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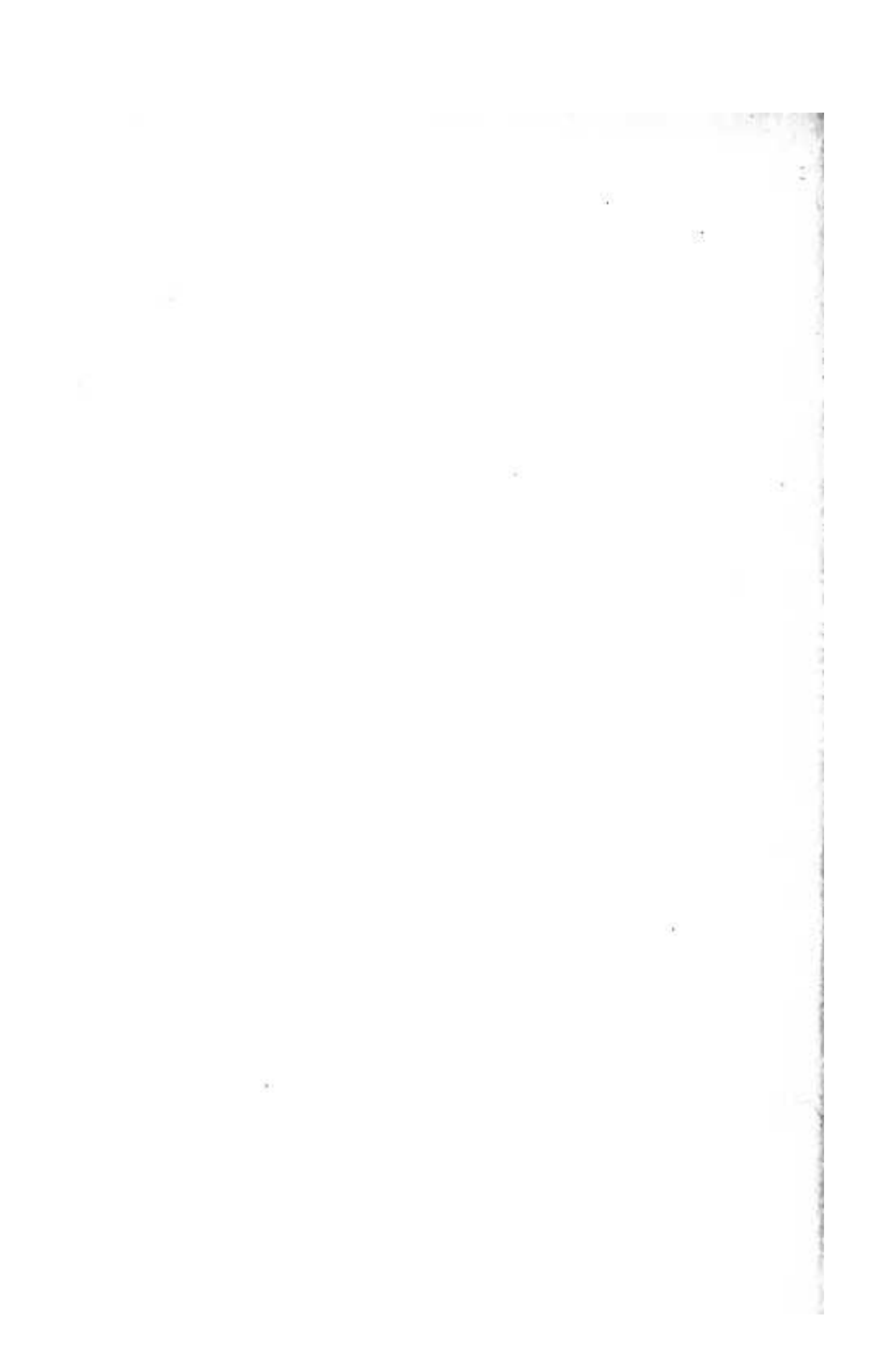
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PREFACE

THIS book surveys the more important Second Chambers of the world, but its illustrations are chiefly drawn from the experiences of the British Dominions. In the case of foreign countries, owing to the difference between their needs and our own, the conclusions that can be safely derived from them are strictly limited. But the Dominions furnish us with a variety of experiments made by peoples possessing many of our own traditions and with constitutions created upon the British model.

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