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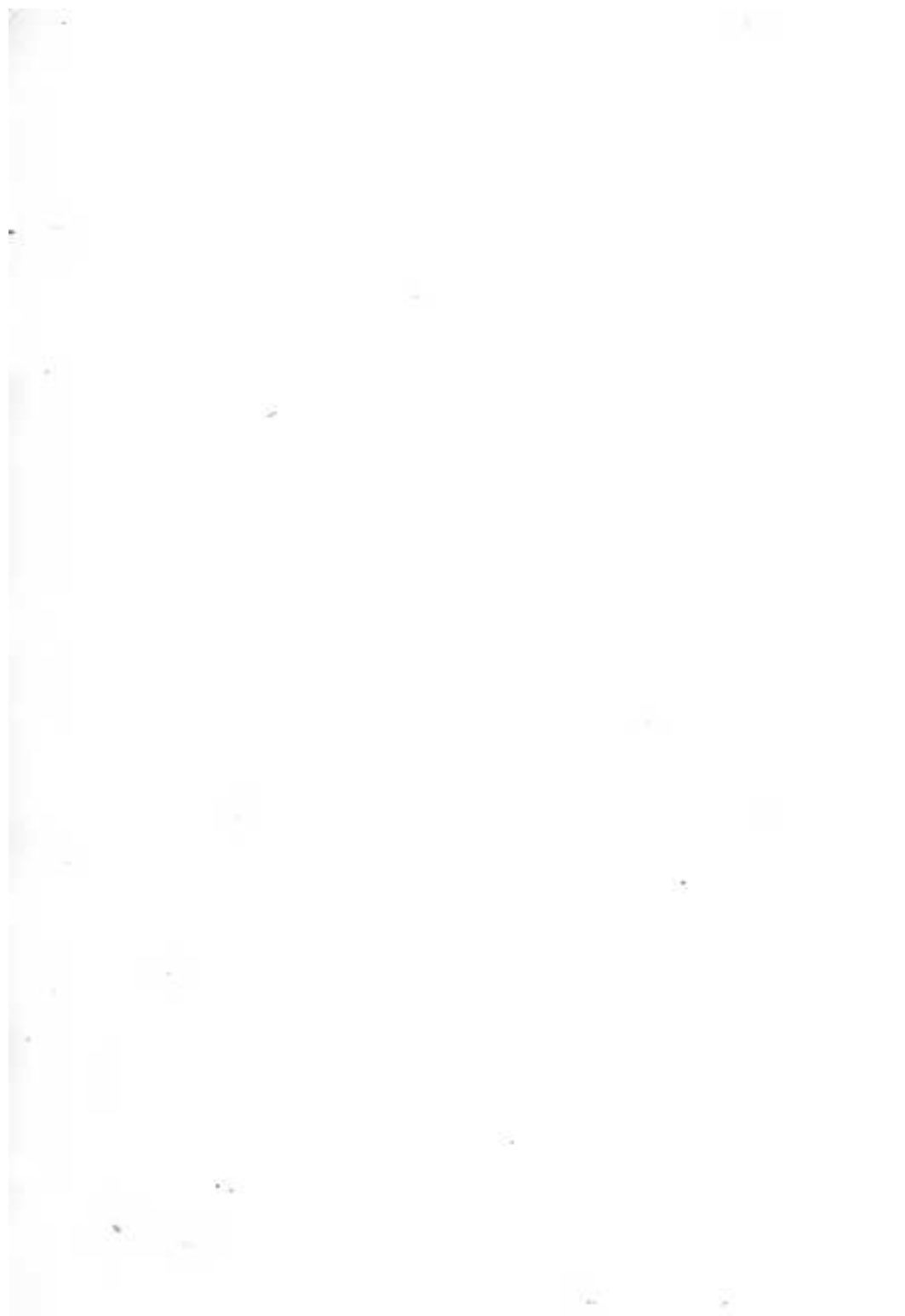
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CHAPTER I

IRELAND CHANGES HER MIND

WAR found Nationalist Ireland, after a century of wandering in the political wilderness, within sight of her goal. It did more; it unclasped the deadlock which the Palace Conference had failed to solve, and which threatened to produce one of two unfortunate alternatives, either such a recasting of the Home Rule Bill as would have embittered the relations between the component parts of the United Kingdom, or such an enforcement of the measure as would have caused permanent embitterment in Ireland itself. The relief of the minority at being rescued from the dire extremity of resistance was probably not greater than that of the reflecting section of the majority who realised that to set forth on self-government amidst storms of hatred would be