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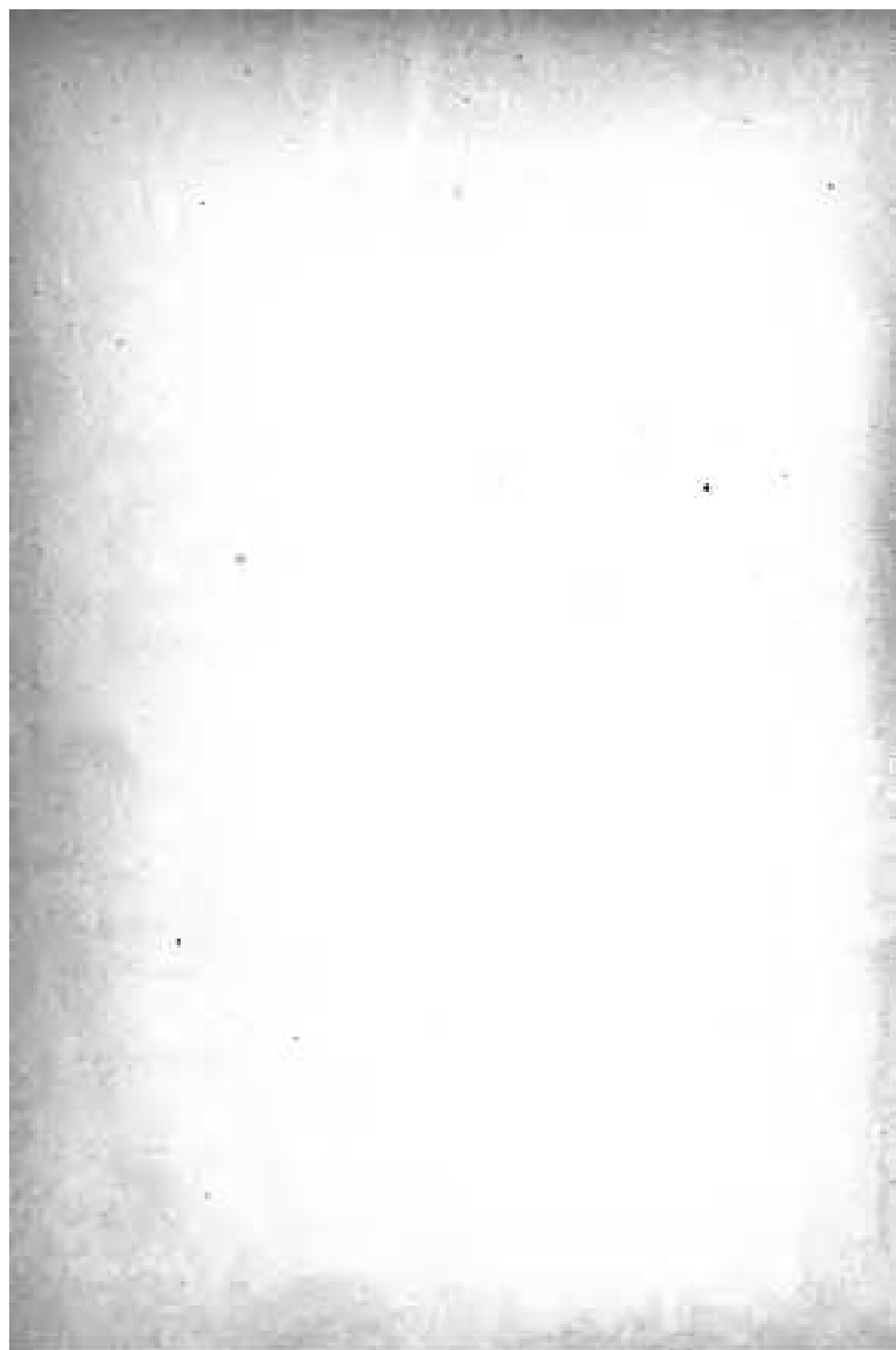
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Very little need be said by way of Preface to this volume of "Tales in Prose," except what is in grateful courtesy due to my friendly critics, who have so cordially and handsomely received its predecessor, "The Tales in Verse," and through whom it has at once obtained so extensive a circulation.

These very pleasing "Tales in Prose" having come into our possession, we have, so far as regards the appearance of the volume, endeavoured to do justice to the amiable and accomplished authoress.

W. AND R. CHAMBERS.

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