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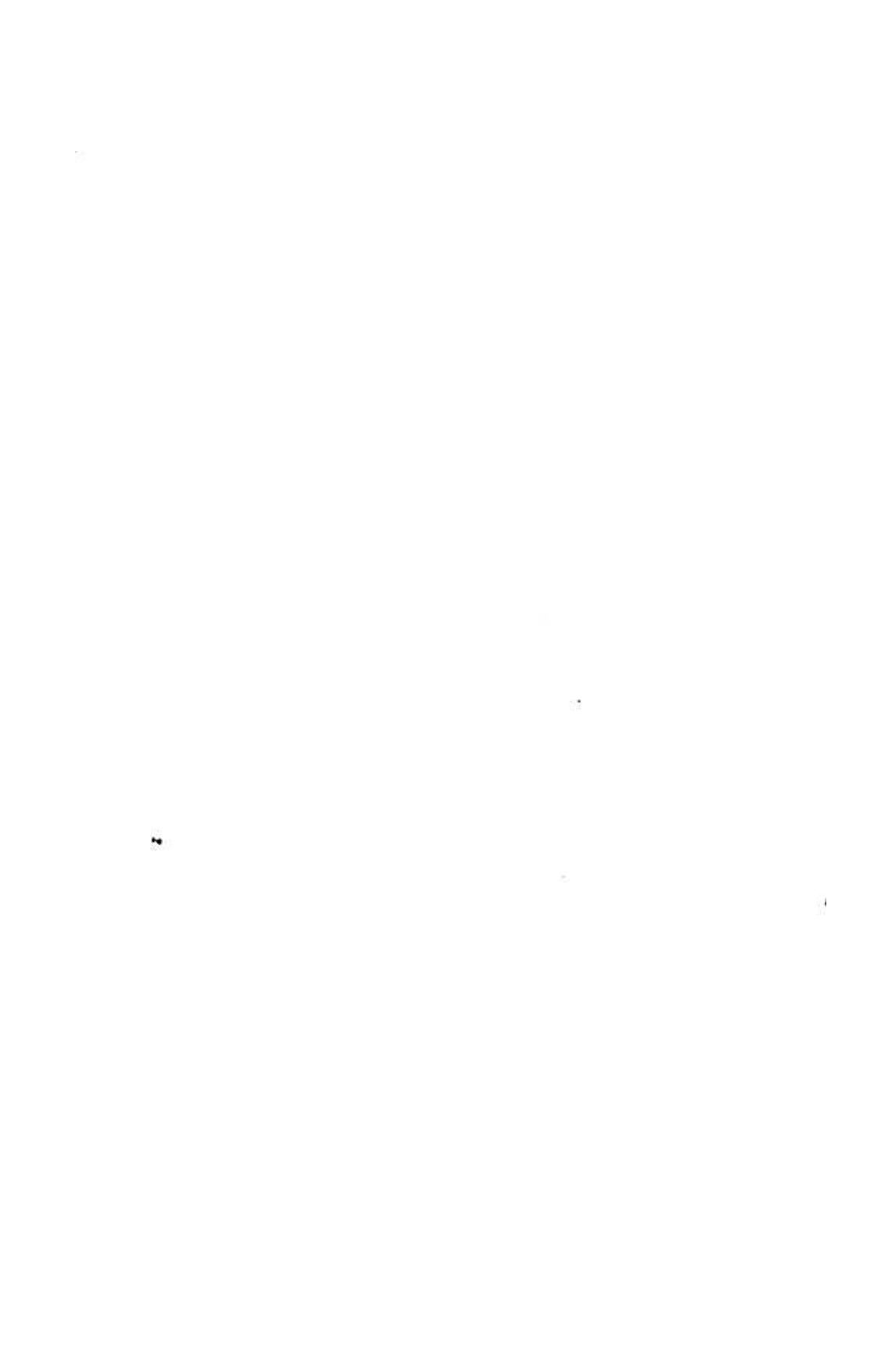
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### I

#### INTRODUCTORY

WHETHER or not an historic basis for the Trojan war can be established, is a question still in dispute; but as regards the three goddesses who, contending against each other for the prize of beauty, were, according to classic story, the indirect cause of that war the case is different.

Only the most extreme adherents of the historic school will claim that Hera, Athena, and Aphrodite were Grecian dames, the fame of whose power, wisdom and beauty gained for them the high posts accorded to them in Grecian mythology.

But if we are not to think of them as historical personages, how are we to account for