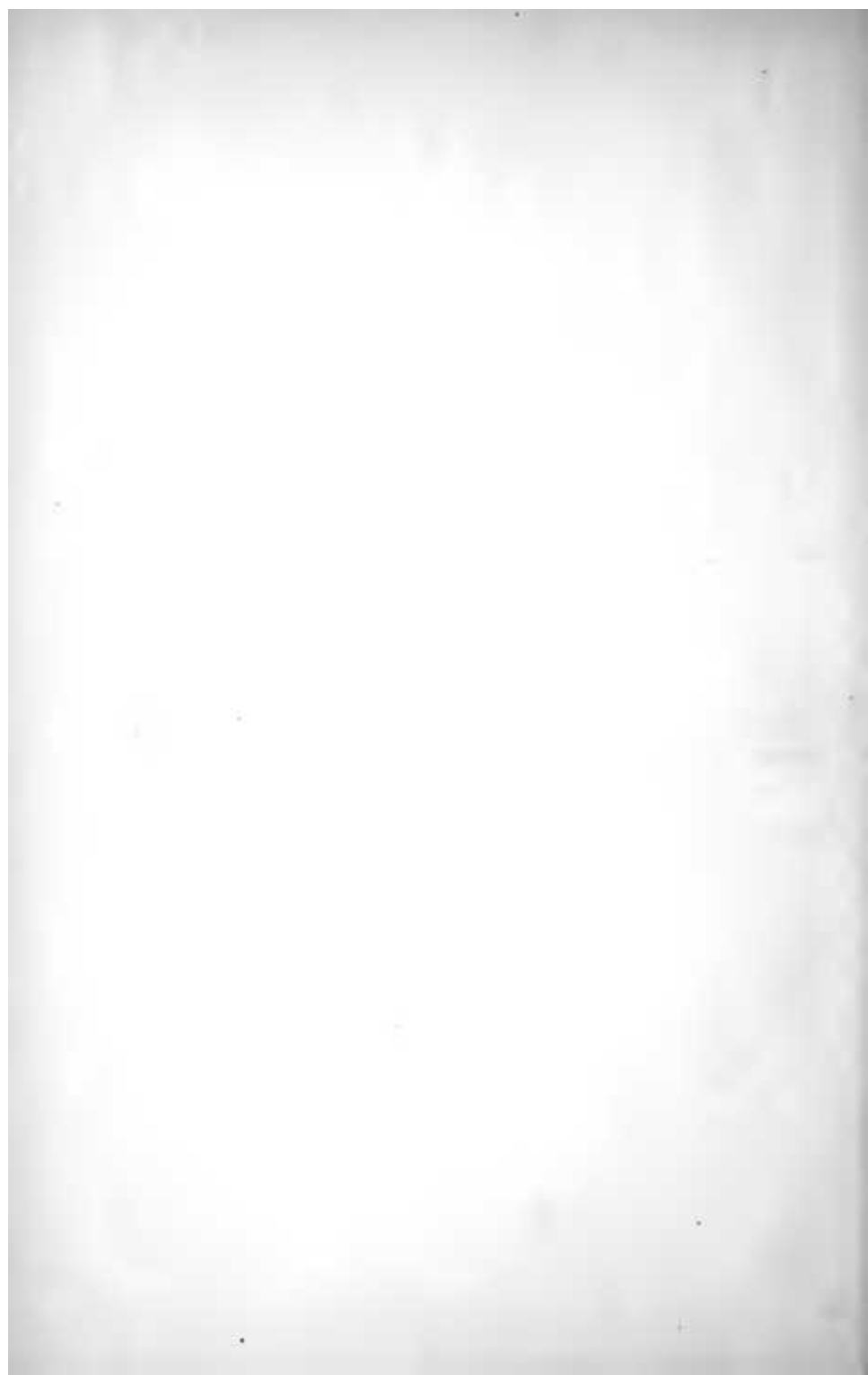
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THIS little volume has been drawn together by frequent conversations with the aged pilgrim with whom those talks were had. His mind operates slowly, and in its operations it often slides out of the channel upon which it first sets out, upon thoughts or topics suggested as he goes along. For this reason the book has been divided into chapters, with dates somewhat mixed.

As the old blood becomes sluggish in its flow through the system, so, too, the mind, in sympathy with the body, loses its earlier elasticity, although, like the blood, it still exercises its wonted purpose. And this arrangement of Nature is well, for thus the body and the mind work in unison to the end, and that calmness which prepares for the final separation of body and soul, comes gently, unconsciously on, loosing the hold to earth, and preparing for heaven. Oh, how beautiful is this calm, yet cheerful spirit of the old! How it attracts and makes us happy to be near such, creating a reverential feeling

within us, that makes us forget the toils of life to look complacently on the loosing of the "silver cord," and the opening to the beautiful land Beulah!

The historic part of this volume is, of course, fragmentary, touching here and there the early settlement of the Pennsylvania side of the river valley reaching from Easton to Bushkill. The picture of to-day is in wide contrast with that of one hundred and seven years ago. Then, the Indians claimed all this valley region, and the white settlements only here and there showed a clearing, and the struggle for the mastery had not closed. Now, the red men are all gone, and the evidences of the superiority of our race are shown on every hand, proving that the Supreme Being had reserved this country for the enterprise and development of a new people and a new dispensation.

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