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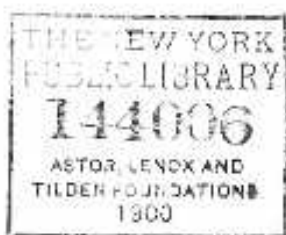
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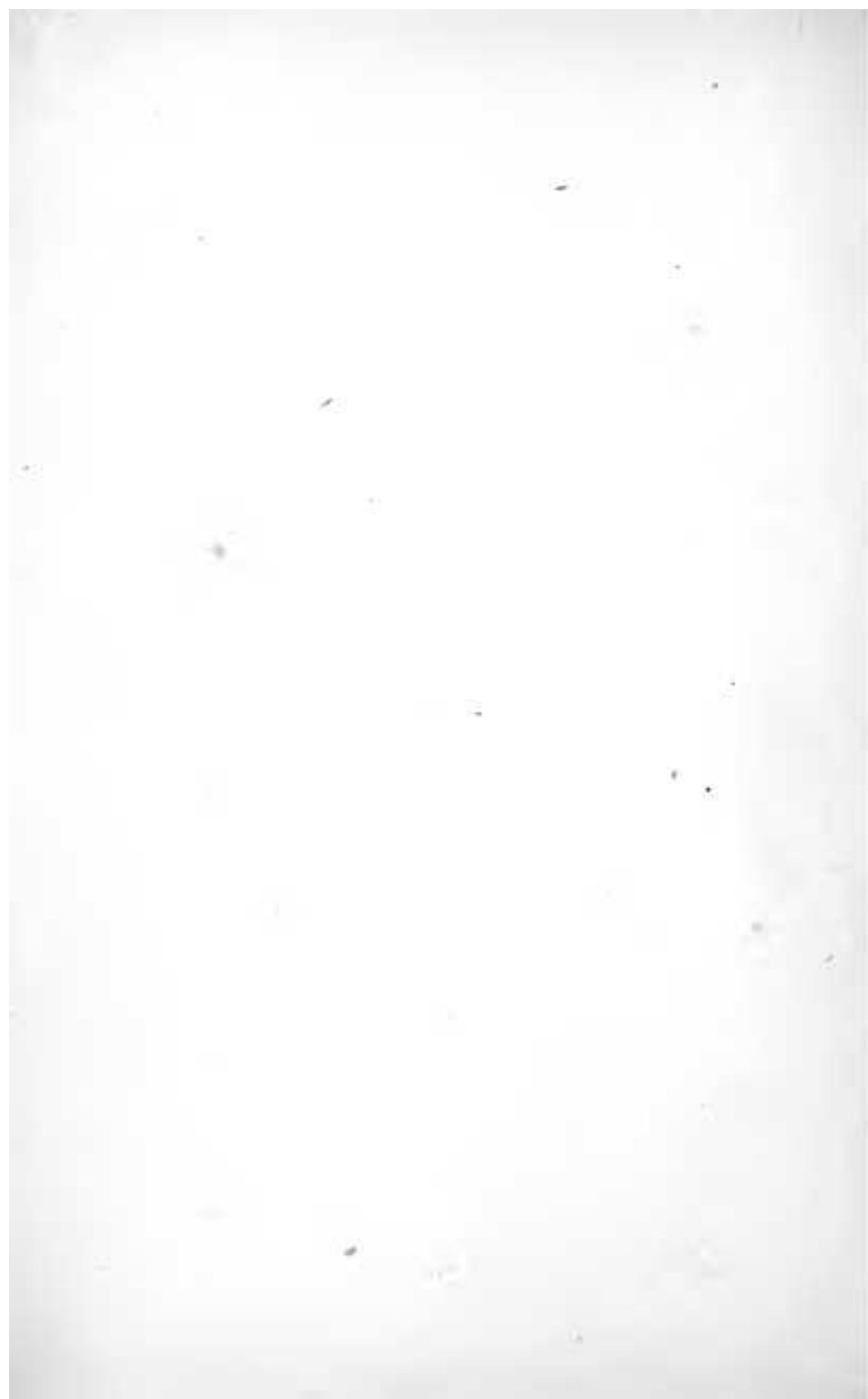


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INTRODUCTION.

THE following sketch has been prepared, not at Mr. Sherman's request, nor that of his friends, but by his consent, with the caution that there should be no exaggeration. It was his evident wish to be presented to those who know him not, just as he appears to those who *do* know him. All that relates to the Sherman family and ancestry has been gathered from authentic historians of Connecticut. The facts of his private personal history have been gathered from the writer's own knowledge, and from that of Mr. Sherman's sister, and his neighbors, corrected by himself.

It is intended by the writer to make this narrative a plain, simple, common-place statement of the leading and characteristic facts of Mr. Sherman's life; to cover up nothing that would tell against him, and exaggerate nothing in his favor. It is firmly believed that whoever reads this sketch, and afterwards makes his acquaintance, will find Mr. Sherman the same straightforward, earnest, laborious servant of the public that he is here represented to be.

This book is meant to be, not an argument to support a candidate for the Presidency, but such a statement of what Mr. Sherman has said and done as shall enable an intelligent public to judge whether or not the subject of it worthily deserves to be President.

Lest, however, some may take up this little volume that have not the leisure nor the taste to wade through the ponderous deeds and solid speeches here so briefly stated, nor the time and thought needed to appreciate the efforts by which so mighty a work has been achieved, the writer will present a brief digest of the facts and the reasons for presenting them.

The writing and publishing of a sketch of Mr. Sherman's life at this time will necessarily be regarded as an attempt to pave his way to the Presidency. The publication of it may mean that; but in the whole sketch, as it now appears, that thought was very little in the writer's mind. It is his conviction that resumption has made Mr. Sherman a greater man than the Presidency ever can. As the capture of Vicksburg, the surrender of Lee, and squelching the rebellion has made *General* Grant greater than *President* Grant, so resumption and the victory over the frauds in the New York Custom House have proved Mr. Sherman a greater man than the Presidency ever can.

Still multitudes in this land will put the question to this narrative, drawn up by his friend, whether John Sherman is a suitable man for the Presidency of the United States. Let us consider—

I. What qualities are required in a President?

II. Whether Mr. Sherman is possessed of those qualifications.

I. The qualities required in a President are:

1st. He should be a man that can manage well his own business. To do this requires that one should govern himself. An impulsive, heedless man may, by some sudden strike, amass great wealth, but by a move equally sudden he may lose it all. With such a man it would never be safe to intrust the government of a nation.