TO THE READER.

Now a word or two about the author. He is a graduate of the College of St. Bees, Cumberland, England; had for some years been an esteemed clergyman of the Episcopal Church, both in this and the mother country. For the past eight years he has been an earnest and devoted student of the Spiritual Philosophy. The result is that he is to-day a confirmed disciple and advocate of that beautiful and sublime science.

I have met with but very few so ready, and so well qualified as the author, to give to every one that asketh, a reason for the hope that is in him. His experience in Spiritualism has been great and varied. I hope he may some day be induced to give a history of it to the world in print.

One fault I have to find with him, viz., that he does not devote his life to the *public* teaching of that Philosophy for which his genius, his scholarship and his extensive and general information so admirably qualify him.

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