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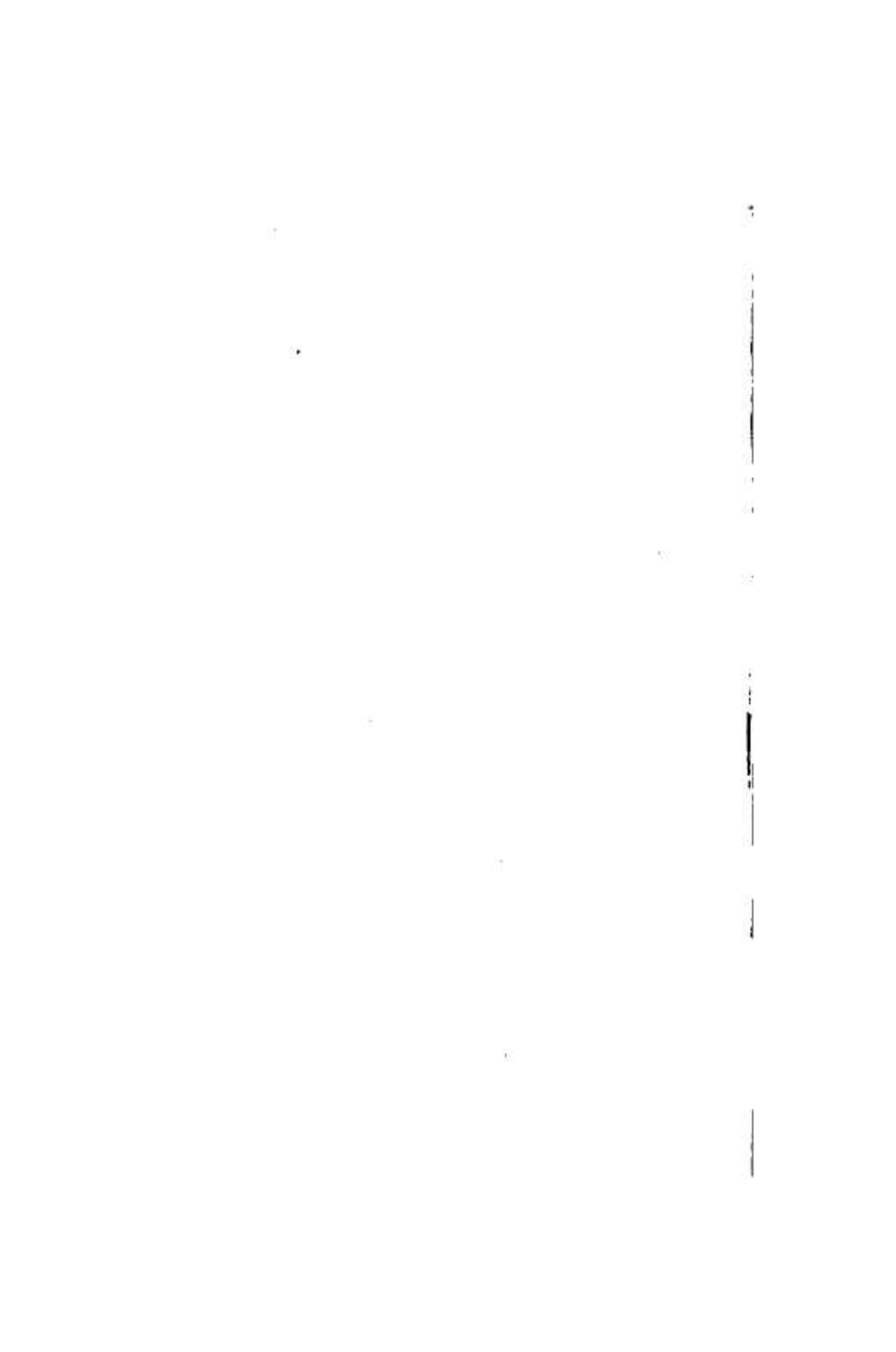
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PREFACE.

ALTHOUGH most of the matter comprised in the following pages is taken out of 'Festus,' a few extracts will be found from another work, now out of print.

Certain slight alterations in the text have been here and there introduced, for the sake of distinctness, or completeness, in passages now for the first time detached from their surroundings. All references are made exclusively to the last edition of the poem published by Messrs. Longmans.

What has been aimed at in the choice of quotations, is not so much variety of ideas, and picturesque expression, as an elevated and serious range of thought, suitable to the purpose for which the selection has been provided.

