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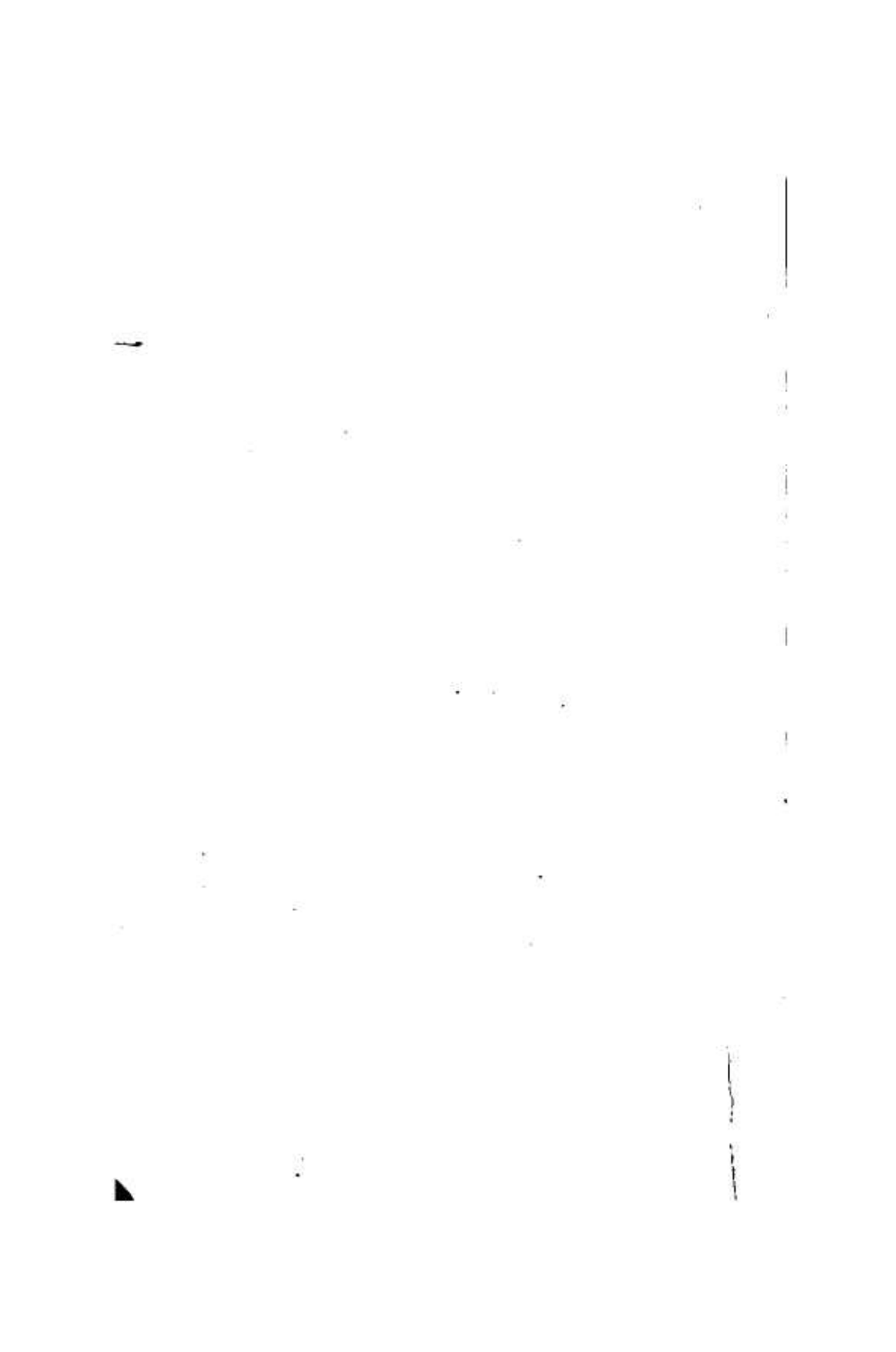
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To
MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS
FOR WHOM THESE LETTERS WERE ORIGINALLY WRITTEN,
THIS PRINTED VOLUME
IS AFFECTIONATELY INSCRIBED.

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Recluse, M. W.

5-18-34



PREFACE.

THE letters presented to the public in this book were written during an experience of life in Japan somewhat different from that of the average foreign resident in the East. The author's call to the Orient came to her from one of the most conservative and anti-foreign of the Tōkyō schools,—a school for noble girls, under the management of the Imperial Household Department. The invitation was sent to her through a Japanese friend, who had been the teacher of English in the school since its foundation, for no foreigner's recommendation would have had much weight with the conservative and cultivated Japanese in charge of the institution. Work in such a school naturally brings a teacher into close contact with the most

refined and cultivated of Japanese women, and cannot fail to give to those who perform it a new sympathy with a class usually but little understood.

Upon my arrival in Tōkyō in June, 1888, I found myself greeted by Japanese friends, known long and intimately in America, but from whom I had been separated for years. Their friendship had, however, stood well the strain of the long separation both by time and space. In all that great city I had no acquaintance of my own race and language, but my Japanese friends so cared for me and surrounded me by their kindness, that instead of missing the society of my own people, I found its absence a positive advantage, in that it threw me entirely upon congenial and interesting Japanese friends for that social intercourse necessary for all civilized beings.

Journeys over the beaten tracks of tourist travel during the summer of 1888 brought me in contact with many charming and interesting American and English