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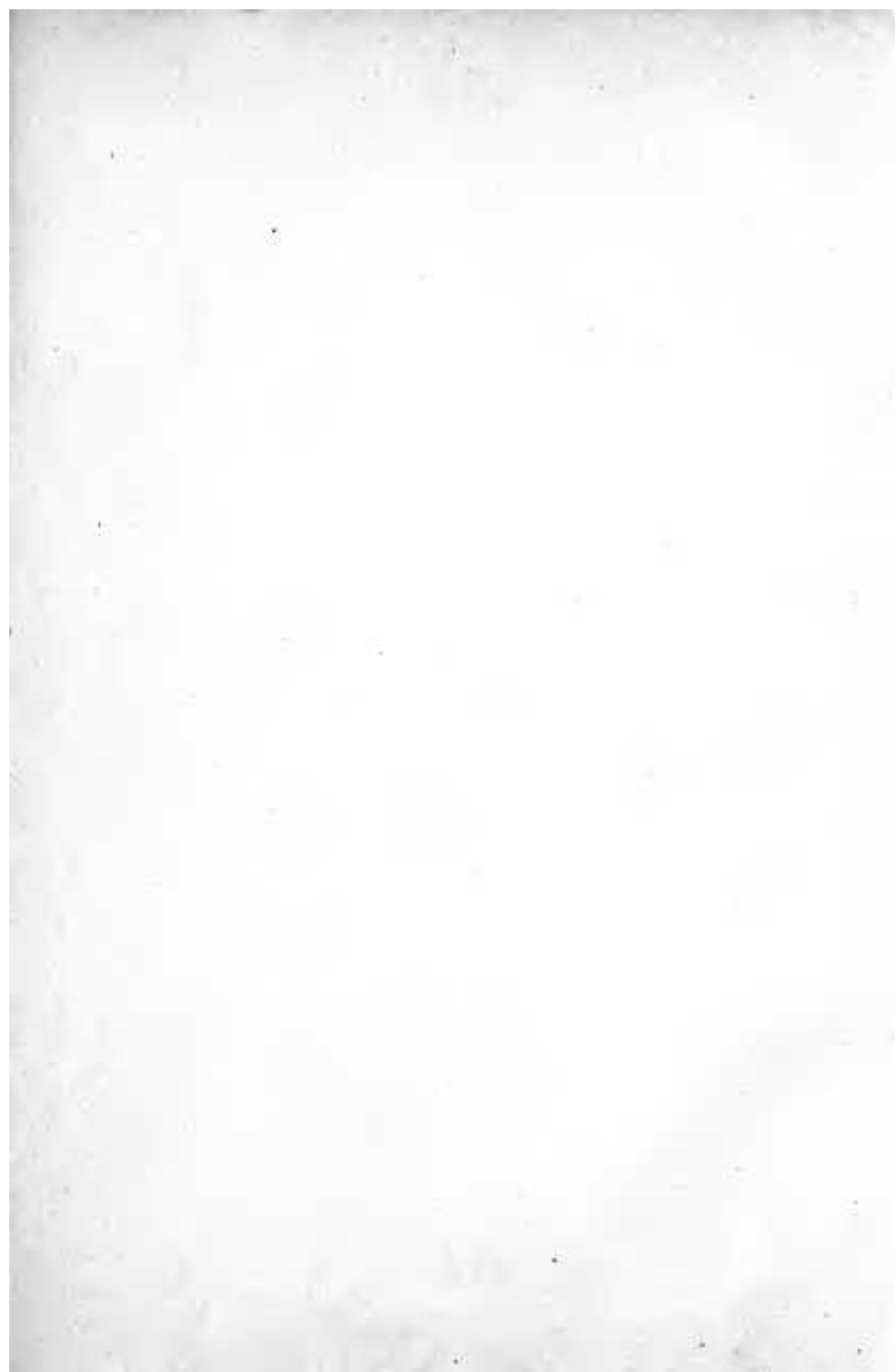
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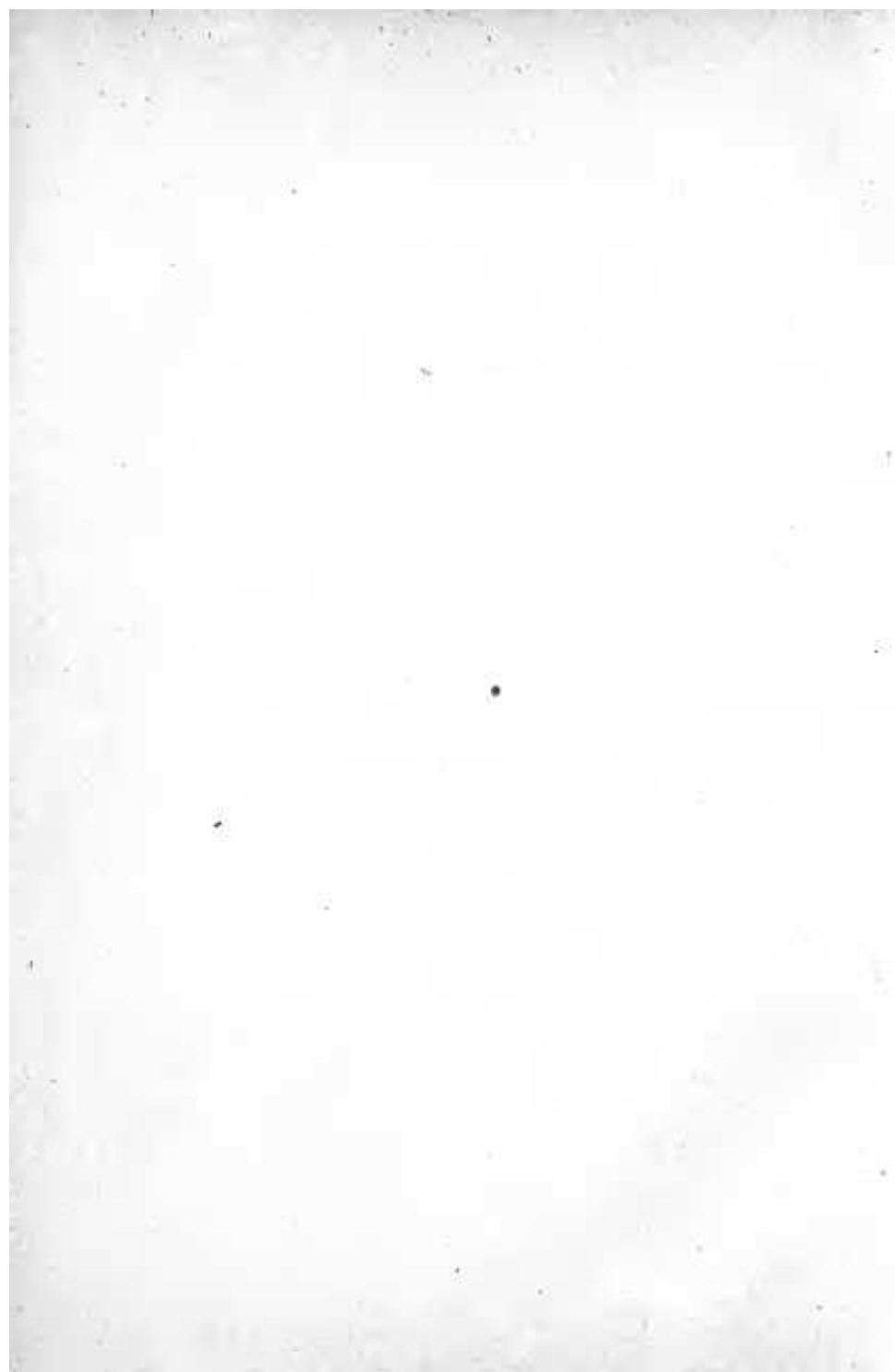
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TO THE INTERESTS OF THE
Worthy Servitor
WHOSE NAME APPEARS ON THE
TITLE PAGE.



I.

"I say the tale as t'was said to me."—SCOTT.

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LIFE OF
"PROF. JIM."

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IN tracing out the life of the venerable janitor whose name is so familiar to the alumni of Trinity College, we are taken backwards in time to a period of which few men now living have any remembrance; chiefly because "Prof. Jim" has advanced beyond the years allotted to man's portion, and his younger days were passed amidst scenes which have become historic.

He does not celebrate his birthday, mainly because he hasn't the faintest idea of the time of its recurrence, or even of his age at all, but certain data remain fixed in his mind, and a simple calculation will give his approximate age. He says, "I distinctly remember wearing a smock-frock and belt, and playing about the door-yard of my master's house, when I heard bells a ringin' and cannons a firin', and I ran in and asked my mother what was