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## SCIENTIFIC THEISM

## SCIENCE.

E se 'l mondo laggiù potesse mente  
Al fundamenta che Natura pone,  
Seguendo lui, avria buona la gente.

DANTE: PARADISO, VIII. 140-142.

And if the world below would fix its mind  
On the foundation which is laid by Nature,  
Pursuing that, 't would have the people good.

LONGFELLOW'S TRANSLATION.



## THEISM.

La gloria di Colui che tutto muove  
Per l' universo penetra, e risplende  
In una parte più, e meno altrove.

DANTE: PARADISO, I. 1-3.

The glory of Him who moveth everything  
Doth penetrate the universe, and shine  
In one part more and in another less.

LONGFELLOW'S TRANSLATION.

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To  
The Hallowed Memory  
of  
My Mother.

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Tender and true, with love's deep wisdom wise,

Thou taught'st the Child the sure, pure Truth to see,  
More than earth's gold the gold of God to prize;

And now the Man, who only hurried to have  
Thy jog for his reward, with blinded eyes

Lays the won gold, unheeded, on thy grave.



## NOTE TO THE THIRD EDITION.

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I DESIRE to express my acknowledgments to the public, both at home and abroad, for the favor with which it has received a book so abstruse as this, and so condensed in thought as to be intelligible only by very thoughtful and patient readers. If the call for a third edition had not been so sudden and unexpected, I should have added an appendix, containing further explanations in connection with certain really valuable criticisms, — such as those of Dr. J. F. Clarke, in the “Unitarian Review” of March, 1886; Professor H. A. P. Torrey, in the “Andover Review” of May, 1886; Ex-President John Bascom, in the “New Englander” of April, 1887; M. Renouvier, in “La Critique Philosophique” of Dec. 31, 1887; and M. Ludovic Carran, in Chapter IX. of his “La Philosophie Religieuse en Angleterre” (Paris, 1888).

But perhaps it is better as it is. A larger and fuller treatise, to be eventually completed and published if