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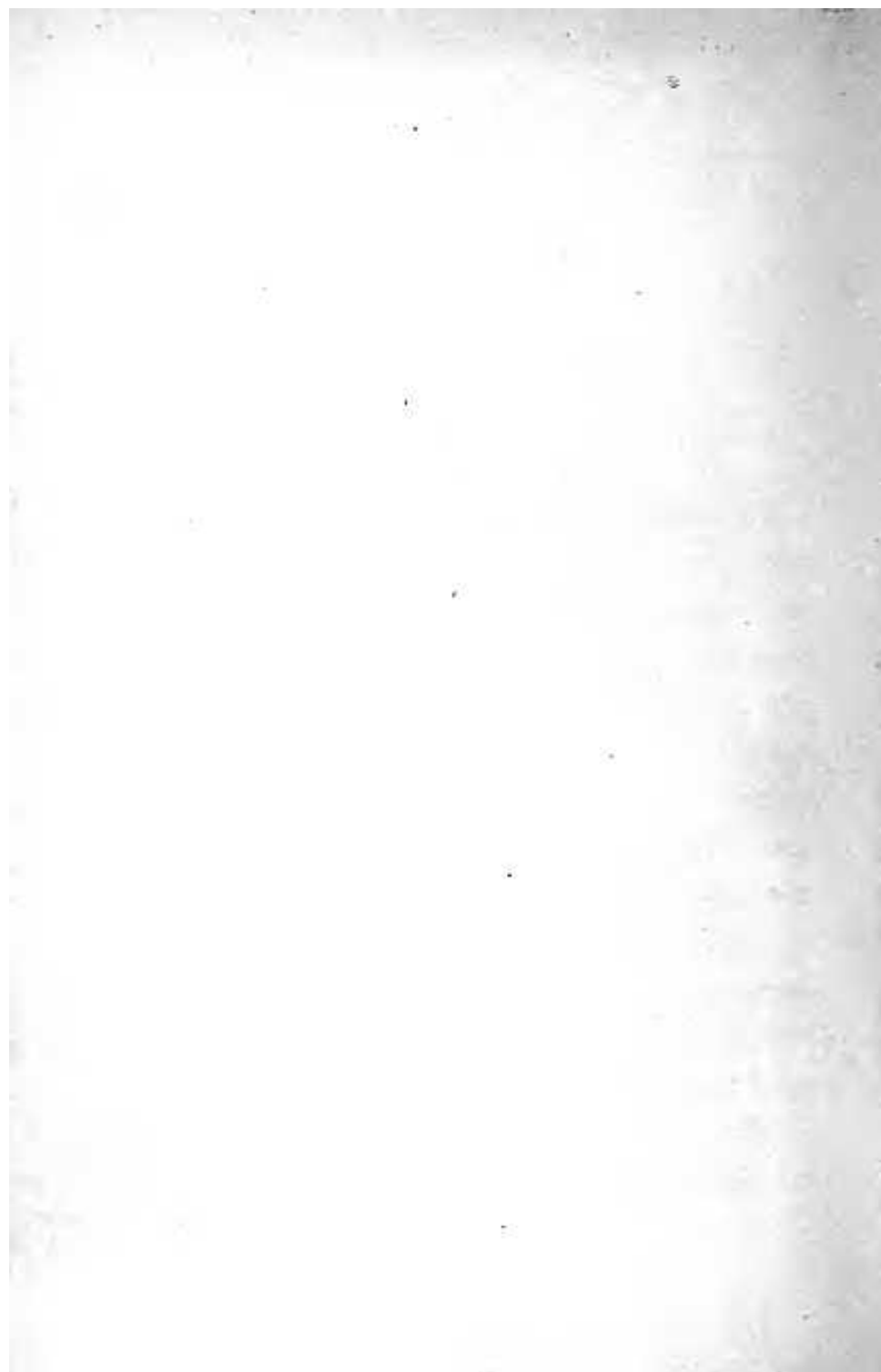
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INTRODUCTION.

THIS work is presented without any pretence of literary merit. It gives, in carefully-revised chapters, the results of several recent journeys in the Southern States, during which the grave political, business, and race problems were dispassionately and industriously studied; and the fact that a few of the chapters, written as long as five years ago, are more than vindicated by the rapid progress of the South in all that makes material advancement, fully warrants the later and more hopeful view of early Southern prosperity.

Believing that we are soon to date the turn of the tide of foreign immigration from the West to the South; that we are soon to note a rapid migration of skilled labor from the North to the South; that

Northern capital will, at an early day, turn Southward to manufacture iron, mine and ship coal, spin and weave cotton, and rear machine-shops; and that the surplus population of our fields, our mines, our forests, and our mills will gradually but surely seek the better facilities for requited industry in the Southern States, I offer the suggestions of these pages for the considerate judgment of progressive people of both sections.

There are yet lingering sectional prejudices in both North and South, and they have greatly hindered the rehabilitation of the impoverished insurgent States; but the war now belongs to the memories of more than twenty years ago; its warriors of blue and gray are rapidly passing to join the great majority that has gone before, and a new generation is fast filling the places of the men of the generation that fought the most heroic battles of history. The victories of peace are now to become their chaplets, and the surplus capital and industry of the North will soon be inseparably interwoven with the New South. To hasten the complete restoration of fraternal and busi-

ness intercourse between the North and South, and thereby enlarge the prosperity of both, is the aim of these chapters, and if they shall, even in a feeble way, contribute to that grand consummation, the author will be more than compensated for his labor.

PHILADELPHIA, May, 1836.

A. K. M.

