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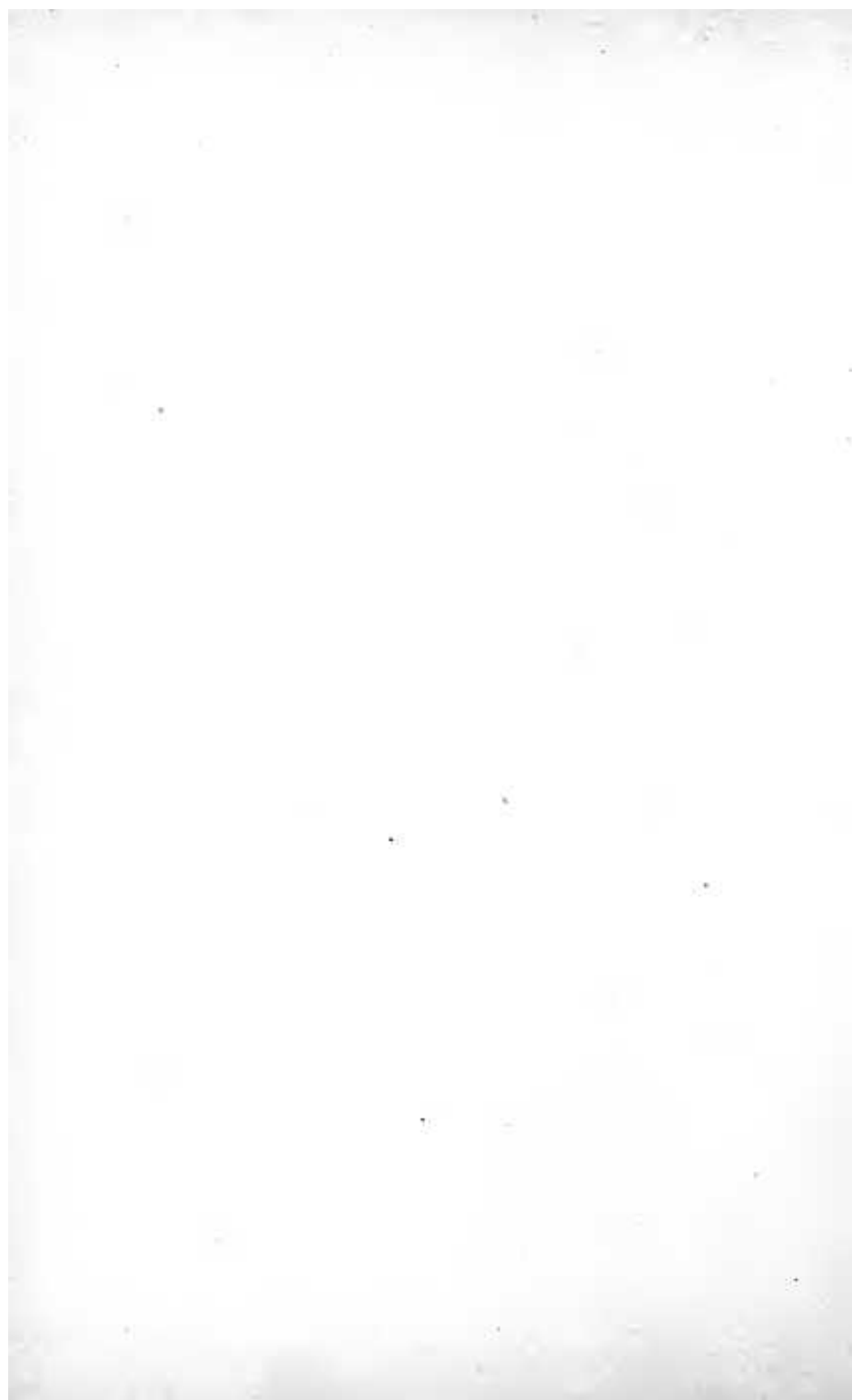
MY DEAR SHIPMAN:

I take great pleasure in inscribing this volume to you, and thus connecting your name newly with that of your old associate and friend. But for you I should, perhaps, never have known him myself; and but for you—I think you will understand what I can not here say.

Sincerely yours,

J. J. P.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH.

GEORGE DENNISON PRENTICE was born upon a farm in the township of Preston, New London county, Connecticut, December 18, 1802. He was the second of two sons, the only children of his parents. His father, Rufus Prentice, was a man of fair average English education, and his mother, Sarah Stanton, is said to have had some literary culture and taste. George D. had reached manhood before his father's death, which took place in July, 1826; but his mother died during his boyhood, in November, 1816. An interesting and affecting record of her death may be found in his blank-verse poem, entitled "My Mother," printed in this volume. His tender and mournful regret for her is also indicated in the more familiar lines, "At my Mother's Grave," which, I believe, were written before he entered college. She taught him to read in the Bible at a very early age, and gave him religious impressions which, I know, lasted throughout his life. Mr. Prentice, one of whose earliest distinct recollections was of the total eclipse of the sun in 1806, as he once told me, remembered also to have read several chap-