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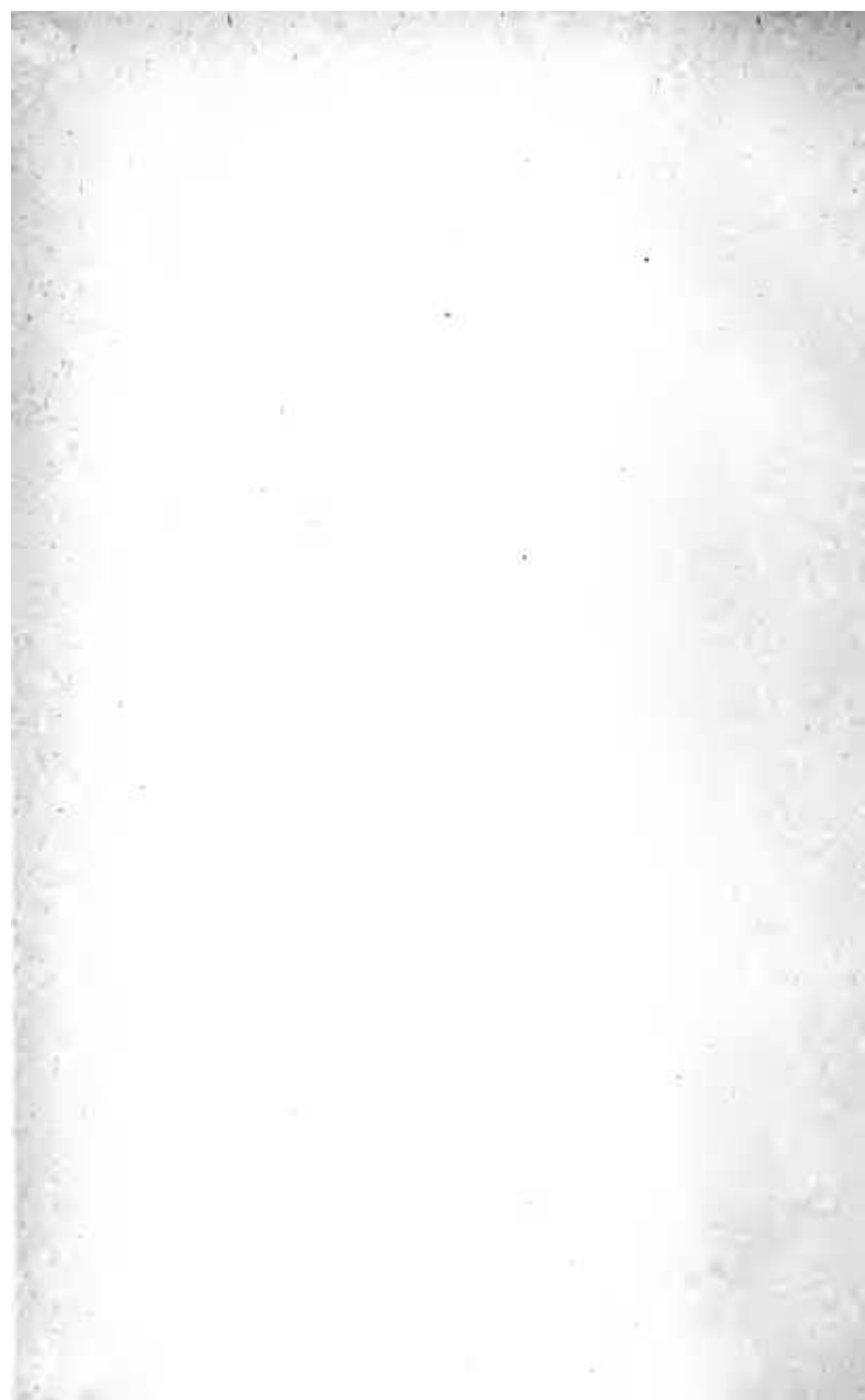
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PREFACE.

IN writing a biography of a man like Charles Macklin, one should, as it seems to me, endeavour to collect from the various records of the time contemporary portraits and criticism of the man and his fellows. These should be given in their own language and without paraphrase, wherever the scope and nature of the extracts make quotation possible. I must admit that the following out of this plan is apt to make a book appear, to a great extent, a work of paste and scissors, to which a kindly critic would perhaps add—and research. Be this as it may, I am still of opinion that the research, the scissors, and the paste, in the order named, are of greater value to the reader than the biographer's pen. And it is for this reason that I have endeavoured, wherever possible, to find and use the words of others instead of my own.

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