

knowledge inspires pride in some, and insufficiency in others ; but will not insolent pride and insufficient cause divisions amongst the people ? Are not such divisions troublesome and dangerous to society ? I repeat, that 'tis my opinion, Mr. Christmas is not the author of that piece. I have reason, at least, to think so: 1st. Because the piece itself completely takes the palm from Johanna Southcot and her associates, in fanaticism. 2d. Because it contains more folly than it contains words, in consequence of the double and triple meaning which they sometimes bear in that place. 3d. Because it insults the understanding of the people. 4th. Because it has no claim to religion, and cannot be called piety. 5th. It is too childish to be treated with deliberation, and too insolent to be tolerated ; there is not sufficient animation to support the revivals, nor sufficient argument to prove their necessity ; nor does either become an essential requisite. Since we are told that unsound hope is to supply the one, and irreligion the other, if its merits be enquired into, it will be found sufficiently blasphemous to warrant a prosecution. We find in this revival, an inversion of the common order of things : for piety we find irreligion ; instead of solid devotion and calm contemplation, we find the effeminate simpering of intemperate zeal—(but we must mis-apply the term here)—for what could be reasonably called the inspiration of the Holy Ghost ; for virtue and piety are substituted the dangerous and self-inspired fancy of inexperienced youth, and self-taught teachers, (*auto-didactists*). How long this is to be supported we know not ; how long the good sense of the people will be taunted, and what they seem to revere turned into matter of ridicule, we cannot pretend to say ; but we could sincerely wish, that such unheard of proceedings were no longer countenanced.—The Divine Spirit, said the writer, wrought with such energy that few had occasion to attend more than one enquiry meeting. What a penetrating genius ! who discovers the degree of exertion made use of by the Holy Spirit. Quere ! was it the Divine Spirit ?—How do you prove it ?—Which are the fruits remaining from the operations ? One individual exclaims, Oh ! what a Saviour I have found ? a second, Oh ! what joy ! after effeminate qualms comes an explanation of oh ! hope ! from a young man who could no longer conceal his feeling. They began to start from

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