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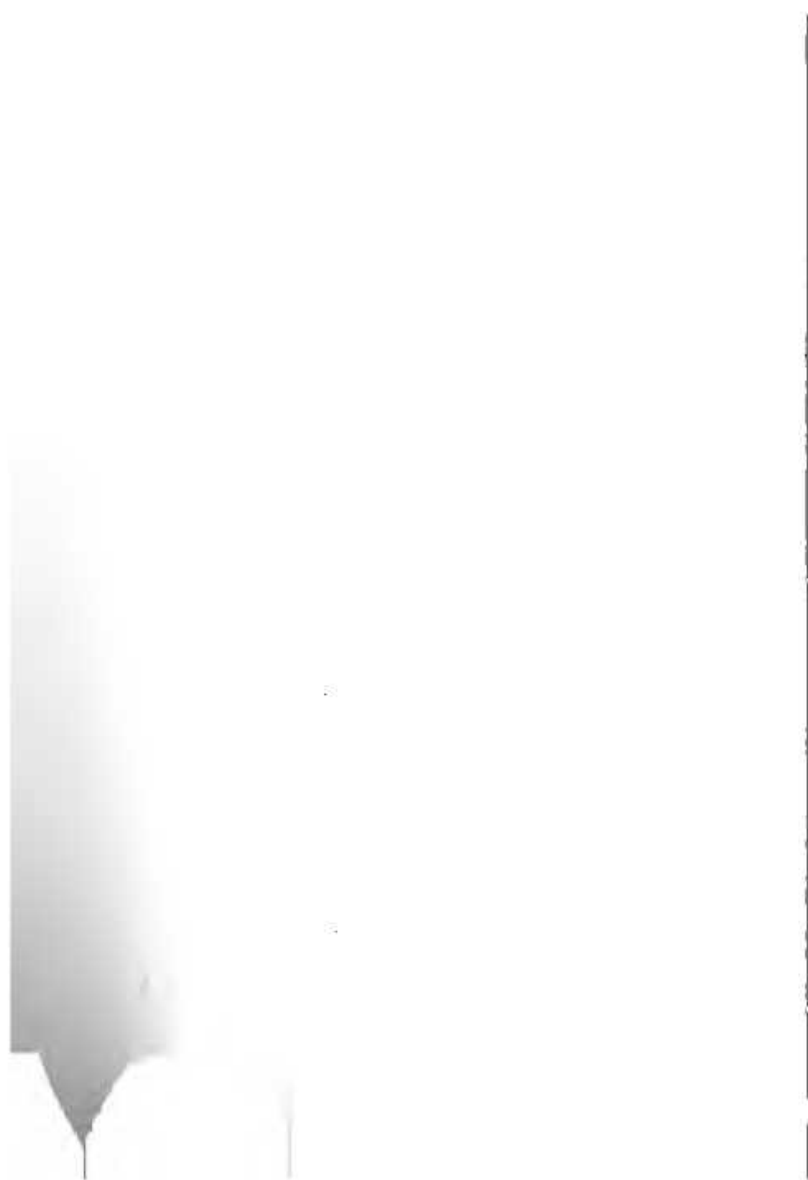
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DEDICATORY SONNET.



TO E. M.

(DEDICATORY SONNET.)

Dear wife and perfect friend ; my household queen,
 With watchful love making my home so dear,
 That all my work mere pastime doth appear,
If but thy fair face in my room be seen,
And the soft voice's music intervene
 Like melody itself the brain to clear
 Of o'erspun tissue of thought's atmosphere,
By gracious fancies where God's hand hath been,—
Men cannot rise, or so I think, to heights
 Where spirits pure as thine unconscious move :
But when such guidance on their way alights,
 Out of their weakness their own weakness prove,
And, what the hand in faltering verse indites,
 But pray to shew in unremitting love.



FLORIEN.

A TRAGEDY IN FIVE ACTS.