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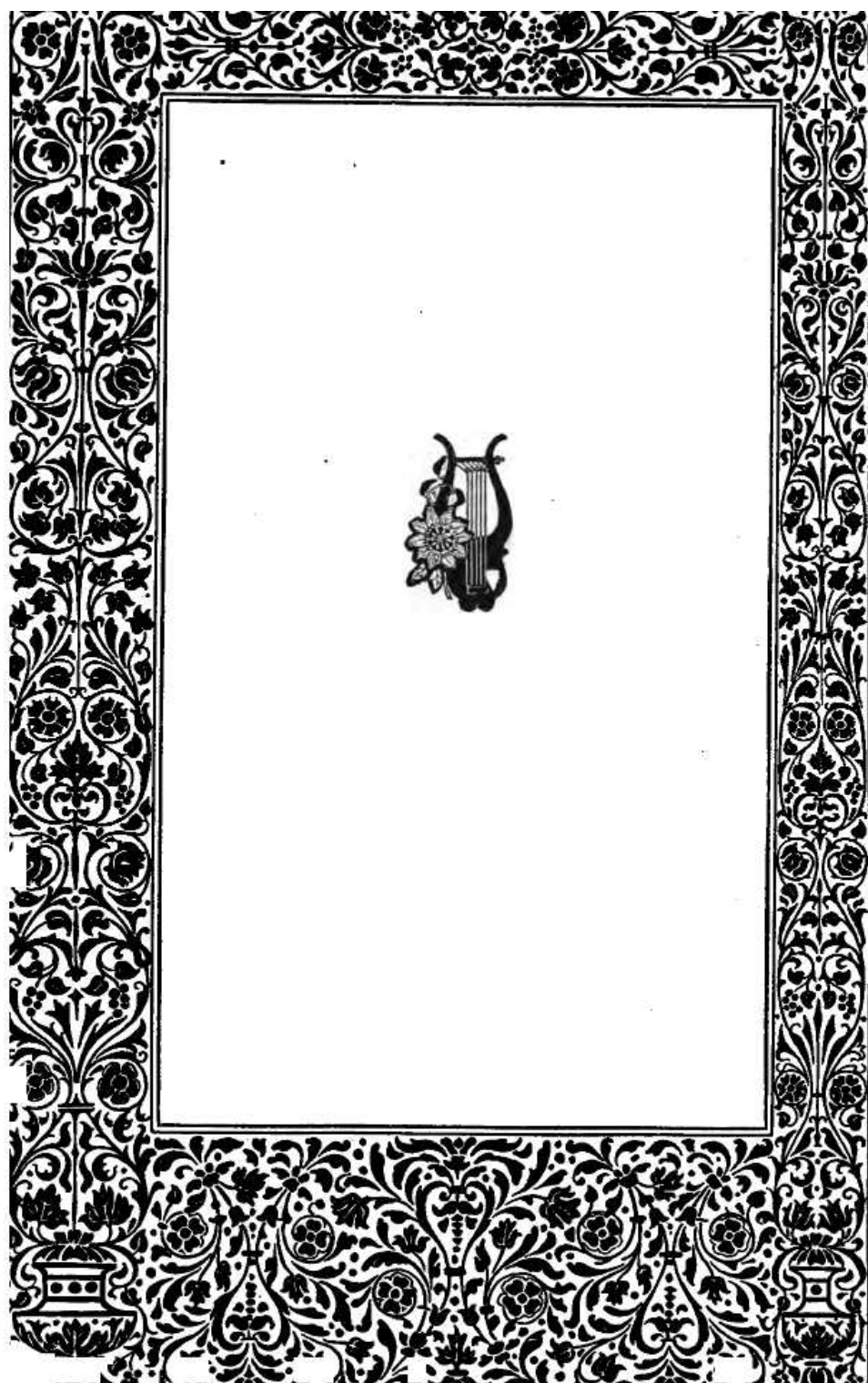
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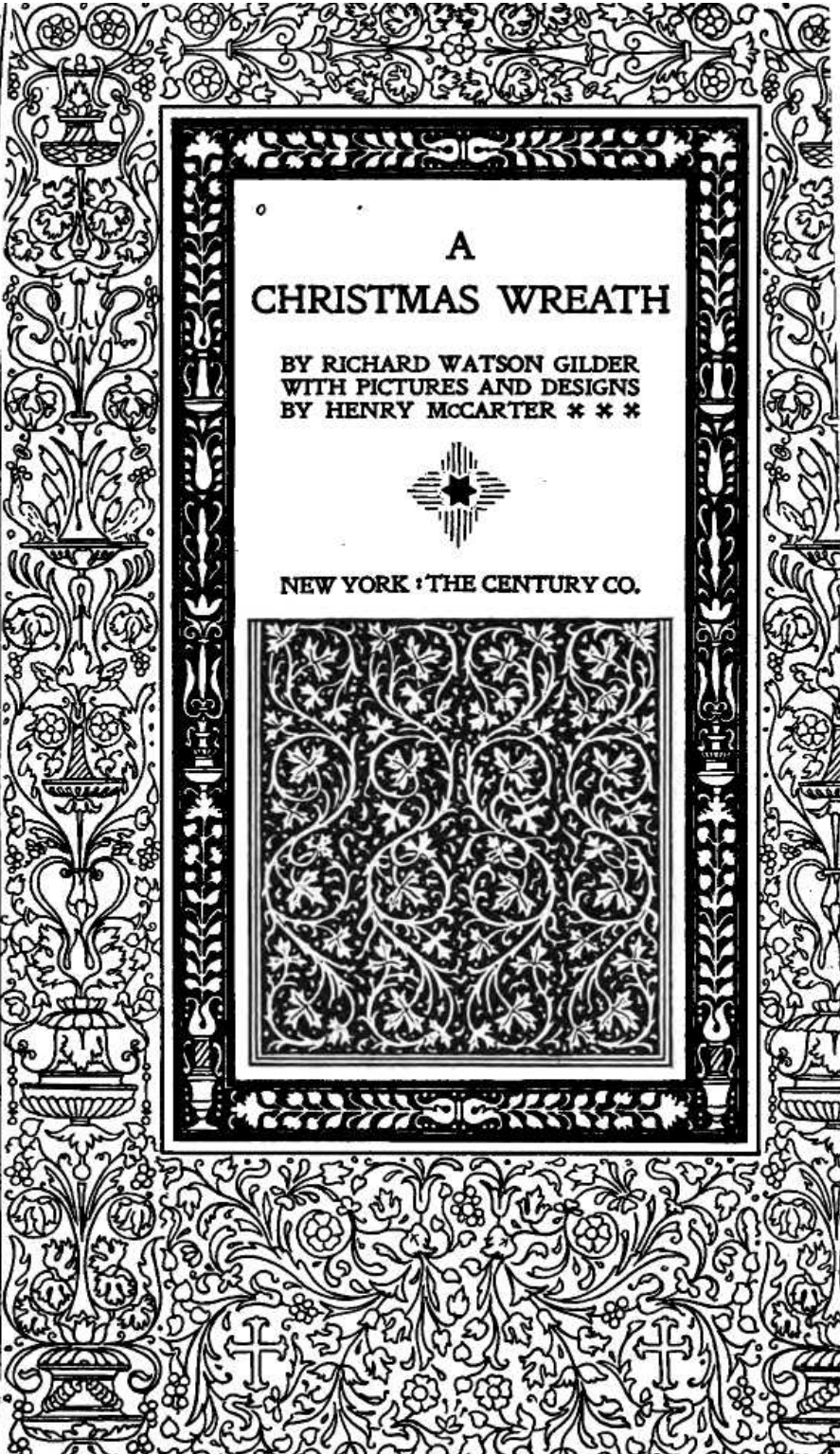
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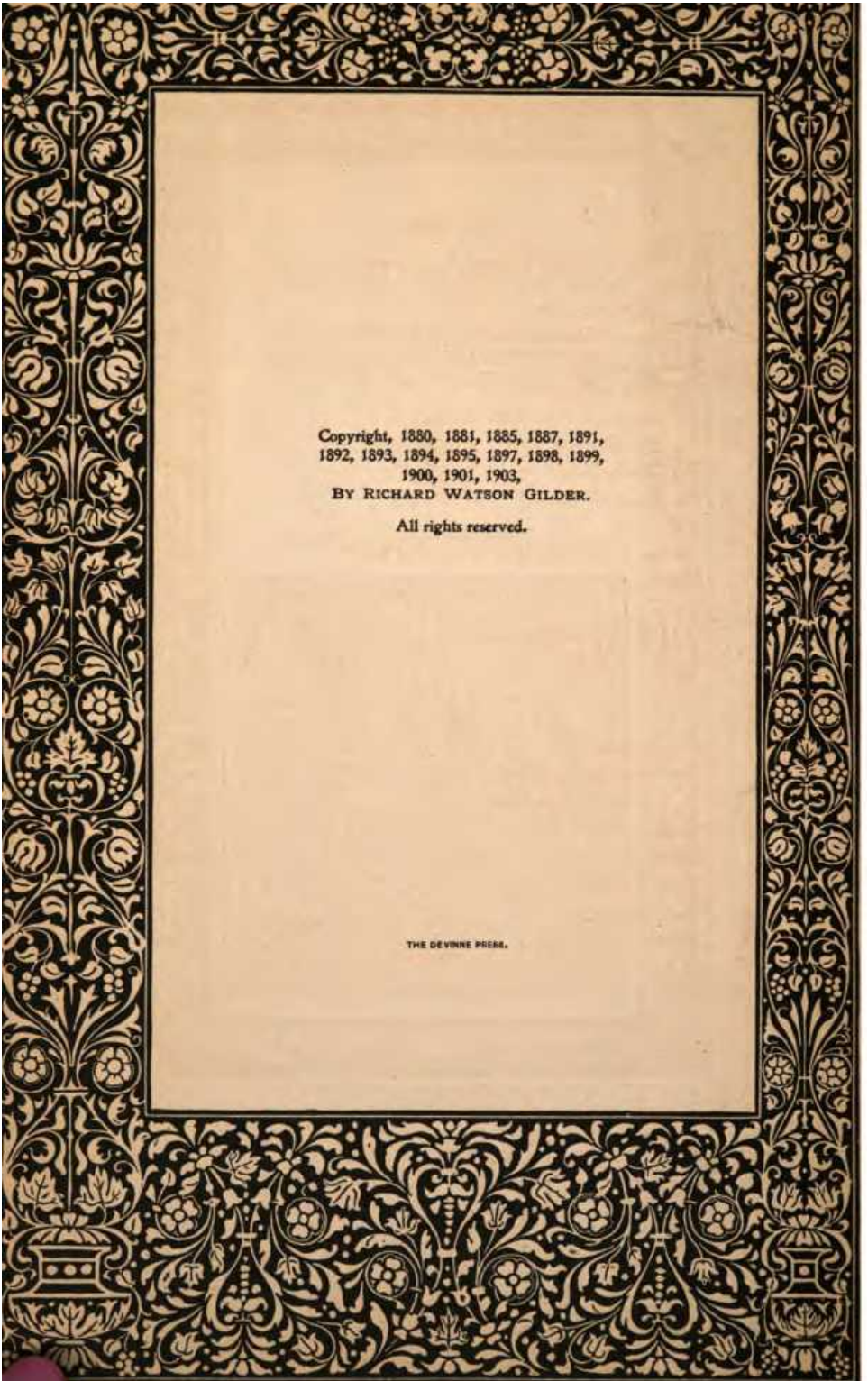
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THE SONG OF A HEATHEN

SOJOURNING IN GALILEE, A. D. 32

I

IF Jesus Christ is a man,—
And only a man,—I say
That of all mankind I cleave to him,
And to him will I cleave alway.

II

If Jesus Christ is a God,—
And the only God,—I swear
I will follow him through heaven and hell,
The earth, the sea, and the air!