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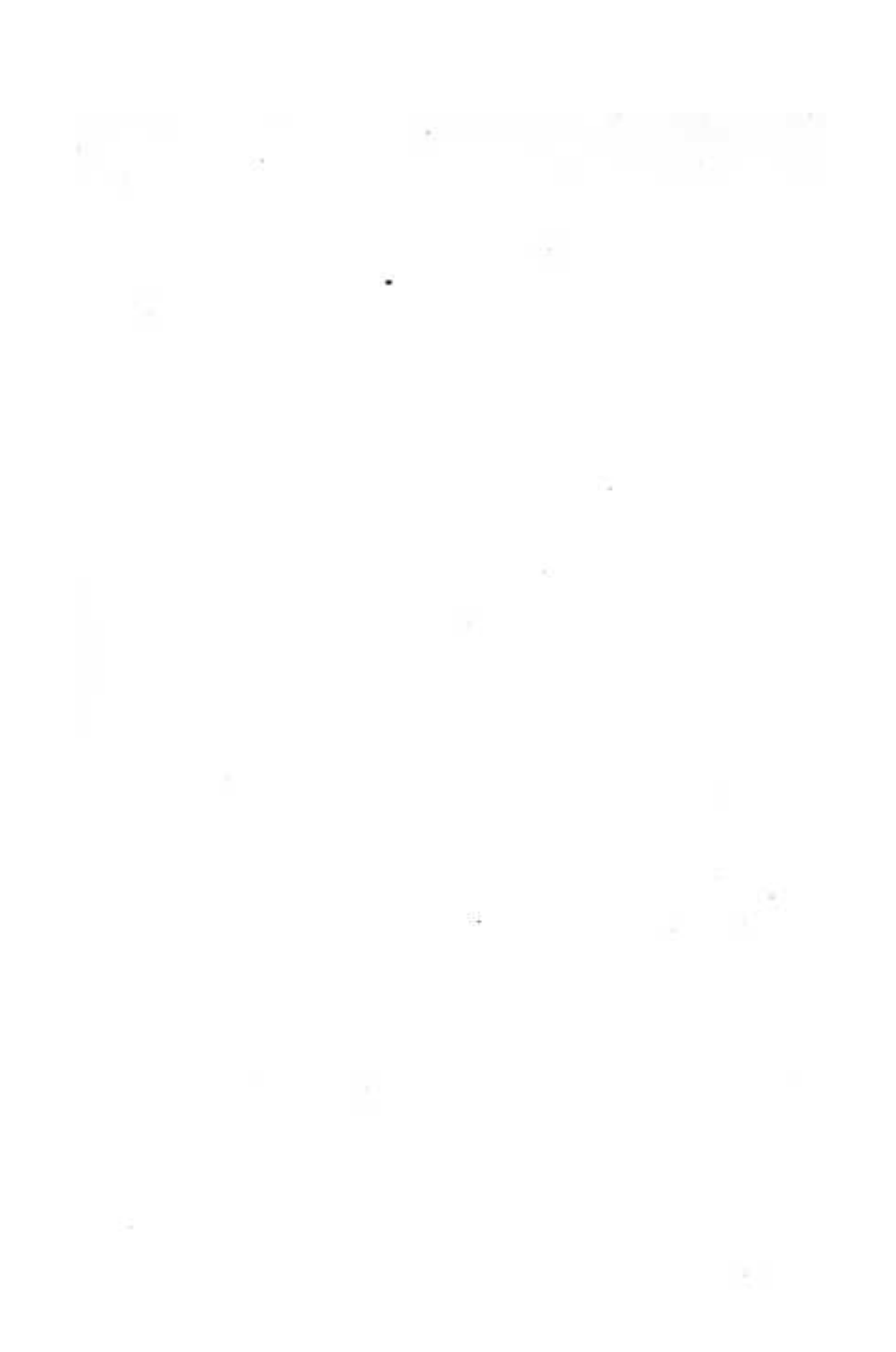
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"MACHIAVELLI is the earliest conscious and articulate exponent of certain living forces in the present world. Religion, progressive enlightenment, the perpetual vigilance of public opinion, have not reduced his empire, or disputed the justice of his conception of mankind. He obtains a new lease of authority from causes that are still prevailing, and from doctrines that are apparent in politics, philosophy and science. . . . We find him near our common level, and perceive that he is not a vanishing type, but a constant and contemporary influence. Where it is impossible to praise, to defend, or to excuse, the burden of blame may be lightened by adjustment and distribution, and he is more rationally intelligible by lights falling not only from the century in which he wrote, but from our own, which has seen the course of its history diverted twenty-five times by actual or attempted crime." (1891.)

LORD ACTON.

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## PREFACE

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THIS little book of modern history is constructed out of the material for a course of lectures which I have been invited to deliver in Bristol in connection with the Workers' Educational Association. It is neither a "history" of the present war, nor a recapitulation of its immediate causes. It is limited to an attempt to discuss the Allied campaign against the Hohenzollern in the light of our former Allied campaigns against the Bourbon and the Buonaparte. This aim involves a discussion of the Settlements which were made in 1713 and 1815, and of events subsequent to those Settlements. The facts thus ascertained may be useful in guiding opinion on the new Settlement in Europe to be made after the present war.

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