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'I am in harmony with all that is a part of thy harmony, great Universe. For me nothing is early and nothing late that is in season for thee. All is fruit for me which thy seasons bear, O Nature! From thee, in thee, and unto thee are all things. "Dear City of Cecrops!" saith the poet; and wilt not thou say, "Dear City of God."

MARCUS AURELIUS (iv. 23).

'For love we earth then serve we all; Her mystic secret then is ours.'

GEORGE MEREDITH:
'The Thrush in February.'

CHARLES GRANT BLAIRFINDIE ALLEN was born at Alwington, near Kingston, Canada, on the 24th February 1848. His father, J. Antisell Allen, sometime scholar of Trinity College, Dublin, was the son of Jonathan Allen of Killaloe, County Clare, an Irish barrister of some repute, who married his cousin, a daughter of Joseph Antisell of Arborhill, Tipperary. On taking holy orders, Mr. Antisell Allen settled for