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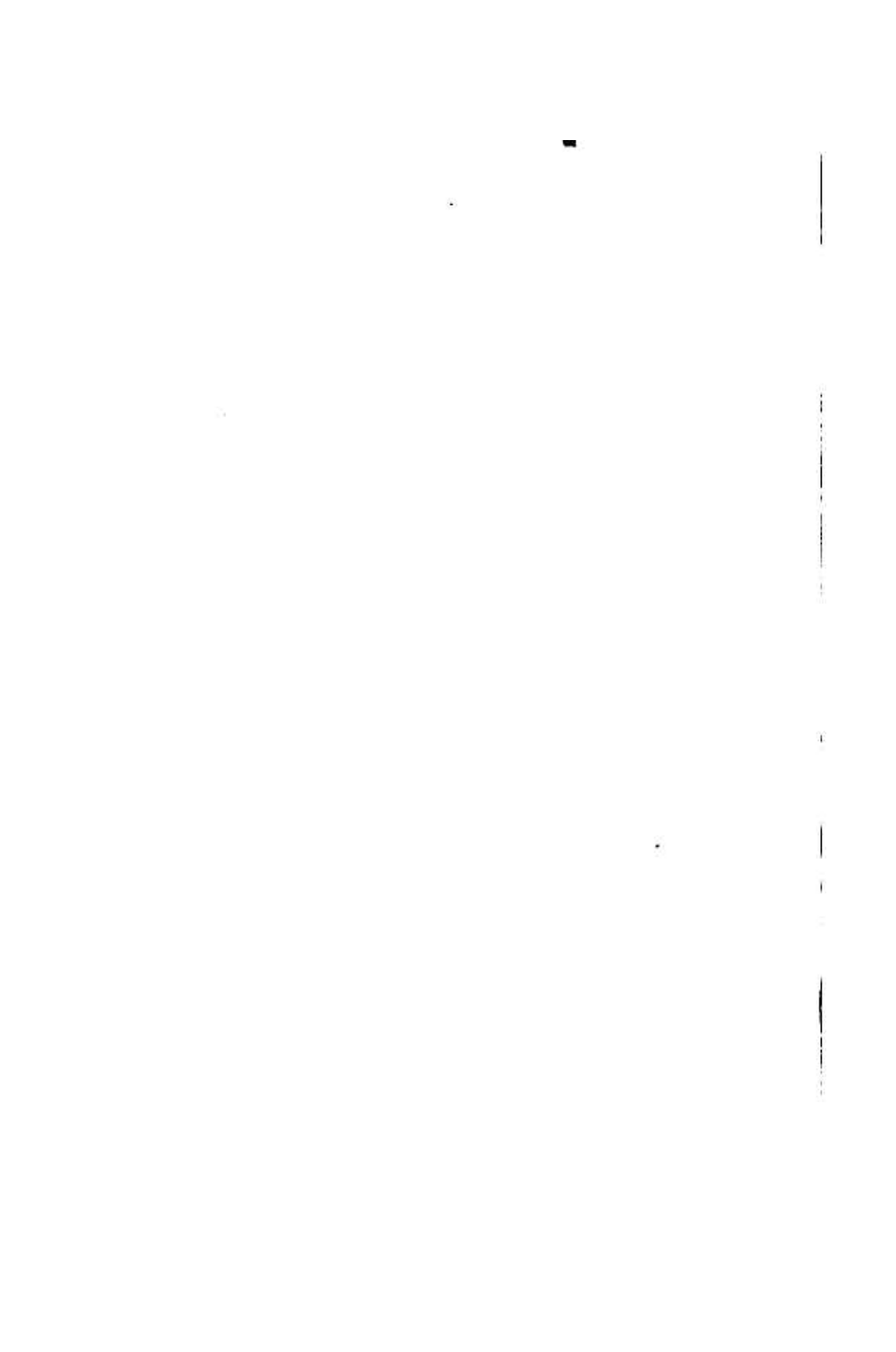
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FOREWORDS.

This little compendium needs no words of introduction. The wit and eloquence of Joseph H. Choate speak for themselves. In the law, in politics and literature, he is a shining light among Americans. An account of his life and his work, and specimens of his wit and wisdom, are well worthy of a collected and permanent form.

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I.

A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH.

JOSEPH HODGES CHOATE was born at Salem, Massachusetts, January 24, 1832. He was the youngest of four brothers. His father was Dr. George Choate, and his mother Margaret Manning Hodges.

The Choates have an interesting lineage traceable centuries back from France, through Holland to England, and thence to Ipswich, Massachusetts. The family was one of the oldest in New England. The earliest ancestor, John Choate, became a citizen of Massachusetts in 1667. The grandson of this first ancestor, also named John, was a member of the Massachusetts Legislature from 1741 till 1761, and for the five years following a member of the