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M. MAETERLINCK'S INTRODUCTION TO HIS TRANSLATION OF "THE ADORNMENT OF THE SPIRITUAL MARRIAGE."

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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

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