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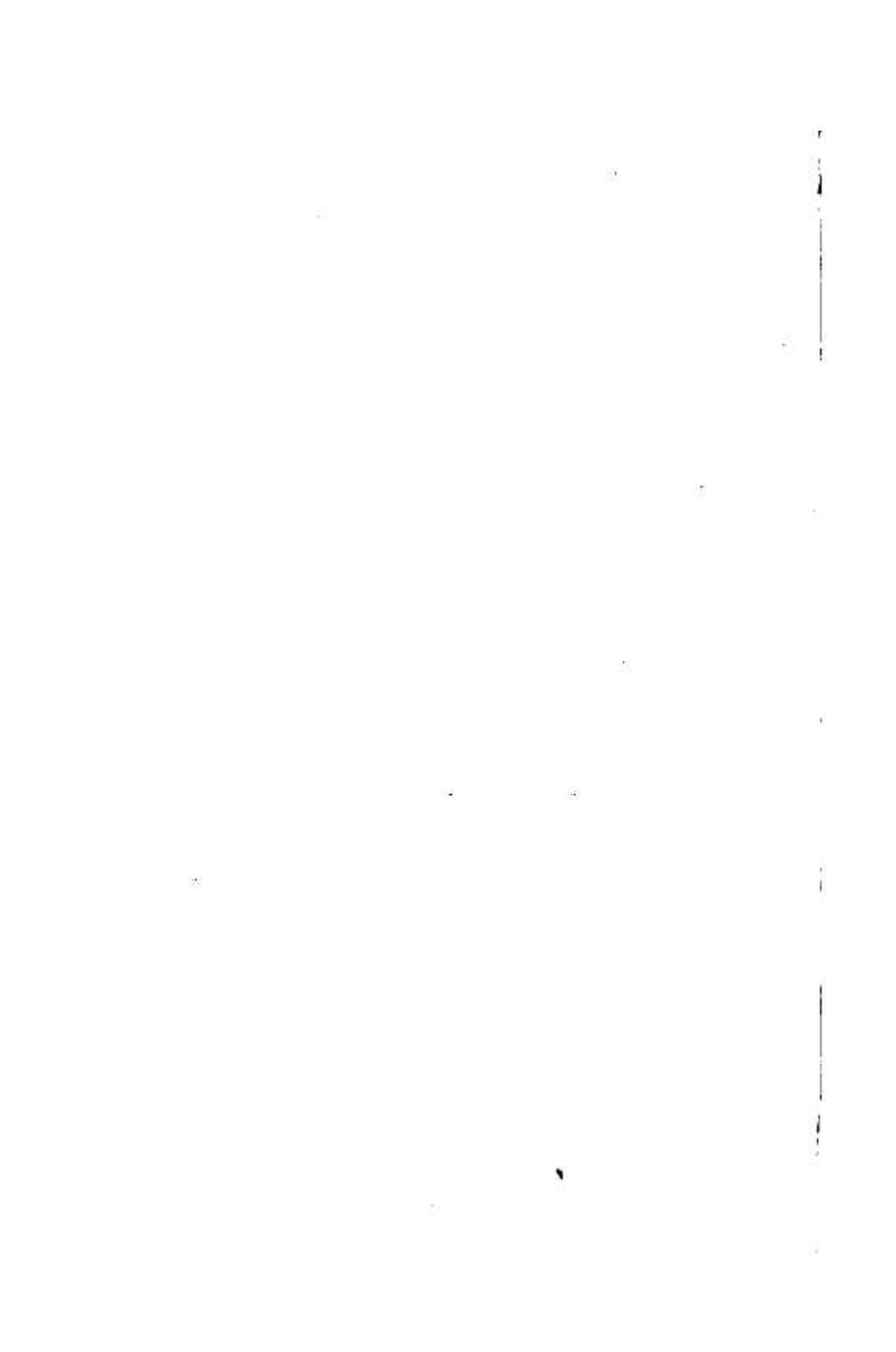
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### I—DEATH AND AFTER

#### I

**T**O most people looking out upon the world-tragedy of to-day, the most painful and perplexing thought seems to be the appalling waste of human life, the thousands and thousands of splendid fellows in the prime of their young manhood, with the high promise of their future unrealised, cut off in a moment. Even to outsiders it is an appalling thought, What must it be to the friends who loved them, to the mothers who are breaking their hearts all over Europe to-day?

The awful waste of it!—all the loving thought over their childhood, all the care, the anxiety, the effort, the earnest prayers that God would make them good and noble men; all the hopes and pride in the high promise that they showed! Waste! Waste! The lads are dead. All that they might have been and done in the world is lost. The kindly,