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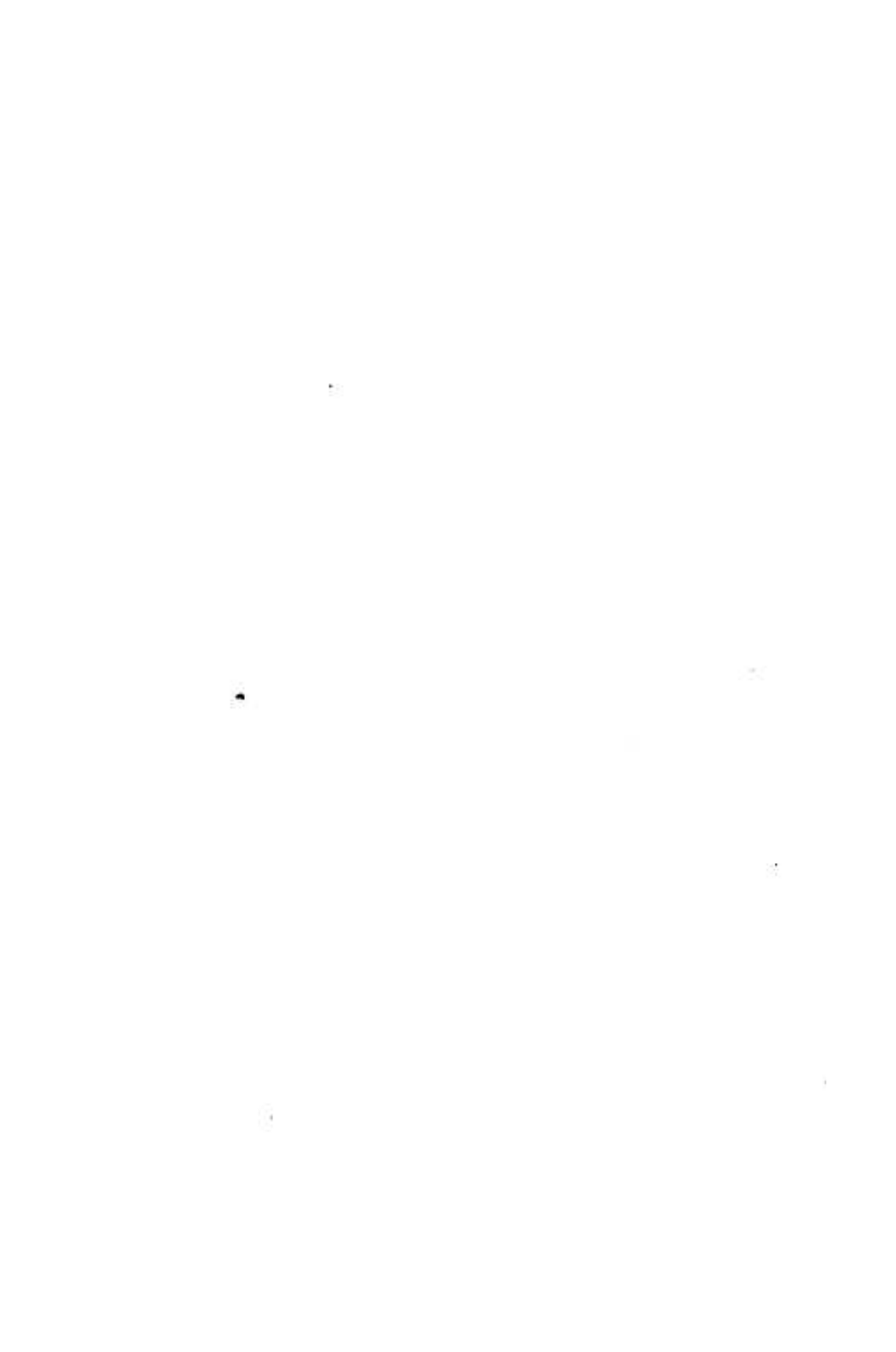
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Inscribed
TO
THE MEMORY
OF
THOMAS WADE
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THE copy of *Queen Mab* upon which Shelley worked to produce the revised fragment published in 1816 with *Alastor* as *The Dæmon of the World* has been lost to the ken of Shelley-students and enthusiasts for many years. It was described in Medwin's *Life of Shelley* as a very much cut-down and altered version of *Queen Mab*. A somewhat similar account of the book was given in Middleton's *Shelley and His Writings*,

with an intimation that the revised book would soon be published.

Since that time there has not been, as far as I know, any public notice tending to keep track of this precious volume. It remained, in point of fact, in the hands of Mr. Brooks the publisher, who gave it to Thomas Wade, the poet of *Mundi et Cordis Carmina*, not many years ago. From the time of Wade's death, in comparative seclusion, this book was reverently preserved by his widow, who, on learning that I was looking up all available material for an exhaustive edition of Shelley's