

to be met successfully with a sneer, a frown, or a pooh-pooh. Some of these gentlemen are intellectually much above the average, and a majority of them, we believe, are respectably moral. Mr. Parker, of Boston, is, mentally, a full match for his tallest and broadest neighbor in that large city; and, on passing that way in 1856, we learned that in morals he stood at par or at a premium. Although justly to be regarded more as a theological eccentric than any one thing in particular, he is, in reality, within the Spiritualist circumference: for he is a chief advocate, if not the chief of all the advocates, of the doctrine of 'interior wisdom,' 'intuition-ism,' or 'inner sense' which the new class of progressives hold to be so complete a cure for every existing ill.

To show the amount of room these gentlemen require in which to operate, as well as to indicate their attitude to the religion of Jesus, it may be candidly stated that—

1. While they acknowledge the Bible utters a measure of truth, they regard not the Bible as the standard of religious truth. The volume contains, they avow, a stock of error, superstition, and unreliable data; and even the safe statements it embraces would be, they hold, as valuable if found in Voltaire's reasonings or in a common novel as in the writings of Isaiah or Paul. Hence, all sound Spiritualists tip the Bible, as such, down the same hill with Jack and Gill, while every item of faith founded on the volume must as a legitimate consequence come tumbling after.

2. Our Spiritualistic neighbors rely firmly and certainly upon their own rational deducements and current revelations, so-called, through 'mediums' termed 'suitable.'

3. They likewise claim the ability, authority, and sacred sanction embraced in the miracle-working power.

4. Their avowed basis-fact, (put forth as being at once the proof and strength of the system,) which tells of spirits in the spirit-sphere communicating with spirits in the earth-sphere, is depended on as the grand Draw-Bridge by which (with the 'interior wisdom') to step out and look beyond the present living world at what is immortal and celestial.

We put down these four elements of Spiritualism with the same candidness that we would place on these pages the like number of items pertaining to any system under review. Therefore, if in any particular they are incorrect, our gentlemanly friend of the 'Age' at Boston