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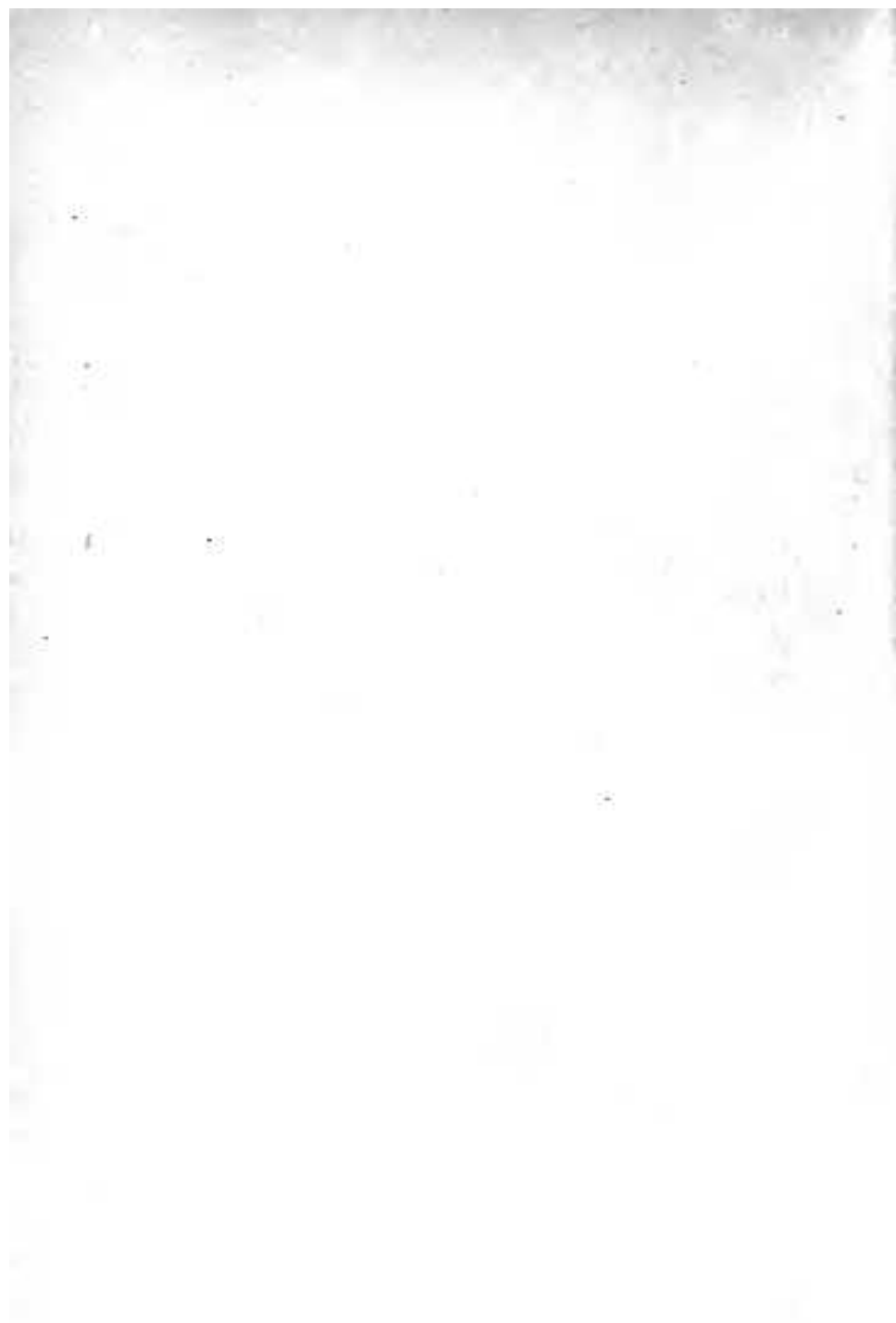
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To
THE MANY THOUSAND MEN AND WOMEN OF THIS REPUBLIC
WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN MADE BETTER AND nobler
BY THE MARTYRDOM OF
JAMES A. GARFIELD,
This Volume
IS AFFECTIONATELY DEDICATED.



PREFACE.



THE attention paid in this country to the literature of Congress and the literature of the stump is trifling. This, possibly, is excusable, as much of it is but the sawdust of debate, the dry chips that some prosy orator hews from the block of a tiresome topic. Literary brilliancies are seldom expected from political successes. In consequence much that is valuable, powerful, and eloquent of national life, appearing in speeches that are the exception to the rule, is missed by the majority.

The reader will, probably, read with surprise — not being aware of their existence — the clever, philosophical, manly, and patriotic sayings that are printed in the following pages. They are compiled from the public utterances and the private letters of our late President. It is indeed remarkable how thickly his speeches and letters are studied with jewels of utterance.

No apology is presented for offering this little

volume to the public, and, in the light of the events that have followed the black 2d of July, none is needed. The compiler has made no great effort at elaborate classification. The selections have been arranged so as to bear a certain relation of subject, and such references as were deemed necessary have been added. The index to subjects will permit of quick search for any desired theme.

The manly beauty, the wit and appreciable wisdom of much that President Garfield uttered, cannot but win its way to an abiding place in the hearts of the American people, and serve to bring them into closer relation with the admirable sentiments of the man who, elected to the highest post of honor in this Republic, died bravely in the discharge of the trusts committed to his hands.

WILLIAM RALSTON BALCH.

PHILADELPHIA, the Fall of 1881.

MEMOIR.

To tell the story of James Abram Garfield's life is to recite the trials and triumphs of the last twenty years of American history, so intimately was his life twined with that of the nation. Such a story will not be attempted here. Instead, will be given a few notes, which will recall to readers the series of grand influences that encircled him and which had so much to do with shaping his brave words.

He was born at Orange, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, on November 19, 1831, and had the advantage in his veins of a sound strain of blood. Abram Garfield, his father, was of Welsh descent, an ancestor, Edward Garfield, having renounced his home in Chester (Wales), to join great Governor Winthrop's Company in their search for land and living in the New World. The name Garfield — it is to be found to-day in Wales under the earlier form of Gaerfili, and in Massachusetts as Gaerfield — means, in Anglo-Saxon, "field-watch." Edward Garfield settled at Watertown, Massachusetts, where he and some of his descendants are buried. One of these,