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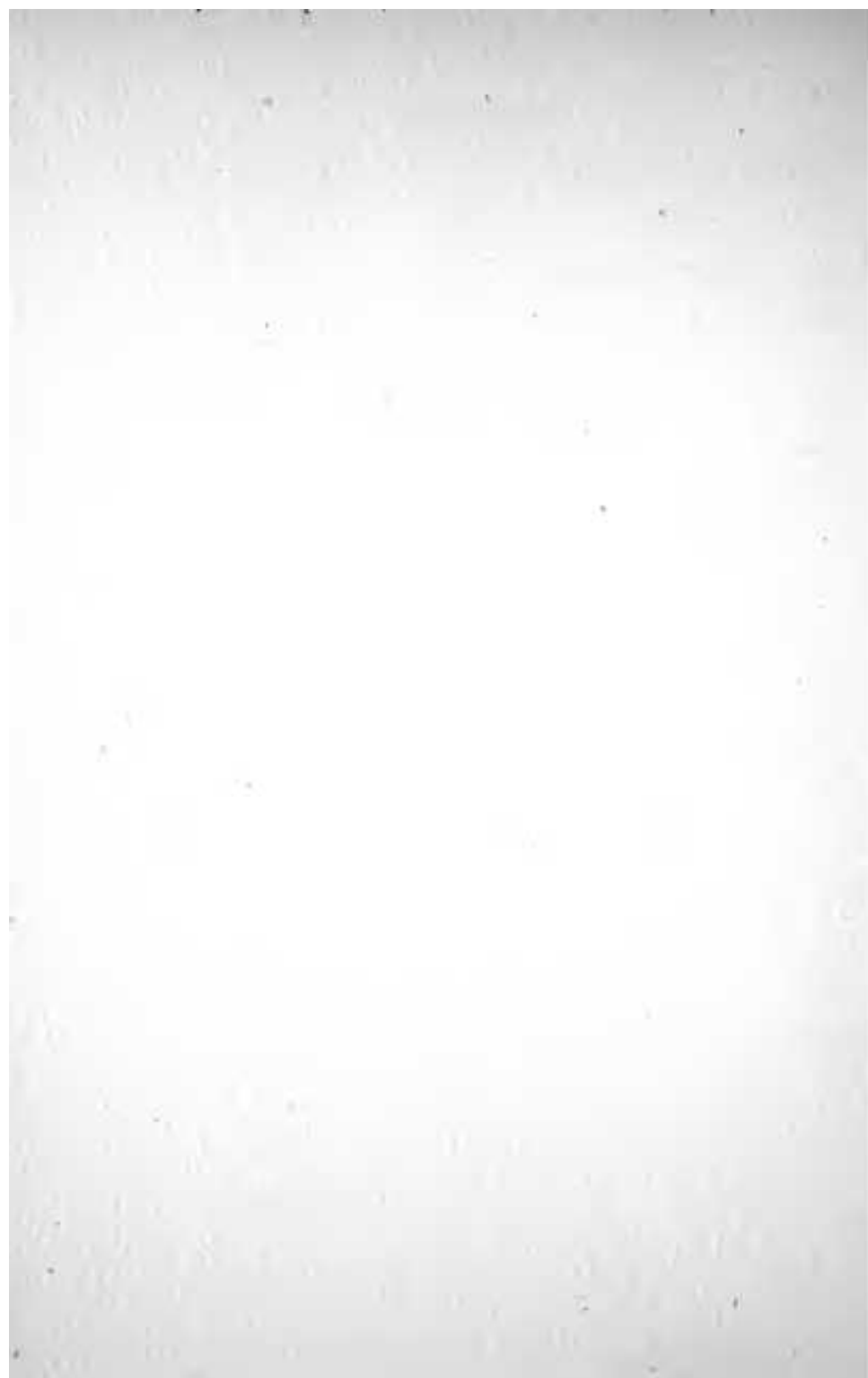
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A WINTER SWALLOW

"How much do I admire the generous humor of Chelonis, daughter and wife to Kings of Sparta! Whilst her husband, Cleombrotus, in the commotion of her city, had the advantage over Leonidas, her father, she, like a good daughter, stuck close to her father in all his misery and exile, in opposition to the conqueror. But as soon as the chance of war turned, she changed her will with the change of fortune, and generously turned to her husband's side; whom she accompanied throughout; having, as it appeared, no other wish than to cleave to that side that stood most in need of her, and where she could best manifest her compassion.

—MONTAIGNE *On Experience.*

CHARACTERS

LEONIDAS . . .	King of Sparta.
CLEOMBROTUS . . .	{ Son-in-law of Leonidas, and usurper of the throne of Sparta.
CHELONIS . . .	{ Daughter of Leonidas, and wife of Cleombrotus.
ÆGLE and CLEON . . .	{ Children of Cleombrotus and Chelonis.
PRIEST OF POSEIDON,	

Various Voices of the People.

SCENE

The Temple of Poseidon where CLEOMBROTUS, on the restoration of LEONIDAS, has taken refuge. The walls are hung with pictured memorials of ship-wreck and rescue, offered by those who have escaped the dangers of the sea. From time to time hymns and ascriptions to the God are heard, issuing from the depths of the temple.