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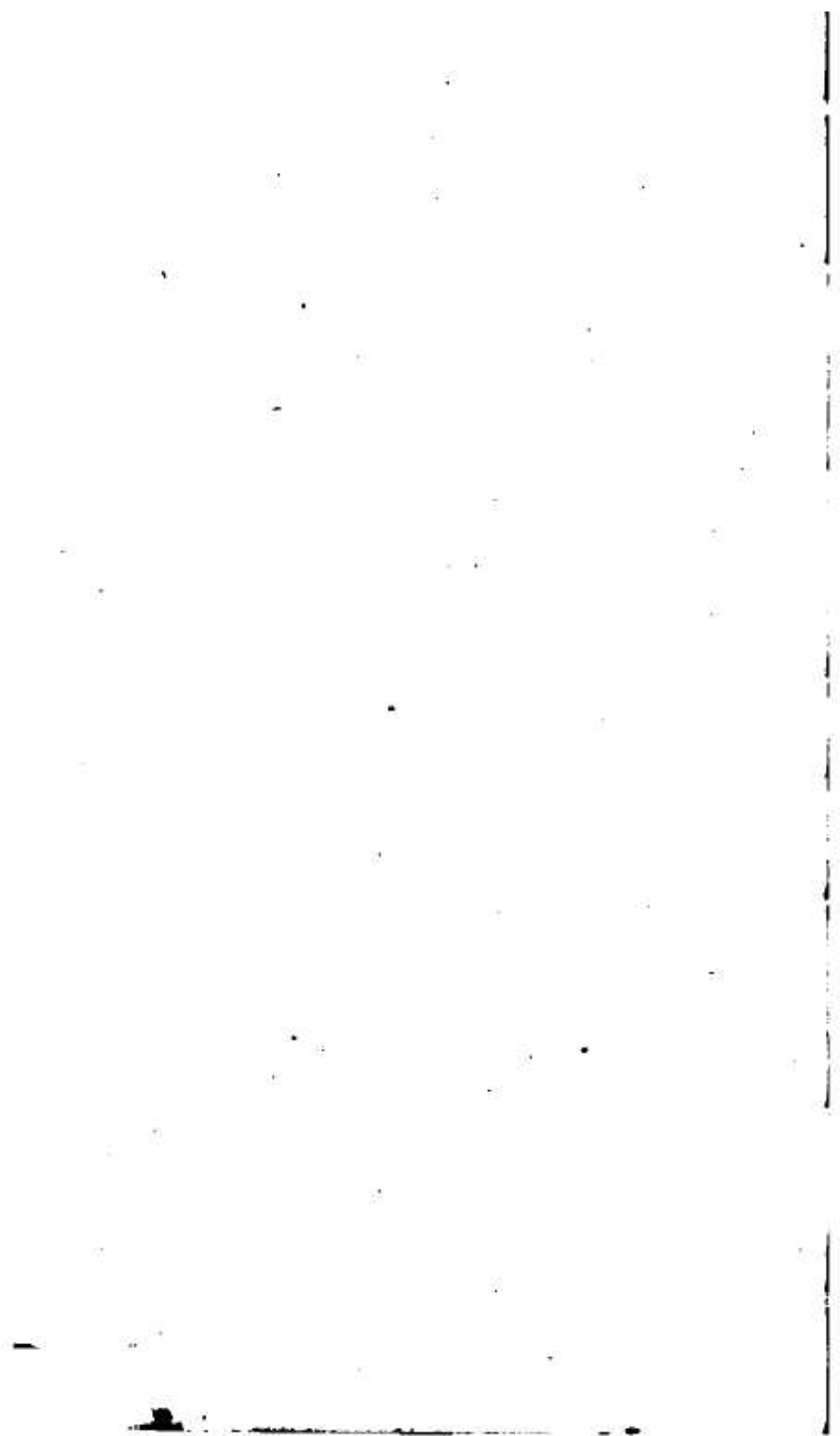
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PREFACE.

IN presenting the following pages to the public, the writer, while he would urge his juvenility as a claim to candour, hopes not for partiality, where he must expect justice. He who appears at the bar of public opinion, has small reason to anticipate, from the indifference of the many, the preference he receives, only, from the sympathy of the few.

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