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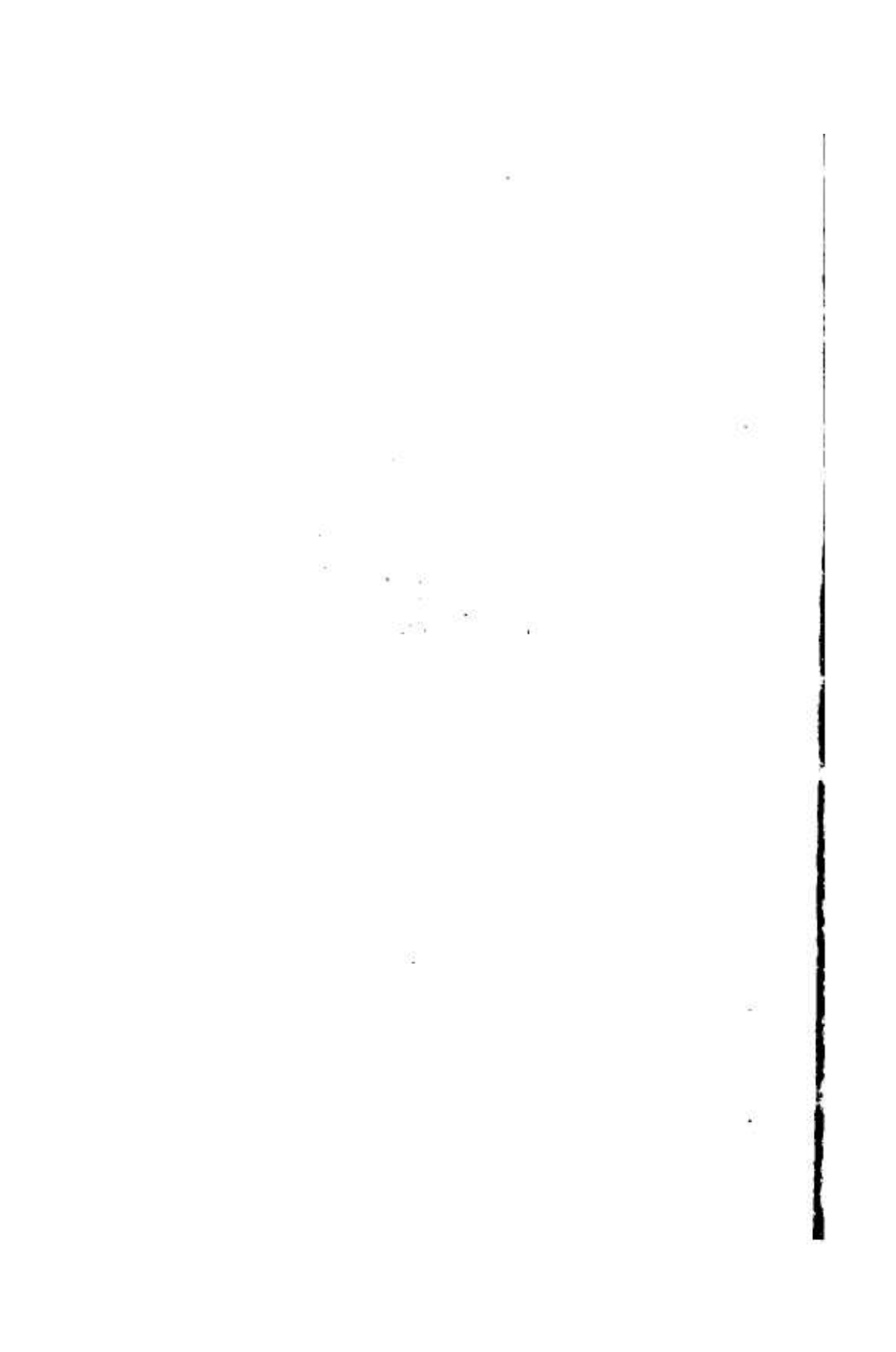
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Oh, shrine of God, that now
Must learn itself with awe !
O, heart and soul that move
Beneath a living law !
That which seemed all the rule
Of Nature, is but part ;
A larger, deeper law,
Claims also soul and heart.

The common death of all,
The life renewed above,
Are both within the scheme
Of that all-encircling love !
The seeming chance that cast us hither,
Accomplishes His whence and whither !

— *Palgrave's "Reign of Law."*



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NOTE.

The following sermons were recently preached in the regular course of pastoral duty. The favor with which they were received led to the belief that they might prove useful to others beside those who heard them. Accordingly they are now presented in book form. There seems to be a somewhat wide-spread feeling in the community, that the New Church has a special message to deliver on the subject of which they treat. The subject itself is of universal interest. All men know that sooner or later they will leave this world; and there are none to whom the outward separation from friends through death is not a familiar experience. Nothing, therefore, can be more precious than definite knowledge concerning the future life and the relation of the two worlds with each other. That such knowledge is to be found in the writings of Emanuel Swedenborg, and is there confirmed, not only by his own personal testimony, but by the evidences of the Scriptures themselves and of a true science and philosophy, is our sincere conviction. In hopes that these discourses, published as the fourth series of "Bennett Lectures," will bring light and comfort to many minds, this little book goes forth on its mission.