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*"Ever their phantoms rise before us,
Our nobler brothers, but one in blood:
At bed and table they lord it o'er us,
With looks of beauty and words of good."*

GEORGE ALLEN,
SUNNYSIDE, ORPINGTON,
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1890.

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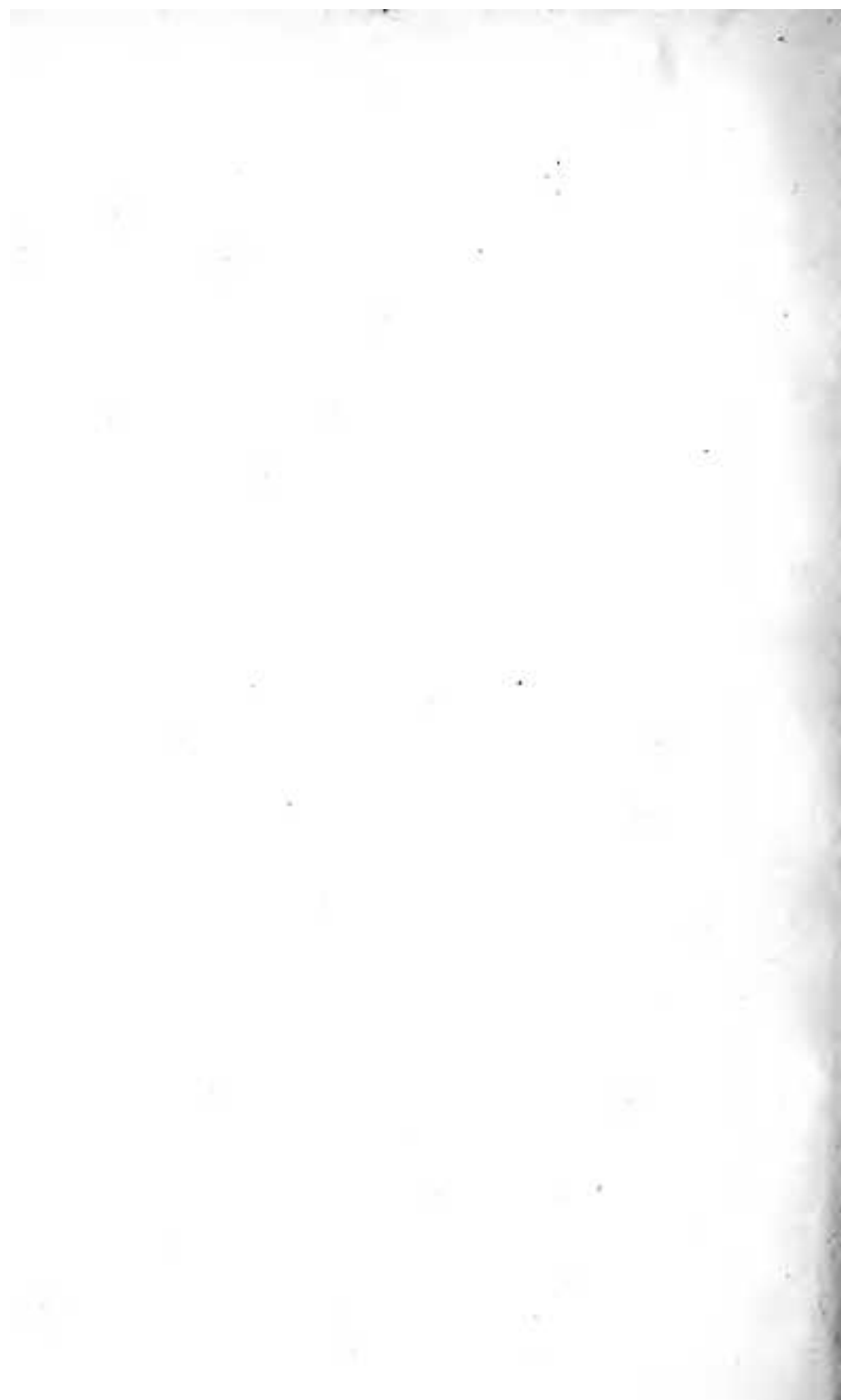
Only one of these Lectures has appeared before in print, and this has been considerably added to.

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FOUR GREAT TEACHERS.

I.

JOHN RUSKIN.

PART I.

JOHN RUSKIN is the son of a London merchant, and was born in the year 1819. He thus writes of himself: "Who am I, that I should challenge you," the squires of England, "do you ask? My mother was a sailor's daughter, and, please you, one of my aunts was a baker's wife, the other a tanner's; and I don't know much more about my family, except that there used to be a green-grocer of the name in a small shop near the Crystal Palace. Something of my early and vulgar life, if it interests you, I will tell in next 'Fors'; in this one it is indeed my business, poor gipsy herald as I am, to bring you such a challenge, though you should hunt and hang me for it."

Mr. Ruskin's father came over the Border in search of fortune. "He came up to London,