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An account of the remarkable personal experiences of
the author which dispelled all doubt in his mind
as to the reality of a future life



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INTRODUCTION

The personal experience of the editor of *The Review of Reviews* which is recorded in the following pages is, in many ways, startling. There has been such a volume of testimony from persons of established reputation, whose veracity is unquestioned and whose judgment in everyday matters is considered excellent that few, who are acquainted with the present evidence, have little doubt as to the existence of the phenomena. A prominent Roman Catholic clergyman, who recently gave a series of lectures on Psychological Research before the Catholic cler-

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gymen of Boston said, that to deny the existence of the phenomena, far from being a mark of superior intelligence, rather showed the ignorance of the person as to what scientific investigators were doing.

Many of these investigators do not agree with Mr. Stead in his interpretation of the phenomena but if one admits that he has recorded his experiences accurately his conclusions seem to be the most plausible.

THE EDITOR.

Boston, Feb. 1, 1909.

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CECIL RHODES once told me that early in life he had devoted much thought to the question whether or not there was a God. He came to the conclusion that there was a 50 per cent. chance that there was a God and therefore that it was a matter of the first importance to ascertain what God wanted him to do. In like fashion I would ask the reader to consider whether or not there is any proof that the conscious life of his personality will persist after death. If he examines the evidence he will probably come to the conclusion that there is a certain per cent.