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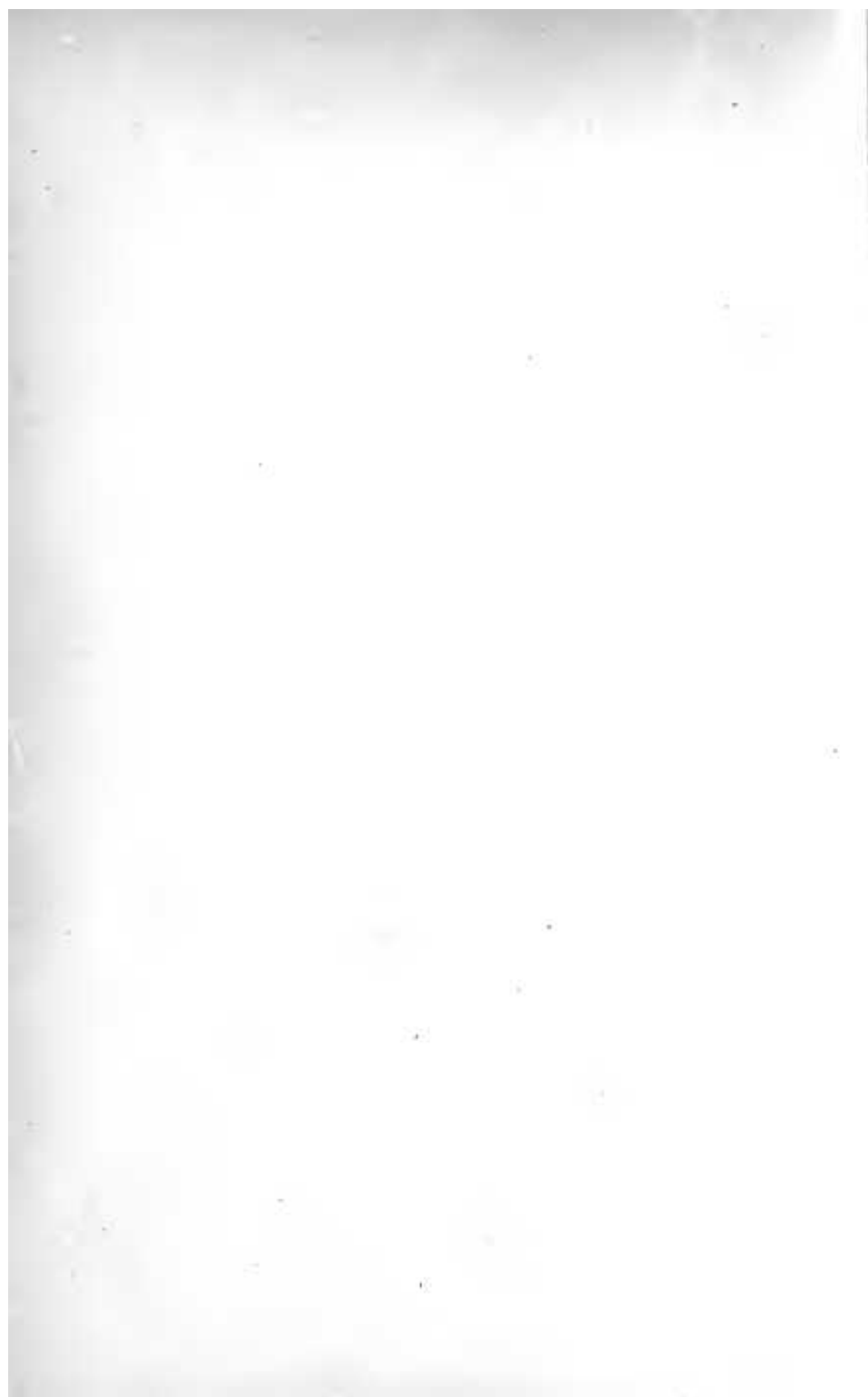
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TO

MADAME SUSANNAH IBSEN

(née THORESEN),

FROM THE AUTHOR.



P R E F A C E.



THE Life of the famous Norwegian poet which is here presented to the English public was issued in Copenhagen, on his sixtieth birthday, March 20, 1888, under the title—*Henrik Ibsen : 1828-1888. Et literært Livsbillede*. It is the only existing biography of Henrik Ibsen which has any pretension to being authoritative, and it has the advantage of not merely being published with the poet's sanction, but of being enriched by a great number of notes and documents supplied by Ibsen himself.

The numerous poetical quotations from Ibsen's lyrical writings have been specially translated by Mr. Gosse for this edition, with scrupulous attention to the form and substance alike of the original,

and in almost every instance they may be taken as reproducing the exact external appearance of the passages they imitate.

An Index and a few notes have been added for the convenience of the English reader.

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