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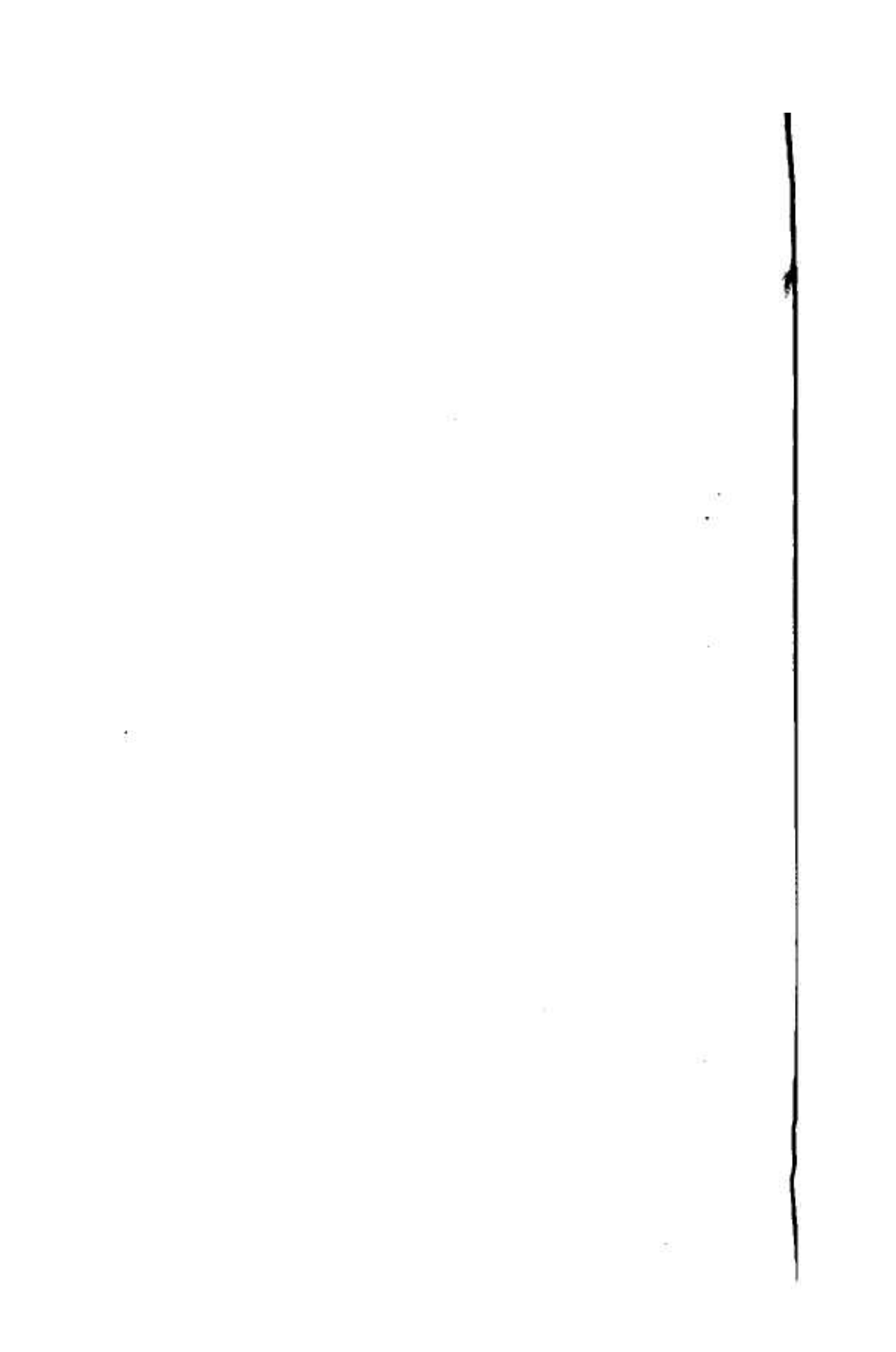
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PREFACE.

THE following is a selection from a variety of articles, with which the author has amused his leisure moments, snatched from the last fifteen years of severe physical and intellectual labor. They were written substantially at the times indicated, and all of them, except a few at the close of the volume, have been kept more than the "nine years." Some have been already published in periodicals, but the author is not conscious of having bored the Editorial corps very often with his trifles. Whatever opinion may be formed of their merits, he can truly say, that their composition has cheered many a weary hour of his life. Should their perusal produce the same effect on the mind of a single reader, the author will think their publication not altogether in vain.

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To the Sky.

Thou glorious Sky! along thy dizzy height
How sparkling planets do delight to rove,
And wink at feeble mortals, when the night
Invites them out to wonder and to love.
There solemn grandeur walks serene above,
And calls each floating world of light its own;
And there benevolence, celestial dove,
Is hovering o'er the waters, where alone
The Almighty maker builds his everlasting throne.

Window of heaven! through which the royal sun
Shines on the earth, that in his radiance glows;
From his fair front what streams of glory run,
And from his eye what lightning fire he throws!
Then kindles life, and into beauty grows.
How beauteous then thine own transparent blue!
So mild and modest; not the violet knows
More modesty than thou, whene'er thy hue
Is calm and cloudless bright—and how majestic, too!