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PREFACE.

I SHOULD have preferred to delay the publication of my notes on the Potato Disease for another year, until additional information could have been obtained on one or two points; but the losses by the disease last year were so very great, and the attention of the public so generally drawn to it, that on consideration I decided to publish without delay such information as I possessed; and if this little work should meet with a favourable reception on the part of the public, any additional information might be readily embodied in future editions.

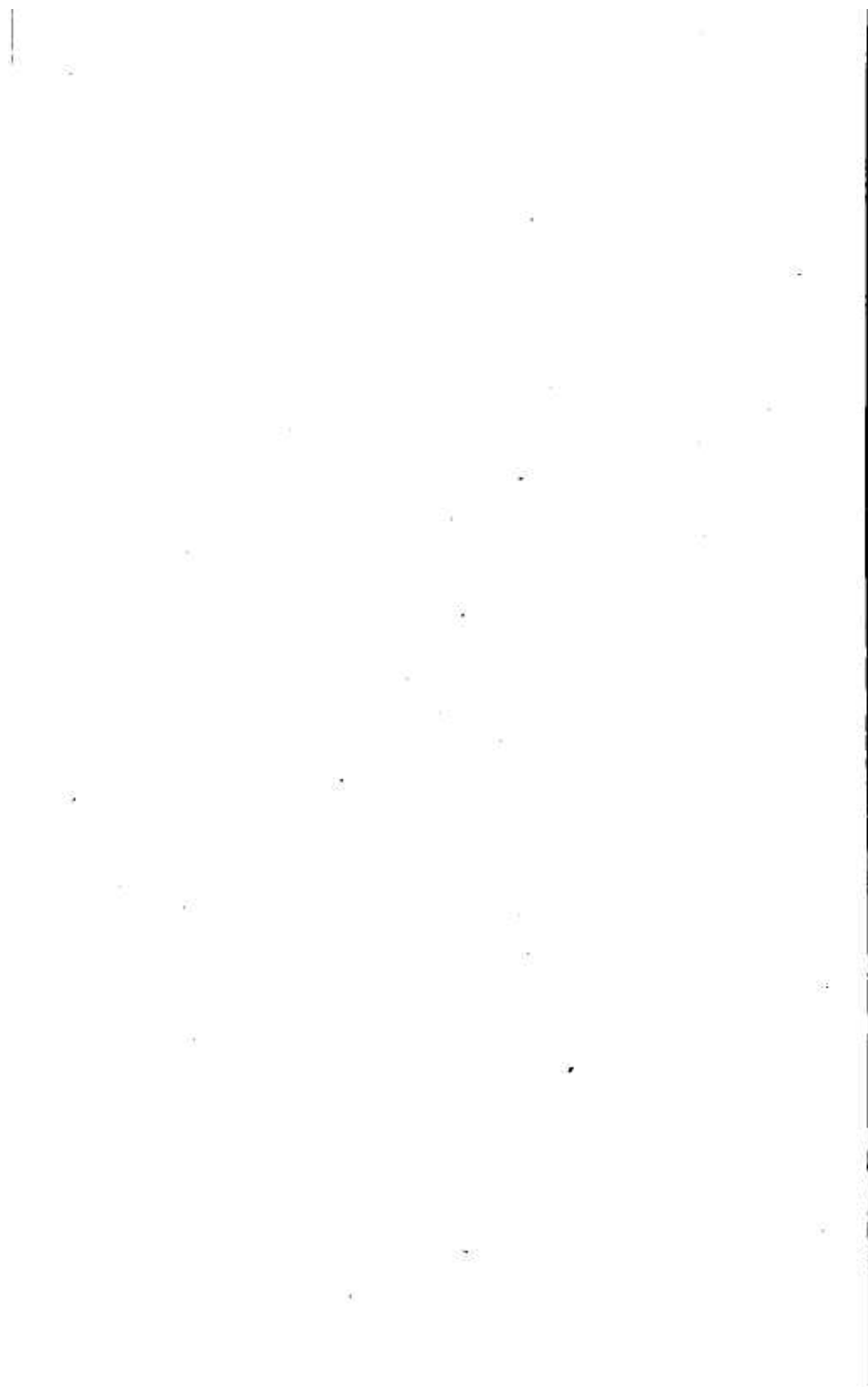
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CHAPTER I.

NORWITHSTANDING all that has been written on the subject of the potato disease, it appears to me that there is an opening for a work treating of it from a practical point of view, and embodying at the same time our most recent scientific knowledge. There are a great many facts with regard to the disease which I have never seen brought before the public; and, in the case of other facts which have been brought forward, an entirely wrong interpretation has in some instances been put on them. I also find that a great amount of ignorance prevails generally with regard to the disease; not only amongst gardeners and labourers, but also to a certain extent in the case of others whose education and experience would lead one to expect differently.

The potato is certainly not cultivated at present in the way it ought to be, nor has any effort been made to meet the attacks of the disease upon well defined principles. I hope the remarks contained in the following chapters will be the means of introducing a better order of things.

Some years ago very great interest was taken in the potato disease generally. Its sudden appearance, and the apparent mystery which attended its arrival, the large loss of life, and the important economic results that it produced in Ireland, all tended to increase the interest in the subject;