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WITH INTRODUCTION AND COMMENTARY

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To
ANDREW CARNEGIE

This
Modern version of an Old Philosophy
is most cordially
DEDICATED

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PANTHEOS

*There is a Power Divine within the Heart of Things,
Which circumvents the universe of worlds, and brings
The Soul of all created things to final good;
Which, ages gone, did take existence where it stood,
And slowly fashion'd it to something pure and fair,—
Though good in their beginnings all creations were;
Yet growing better still, and last of all supreme,
Th' intense superlative of Nature's pure extreme.
This Power divine is bodied forth in him whose soul,
Reflecting Good itself, doth comprehend the whole
Of less perfected things, wherein the Light divine,
Though hid by darker veil, hath never ceased to shine;
By which all will at length but sure resolvèd be
To something good as great, secure as it is free:
Will be resolv'd again, ere Time its course hath run
To where in Being's dawn its circle had begun;
And Earth and errant Man, and Heaven and That divine,
Like fibres of one heart will blend and intertwine.*