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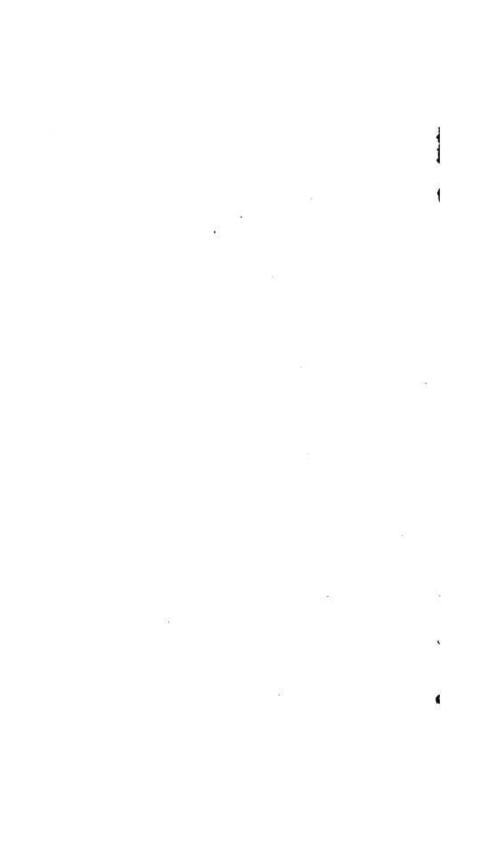
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MANY works are more correctly beautiful than this book of Ruysbroeck L'Admirable. Many mystics — Swedenborg and Novalis among others—are more potent in their influence, and more timely. It is very probable that his writings may but rarely meet the needs of to-day. Looking at him from another point of view, I know