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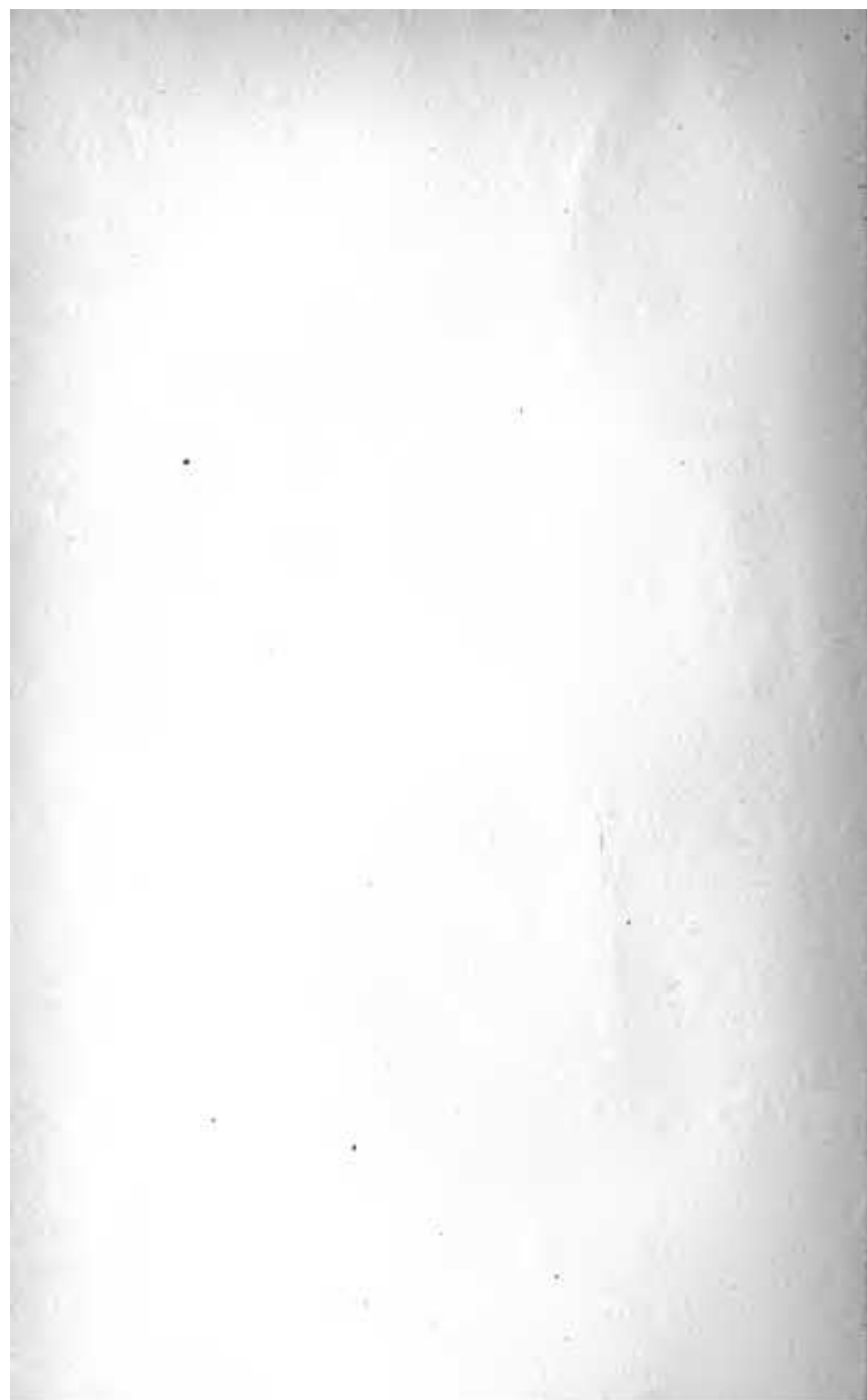
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To S. M. O.

“Where the heart lies, let the brain lie also.”



## PREFACE

THIS volume makes no pretense of supplanting Ticknor's "Life of Prescott." It aims simply to supplement it. Ticknor wrote the biography of his lifelong friend, possessed of ample materials; but he was already an old man; his view of society and literature, always severe, had deepened into something like austerity; and to bring out vividly the playful and engagingly human aspects of Prescott's character would doubtless have seemed to him like taking liberties with the Muse of History. To complete and correct the picture of Prescott's personality, while giving a condensed but connected account of his life and work, has been the sole task undertaken by the present writer. Use has been made of significant matter rejected by Ticknor, or unknown to him, though his work has also been drawn upon occasion-