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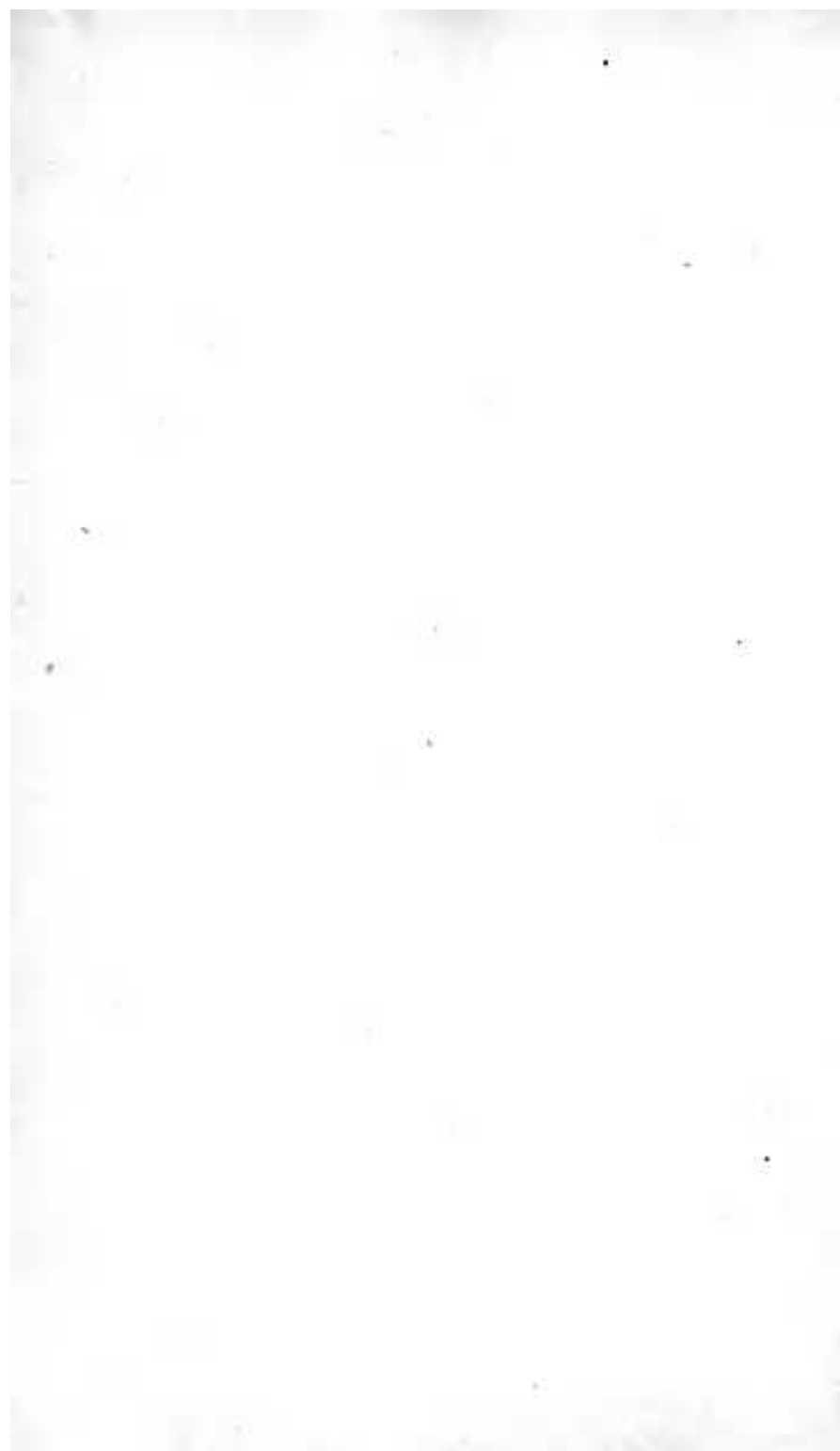
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That a far larger space is assigned to the 'History' than to the 'Annals' may require some explanation.

The earlier written of these works is generally the far less commonly known of the two. The later, besides its length, demands far more scrutiny and sifting than the 'History,' and to be fairly represented, would have required more space than could be afforded—perhaps even a volume of the series for itself alone.

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