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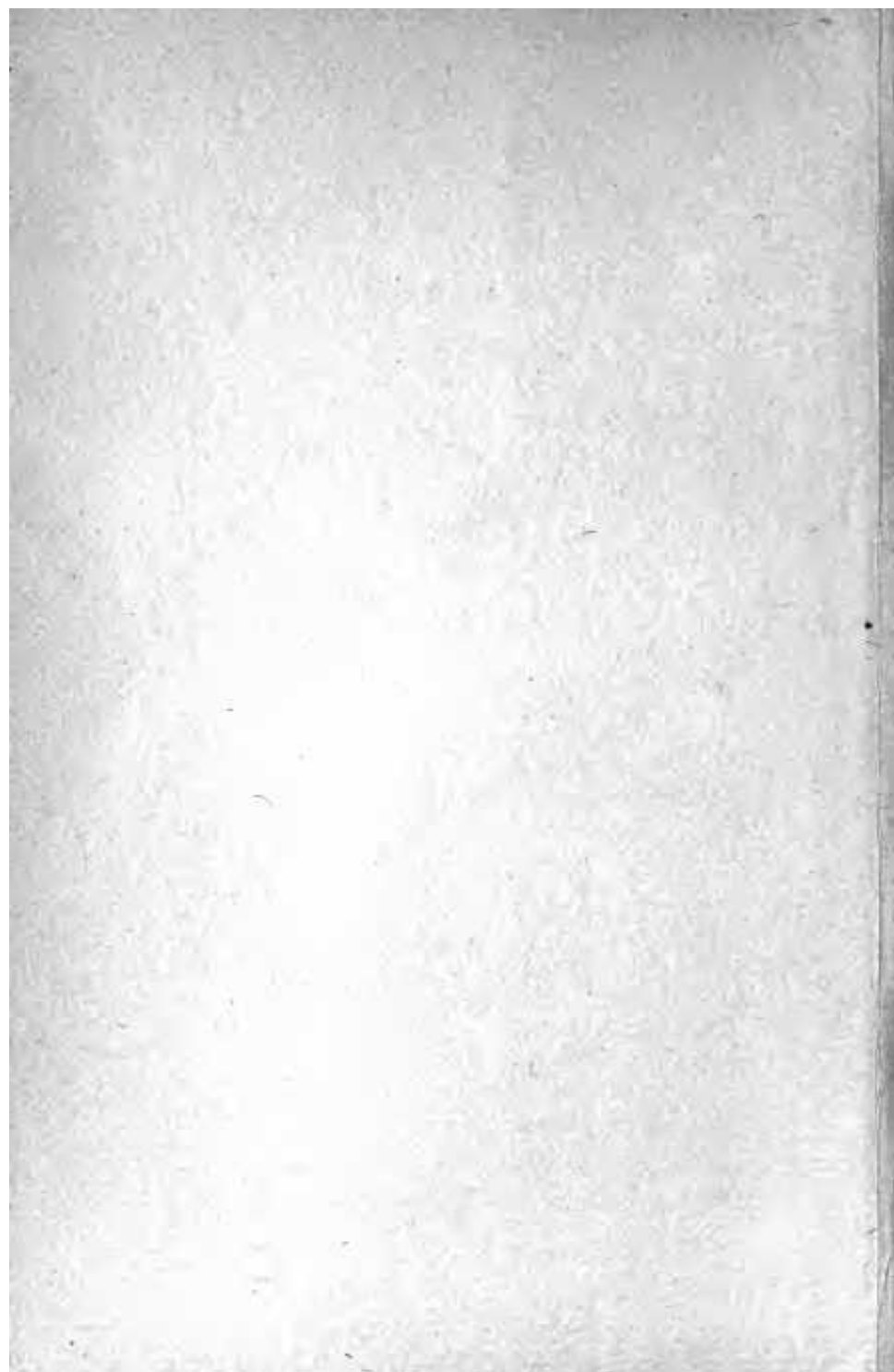
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And even if this new volume be not, as I should wish, more worthy of your acceptance, it records, at all events, many more places we have been at together, and some fifteen years' additional perfect comradeship in various remote or close at hand, delectable spots of this, on the whole, best of all possible worlds. And so, to our next happy meeting and sallying-forth together to bring the Genius Loci the oblation of our glad and reverent spirit.

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