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A WORD TO THE READER.

THIS book is more suggestive of new thoughts and ideas on an old subject than any ever before given to the public. The Devil is placed in his true light and position, and he is not the evil many imagine him to be. He fully explains himself in his talks with Rev. Dr. Devine. You can learn how God uses him for His own purposes.

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REV. DAVID DEVINE, D.D.,

AND

THE DEVIL.

CHAPTER I.

REV. DR. DEVINE'S REVERIE—WHAT TO PREACH.

IN this age, when the supernatural is again stepping to the front, and men can once more converse with the departed, and the Devil, for a surprise, does reveal himself to a chosen or special few for purposes direct, as he did two and three thousand years ago, it is not strange that spirits, ghosts, or sprights should be seen and talked with. There are too many facts on record—well authenticated facts—to deny that the souls of the departed do manifest themselves to some, and that the Devil in his peculiar protean shapes does pay visits to mortals to impress them as to his presence and influence. Spirits do manifest themselves to the living.

A number of years ago a bright and brilliant young divine, about thirty-five years of age, reputed for his eloquence and theological learning, found himself made a Doctor of Divinity by his *Alma Mater*. Of course he

was pleased and flattered with the honor, and appreciated the compliment, coming so soon in his ministry. He said to himself: "I must show myself worthy of the degree and the honor so unexpectedly conferred. Only twelve years a minister!"

He thought over in his mind what should be the subject of some of his sermons, to give him something of a reputation for originality and profound learning. He thought on and over many subjects. Thus he soliloquized:

1. The inheritance and character of "Original Sin," in all of its bearings and influence upon the human race. "No, that will not do; it is an old subject, and has been preached upon and written about until it is stale. Besides, if man has inherited sin through Adam, and that without any proviso as to believing in him or not as our first father, and we are also told, 'For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive,' I am afraid that I will have to theorize, sophisticize, and be forever trying to make clear that which is not very clear to my mind, to say the least of it. I will not bother with 'Original Sin,' for there is enough sin without our old father Adam's slip-up or fall. He suffered enough for his sin, and I am satisfied."

2. The doctrine of "Election and Predestination" presented itself to his mind. "Worse still; that has been fought over ever since the days of John Calvin. It is repugnant to the common-sense justice of man; and, to tell the honest truth, half who preach such a doctrine do not really believe in it. I might truly call that Calvin's 'original sin,' for he has made many a minister to sin in preaching it, and trying to explain such a doc-