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"— OUR FORTUNE KEEPS AN UPWARD COURSE,  
AND WE ARE GRACED WITH WREATHS OF VICTORY."

*King Henry VI., Part III., Act 5, Scene iii.*

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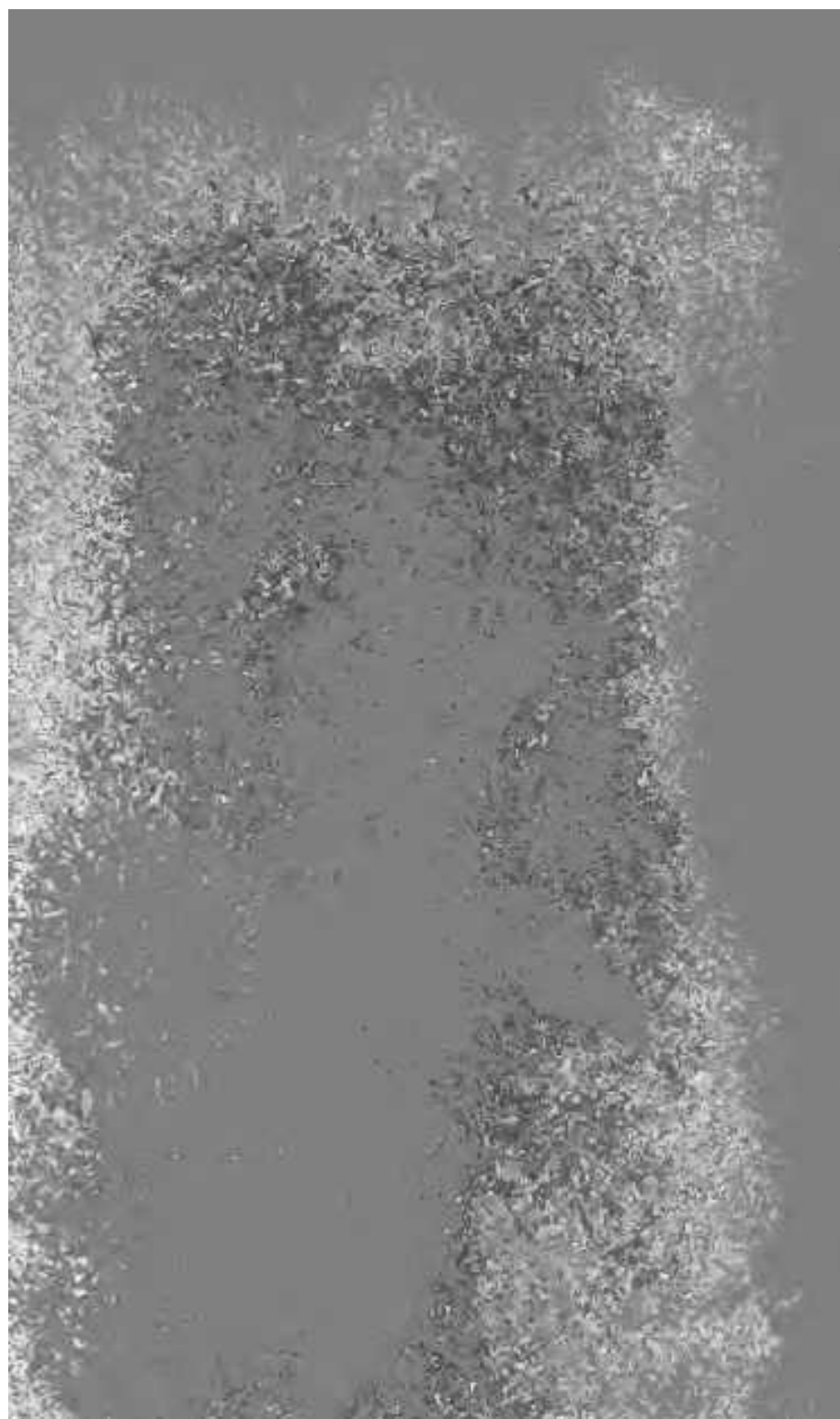
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## P R E F A C E.

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IN the following pages—intended, primarily, for young people—my object has been to sketch the careers of the leading Warriors and Statesmen by whose genius and heroism British rule was established in India; to describe the labours of zealous Missionary-pioneers in that land; and, finally, to tell of some of the men who, when the existence of the Empire was imperilled by the great Sepoy Mutiny, defended it with such valour and success.

No attempt has been made to give full biographies, but I have aimed rather to narrate a series of Stories which, while presenting a view of events in India from the time of Clive downwards, shall,



particularly, picture the Heroes themselves and their more striking achievements.

Besides the authorities mentioned in the text, I desire to express indebtedness for historical information to the "History of India," by Mr. Marshman—whose spelling of Indian names I have in the main adopted — and to Mr. Sewell's "Analytical History of India."

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