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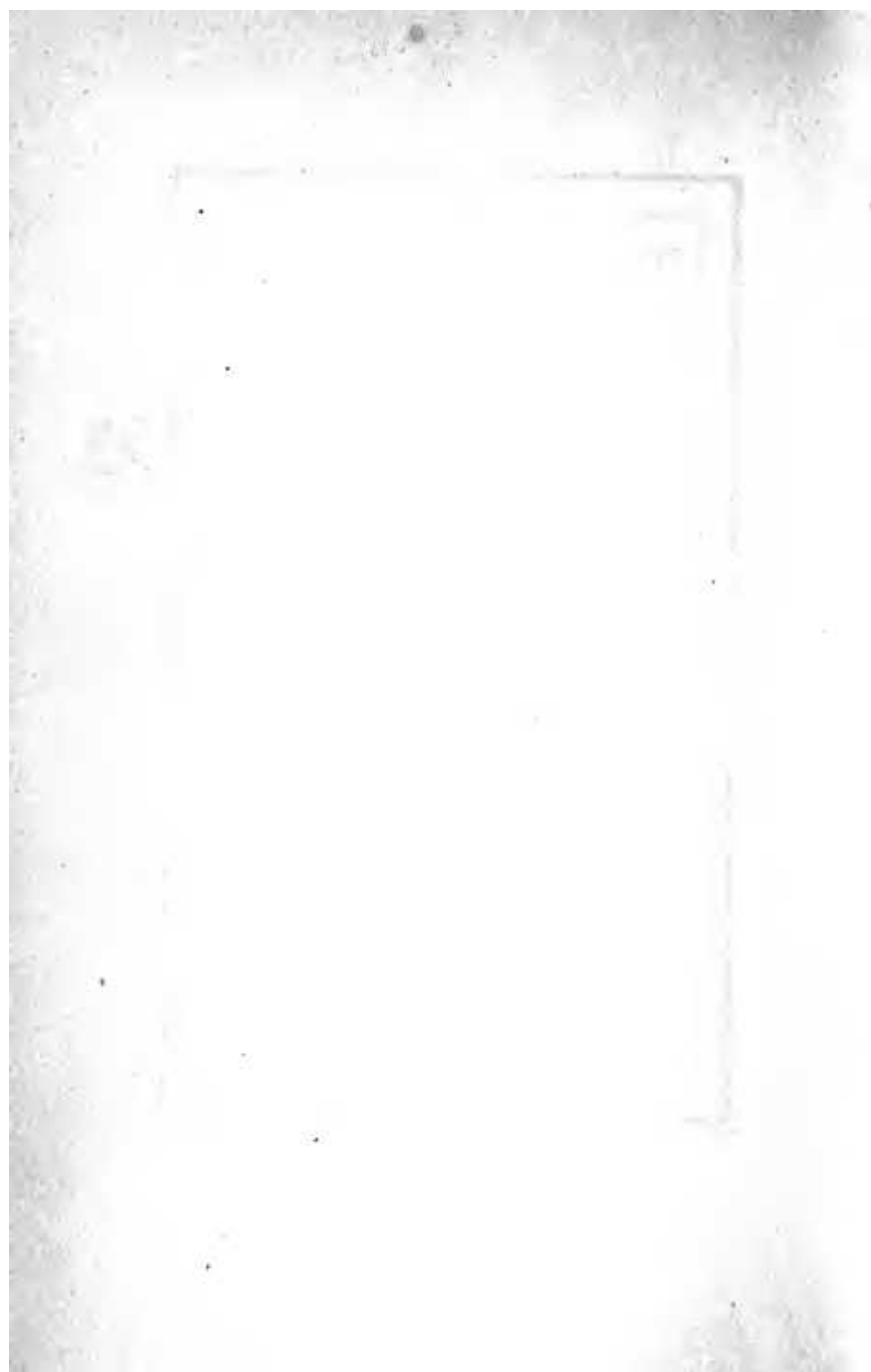
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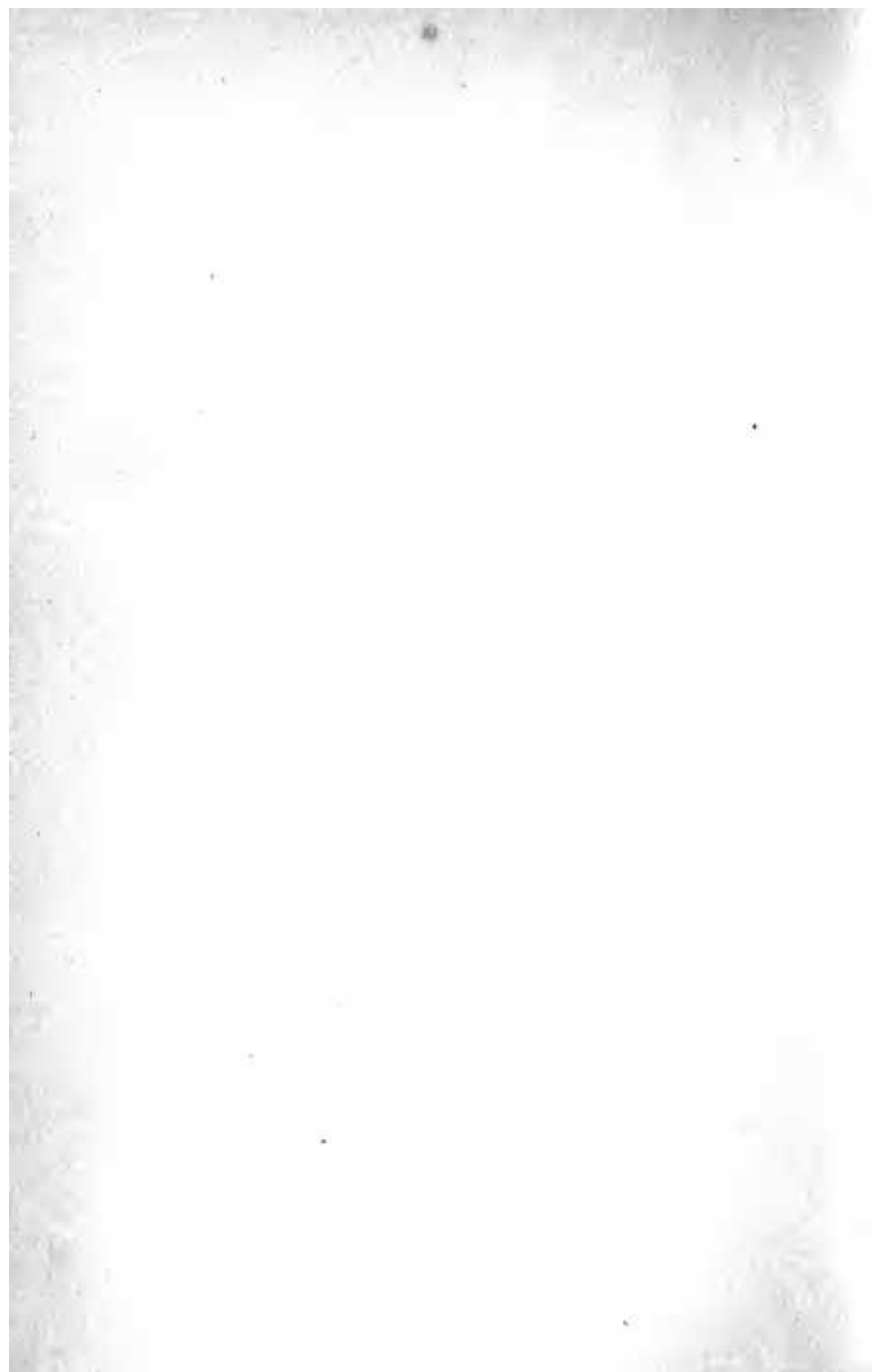
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SUCH PITY AS A FATHER HATH.

BY MRS W. G. SCOTT-MONCRIEFF.

THE grey downpour of a wet afternoon in late September gave a dreary look to the surroundings of Ballendoun farmhouse up on the hillside, and to the little village of Inchrye in the valley below. In the northern counties of Scotland in such weather, nature's face seems grim and careworn to her loving children; and even on those who profess a stoic indifference to her moods she has a depressing effect.

So down in the village the one long straggling street was empty even of the children, who on a less dismal day would have braved the rain and their mothers' admonitions alike. The smithy door, a favourite loitering-place, was deserted; there was no