

"The Holy Spirit, by a holy and wonderful providence, preserves the Bible and spreads it abroad in the world, and he raises up men of God, whom he qualifies to declare and maintain the truth contained in it, and by multitudes of ways, many of which may not be known by us, he overrules, as far as he wisely can, the circumstances of all men's lots, so as to *bring the knowledge of the truth within their reach*, and to leave them without excuse, if they continue without faith in IT." In the *Evangelical Repository*, a Theological Quarterly, edited by Dr. Morison, in an article entitled, *The Holy Spirit's work in relation to man's physical nature and circumstances*, occur the following sentences:—"The Spirit of God has the body, (the human body) in his hand, he knows the secrets of its relationship to the soul, and all the occult sympathies between them; what more reasonable, therefore, than to suppose, that, in wisdom and love, he will avail himself of the relations of the body to the soul, as one of his manifold spheres of operation." "Let us, then, suppose that the Spirit, in his infinite power, wisdom and love, has control over the external sources of influence, and there is at once presented a vast complicated, and most important sphere for his agency and operations in reference to the moral and spiritual interests of man."* It is false, then, to say that Evangelical Unionists look for no dealing or influence of the Spirit beyond the words of Scripture.

*We do indeed believe that the Spirit regenerates and sanctifies (See 1 Pet. i, 23, John xvii, 19) by the truth. We do not believe that the sinner must be renewed before he embraces Jesus Christ. But as we purpose making this the subject of an article for an early number, we shall not further enlarge on it here.

We shall only remark further at present, that, while we believe the Spirit uses the incorruptible seed of the word, which liveth and abideth for ever, as his instrument in regenerating, we are careful to point men, not simply to the words of scripture, but to the truth represented by these words, and to that truth as revealing and bringing God near to the soul, as the God of love and mercy through Christ. When men look to God and believe in him as revealed and brought near in his truth, they see not only the ground of pardon, but they enjoy God's favour for Christ's sake, and are, "in the grasp and under the plastic energy of the infinite Spirit."—A.