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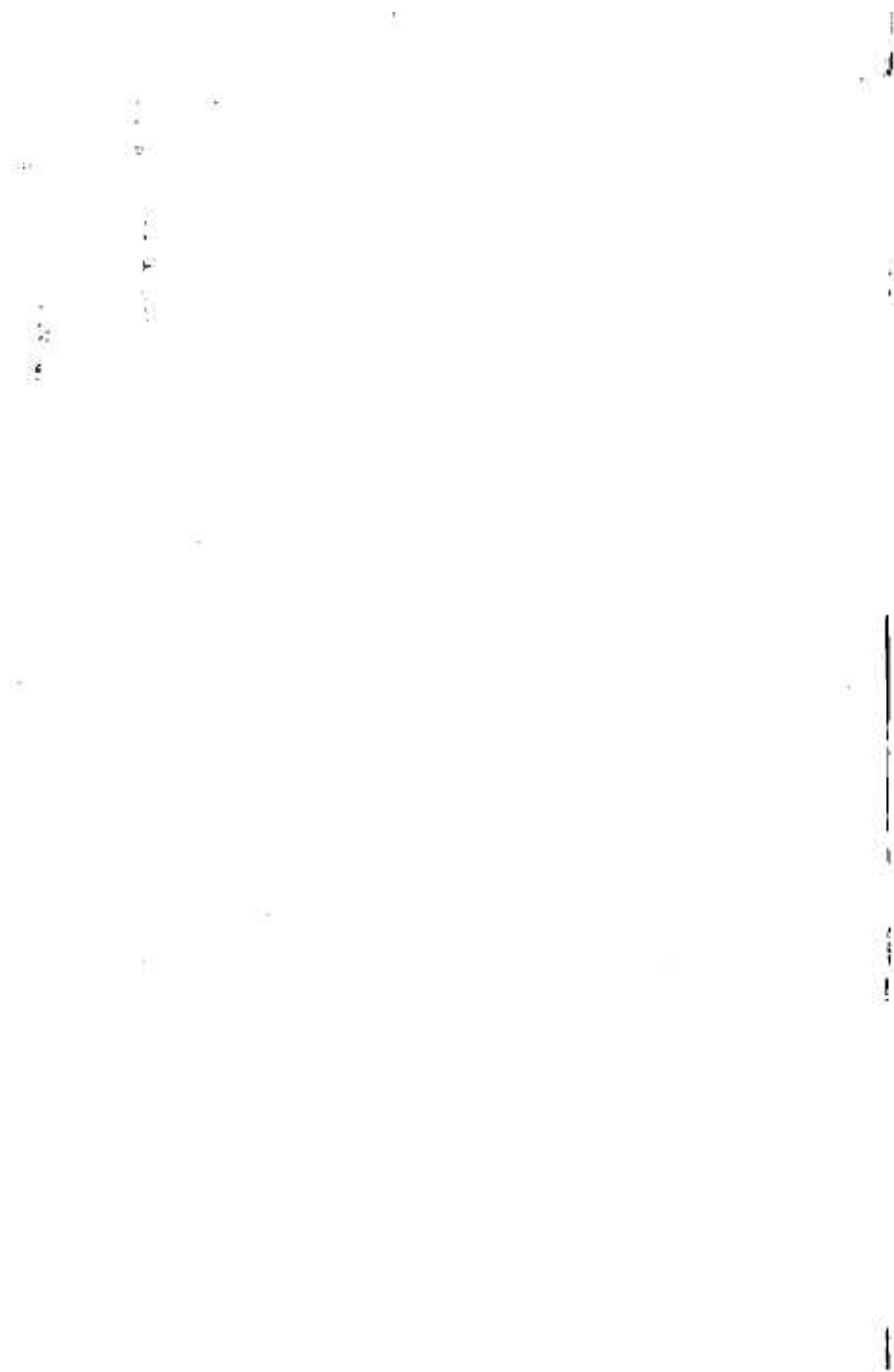
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YOUTH: PREPARING FOR LIFE

"How beautiful is youth! How bright it gleams.

With its illusions, aspirations, dreams!
Book of Beginnings, Story without End,
Each maid a heroine, and each man a friend!
Aladdin's Lamp, and Fortunatus' Purse!
That holds the treasures of the universe!
All possibilities are in its hands,
No danger daunts it and no foe withstands;
In its sublime audacity of faith,
'Be thou removed,' it to the mountain saith,
And with ambitious feet, secure and proud,
Ascends the ladder leaning on the cloud."

— LONGFELLOW: *Morituri Salutamus*.

How to face life, how to prepare for life, are questions that must be answered by those who believe, as Lecky put it,

Youth -
Show youth must face life.

that the "map of life" must be marked out, that in the words of Emerson there is such a thing as the "conduct of life" which man is free to determine.

We are assured incessantly in these days that we must enter upon a great programme of preparedness for war,—back of which urging lies the assumption that a maximum of preparedness must be arranged in order to secure our land against the menace of aggression or invasion. If a programme of preparedness, which in the last analysis involves destruction and desolation, be impossible without the fullest planning, how much less possible is it to shape a constructive life-upbuilding programme without most careful and adequate preparedness.