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To

The Master

who first opened mine eyes to the Spiritual Realities of life
and taught me to see the Divine within the human

James Martineau

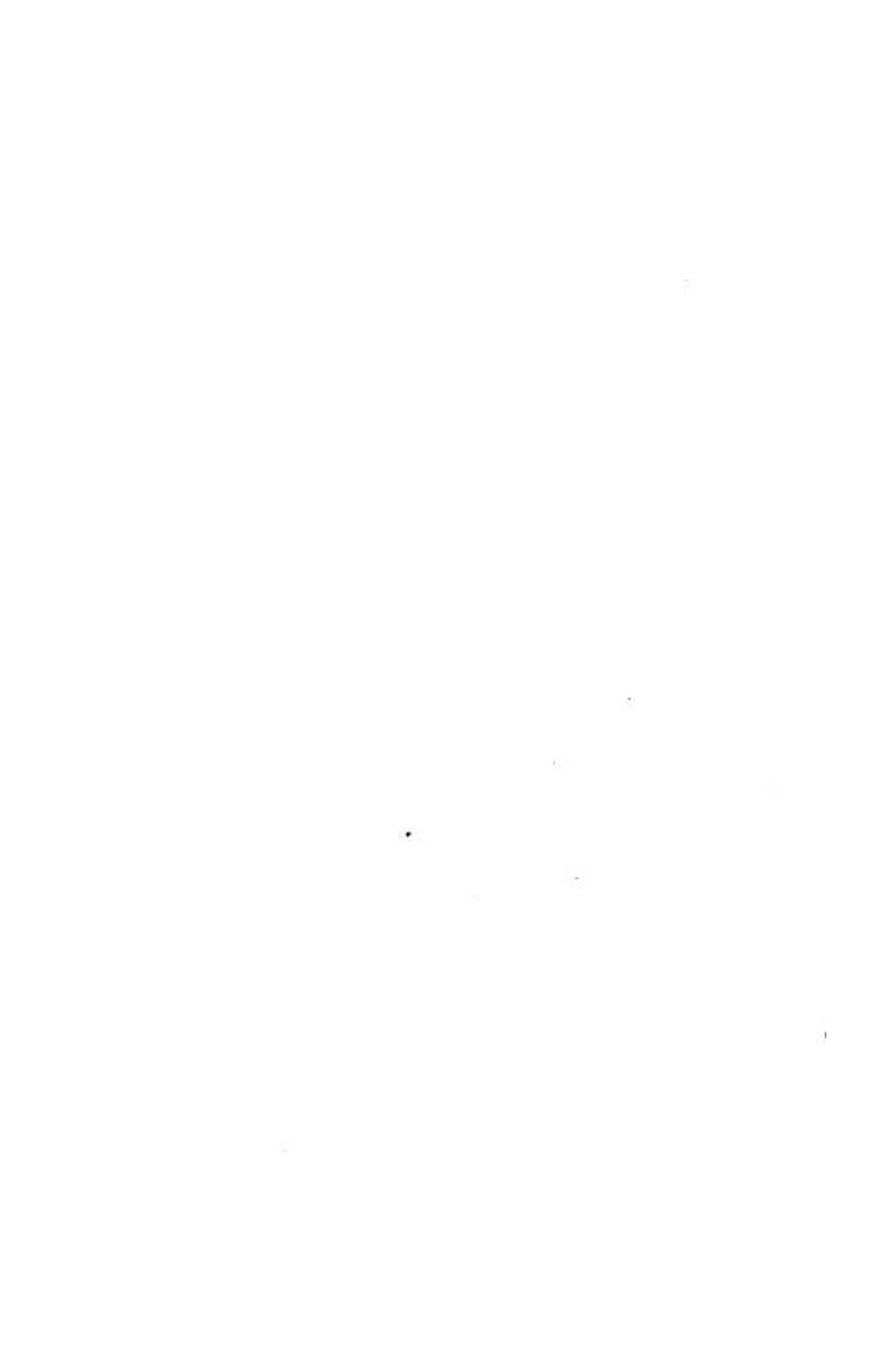
PREFACE

THIS year will be celebrated the centenary of James Martineau's birth. He was born at Norwich, England, on April 21, 1805. To mark the occasion this book has been compiled with the knowledge and consent of his executors. It is intended to meet a long felt want. The selections have been taken chiefly from the devotional writings, and mainly from the later volumes of Sermons, "Hours of Thought,"—the desire being to cull from this great thinker's latest and richest thought. The passages chosen are in no way exhaustive— but illustrative and suggestive. If they lead to a more intimate acquaintance with his works much will be accomplished.

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INTRODUCTION

To me, as I advance further from the time when I knew Dr. Martineau "after the flesh," his utterances become daily more precious. Tested by reason and conscience, and passed through the crucible of experience, they have proved themselves of the finest gold. I can hardly tell what this teacher has been to me. My tutor at college, he became master of my thinking through the years of my maturer manhood, and the supreme object of reverence and affection among all the men I have ever known. The moment I entered as pupil his presence stands out as one of the epoch moments in my life, — the "striking hour" in the realm of spirit. I had been reading the evolutionary literature of the day, especially the writings of Herbert Spencer. I am free to confess it was slowly shaking the foundations of my faith. It was not so