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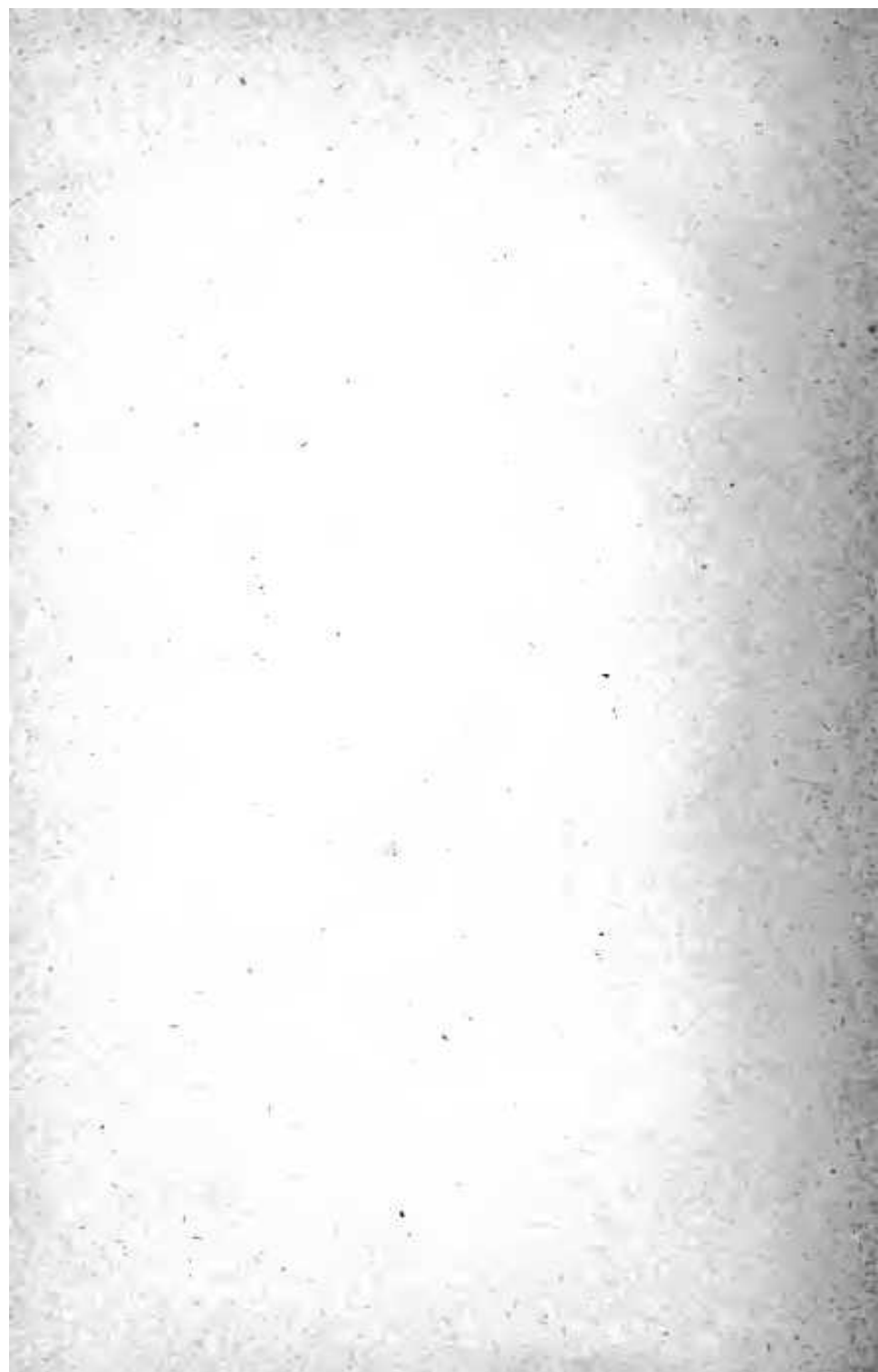
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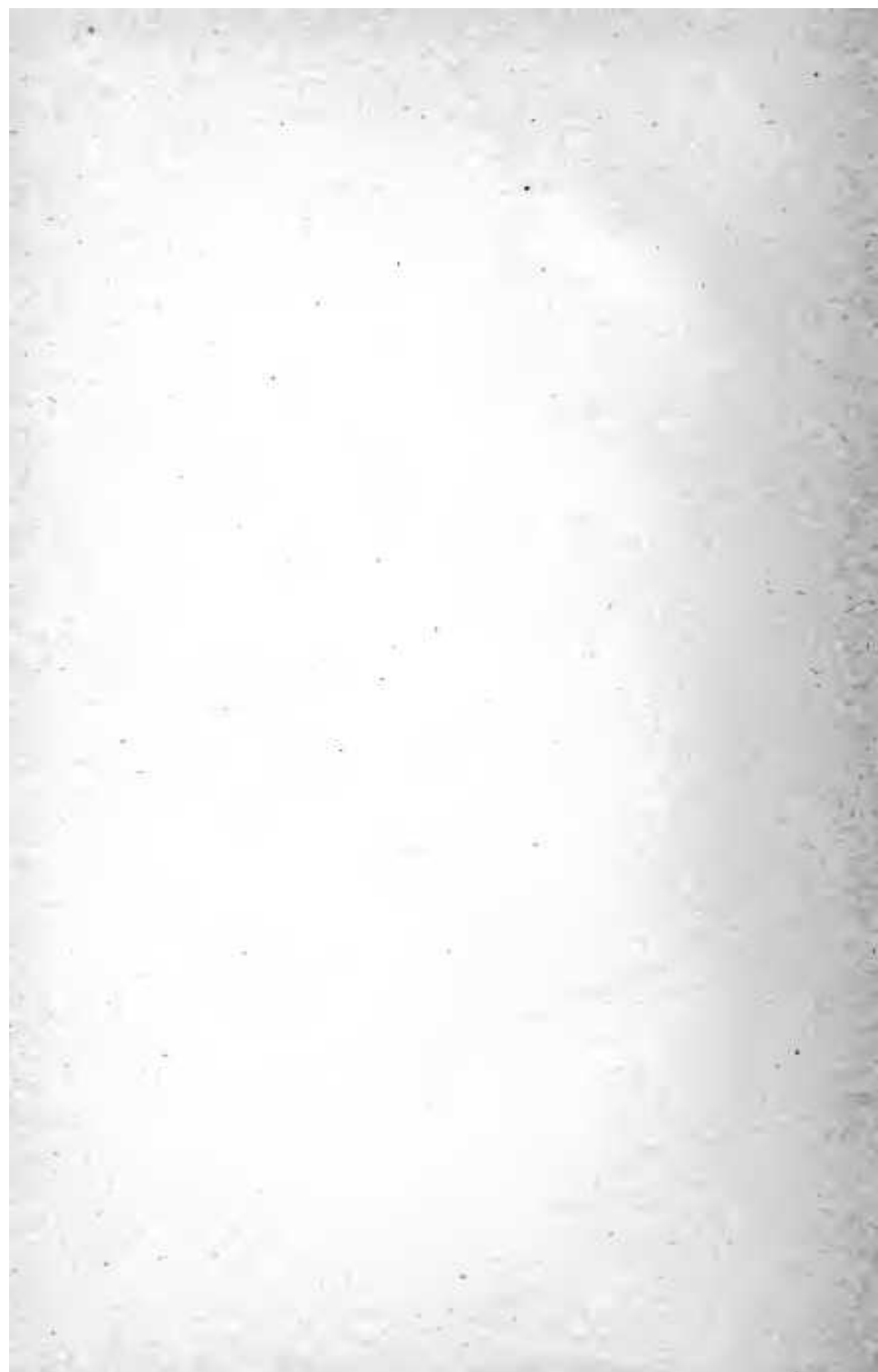


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## EDITORIAL NOTE

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In presenting to the English-speaking profession a translation of Prof. Bier's monograph, the editor feels that he has rendered his colleagues a service. He leaves it to the reader to judge of its merits and only adds that the author's remarks contained in his "Conclusion" should be read first, for it really is a preface.

Thousands of physicians in this country have treated many cases with artificially produced active hyperemia without being able to give scientific reasons for whatever successes or failures they may have had with it. Though the editor was probably one of the first, if not the first, in this country to use active hyperemia on a large scale and to contribute several articles to contemporaneous medical literature and though he has followed the subject with great interest, he must admit that he was so overwhelmed by the vast information contained in Bier's work that it was sheer enthusiasm which prompted him to translate and edit the book for his American colleagues.

Prof. Bier, a former pupil of v. Esmerch, to whom the original work is dedicated, is one of the younger surgeons who have become famous on account of their original researches. A master mind like his would give us nothing but what would prove useful to our science and to suffering humanity. One need only read his introduction to realize that here is an authority whose keen philosophical insight, whose learning is exceeded only by his love for his suffering fellow-man. And here it is that he is in sympathy with American medical men who long ago came to the conviction that after all medicine for science' sake is useless, that our profession derives its splendor and glory from the fact that above all else it is humanitarian in character.

One case in the editor's practice will convince the readers of the good he has derived from the book. He was called to attend a recently married woman who for