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STORM PETREL AND NEWLY-HATCHED YOUNG.

Note the large raised opening of the nostril,

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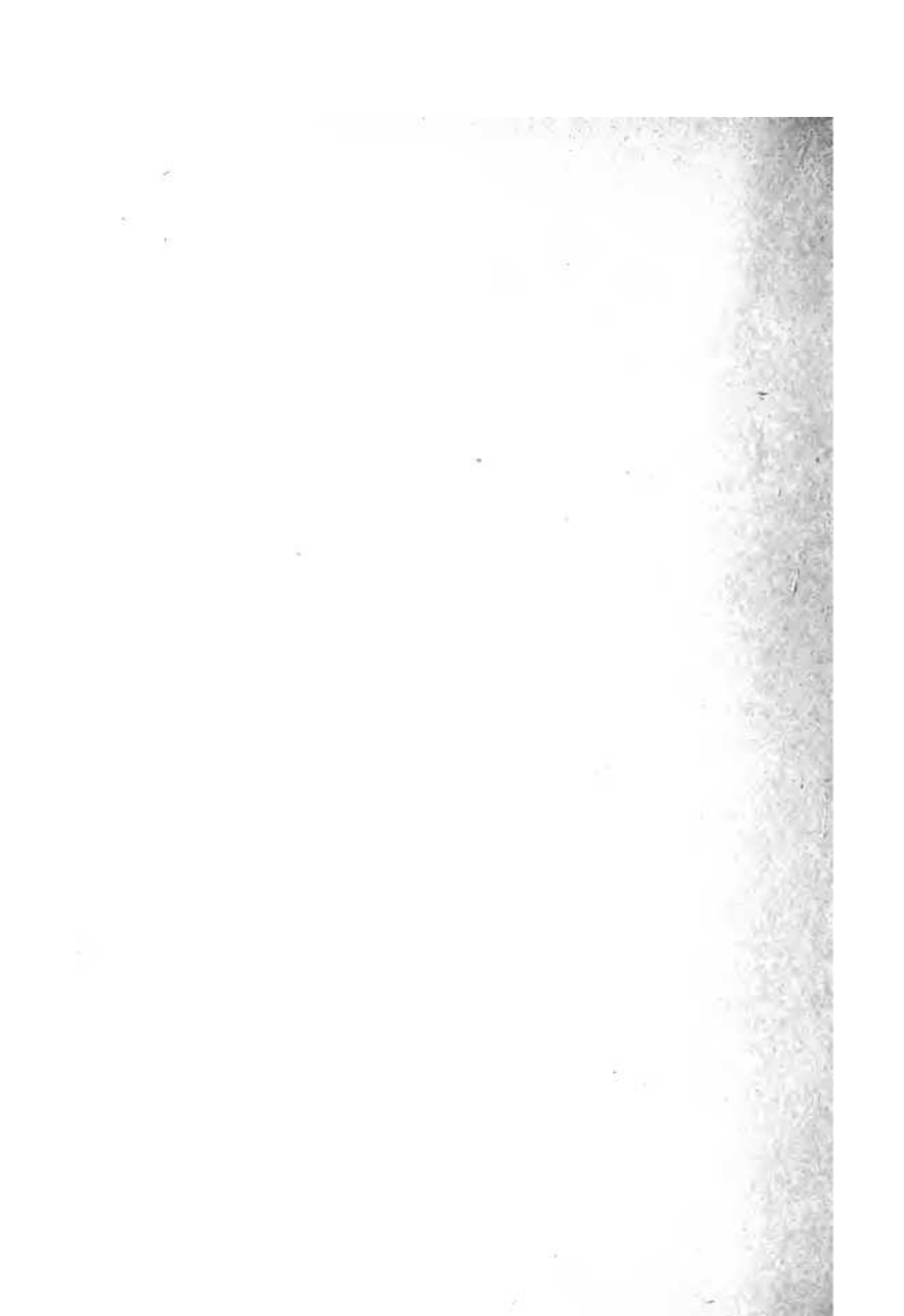
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In Memory of

R. F. H. C.,

Whose companionship on many a climb
made the hill seem less steep
, and the way less long.



FOREWORD

IN these pages I have attempted to set down the varied experiences which fall to the lot of the nature lover in his wanderings. They deal chiefly with the highlands of Scotland and their birds, but the reader will find descriptions of the Northumbrian coast in winter, the Aran Islands west of the Irish coast, and a hill pass of the Pyrenees.

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