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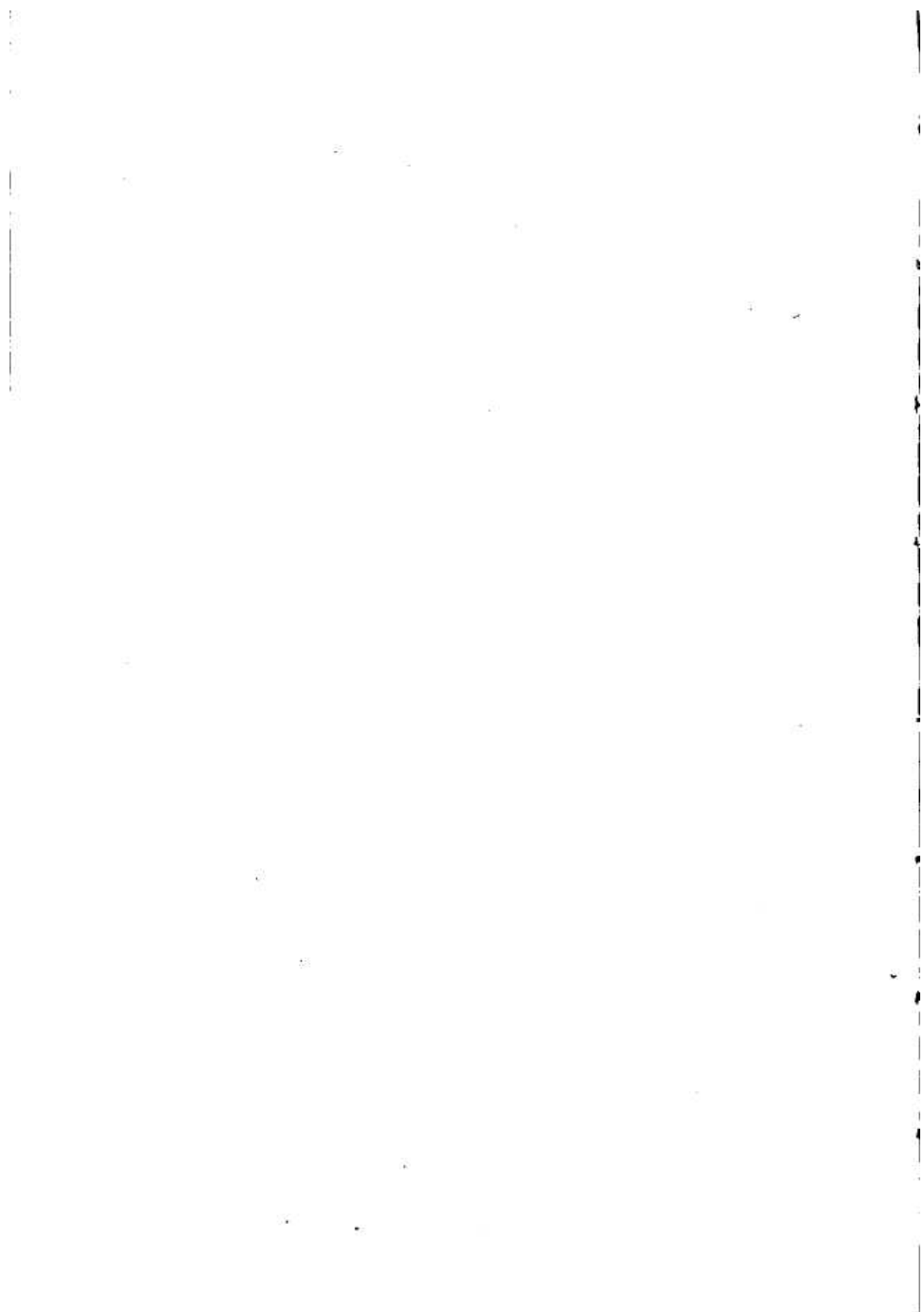
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## PREFACE

**I** YIELD to the suggestion that has been made to me to print in book form selections from four of my Presidential Addresses which treat of subjects of general interest,—namely, what science, as represented by the Royal Society, has done and is doing now for the nation; and the place that science should take in education.

I do so in the hope that this tetralogy when separately printed may promote, much more widely than it could do if restricted to the publications of the Royal Society, the objects which I set before me in these Addresses. I desired to make better known the great work, hidden indeed from public view, which at great cost to itself the Royal Society, almost from its foundation to the present time, has carried on with great benefit to the State, and through it to the nation at large, outside and in addition to the reading, discussion, and printing of papers of research, which is its first duty as a Society for “the improving of Natural Knowledge.”

My Address at the Anniversary of 1904 was devoted to giving as full a sketch as the time allowed of the