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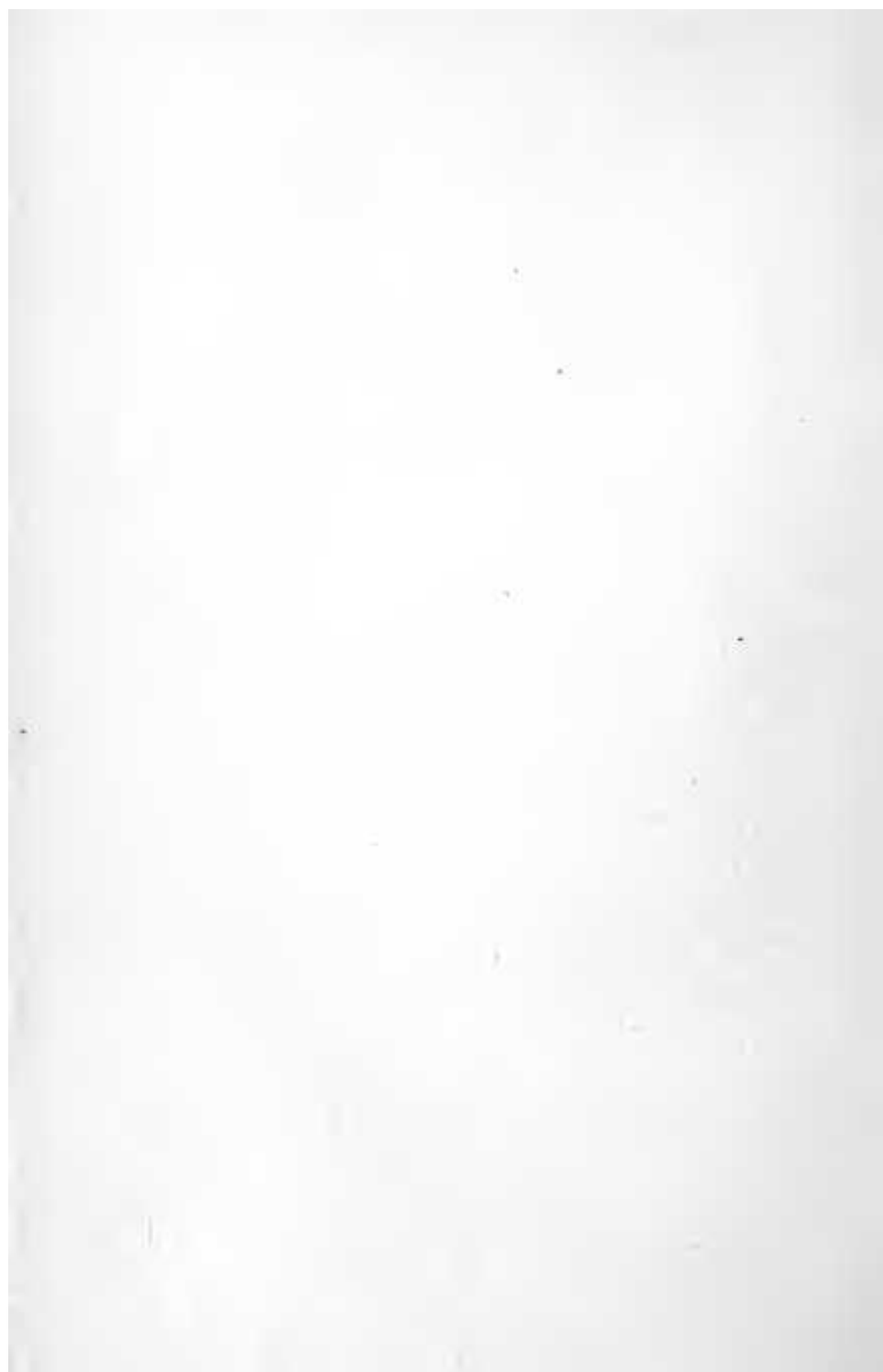
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PREFACE.

IF round the hearths in Winter,
Or in Autumnal days,
In the leisure hours of toilers,
Should be read these rugged lays,
These tales of Races sunk away
In Time's unfathomed haze ;
May they please the gracious readers,
And the audience that hears ;
May they picture to the fancy
In far-receding years
The lives of grey forefathers—
Old forefathers of the Drift,
Old Cave men, and old huntsmen
With spear and arrow swift ;
May they pass in open vision
As scenes that shift and shift
On the wide stage of human life ;
That who attends may know
From the first unto the latest day,
The stream of life doth flow—
That we are here because they lived
In ages long ago.



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