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## THE DEDICATION.

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"No life

*Can be pure in its purpose and strong in its strife,  
And all life not be purer and stronger thereby,  
The spirits of just men made perfect on high ;  
The army of martyrs who stand by the throne  
And gaze into the face that makes glorious their own  
Know this surely at last. Honest love, honest sorrow,  
Honest work for the day, honest hope for the morrow,—  
Are these worth nothing more than the hand they make weary,  
The heart they have saddened, the life they leave dreary ?  
Hush ! the sevenfold heavens to the voice of the spirit  
Echo : He that o'ercometh shall all things inherit."*

— OWEN MEREDITH.





## PREFACE.

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When a writer attempts to tell something which he deems important, and wishes the reader to share in his views as to its value, it is but "fair and square" that he should give a reason for his act.

The history of nations is largely made up of the history of men. The biography of a few leading men is, indeed, the story of the nations. So the well told biography of a few men may be the history of the literature, science, invention, medicine, law, or theology of a country. In any great cause there are few leaders.

If not the first, certainly among the most able of the expounders of the principles and truths of the New Church, as made known by Emanuel Swedenborg, was the subject of this *study*. He devoted more than half a century to the teaching and spread of the new doctrines, and the life to which they should lead. No man was better suited to be the expounder and

defender of a new and true system of philosophy, religion, and life. Prepared and schooled under peculiar circumstances, he entered upon the work as a finished scholar. He wrote more, perhaps, than any other one man to spread and sustain the cause he held to be above all others. His tongue kept with his pen, and his preaching gave force and influence to his writing. He taught and reasoned as a philosopher, and his work gave him high rank as a theologian.

To the friends, who believed and rejoiced in his work, and to those who may yet become his friends, and also believers in and exemplars of the beautiful doctrines he taught, these pages are, with great respect, dedicated by the

AUTHOR.

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