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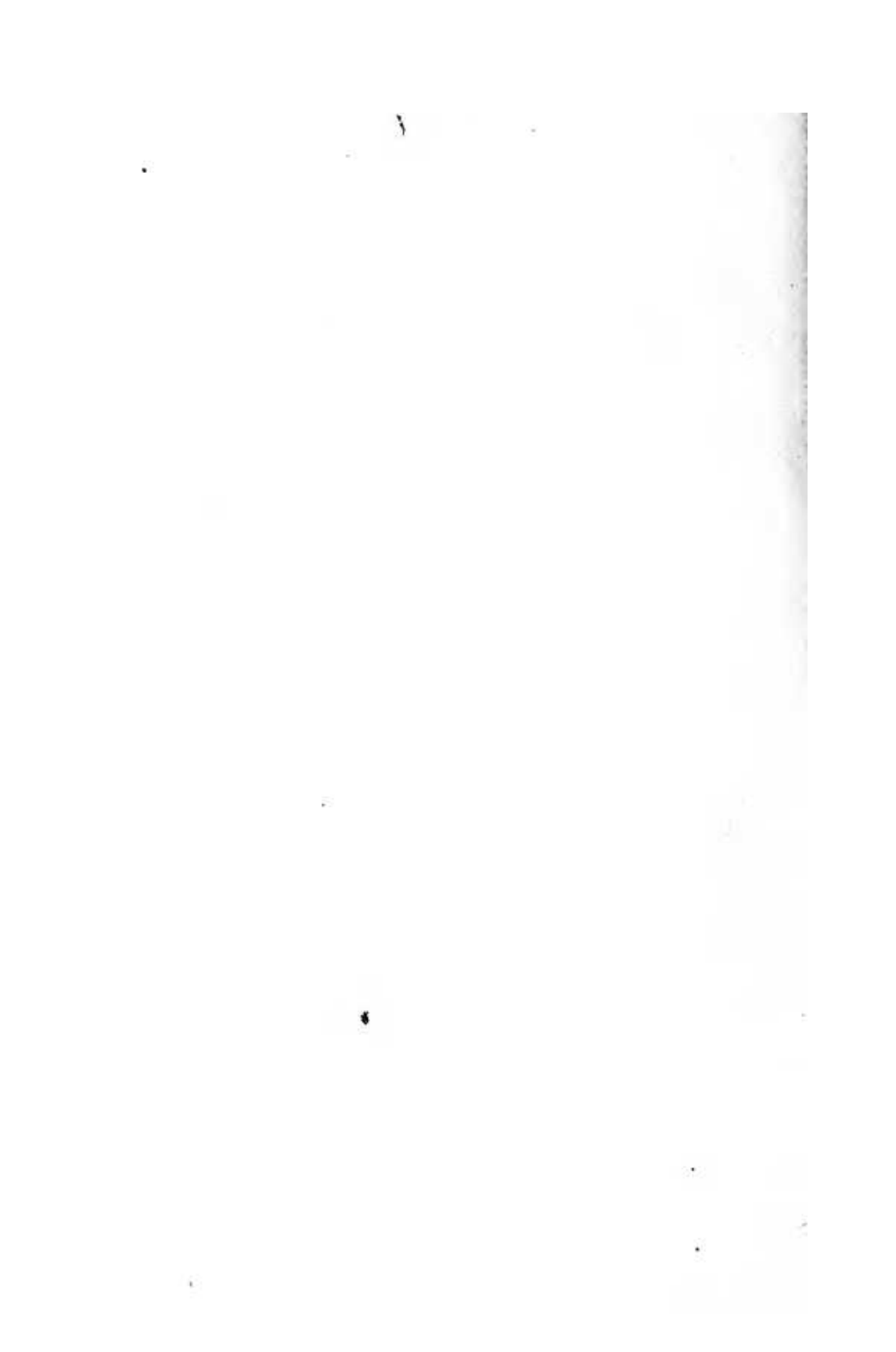
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PREFACE

THE following dissertation is the outcome of a three years' study of the subject of crime in all its phases on the general basis of Professor Giddings' explanation of society as a product of like response to stimuli. A study of the works of the so-called "Italian School" of Criminal Anthropologists and of those of their foremost American contemporaries resulted in the working-out of the writer's own theories in regard to crime and the criminal set forth herein. Owing to the widespread aversion to the subject in general, a special effort has been made to present it in as popular phraseology as possible, under the impression that reforms can come only as a result of a general understanding of the situation in the minds of the people. This effort accounts for a notable lack of scientific expression in the work, popular terms being substituted for technical ones wherever possible. The works of Lombroso and Maudsley have been of exceptional value, as have those of E. Ferri, Havelock Ellis and Dr. Drähms. Special thanks are due to Dr. Giddings for his kindly interest.

It is the author's ambition to enlarge upon the present text in a still more popular and comprehensive form at some future time.

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