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## P R E F A C E.

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THE first, second, and fourth of these Papers are republished from recent numbers of 'Blackwood's Magazine'. The third—the Memoir of Mazzini—appeared in 'Macmillan's Magazine', April 1872, and is now included in this volume by the kind permission of Messrs Macmillan.

The first and second Papers have been arranged for publication from my father's manuscripts, and were written by him apparently between the years 1881 and 1886, with some additions of a later date. The Memoir of Mazzini, written immediately after Mazzini's death in 1872, has been included because my father's friend-

ship with Mazzini, begun in 1847, was one of his most cherished London memories. The memories of "Our Club" were dictated to me by my father on winter evenings of 1901-2; and, though they go back as far as 1844, they follow the fortunes of "Our Club" to the year 1865.

F. M.

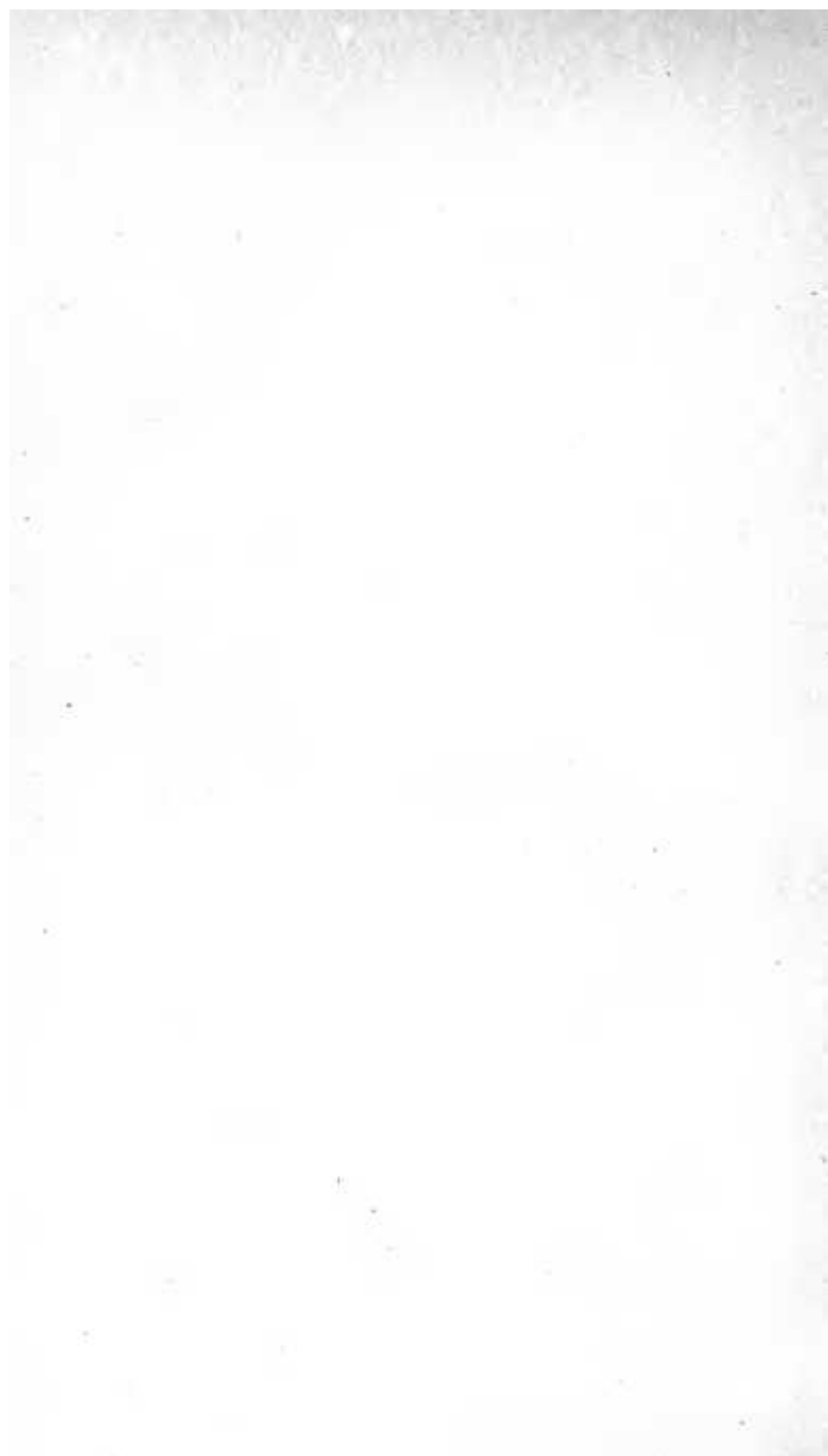
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I.

CARLYLE.<sup>1</sup>

THE first time I heard Carlyle's name, or knew of his existence, was in the winter of 1840-41, when I was eighteen years of age. It was at a meeting of the Theological Society of the University of Edinburgh. A paper having been read by one of the members, and some of the others offering their criticisms on it, one of these—Paul by surname—said that

<sup>1</sup> These Memories were written by my father mainly between 1883 and 1885; and some additions were made at a later date.—F. M.