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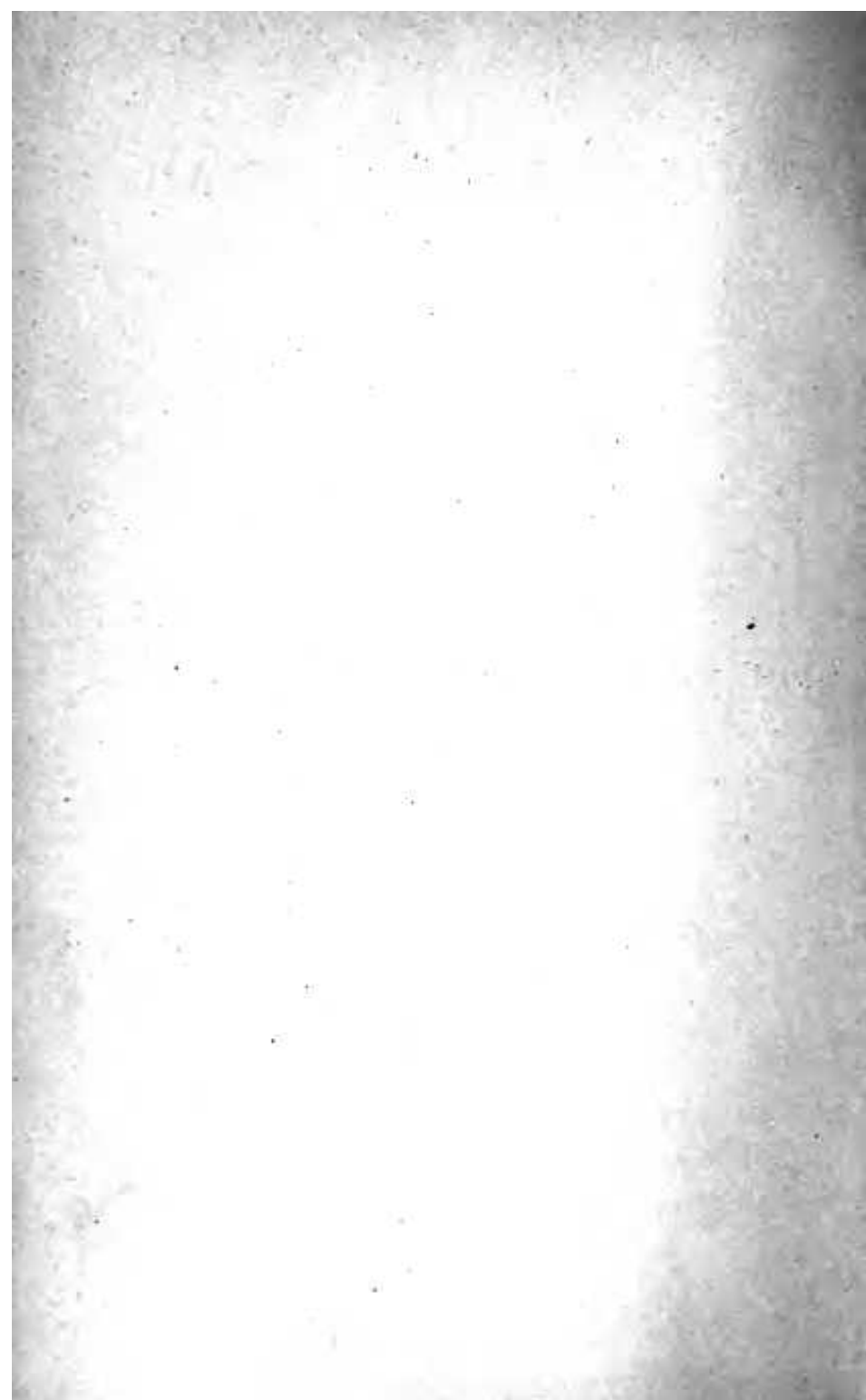
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## INTRODUCTION.

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THE following are mostly reprints from 'Blackwood's Magazine,' which at the desire of a number of friends are now collected in one volume.

They form a part of a series of notes from my diary, originally got together, with more serious matter, to be ready for the time when, with more years at my back and fewer anticipations of the pleasures of life, I might offer them to the public in grateful remembrance of days and men alike not to be forgotten, and when the weight of age might excuse the presumption of publishing the journal of one who has no title to be heard except the fortunate circumstances which brought him in contact, officially and socially, with many of the celebrities of the last quarter of a century.

If this instalment is not considered premature by the public, and affords it some recreation, I shall not continue to owe my advisers the grudge I rather feel disposed at present to entertain.

H. E. H. J.

"How quickly we lose the impression of that which ceases to be constantly before us! One year fades away: an age elapses: hardly anything remains distinctly before us except through an effort of memory. Then for a moment light is rekindled, but who can be certain that imagination is not the torch-bearer? Let any man try at the end of ten years to revive in his mind the features, the sayings, the habits of his dearest friend, and he will be surprised how extremely confused are all his ideas. I can judge of this better than any one else, having always been supposed to possess an excellent memory."—BYRON.

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