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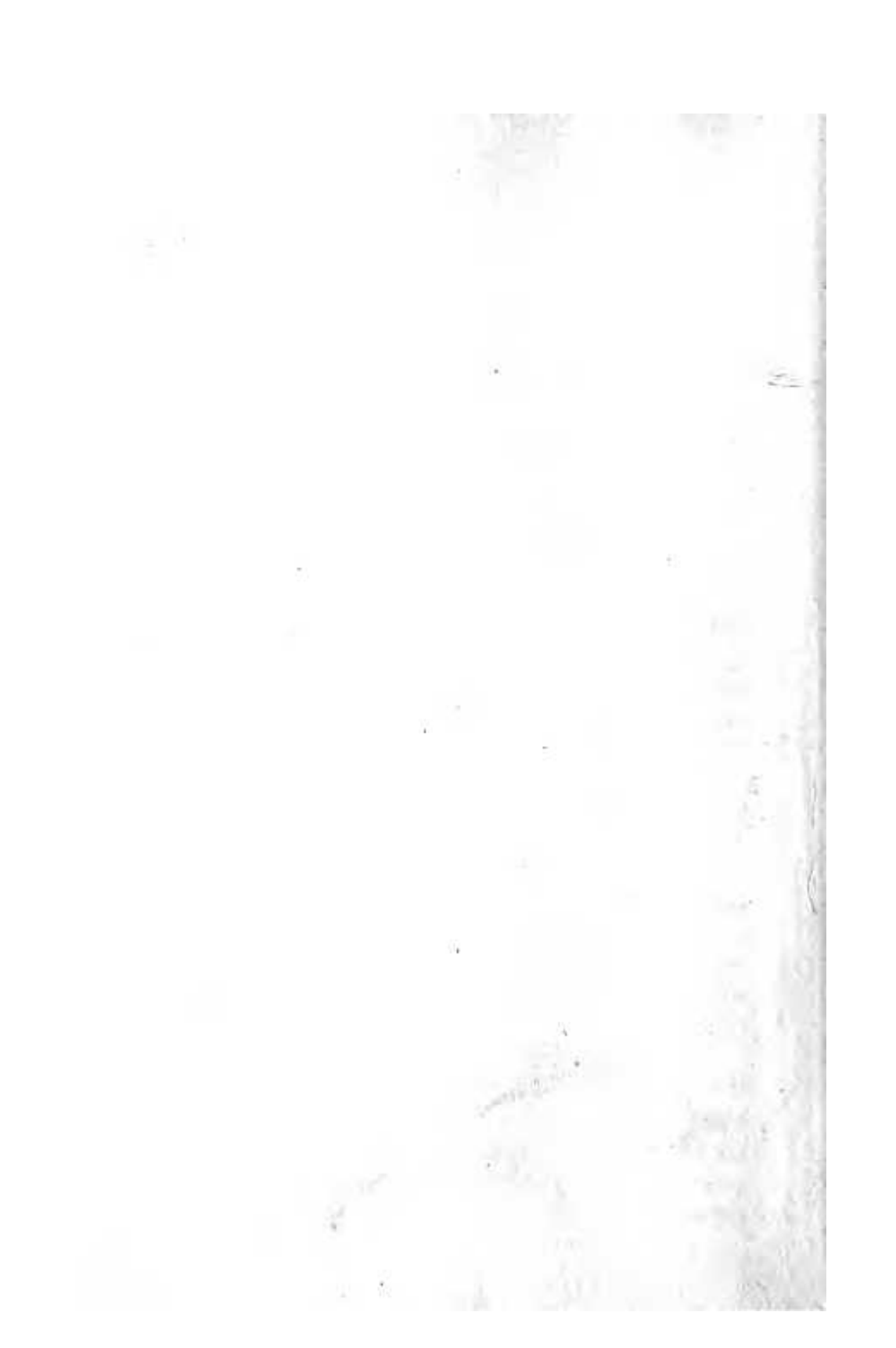
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PREFACE

When Colonel Robert T. Kerlin's book, *The Voice of the Negro*, appeared, it startled a great many people into serious thought about the Negro press. Professor Robert E. Park's *The Immigrant Press and Its Control* was then almost ready for the public, and the idea of making that public better acquainted with another of its great minority groups had for me a strong appeal. Colonel Kerlin, too—who has been consistently helpful—held that his study of Negro newspapers as they appeared during a certain four-month period should call out an extended inquiry into the actual numbers, circulation, history, economic connections, and social implications of such papers.

It is impossible to name here all those who have helped in the production of the present book. Negro editors have responded courteously to many letters of inquiry. The newspaper men in Chicago, where the study was carried on during the greater part of two years, have especially deserved mention. The gentlemen of the Associated Negro Press have been very generous in offering the use of their exchanges and in countless other favors.

To Professor Park a debt of gratitude is due which these rather formal phrases cannot be expected to discharge. His wide knowledge of the field of Negro life, his kindly interest in this undertaking, and his unique way of offering criticism and suggestion have been indispensable.

In presenting the results that follow, the author has probably failed of that degree of objectivity he desired to attain. The purpose has been to describe rather than interpret, to set forth facts in as straightforward a way as possible, and to let the Negro press speak for itself. If there is any contribution here which might help the races to understand each other better, well and good. It may be, however, that these pages will be to many readers what they have become in the author's thought—an offering of materials for the further study of human nature.

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