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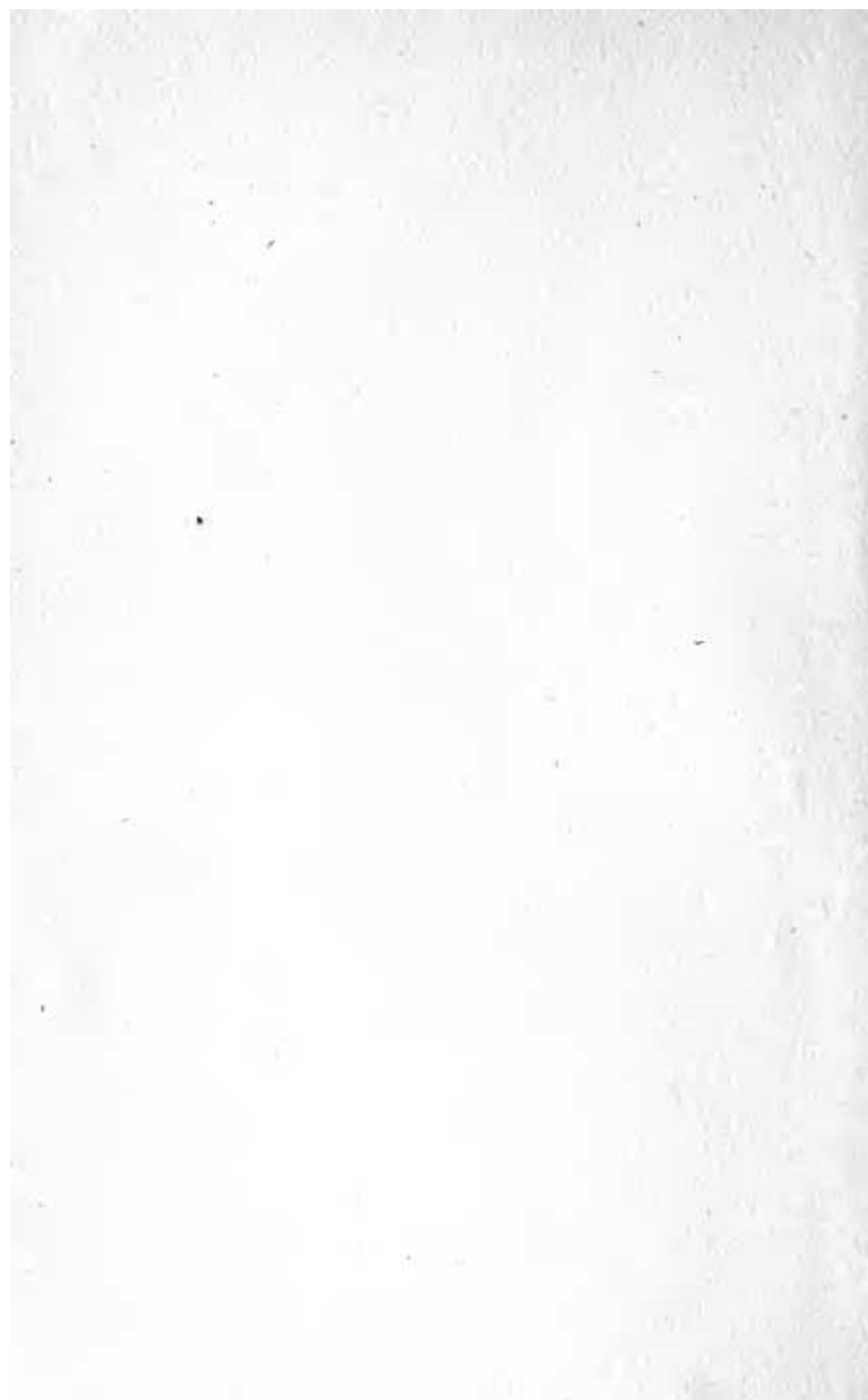
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Preface

STATESMANSHIP is too large and complex a subject to be defined adequately in a sentence, but it may rightly be said that one of its chief qualities is to see facts as they are, to distinguish between what is vital and what is not essential, to concentrate on what is vital and to reject or oppose anything, however plausible or apparently desirable, that will hinder or prevent the attainment of the main object. It is in the spirit of true statesmanship that these articles of Professor Gilbert Murray deal with the war. His account of the entry of the British people into the war, and of what we and other democracies are fighting for, is, I believe, literally and absolutely true of the great mass of people at home or at the front.

Public Right as the law of the civilized world ; Freedom for all nations and for the men and women inside the nations ; the deliverance of humanity from the power of the Sword :

this is his definition of the objects to be attained, and the articles are evidence of the strength and depth of his conviction that war is justified till these objects are secure. There must, he says, "be a peace based on the defeat of German aggression, the downfall and discredit of Prussian militarism " ; and, however that peace becomes possible, whether it be as the result of internal change in Germany or