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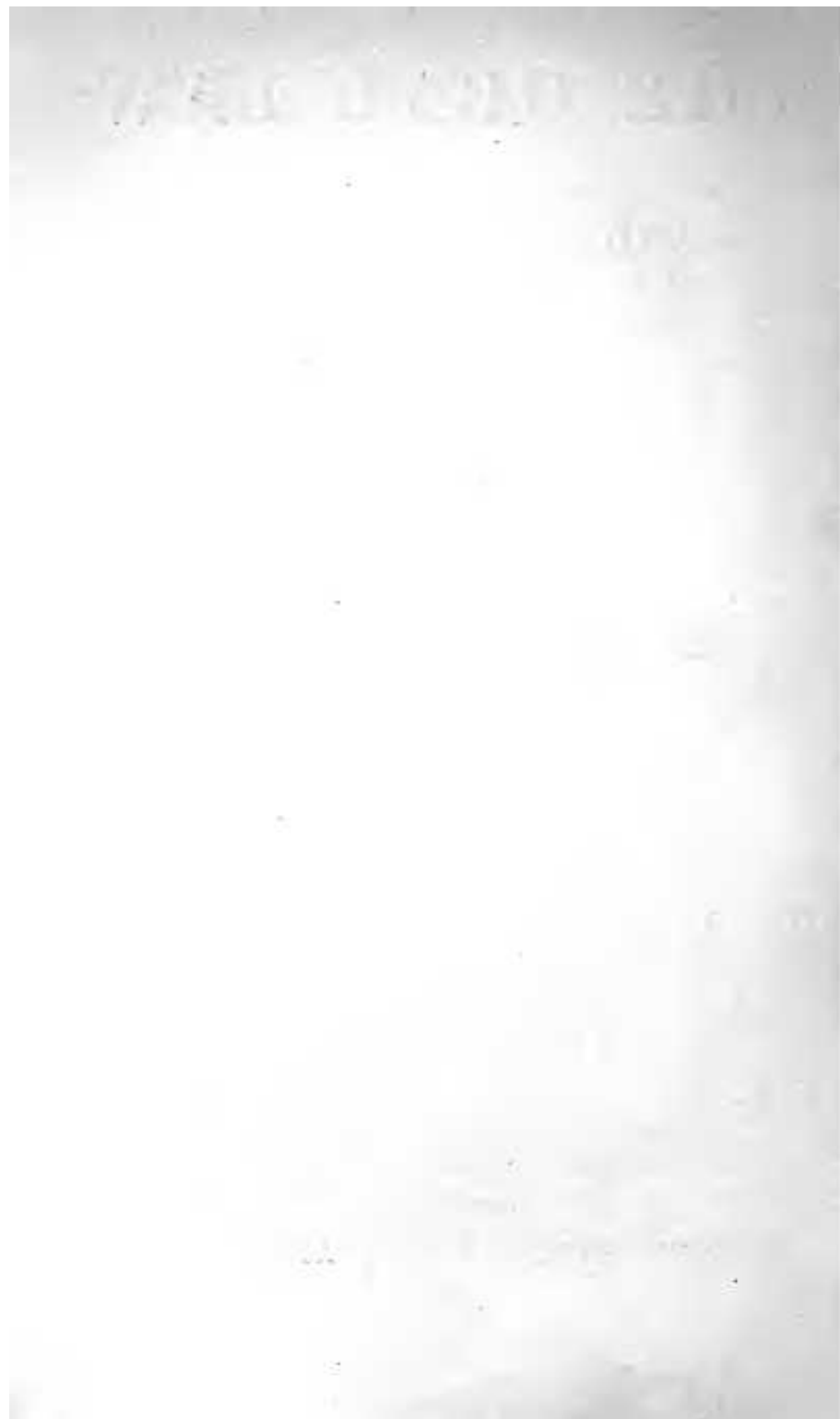
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THE MEMORY
OF MY DEAR PARENTS



PREFATORY NOTE

ANGLO-JEWISH Homiletic Literature, though considerably increased in recent years, is still not so bulky that the addition of this small volume should prove unwelcome.

The Discourse on the Oral Law, which opens the book and gives it its title, defines the writer's standpoint. As the Oral Law constitutes the life and soul of our religion, it is necessary to uphold and emphasize its authority, at all periods and especially in this age with its disintegrating influences, if Judaism is to be preserved and handed down unimpaired.

The sermons, a few of which have appeared in the Metropolitan Anglo-Jewish Press, fall into two main divisions. Those in the first half deal with the Sabbath and Festivals; those in the second, with the Essentials of the Religious Life—the foundations on which, as the sage tells us, the edifice of Judaism is reared,—*Torah, Avodah, Gemiluth Chassadim*, Study, Worship, Loving-kindness.

I trust that these addresses may attain their purpose, and promote love of God, attachment to His Law, and goodwill to all His creatures.

In conclusion, I tender my thanks to the Chief Rabbi, who kindly read the advance sheets.

M. HYAMSON.

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