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P R E F A C E .

WE have, my friends, here presented you with another series of Essays, carrying you on still deeper into the mysteries of spiritual life, and of man's onward and final destiny. We have laid before you much original matter for your contemplations, and shown you, plainly, the sad series of events that must be the precursors of the final happiness, peace, and holiness he is destined to attain, at no very distant period, while on your earth-sphere.

We have shown you how man can aid in bringing these desirable results to pass by his good works, and by his kindly reception of the spirits' teachings; and also how he still helps, all unwittingly to himself, when he is fomenting, encouraging, and partaking in the strifes and contentions that are now so rife among you. All these things are subserving the purposes of the spirits, and aiding the cause of progression—the development of the human family.

We shall now take our leave of you for the present; though, probably, for only a very short time, as events will tread so closely, one upon another, that we feel sure.

before many months have elapsed, men will be looking quite as eagerly to the spirits to aid them, and to their mediums for counsel and comfort, as they now fly to arms to repair their fancied injuries. When they find that wars only bring famine, disease and death in their train, they will be quite as anxious to bring them to a termination as they have been ready to engage in them. But, alas! it will not be quite as easy to rectify the mischief they have done as it was to do it.

No one knows where an evil, once set afloat, may stop its deleterious course, nor how far and wide its ramifications may extend. You people of America know not when the ball of contention you have set in motion may stop rolling—when its poisonous influences may cease to act. But, happily for the whole human family, as well as your nation individually, there is an overruling Power that acts for you, and that will not suffer these evils to go on longer unchecked. The world must be subdued by suffering, and the time is now at hand; but, though many may perish off its face, by the different calamities in store for you, many will be left; and they will be left to learn the better way—the truer light—the higher knowledge we bring. As we have explained to you, in these writings, man has a great purgation to pass through. He has to be purified, cleansed, sanctified; and this will be the spirits' work. They will baptize him afresh with heavenly magnetism; they will pour into his soul the light that shall awaken the God-principle slumbering within him; and they will stir up every good and virtuous feeling so long lying dormant.

But we refer you to the book itself, where you will find these things fully explained, as also the law that governs and regulates every part of creation with relation to man. We trust that many will find the food they desire, in the following pages. They have been written with care and attention by the spirits controlling. Many have had a hand in the work, for many are anxious to help to redeem the human family—their relations of earth—and, therefore, gladly contributed their aid in furthering the progress of this true spiritual knowledge among them.

No *particular spirit* has been deputed to write particular Essays, excepting in the case of the two short ones at the commencement, by Franklin and Cuvier. It was intended, when they were given, that the medium should write a short series on strictly philosophical subjects; but her health gave way for a time, and when she was able to resume writing again, events were crowding so fast to their accomplishment, that the purport of her writings was changed, in some degree, to bring them more into accordance with the times now bearing upon you.

The Essays in this book have been, each of them, the united efforts of several spirits, one taking up one part of the theme, another spirit another part, when he could bring the ideas with greater facility to the medium. She has no proof of this, excepting in the changes of hand-writing which occurred as the different influences took the control. The spirits, however, who have most generally written have been Joshua, Cuvier,

Franklin, Fox, Luther and the Apostle John. Just as the nature of the subject was more nearly in rapport with a particular spirit's magnetism, was that spirit drawn to give the influence.

You will observe in the short Essay on Mediums, signed Washington, that although he commences and ends it, some other spirit takes the control in the middle.

Our last series of Essays were given much in the same way, though we did not think it necessary to enter into any explanation, at that time, as we had not then brought our system of communicating through this medium to so much method as we have at present.

My friends, we feel sorry to bid you adieu, even for a short time. It is pleasant to us to bring you these great truths, which we trust that you will profit by. You may rest assured, my friends, we have told you no lies. A great tribulation is at hand, and men must prepare for it. The intelligence that we bring you of its nature and advent is not to be slighted, for it is the last warning appeal we shall make. We have shown you what you must expect from the sickness that is coming over everything, and how you may escape its effects. Therefore, be prepared, my friends. Do not act as did the people in the days of Noe. He, you know, was permitted to warn his countrymen of the calamity that threatened them, but they laughed at his exhortations to repentance; yet, my friends, the flood *did* come, the people *were* punished. And so it *will be now*. Spirits are warning you, through mediums; and by