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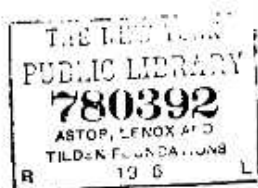
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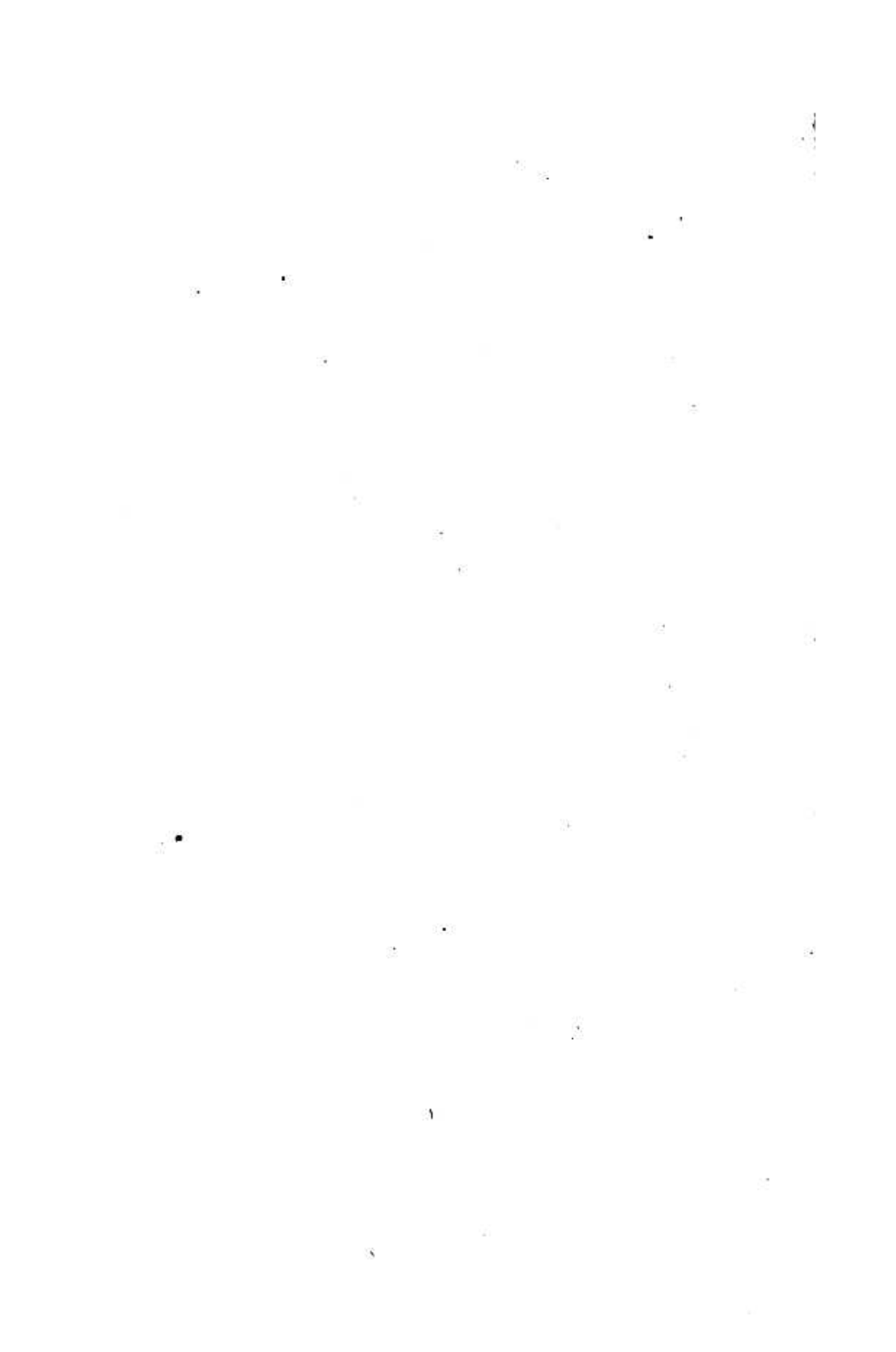
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OF
MANY FRIENDSHIPS, WARMLY CHERISHED,
THAT HAVE PASSED AWAY,
I Dedicate
THIS VOLUME.

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PREFACE.

WHEN the Author began to write the matter now offered to the public, he had no idea of elaborating it into a volume. In its original form he presented it, with approval, to one of the leading monthly periodicals, and a suggestion was afterwards made that by an enlargement of the topics and details, he might succeed in producing a readable book. All that he at first contemplated was a hurried sketch, such as a man who had spent a "long vacation" in the country might easily supply—hence the opening chapter, which he was recommended to retain as an easy introduction to the general subject.

The Author's real acquaintance with Sweden has been of a more extended kind than that chapter would indicate. His residence recalls many acts of personal kindness which memory would not willingly put aside, and if opinions have been expressed with frankness, he can truthfully declare that malice has never been the prompter.

SYDENHAM,

April, 1870.

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