

Spiritualism is something more formidable than mere jugglery and tricks of deception, and it is time that its real nature should be generally understood, and the place it occupies in Scripture brought afresh to the attention of the people, that those who believe the Word of God may be well guarded against the sin and danger of this monstrous evil.

After making all due allowance for the fraud and deception which have been practised in its name—and there has been very much—there remains yet a genuine Spiritualism, with its marvelous phenomena which have never been, and never can be explained on any other ground. That unseen spirits do take possession of men and women, speaking and writing through them their own thoughts, and in other ways controlling their bodies and minds, there cannot be the least doubt. But that these spirits are the persons whom they claim to be, or that they are ever the spirits of departed human beings, does not follow. There is no evidence in Scripture or out of it, that the spirit of any man or woman who has lived in a human body ever manifested itself through a medium, or in any other way, to living persons. But there is abundant evidence both in Scripture and out of it, that spirits of another order have and do thus manifest themselves in many ways. This we shall attempt to show.

A REMARKABLE EXPERIENCE.

That we may have before us a case which contains all the essential features of genuine Spiritualism, I wish to introduce somewhat in detail the experience of one who came near being deceived, and would have been carried away by it, as many others have been by similar things, but for the grace of God, who opened her eyes to the true character of what