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Mystic London; or, The Phases of Occult Life in the British Metropolis. By the REV. CHARLES M. DAVIES, D.D. Cr. 8vo., pp. 331—\$1.75. New York: Lovell, Adam, Wesson & Co.

We reviewed in these pages some time since Dr. Davies' interesting book on "Orthodox London." In the present volume he describes his initiation into some of the more occult phases of metropolitan life. It is characterized by the same keen observation and shrewd practical good sense as his previous books, and from the wider range of subjects treated is of greater general interest. In his search for "mystic" scenes, the author sometimes finds himself in rather strange company for a Doctor of Divinity, and there is an occasional flippancy of manner that we cannot help thinking beneath the dignity of his profession. A large portion of the book relates to the singular phenomena of so-called Spiritualism, in which he seems to have felt a profound interest. He was often puzzled, but not convinced, by the extraordinary performances of the "mediums." A glance at the headings of some of the chapters will indicate the range of subjects treated: London Arabs, London Arabs in Canada, A Lunatic Ball, A Night in a Bakehouse, A Tichborne Meeting, The Derby, Peculiar People, Interviewing an Astrologer, A Private Execution, Al-Fresco Infidelity, and a whole series devoted to spiritualistic *seances*. Much useful information concerning peculiar institutions and strange developments of modern civilization is also given.