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## PREFACE.

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As will be seen at a glance, these pages have been prepared from the standpoint of modern Spiritualism. Perhaps, also, it will be conceded that some of the thoughts conveyed are of a peculiarly interesting and novel character even to Spiritualists. So at least it appeared to the editor himself, when these significant visions were first imparted to him; and that notwithstanding his more than twenty-five years of earnest attention to the methods and matter of spirit-communications. And this encourages him to hope that Spiritualists generally will here find much of especial interest.

It is also to be hoped that this volume will obtain circulation to some extent among the more liberal and spiritual of the Christian churches; for, if such open-minded and earnest seekers after high spiritual truth will but faithfully look through the contents of these pages, they cannot fail to find many highly instructive lessons, — lessons eminently fitted to lay hold upon and elevate individual character. And this, after all, is the main point of importance. And so, even if the leading claim as to the *source* of these truths should fail to be recognized by the reader, the truths themselves still remain to be *intuitively* received and appropriated.

But to most of those into whose hands this volume will naturally fall, its high truths and beautiful imagery will carry with them additional value from a hearty sympathy with the basic doctrine upon which they rest: *viz.*, that the spirit-world is *not*

“The undiscovered country, from whose bourne  
No traveler returns,” —

but is all around us; its happy denizens often speaking to us, and

its silent and mysterious conditions ever interblending with those of our own life. And further: that at certain favorable points of contact between the two worlds, — or, in other words, through certain highly gifted human organisms, — many of the impressive peculiarities of the spirit-life can be explored, and the results be brought down to the knowledge and use of our earthly humanity.

And thus it is claimed to be in the present instance. What is given in these pages was mostly received through the organism of one whose normal life was far from being marked with extraordinary results or claims; but whose abnormal or spirit-condition was productive of a depth of thought, and a richness of imagery, not often surpassed in the annals of mediumistic seership.

The sole credit in the matter, to which the present writer and editor is entitled, is that of having acted as a faithful reporter, — he having done his best to write out condensed abstracts of what was imparted through the seer, giving the words so far as this was possible, but the ideas always.

That these abstracts do but imperfect justice to the beauty and power of the visions as originally given, is a fact of which the writer is most regretfully conscious; but at the same time, he is confident that what he is now able to present fully justifies him in the measures taken to lay open his treasures to the public, with such incidental and explanatory matter as he himself has felt called upon to give.

H. S.

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