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"If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God."
"This is love, that we walk after his commandments."

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—If Spiritualism had remained among the same class of 'mediums' and 'believers' first making a stir about it at Hydesville and Rochester, in the great State of New York, we should probably never have occupied two pages of this monthly in respect to it 'pro' or 'con.' It would not, in our estimate of things, have paid anything like cost. We well remember when first some excited friends asked us to account for the reported wonders of spirit-rapping. Our response was then, what it would be now, the premises being similar, that there was not enough in the whole affair to reward a review or pay the outlay in an attempt to account for it. The revelations rapped out from the 'spirit-world' were not big enough either in number or worth. Any man, for example, who had intellect to know whether he walked with his feet upward or downward, could tell, without a revelation, whether he was married or single; whether he had one child, a number of children, or none; whether he was twenty, thirty-five, or sixty years old, and all similar items. If very important, too, he could move a table, or get requisite help to carry it from one place to another, if a heavy one, without Spiritualist aid, celestial or terrestrial.

But let it be generously stated as well as conceded that the partly-formed Spiritualistic system has in latter years fallen into other hands, and now assumes a lofty place and a weighty work. Such men as Edmonds, Brittan, Parker, Newton, Hallock, Tiffany and others, are not