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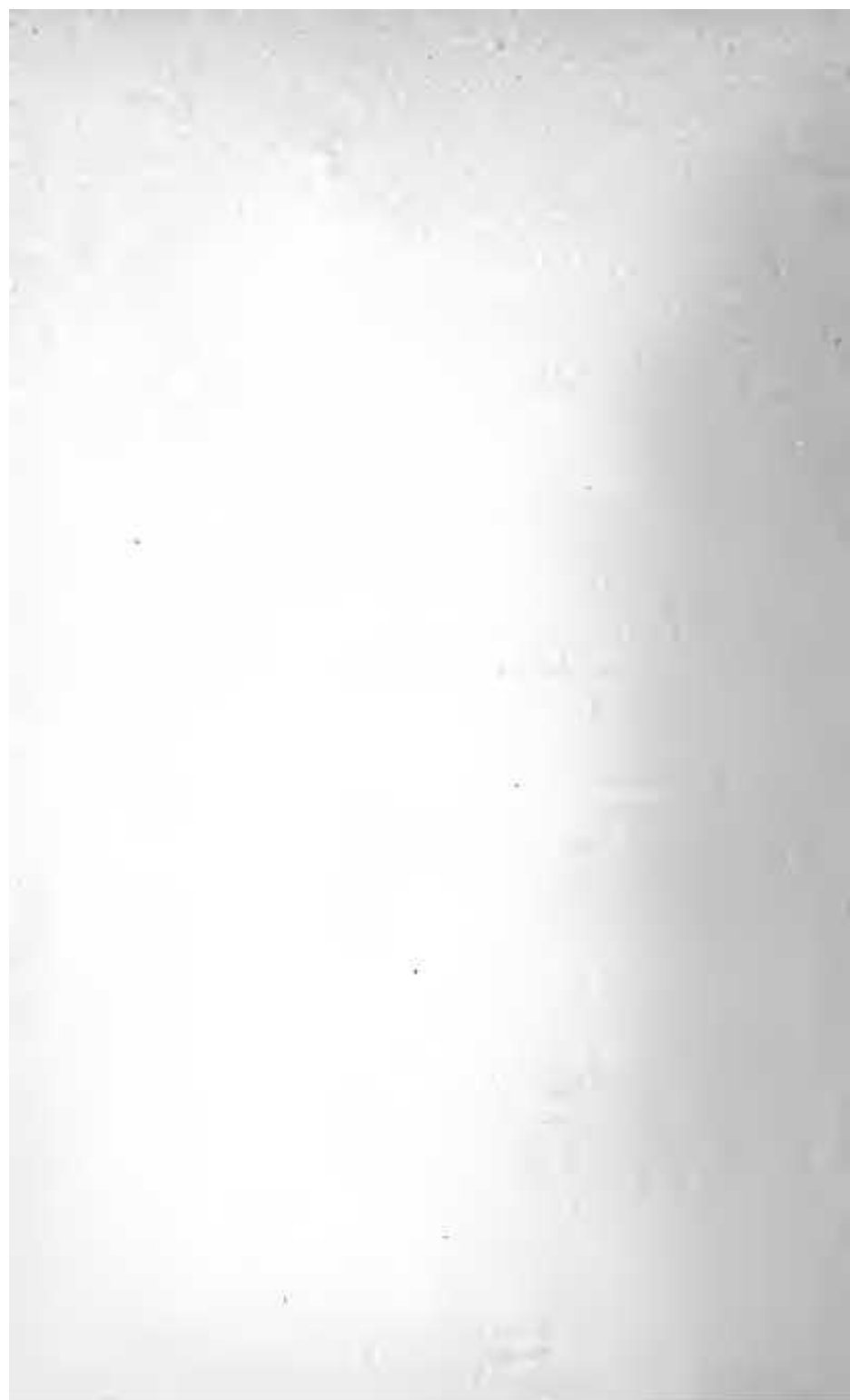
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TO
W. G. COLLINGWOOD
AND
CHARLES MARRIOTT

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A LAMENTATION

I

SORROW shall come no more ;
Hath she not spent her store ?—
 Prodigal Sorrow !
Her wrath is over and done,
The fight she has fought and won,—
To-day we may kiss our son,
 But not to-morrow.

II

Passion is laid asleep,
Love is entranced deep ;
 Fierce was his passion
Full many a heart he broke,
So sweet were the words he spoke ;
But he loved his father's folk
 In honest fashion.

A LAMENTATION

III

Bitter the blow he felt,
Scorned as he humbly knelt,
 When we were bitter ;
Savage the words we said,
Now, now remembered :
O ye who soothe the dead,
 My death were fitter !

IV

Smiling, serene he lies :
Were not his eloquent eyes
 Constantly smiling ?
How couldst thou, Death, destroy
My hope, my pride, my boy,—
Thus end his hour of joy
 With thy beguiling ?

V

Frozen the lips I kissed
So oft, ere love was missed—
 Death-cold and frozen !
His breath, once sweet as myrrh,
Makes not a feather stir ;
Earth's pride must go to her,—
 Even he, her chosen.