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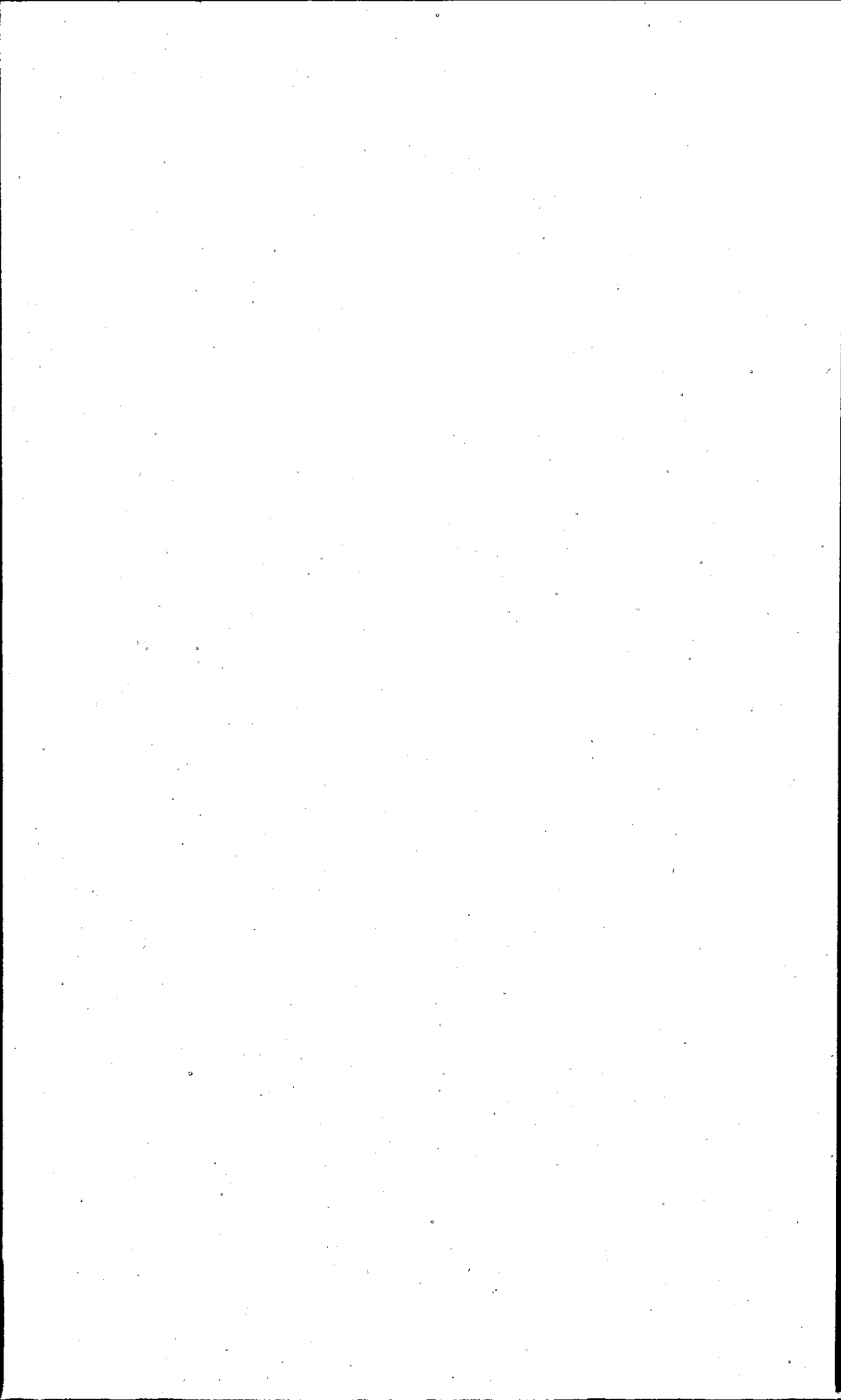
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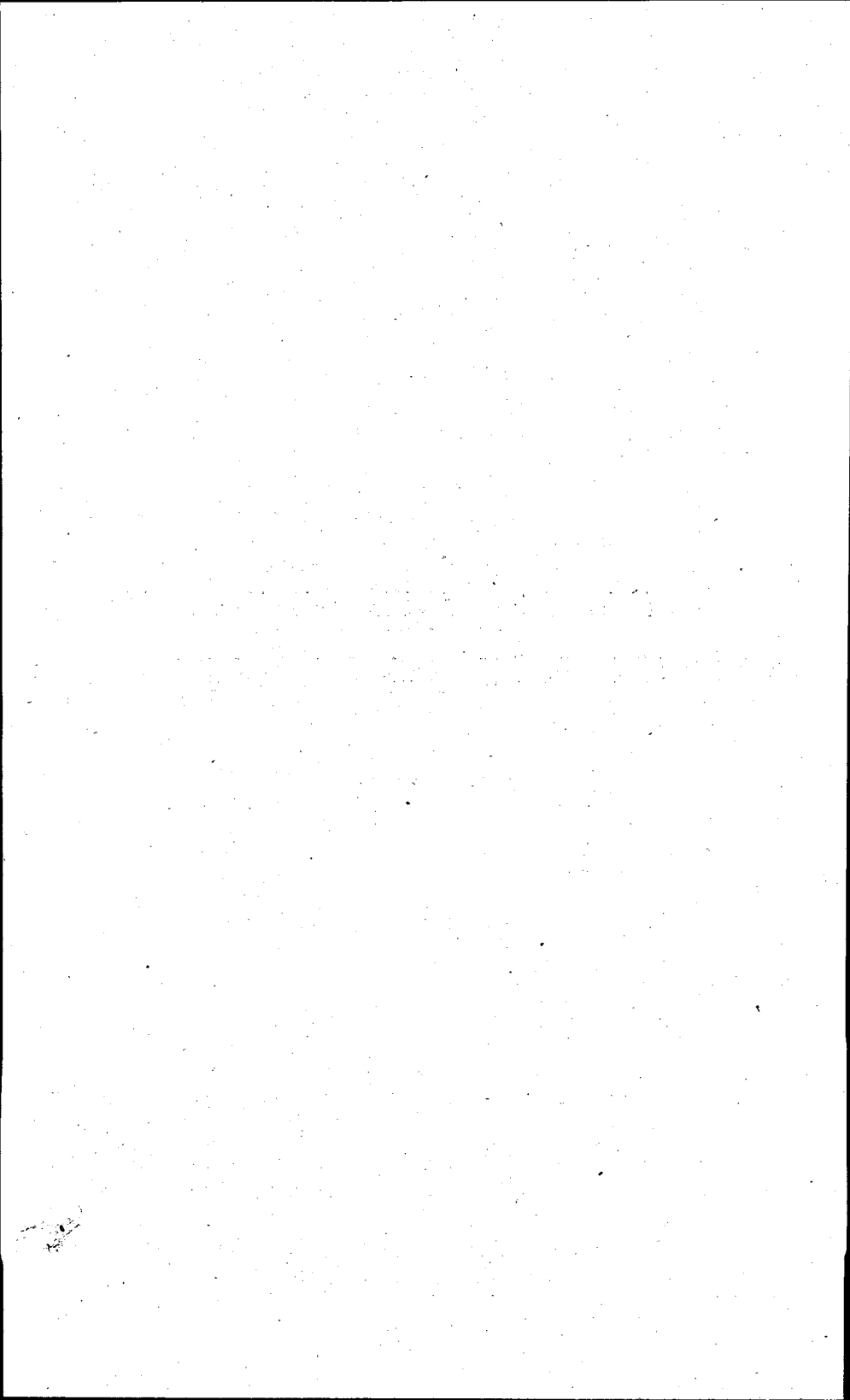
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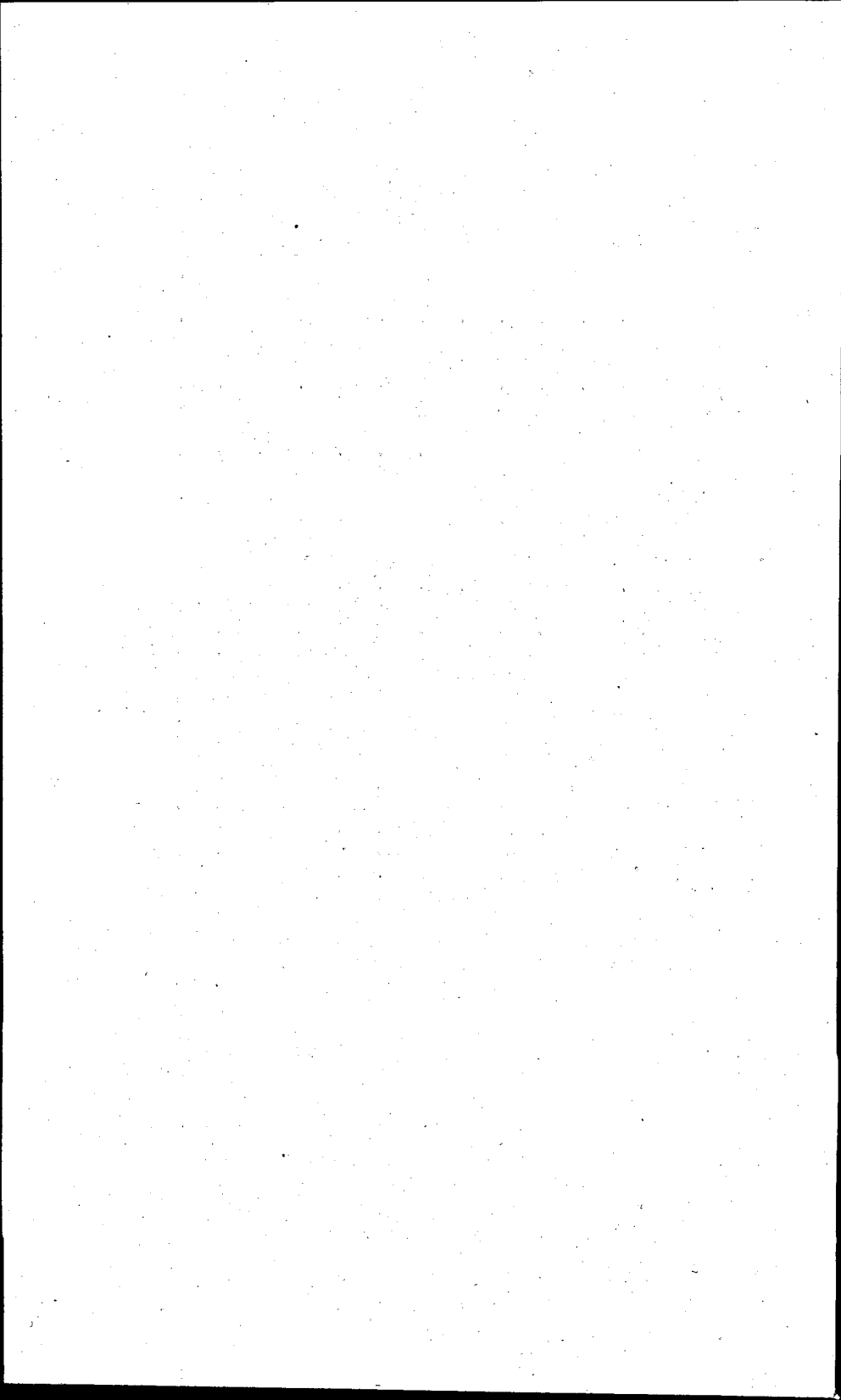
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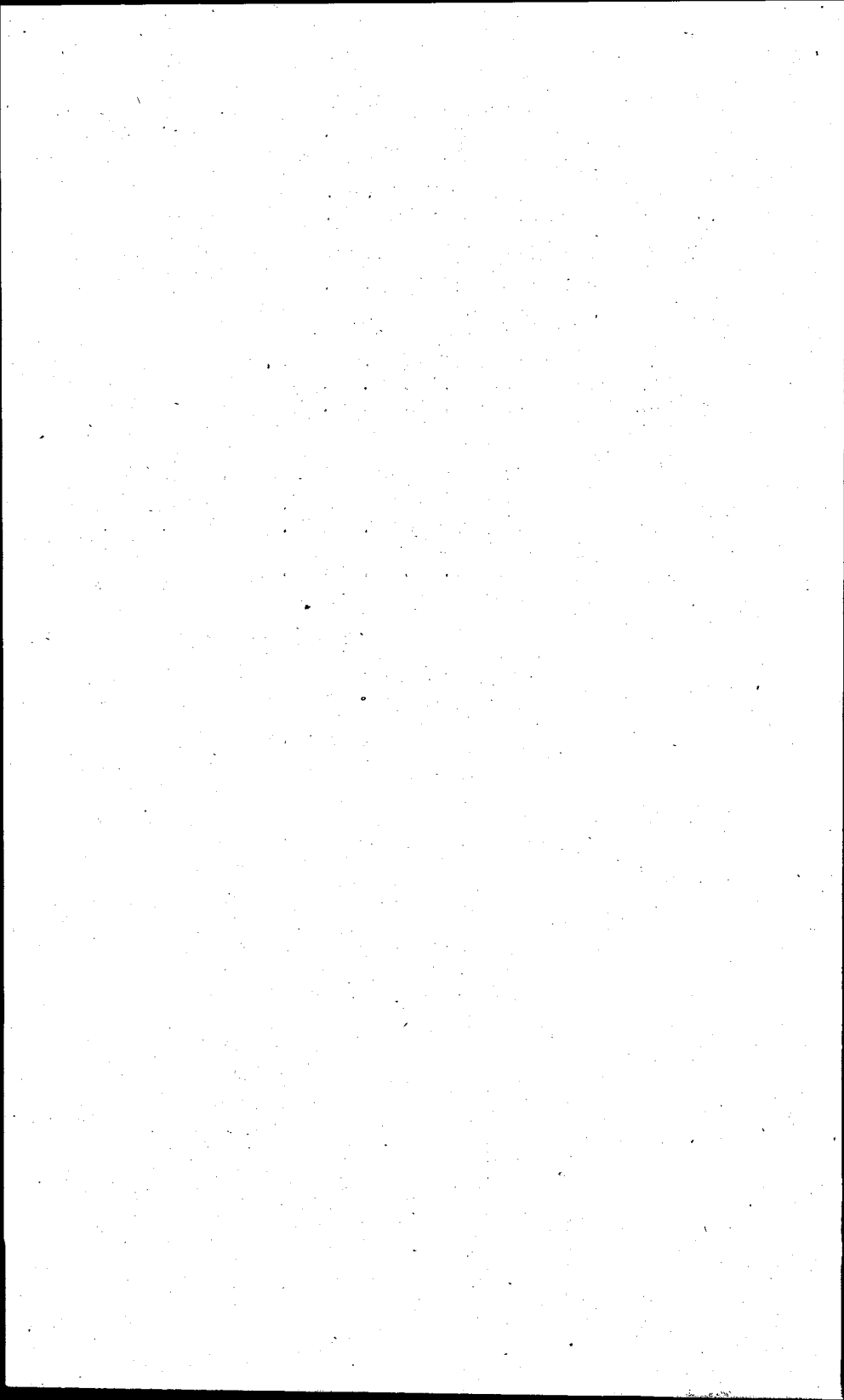
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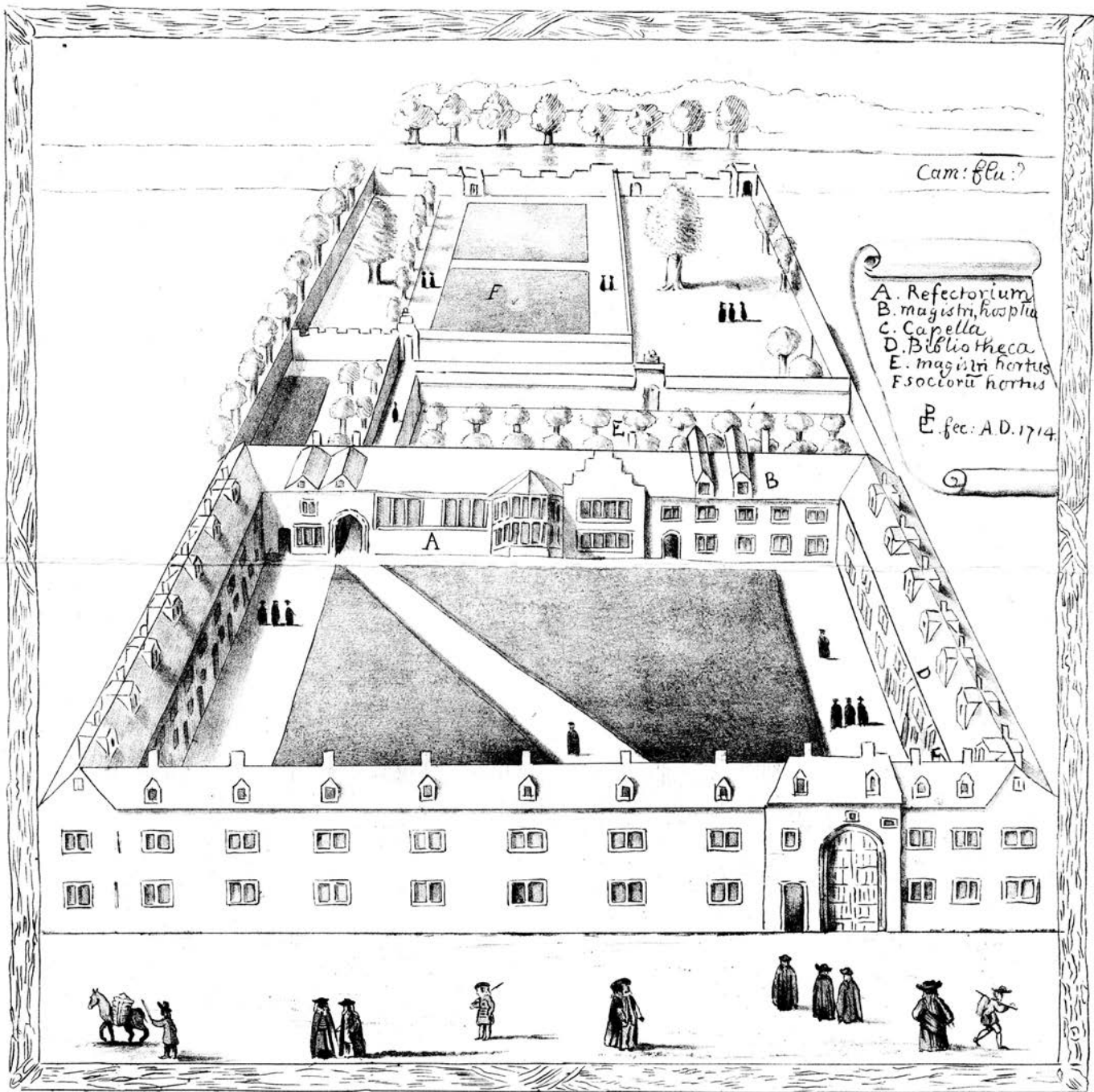
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Edmundus Bridgwater filius Notariorum Dignissimi
 & Celebratissimi Decani Norwicensis hanc veterem
 Collegij Formam delineavit;

Mr J. W. CLARK exhibited also a bird's-eye view of Clare Hall, executed in 1714, which he had lately discovered in a copy of the College statutes in the Library of Gonville and Caius College¹.

This volume is a thin folio measuring 11 in. by 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ in. It consists of two parts, which have been bound together in modern times—say in the last century or at the beginning of this. These are:

1. *Regula Aulæ de Clare*, 1359, as printed, *Comm. Docts. ii.* 121—146, "*Universis—die Martii anno domini prenotato*," paged 1—48, with an initial leaf containing on *a* the above words (*Regula* etc.); on *b* the list of chapters of the statutes. The contents are written throughout in a late sixteenth century hand on thick cartridge paper.

2. A more modern volume, paged 1—75, written in a hand of the last century on thinner paper. Leaf *1a* has the view painted on it. Leaf *1b* is blank. Leaf 2: Table of contents. On leaf 3 begin the Statutes as printed *Comm. Docts. ii.* 150—185, "*Universis Christi fidelibus—Robert Golding*." There are a few blank leaves at the end.

Mr Clark shewed that the view—which has been reproduced in facsimile (Plate xxxiv—is unquestionably that referred to by Cole, who, writing on Feb. 15, 1742, says:

"I have seen a plan of y^e old College as it then stood, by y^e Favour of my Friend y^e Rev. Mr Goddard Senior Fellow of y^e College...in a Statute Book of y^e College neatly painted, w^{ch} is quite different from the present Building, etc.²"

The copy of the statutes here referred to was believed to have been lost.

The inscription at the bottom of the plate must next be considered. The words are: "Edmundus Prideaux Filius natu maximus (erased) unicus Dignissimi et Celeberrimi Decani Norvicensis³ hanc veterem Collegii formam delineavit."

Dr Atkinson, Master of Clare College, has kindly furnished me with the following information. He writes, 14 November, 1890:

¹ The volume has now been restored to Clare College.

² MSS. Cole ii. 9 (Add. MSS. Mus. Brit. 5803).

³ Humphrey Prideaux, D.D. Dean of Norwich, 1702—1724.

"I gladly tell you all that I can about Edmund Prideaux, but it does not amount to very much.

"First, from our Admission Book I take: "Anno 1711 [admitted] May 22. Mr Edmund Prideaux, Fellow Commoner and Pupil to Mr Laughton." Next, in the list of donations to the rebuilding of our Chapel, I find: "Edmund Prideaux, Esq., Fellow Commoner, £10. 0. 0."

"In a Life of Dean Prideaux, published anonymously in 1748, the following paragraph occurs (p. 147):

"In the seventy-fourth year of his age [A.D. 1722, two years before his death] finding himself so much weakened by his infirmities growing upon him that he could no longer use his books as formerly, and being desirous that his Collection of Oriental Books should not be dispersed, but kept together in some public Library, he permitted his son, who had been educated at that College, to make a present of them to the Society of Clare Hall in Cambridge: and accordingly they were sent thither, and placed in the College Library, to the number of three hundred volumes and upwards."

"Edmund Prideaux seems to have kept up his friendly feeling to the College, and to have sent his son also there as a Fellow Commoner, as appears by the following admission: 'Anno 1737. May 18. Mr Humphrey Prideaux born at Norwich admitted Fellow Commoner and Pupil to Mr Goddard.'

"Humphrey Prideaux's name also appears in the list of donations to the rebuilding of the Chapel: '1739. Humfrey Prideaux, Esq., Fellow Commoner, £10. 10. 0.'

"The correction in the inscription 'filius unicus' for 'filius natu maximus' is probably due to the circumstance that Prideaux's elder brother had died as a child (*Life, ut supra*, p. 95).

"My conjecture as to the way in which the MS. got into Gonville and Caius College Library is, that it was lent, about 1763, by Dr Goddard, then Master, to Sir James Burrough when he was engaged upon the plans for our Chapel. Sir J. Burrough died rather unexpectedly, almost before the building of the Chapel was actually commenced. His executor seems to have been a nephew who was not a member of the University, and I suppose that he sent the book (probably with others belonging to the College) to the Library."

The note on the scroll in the right-hand corner of the plate, "E. P. fecit A.D. 1714," proves that the drawing must have been taken from an older sketch or picture, as the primitive quadrangle had by that time wholly disappeared.

Mr Clark then explained—by the help of an enlarged copy of the view—what the arrangement of the old College was.

It was situated in Milne Street, opposite to King's College in its old position, and was entered through a gatehouse which, in medieval fashion, was not in the middle of the east front. This gatehouse had a large and small gate, like Trinity Hall as shewn in Loggan's print, and was set slightly in advance of the range of which it formed part. The east and south sides of the quadrangle were occupied by chambers; the west side by the

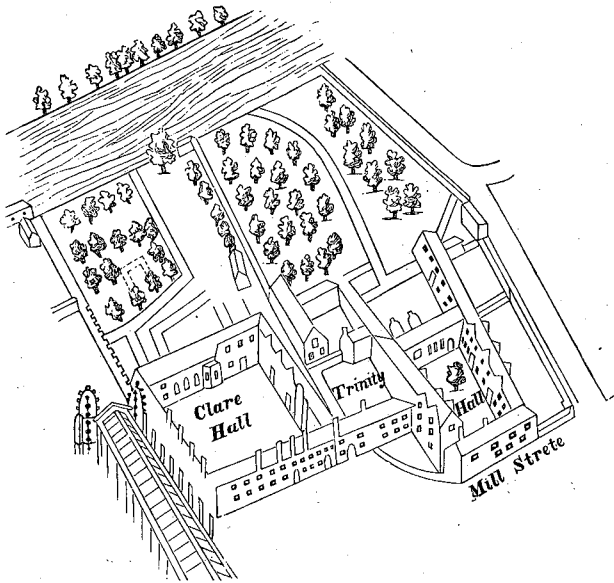


FIG. 1. Hamond's plan of Clare Hall, dated 1592.

Kitchen, Butteries, Hall, Combination-Room, and Master's Lodge; the north side by chambers, and by the Chapel, over which was the Library. This latter building is shewn by Loggan, and was used as the College Chapel down to 1763,

when the existing Chapel was built. Beyond the quadrangle were the Master's garden, the Fellows' garden, and the Cook's garden. Towards the river the College was bounded by an embattled wall.

Until the discovery of this view, the only authorities for the ancient arrangement of the College were the map of Hamond, dated 1592 (fig. 1), and a ground plan probably drawn just before the rebuilding begun in 1638. These are both figured in *The Architectural History of the University*¹.

MONDAY, *January 26th*, 1891.

Professor HUGHES, M.A., President, in the chair.

The following new member was elected :

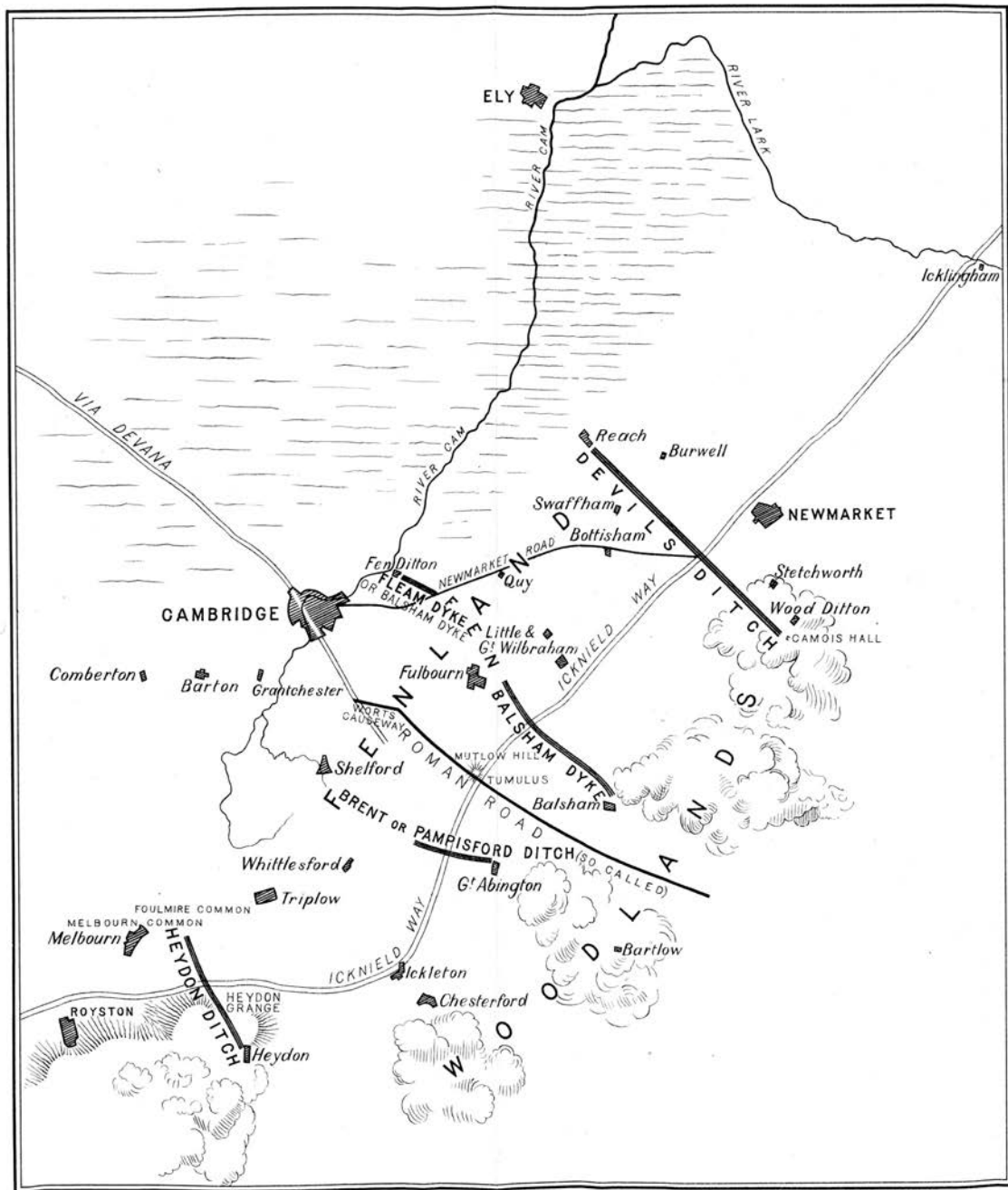
William Luard Raynes, B.A., Pembroke College.

Professor WILLIAM RIDGEWAY made the following communication.

ARE THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE DITCHES REFERRED TO BY
TACITUS (ANNALS XII. 31) ?

In the *Annals* (XII. 31) Tacitus gives a brief account of the overthrow of the powerful British tribe of the Iceni (or *Ececi* as some prefer to spell their name from the inscription ECE on some of the coins found in the districts which they once occupied). When P. Ostorius Scapula arrived in Britain A.D. 50 as propraetor in succession to Aulus Plautius he found things in a very disturbed condition. The still-unconquered tribes had overrun the territories of those in alliance with Rome. Although the winter had already set in, he determined to strike a vigorous blow without delay. He fell upon the marauders, followed them up in their flight, set about disarming those

¹ History of Clare Hall, figs. 2, 3. Hamond's plan is reproduced here by the kindness of the Syndics of the University Press.



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