

MORE WORLDS THAN ONE

THE CREED OF THE PHILOSOPHER

AND THE HOPE OF THE CHRISTIAN.

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"Bright star of eve, that send'st thy softening ray
Through the dim twilight of this nether sky,
I hail thy beam like rising of the day,
Hast thou a home for me when I shall die?"

"Is there a spot within thy radiant sphere,
Where love, and faith, and truth, again may dwell;
Where I may seek the rest I find not here,
And clasp the cherished forms I loved so well?"

NINTH THOUSAND.

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To Beings of limited capacities, Probability is the very guide of Life.

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P R E F A C E.

HAVING been requested by the Editor of the *North British Review* to give an account of a work entitled *Of a Plurality of Worlds, an Essay*, I undertook the task, in the belief that it contained sentiments similar to my own, and that I should have the gratification of illustrating and recommending a doctrine which had long been the Creed of the Philosopher and the Hope of the Christian. I was surprised, however, to find that, under a title tending to mislead the public, the author had made an elaborate attack upon opinions consecrated, as I had thought, by Reason and Revelation ; and had, in conducting his argument, not only adopted the *Nebular Hypothesis*, so universally condemned as a