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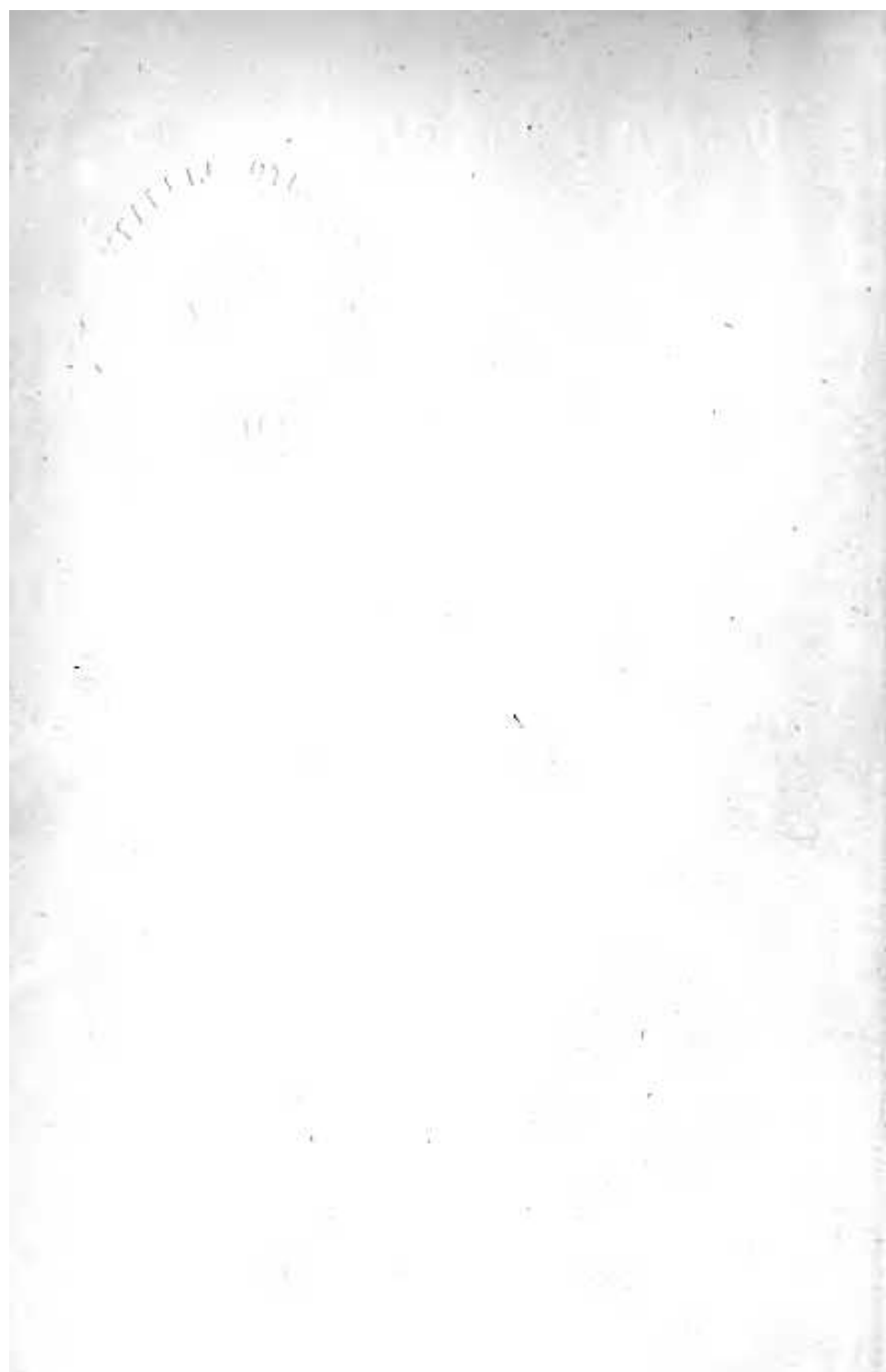
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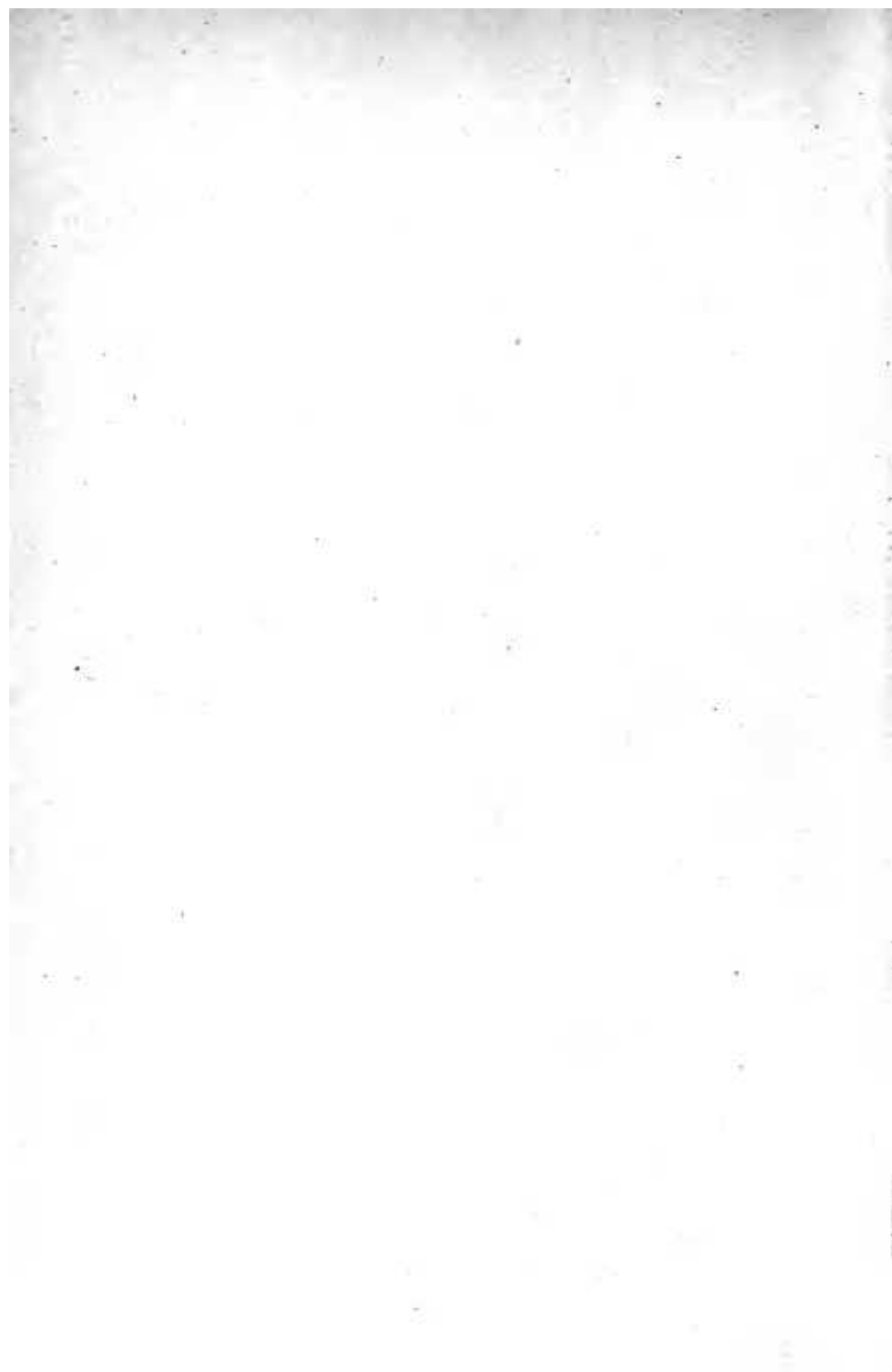
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FOR THE MANY BENEFITS RECEIVED FROM ONE AND ALL  
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## P R E F A C E.

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IN every being throughout animated nature, from the most insignificant insect to the most enlightened, on-nobled, and highly-developed human being, we notice a deeply-rooted love for one possession before all others, and that is the possession of *Life*. What will not a man give to preserve his life? What would he not give to prolong it? The value of riches, titles, honour, power and worldly prospects are as nought compared with the value which every sane man, however humble, and even miserable, places on the preservation of his life.

Human life, physically considered, is a chemico-animal operation; and whatever it may be as an abstract principle, the manifestations and phenomena of life are dependent upon matter in a state of change by the united powers of Nature, and are embodied in a few elementary and grand physical and chemical processes.