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"Christ was a missionary to this island of savages in the cosmic sea."
(RICHARD HODGSON to the author, April 1, 1898)

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DEDICATED TO MY
JOINT-AUTHORS
ELIZABETH AND MARY INNES
AGED VI AND VIII

"I'm rooting around in the Bible all the time, like you!"

—
ALSO TO MY SINCERE CRITICS
ESPECIALLY
JAMES E. RICHARDSON,
ARTHUR AND MADELINE BRADLEY,
JEANNETTE I. WESTCOTT
AND ELIZABETH H. FRISHMUTH

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CANTO I.

1

In days of eld Imagination reigned,
On angel wings were heights divine attained,
But now we rear cathedrals out of fact:
My heaven-wooing verse by Truth is trained.

2

No priest or wizard, murmuring for hire,
Can wrap the spirit in the final fire,
But **line by line** and **here and there** we glean
The straws that blaze and all the soul inspire.

3

I saw, saith SWEDENBORG, no earthly hand
Write on a temple for the future planned:
The things of Faith were heretofore believed:
Now it is lawful that we understand.

4

The Seer of Skara died, and one year more
Beheld the tempest of a world-wide war:
 Strange goblins in the Bay of Boston danced,
Like Northern lights upon a cloudy shore.

5

The wine that Dogberry and Shallow drank,
Who scoft at BUNYAN by the Ouse's bank,
 Had turned to fire and lighted earth and sky,
Burning conceits that unto heaven stank.

6

The planet rolled convulst: not Brandywine
Nor Lexington alone was made divine,
 But Dogger Bank, Azores, Conjevaram,
Till rainbow Stripes and Stars began to shine.

7

In wilder tempest, lo! a DARWIN born,
To teach mankind the meaning of the morn;
 MAX MÜLLER followed with the Sacred Books
And saved religion from an age of scorn.

8

We saw the wrecks of a dissolving Rome
 And Alexandria besprent with foam,
 Dasht from a wave of Oriental faith:
 We traced a live enigma to its home.

9

Known at Benāres, Balkh and Samarkand,
 A story went that all could understand:
 How that a hermit, in the noonday heat,
 An opening heaven saw, with angel band.

10

White robes were waved, as in celestial dance,
 Unearthly music did the charm enhance;
 The seer inquired what joy the angels knew,
 Then deeply heard in Himalayan trance:

11

The Buddha who shall be, the pearl unpriced,
 Is born with men to be the Hindu Christ,
 In Sākya town and realm of Lumbini:
 Therefore we glory with a joy sufficed.