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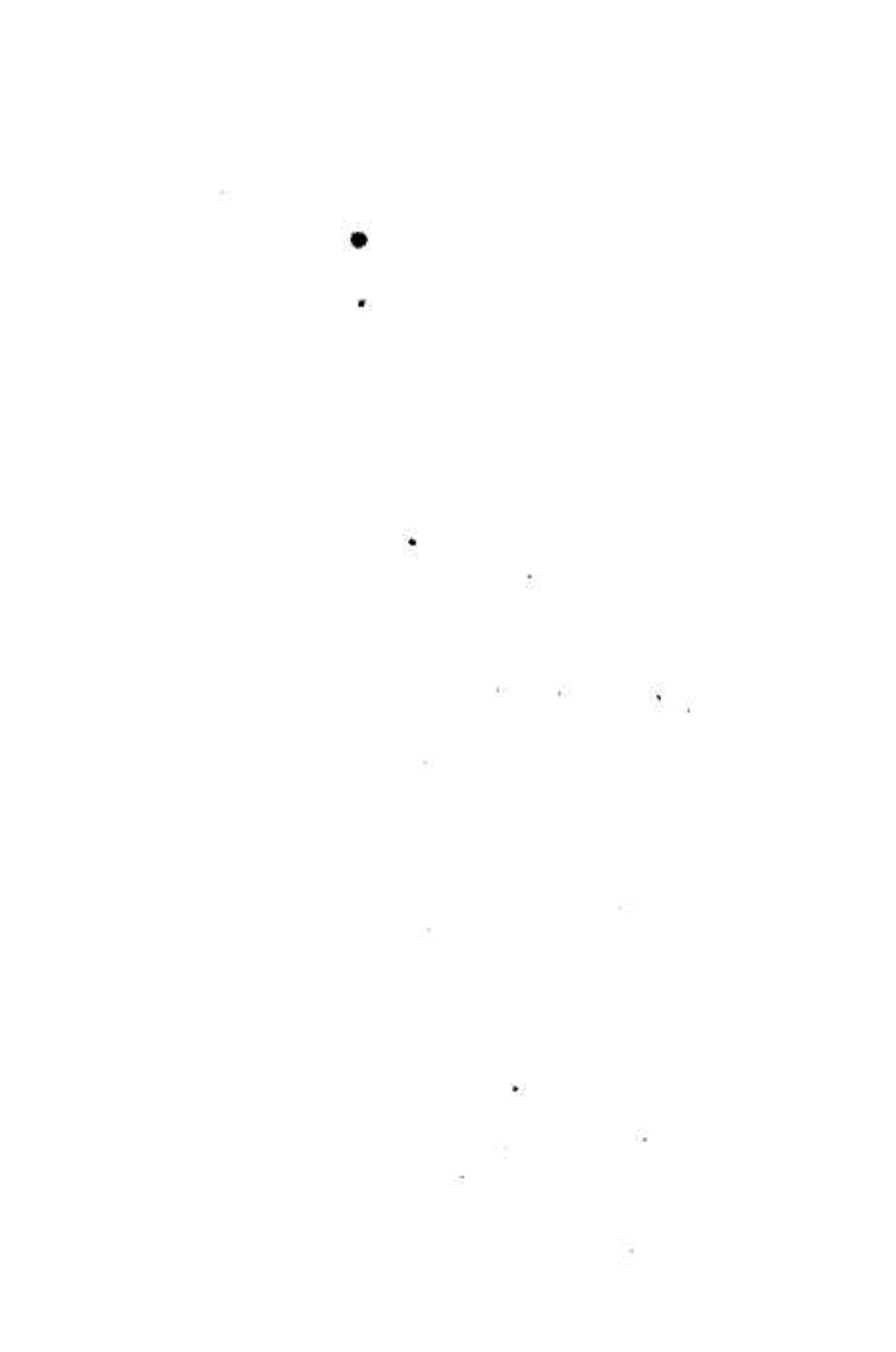
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"Above all things, reverence thyself."
Pythagoras.

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TO
THE YOUNG MEN
OF
THE CAMBRIDGE-PORT PARISH,
THIS LITTLE VOLUME,
PREPARED ORIGINALLY IN THE FORM OF
LECTURES,
DELIVERED IN THEIR PRESENCE, AND PUBLISHED
BY THEIR REQUEST, IS AFFECTIONATELY
Dedicated,
BY THEIR
FRIEND AND PASTOR.



P R E F A C E .

So many valuable treatises, addressed to Young Men, are already before the public, that he, who adds to the number, is bound to say a word of explanation.

My object in this little book is somewhat different from that of any I have yet seen. We have many Manuals of Politeness for Young Men; several on their Religious duties; and one, "The Young Man's Guide," which I take pleasure in especially recommending for its Chapters on Physical Education. But it seemed to me, that a few thoughts, relating more exclusively to the peculiar Moral Dangers and Duties of the Young Men of our Country, might not be lost on the community. It is with this view that I offer these pages. The perils of this class of our citizens call for trumpet-tongued warnings. But a still, small voice, if inspired by a sincere earnestness, will not, I have thought, utter itself in vain.

I have written for the many, laying no claim to originality, but stating common truths in no uncommon manner. The reader will find in this work no theories of philosophy, not a word of mere speculation. Had the writer a capacity for such productions, they would be entirely misplaced in a popular address to Young Men, immersed in secular pursuits.

It should be added, that the Chapters which follow, were given, substantially, by the Author, in a course

of public Lectures. This circumstance will account for what, in some instances, might otherwise seem an inappropriate style. The form has been changed, and occasionally a paragraph added, which was better suited for the eye than the ear.

I may have mistaken the wants of the times, or, misled by partial friends, have overrated my own ability to meet them. But of one thing I am sure; no one can feel a more cordial interest than I do, in the well-being of those now taking the high station of the Republican Citizen among us. Their hearts present a noble field for the rich fruits of honor, virtue, and faith; and no one can contemplate this field with more fervent hopes than myself. Our Young Men respond, I believe, to every sincere effort for their good. That this humble volume may do something to elevate, and give a right direction to their generous impulses, is the earnest desire of their Friend,

THE AUTHOR.

Cambridge, Dec. 8, 1836.

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In offering to the public another edition of this work, the author has only to say, that, grateful for the unexpected favor shown in the rapid sale of the first edition, he has endeavored to render it more worthy of the indulgence of the community, by a few alterations and amendments.

November, 1837.

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