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41 Enter ye in at the strait gate, for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat.—Because strait is the gate and narrow is the way, that leadeth unto life, and few there be which find it.'—MATTHEW vii. 13, 14.

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PREFACE.



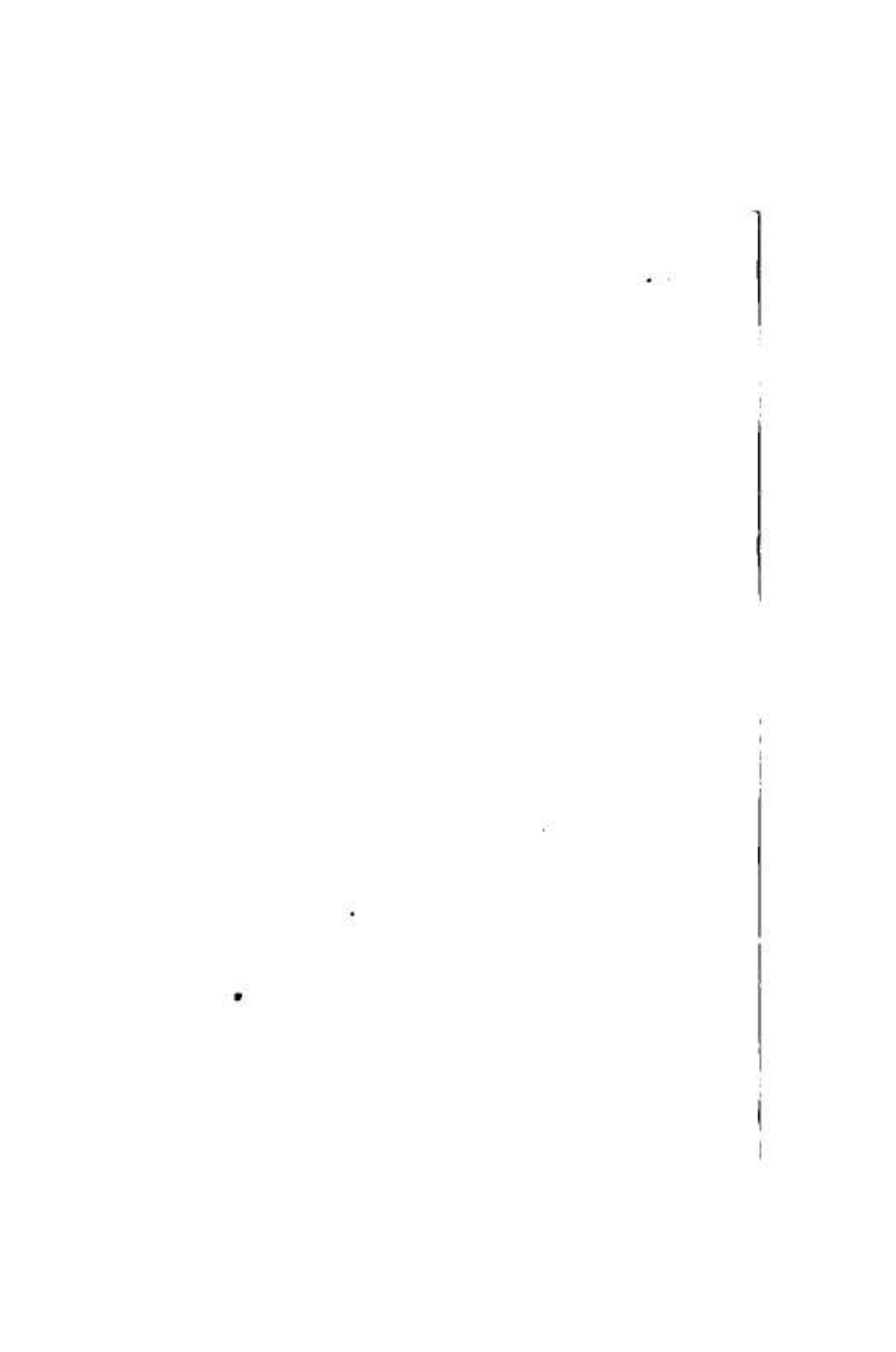
THE Author deems it unnecessary to say, that the following pages are but a borrowed ray from the unrivalled production of him who lived to describe the Pilgrim's Progress, and who has now entered on the enjoyment of the Pilgrim's Rest. He feels there is every apology needed for venturing thus to commit to the press another of the many faint echoes of that master mind. He has been induced to do so from practical experience of the power which Allegory has, even in its humblest form, in interesting and instruct-

ing youth. And if his hopes in this respect, under the Divine blessing, be in any degree realized in what follows, he will be willing to share in the censure which oft, not undeservedly, has fallen on a host of imitators, whose successive failures have only tended to demonstrate and enhance the value of the Great Original.

St. M——, 1850.

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The Great Journey.

CHAPTER I.

"Choose you, this day, whom ye will serve."—JOSHUA
xxiv. 16.

As I was walking along *the Highway of Time*, I came to a new *Milestone*; and being wearied with my journey, "I laid me down in that place to sleep; and as I slept, I dreamed a Dream."*

I dreamed! and, behold! methought I saw a wayfaring traveller, with a staff in his hand, and a burden on his back, setting out on a journey

* Pilgrim's Progress.