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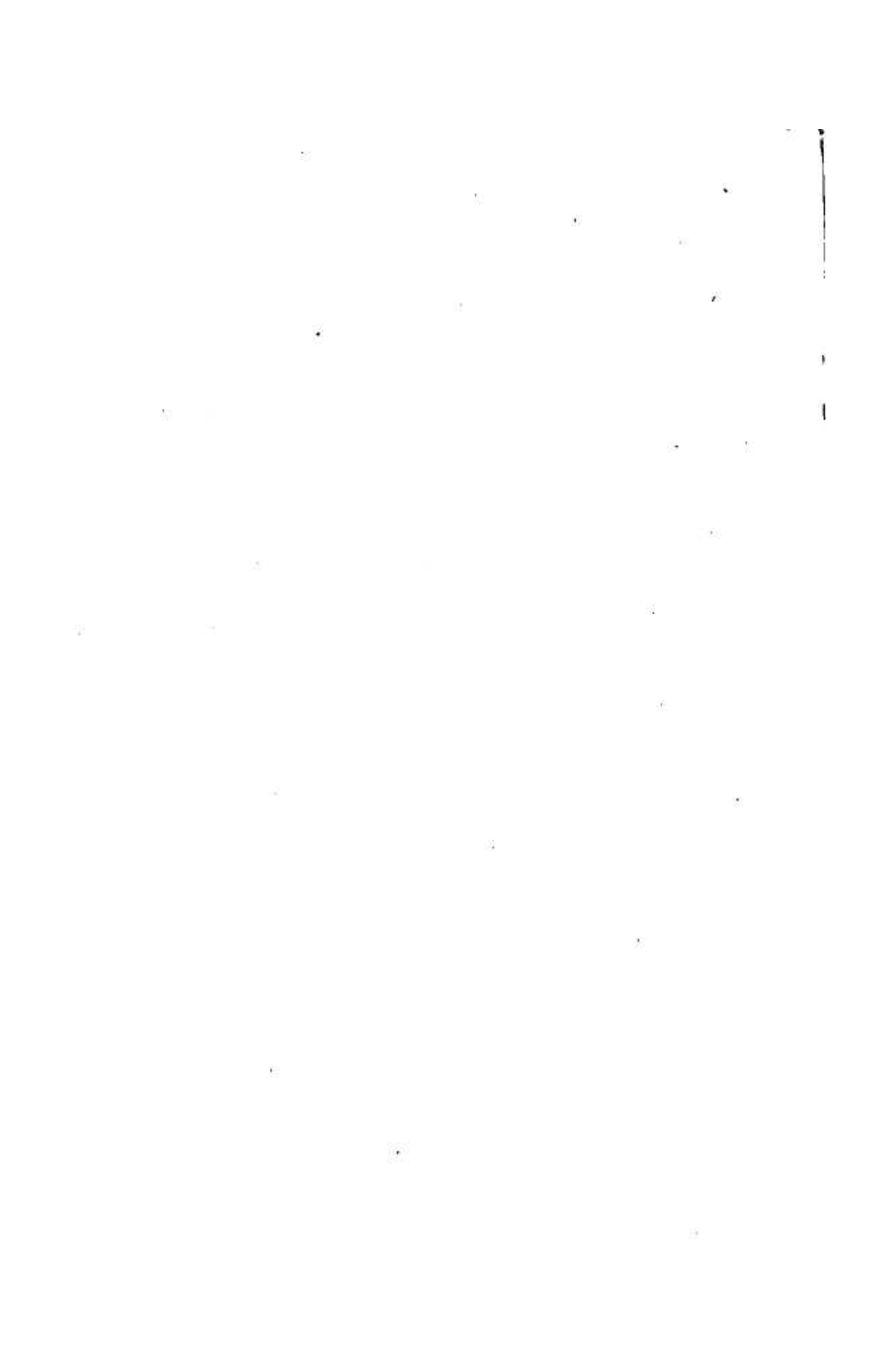
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—I am not a sad man. Spite of the experience of life—some-
what bitter—I am a cheerful, and joyous, and happy man. But
take away my consciousness of God; let me believe there is no
Infinite God; no infinite mind which thought the world into exist-
ence and thinks it into continuance; no infinite Conscience which
everlastingly enacts the eternal laws of the universe; no infinite
Affection which loves the world; loves Abel and Cain—loves the
drunkard's wife and the drunkard; the Mayors and Aldermen who
made the drunkard; which loves the victim of the tyrant, and
loves the tyrant; loves the slave and his master; loves the mur-
dered and the murderer; the fugitive and the kidnapper; that
there is no God who watches over the nation, but "forsaken
Israel wanders lone"; that the sad people of Europe, Africa,
America, have no guardian—then I should be sadder than Egyp-
tian night.—*Theodore Parker.*