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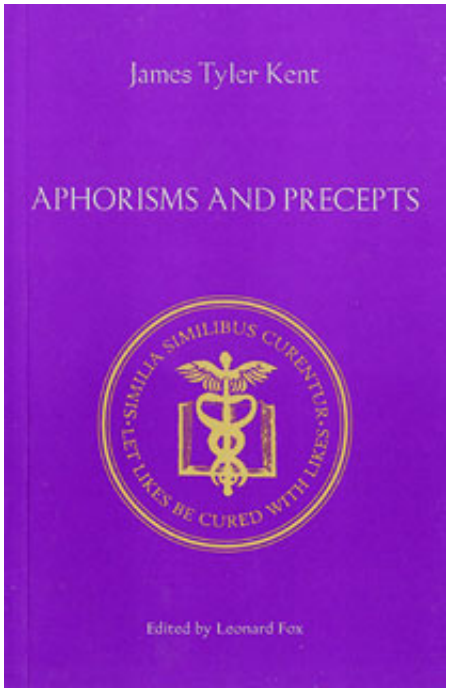

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FOREWORD

FOR ALMOST two centuries there has been a close and important relationship between homeopathic philosophy and the spiritual teachings found in the theological writings of Emanuel Swedenborg. Indeed, recent historical research has shown that there were two Swedenborgians among Samuel Hahnemann's last students.

Although a great many of the illustrious nineteenth-century homeopaths were devoted followers of Swedenborg's doctrines, his influence was most apparent on the work of James Tyler Kent, who wrote:

> Through familiarity with Swedenborg, I have found the correspondences wrought out from the Word of God harmonious with all that I have learned in the past thirty years. Familiarity with them aids in determining the effect of prescriptions. ("Correspondence of Organs, and Direction of Cure.")

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The effect of Swedenborg's teachings on Kent is especially evident in *Lectures on Homeopathic Philosophy* and in the *Aphorisms and Precepts*—where Kent chose to to add an epigraph by Swedenborg. The latter work, which is a true treasure trove of classical homeopathic wisdom, has only been available until now as part of the large volume containing Kent's *New Remedies, Clinical Cases, and Lesser Writings.* In publishing it as a separate book, our hope is that it will reach the wider readership that it so well deserves.

For this new edition, the text originally published by Ehrhart and Karl (which has been used for many Indian reprints) has been corrected; obvious misprints and word omissions have been emended, and the rather haphazard—and sometimes confusing— punctuation has been changed to reflect standard style. In addition, each of the aphorisms and precepts has now been numbered for the sake of convenient reference. My thanks to Dr. Robert Seror for this excellent idea. (Dr. Seror's remarkable web site, *www.homeoint.org*, should be used by every homeopath.)

We are also very pleased to include an introduction by Jose Antonio Anton Pacheco, professor of the history of ancient and medieval philosophy at the University of Seville, Spain, and the author of

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many articles and several books on philosophy, metaphysics, symbolism, and Swedenborg's theology. This text was first given as a lecture at the Homeopathic Institute and Hospital of San Jose in Madrid.

Throughout this book, Kent's spelling of the words *homoeopathy, homoeopathic, homoeopath,* etc., has been changed to *homeopathy, homeopathic, homeopath,* etc., to reflect current usage.

Readers interested in pursuing the connection between Swedenborg's spiritual teachings and the principles of homeopathy are referred to the journal *Arcana,* volume VI, number i, which is devoted to a collection of articles on this subject. Copies of this issue are available for $5.00, and maybe obtained by contacting The Swedenborg Association, 278 Meeting Street, Charleston, SC 29401, USA. Orders may also be placed through the internet at *www. Swedenborg. net.*

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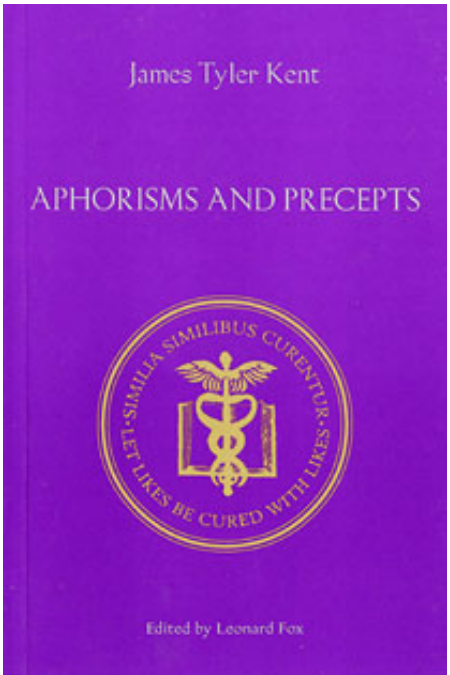

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