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"It is in Paracelsus (the work that posterity will probably estimate as Browning's greatest) that we must look for the strongest proof of his sympathy with man's desire to know and bend the forces of nature to his service."

EDWARD BERDOE

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FOREWORD

FOR a comprehensive understanding of Robert Browning's poem "Paracelsus," some knowledge of the man Paracelsus and his doctrines is necessary. In an historical note and comment, Browning says: "The liberties I have taken with my subject are very trifling and the reader may slip the foregoing scenes between the leaves of any memoir of Paracelsus he pleases by way of commentary." In all other respects I leave this volume to speak for itself. For valuable information I wish to gratefully acknowledge my obligation to Mr. Berdoc's "Browning Cyclopaedia," Mr. Wm. Sharp's "Life of Robert Browning," Hartmann's "History of Paracelsus," Erdmann's "History of Philosophy," and to some of the Browning Society's papers.

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