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*'This will I say—that I have sought to live worthily the while I lived,
and after my life to leave to the men that come after me
a remembering of me in good works.'*

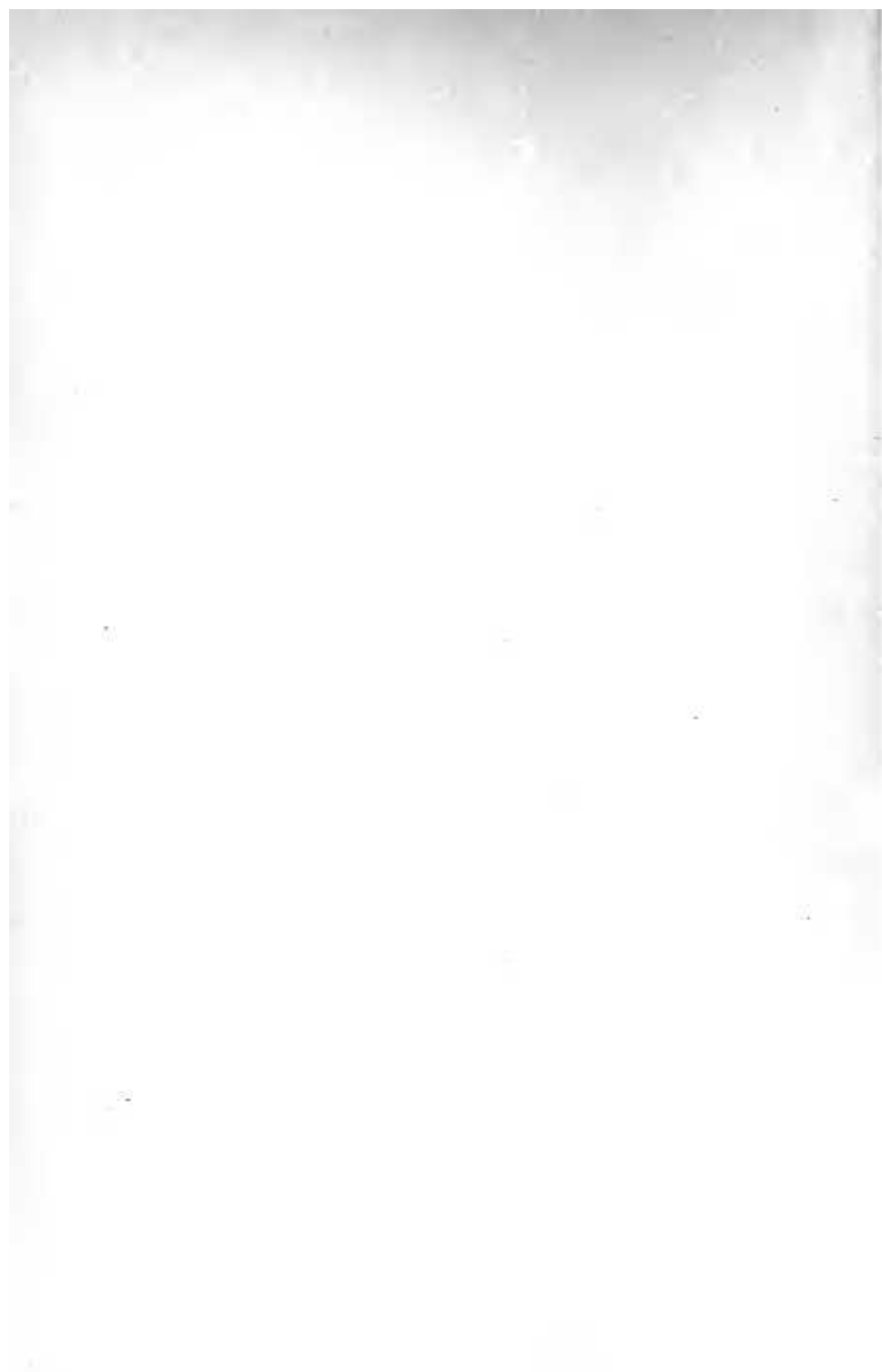
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TO
Her Majesty the Queen
BY GRACIOUS PERMISSION
THIS VOLUME
IS
DEDICATED



THE SPOTLESS KING

I

Some lights there be within the Heavenly Spheres
Yet unrevealed, the interspace so vast :
So through the distance of a thousand years
Alfred's full radiance shines on us at last.

II

Star of the spotless fame, from far-off skies
'Teaching this truth, too long not understood,
That only they are worthy who are wise,
And none are truly great that are not good.

III

Of valour, virtue, letters, learning, law,
Pattern and prince, His name will now abide,
Long as of conscience Rulers live in awe,
And love of country is their only pride.

IV

But with His name four other names attune,
Which from oblivion guardian Song may save ;
Lone Athelney, victorious Ethandune,
Wantage his cradle, Winchester his grave.

ALFRED AUSTIN.

