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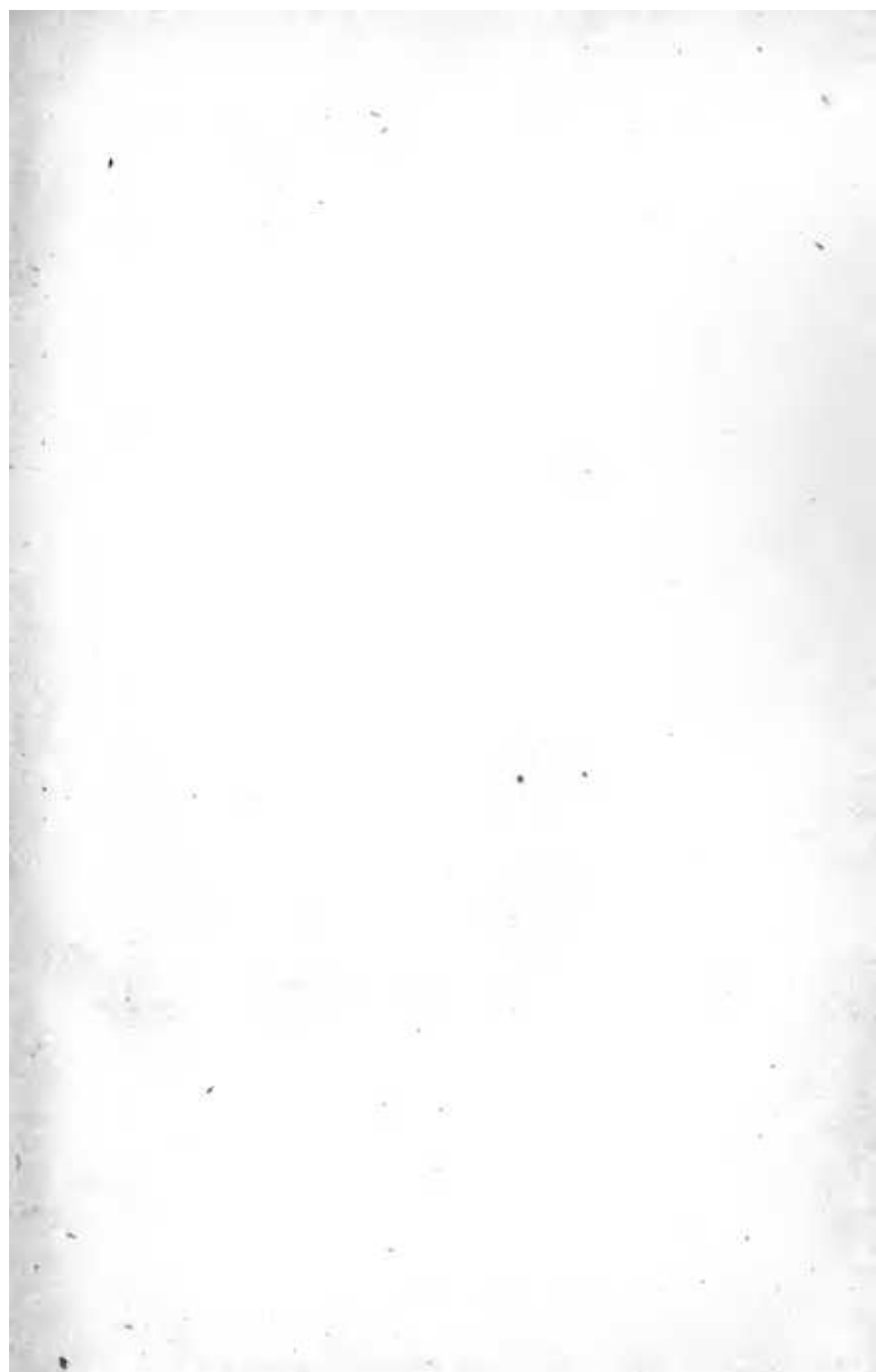
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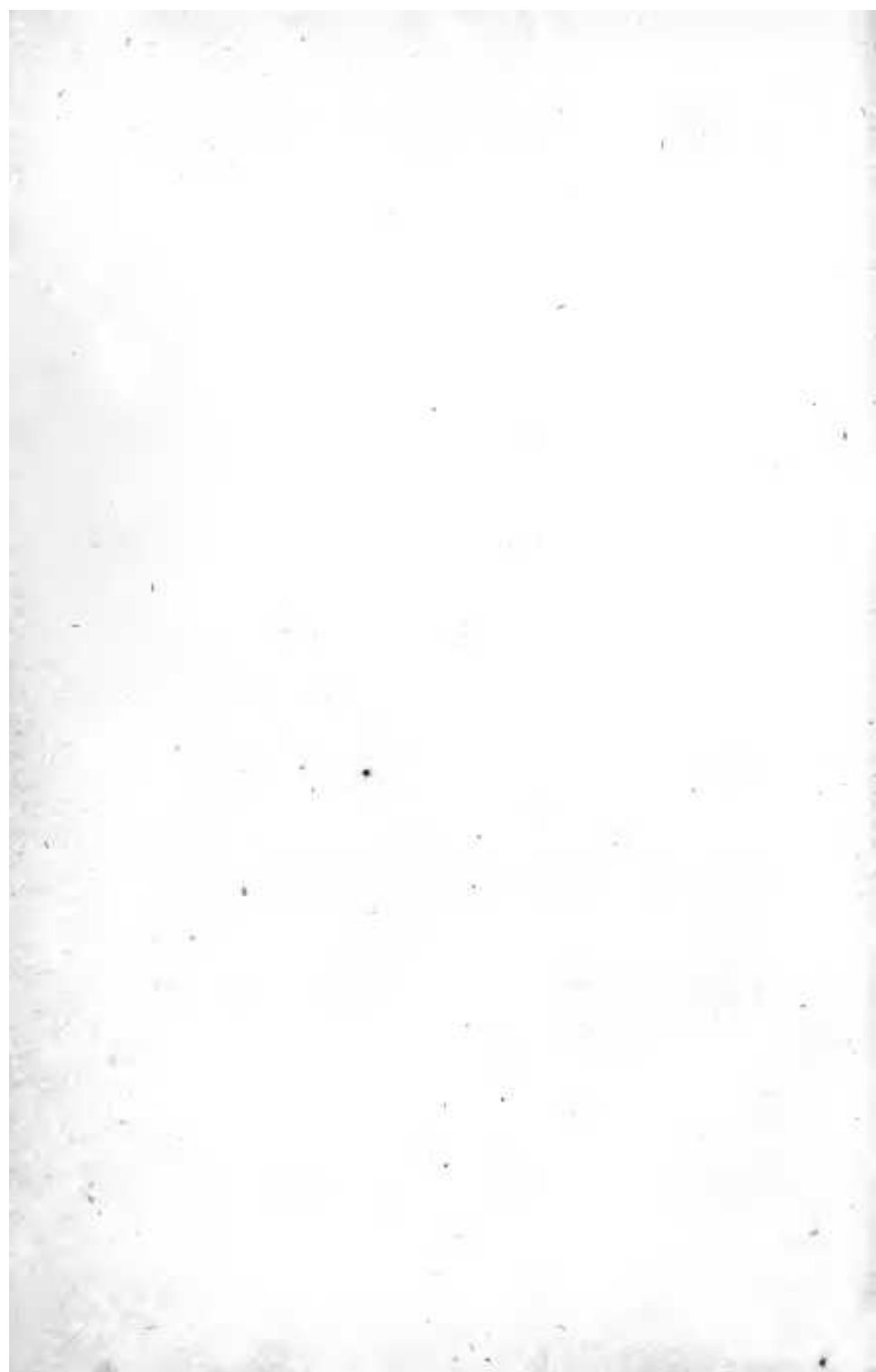
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Isaiah xxxv. 10.

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P R E F A C E.

The Author presents this little volume to the public with a prayer for the Divine blessing, without which it can never be successful after the manner that he desires. He makes no apology for its issue, inasmuch as he considers it a duty incumbent upon all, to serve their generation to the utmost of their ability. Most of the poems were composed amid the urgent and manifold duties which devolve upon a parish pastor: in some cases they were suggested by incidents which presented themselves in the course of parochial visitation, whilst in others they express the actual experience of the writer. Should they, notwithstanding their defects, afford those who peruse them half the pleasure and comfort which he has himself experienced in their composition, he will be perfectly satisfied.

The Author has ventured to dedicate this, his first work published in Canada, to those who are nearest to his heart, viz., his Parishioners in St. Johns. He sincerely hopes that at least it may bring no discredit upon a community which has manifested towards him the utmost kindness and cordiality; and for which he has already learned to cherish sentiments of such affectionate regard.

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INTRODUCTION.

"The ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs."—*Isaiah XXXV. 10.*

How often does the weary traveller, returning homeward from a distant country, love to beguile the solitude and tedium of his journey with snatches of song; which at once give utterance to the feelings within his heart, and cheer and stimulate his flagging spirits. The strains naturally vary according to the different emotions which reign within his breast. Whilst sinking under the fatigues of the way, and far off from his destination, they are of a mingled, and chiefly of a mournful character; but, as he nears the home where loving friends are waiting to welcome him with open arms, they give expression solely to the joy and happiness which fill his bosom.

Even so does the *Christian* pilgrim, as he treads the rugged steep which leads to Zion, gather solace and encouragement from song, in which he gives vent to the emotions struggling within him, and thus lightens the heavy load under