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FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE SON OF GOD WAS
MANIFESTED, THAT HE MIGHT DESTROY THE
WORKS OF THE DEVIL.

1 JOHN III. 8.

AND WHEN THEY SHALL SAY UNTO YOU,
SEEK UNTO THEM THAT HAVE FAMILIAR SPIRITS,
AND UNTO WIZARDS
THAT PEEP, AND MUTTER—
SHOULD NOT A PEOPLE SEEK UNTO THEIR GOD?
FOR THE LIVING TO THE DEAD!
TO THE LAW AND TO THE TESTIMONY—
IF THEY SPEAK NOT ACCORDING TO THIS WORD,
IT IS BECAUSE THERE IS NO LIGHT IN THEM.

ISAIAH VIII. 19. 20.

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PREFACE
TO THE
SECOND EDITION.

SINCE the publication of the following "Thoughts," nothing has taken place, necessitating any modification of the statements or sentiments then advanced.

The author again sends them forth, believing them to be in harmony with God's Word;—adapted to present circumstances;—and, with the hope, of

their being blessed to the removal of those sickening doubts, which so painfully beset many anxious minds, when dwelling upon the terrible and mysterious subject of Satanic Influence; or when brought into contact with the literature, or phenomena, of Modern Spiritualism.

A recent article, in the Cornhill Magazine, entitled "Stranger than Fiction," has somewhat re-directed popular curiosity and attention to the subject; but since it discloses nothing materially different from what has previously been described, no special examination is required; nor have the facts there recorded, as yet, evoked a crowd of philosophical explanations, so

eagerly volunteered in the case of Table-turning.

In England, the progress of Spiritualism has been singularly circumscribed; while, in America, it has found a more genial soil; numbering, at the present moment, upwards of three hundred thousand, among its votaries.

When taking a retrospective glance of the whole movement, the mind is not so much impressed by the strangeness of the facts, as by the evident *limitation* which has been imposed; and by the comparative insignificance of the manifestations, which have hitherto been permitted.

Still sterner testing days, of the faith of God's people, are at hand. Intellect, Miracles, and the course of Providence itself, will all seem to be ranged on the side of Delusion! Man's greatest difficulty will be to realise the faith, for which, he will then, be specially called, to witness and to suffer. Reason and Common Sense, will rise up as an impassable barrier between the soul and its God! Christianity will appear, as if a Dream! and the Mission of Christ, a failure! To resist such a torrent of enthusiasm in behalf of Evil—the foundations of Faith must be laid in contact with the substance of the Rock itself; and Philosophy be condensed into the axiom, "*IT IS WRITTEN.*"