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"Voilà, petit livre, et choisit ton monde."—TOLSTOÏ.

"That the intercourse was opened at all between both worlds was perhaps the mistake: but, that once assumed, I see no reason for disbelieving one attested story of this nature more than another, on the score of absurdity."
—CHARLES LAMB.

Second Edition.



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1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions and activities. It emphasizes that proper record-keeping is essential for transparency and accountability, particularly in financial matters.

2. The second part outlines the specific procedures for handling sensitive information and data. It stresses the need for strict confidentiality protocols and secure storage methods to prevent unauthorized access or disclosure.

3. The third section addresses the requirements for reporting and documentation. It details the frequency and format of reports, ensuring that all relevant information is captured and presented in a clear and concise manner.

4. The fourth part discusses the role of internal controls and audits. It highlights the importance of regular audits to identify potential weaknesses and ensure compliance with established policies and regulations.

5. The fifth section covers the training and development of staff. It emphasizes the need for ongoing education and skill-building to ensure that all personnel are equipped with the necessary knowledge and abilities to perform their duties effectively.

6. The sixth part discusses the importance of communication and collaboration. It encourages open dialogue and teamwork among all levels of the organization to foster a positive and productive work environment.

7. The seventh section addresses the issue of risk management. It outlines strategies for identifying, assessing, and mitigating potential risks to the organization's operations and reputation.

8. The eighth part discusses the importance of ethical conduct and integrity. It emphasizes that all actions should be guided by a strong moral compass and adherence to the organization's code of ethics.

9. The ninth section covers the topic of innovation and continuous improvement. It encourages the organization to embrace change and seek out new ways to enhance efficiency and effectiveness.

10. The final part of the document provides a summary of the key points and reiterates the commitment to excellence and high standards of performance.

PREFACE TO SECOND EDITION.

A SECOND EDITION of this little book having been called for, I have thought it advisable to make no change in its form or substance, indeed no change at all save a few verbal alterations. At the same time, I am of opinion that the three years which have elapsed since its first appearance might have furnished me with materials for greatly strengthening my argument. But a trifle of this sort will hardly bear retouching. If my real intention in penning these pages is not seized by the intelligent reader, the fault must be laid to my account; and it is not probable that my deficiencies would be remedied by pursuing these "hints" into greater detail.

Yet, on second thoughts, I should like to say just a word in this place, to prevent misapprehension. A trifle I have called the book, and a trifle in one sense it is: in the sense of being a very small study on the subject to which it relates. But the subject itself is a large one, principally owing to the grave considerations which it suggests. The shaft here sunk, however feeble, is sunk in a very important direction. The question is whether the kinds of arguments and answers to objec-

tions which are sketched in the following pages are worth anything in a positive way—that is to say, in the way of establishing the *probability*, as distinguished from the mere *possibility*, of Spiritualism being true. If they are worth anything, then Spiritualism has something to say for itself, and requires to be carefully examined. If they are worth nothing—if what is here suggested fails to arouse in the mind of the intelligent reader even a passing suspicion of the truth of Spiritualism—it will surely follow, not by any means that dogmatic Christianity is untrue (for there may be strong arguments in its favour such as cannot be alleged on behalf of Spiritualism), but at any rate that much that *is* constantly being urged in its favour is, to say the least, highly inconclusive.

It seems to me that this latter view might be consistently held even by an orthodox Christian; and I mention this, because some have seen in this little book “a parody of the whole argument for Christianity.” If they had called it “an application to Spiritualism of certain arguments vulgarly held to be conclusive in the case of dogmatic Christianity,” they would have been nearer the mark.

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