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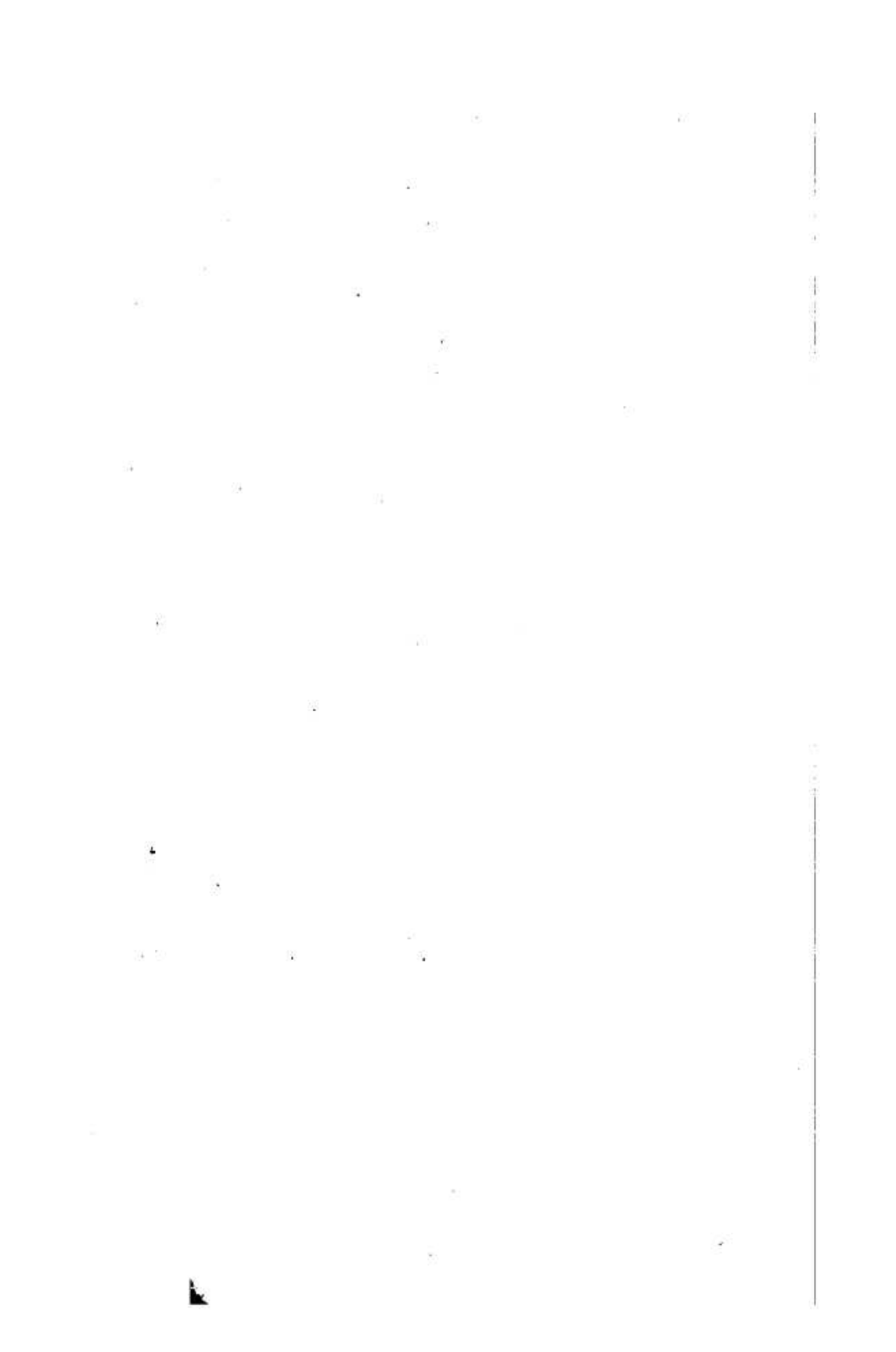
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## P R E F A C E.

THE object of the following treatise is twofold :—

It is intended first to exhibit *the condition of the Insane in Private Dwellings*, as it has been disclosed in Scotland through the operations of the General Board of Lunacy. In doing this, the manner in which the present Law affects them is described, and an account is given of the various ways by which the Board has endeavoured to render their condition satisfactory.

The second object is to show *the extent of proper treatment which can be found in Private Dwellings for a certain class of the Insane, and the necessity which exists for providing, for the accumulation of chronic cases in asylums, an outlet which shall meet the requirements of humanity and economy.*

The subject may be said to be a new one, but it is important as well as new, and therefore deserves to be carefully examined. In the fact that the writer has had unusual opportunities of becoming acquainted with its numerous aspects, lies his reason for attempting the examination which follows. For the opinions expressed, he alone is responsible ; but it will be observed that