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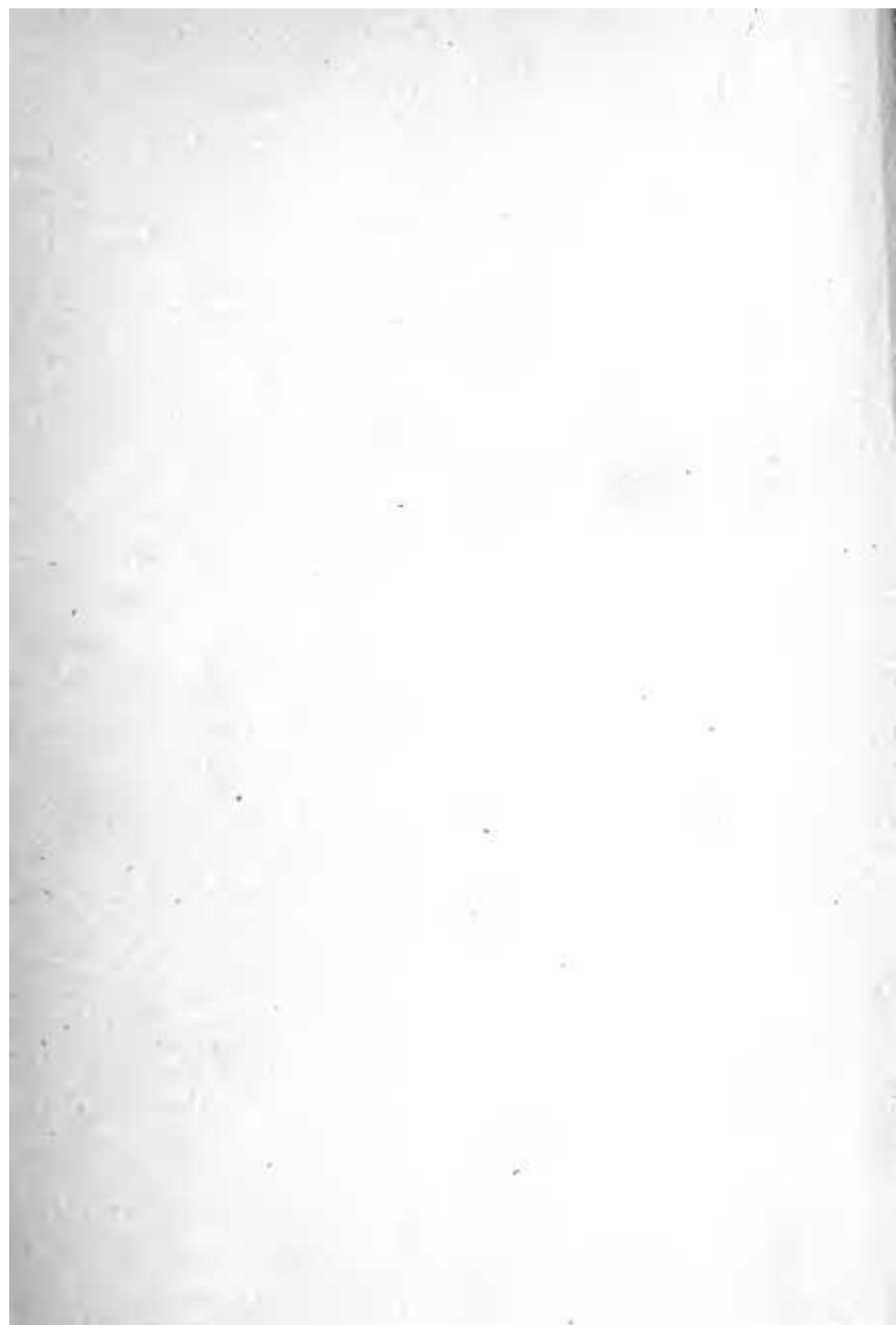
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FRANCES
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TO THE READER

THE correspondence from which the letters in this book have been selected passed (with the exception of the last) during 1919. The last is a little later.

Mr. Richard Haven, some of whose letters are to be found in a preceding volume, *The Vermilion Box*, is still a bachelor and still lives in Mills Buildings, Knightsbridge, but is doubtful if he can afford it much longer.

Miss Verena Raby, the centre of this epistolary circle, is one of Mr. Haven's oldest friends. Old Place, the ancestral home over which she now reigns, is near Kington in Herefordshire, on the borders of England and the Principality which provides us impartially with perplexities and saviours. Miss Raby is one of a family of nine, but none of the others neglect any opportunity of postponing letter-writing. Of these brothers and sisters, all save one—Lucilla, Nesta's mother—are living, or were living when these pages went to press.