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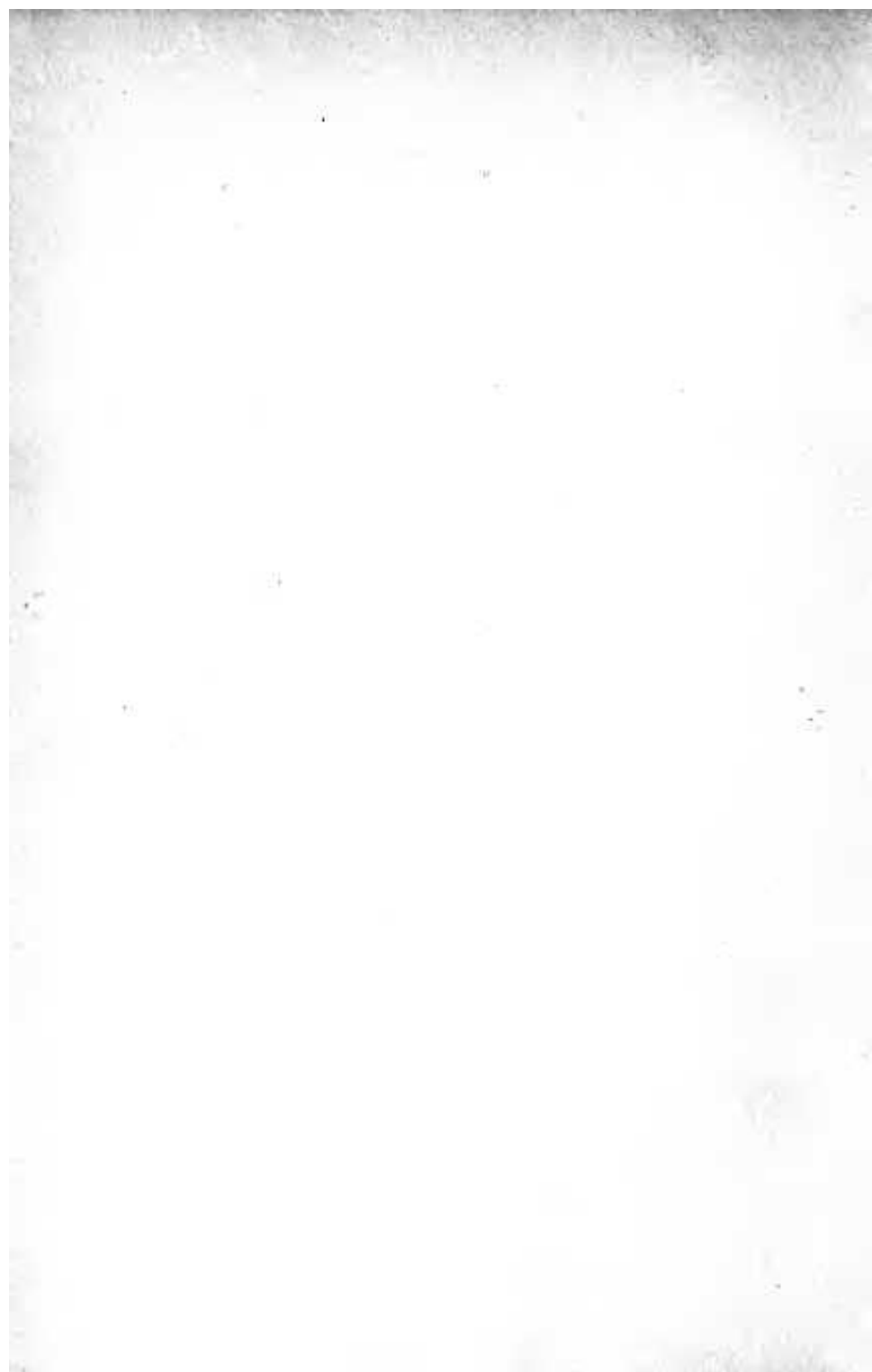
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TO THE RIGHT REVEREND
CHARLES GORE, D.D.
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FROM WHOM I HAVE LEARNT
MORE THAN FROM ANY OTHER NOW LIVING
OF THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTIANITY
AND TO WHOM MORE THAN TO ANY OTHER
(DESPITE GREAT DIFFERENCES)
I OWE MY DEGREE OF APPREHENSION
OF ITS TRUTH



PREFACE

At the end of my first two years at Repton various friends urged me to publish a volume of *Repton School Sermons*. It then seemed better, if I was to publish at all, that I should publish the whole series as I had preached them.

In this volume I have not followed that course, but have selected some that, in a small degree at least, find completion in one another and so give to the collection an element of unity. The volume consists of three University sermons, one sermon preached in Manchester Cathedral, which belongs to the same type, and a selection from my school sermons between September, 1912, and July, 1914.

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