

the size of the hole it will take for the soul to pass through. It will take just as large a hole as it takes to think through, when you think of the folly of the question; just as large a hole as you will require to remember through, when you remember the silly question; just as large a hole as it would take to perceive through, when you think of the extremity into which the man was driven when he supposed and asked that wonderfully profound question. The walls and doors of the room where the disciples were, were no hindrance to the appearance of the Saviour. He entered without opening a door. Much less are material walls a hindrance to spirit. If the Spirit of God could not reach a man while thus shut up, it might be asked, how can he get out? Matter does not hinder *spirit*. I wonder if that sage could tell us how many ounces, Troy weight, it would take to tell who wrote "Ecce Homo?" or how many square inches there are in an hour's solid thinking? Sometimes the coffin is called metallic and at other times glass. Of this coffin argument, a writer in the *Morning Star* says:—

"When we first heard of such questions being proposed in a discussion, we thought them too puerile to be used by any man of sound mind and good sense, in any serious mood. But Mr. G. seems persistent in thrusting them upon the notice of his opponents, we are told, and evidently imagines that he gains an advantage by blinding the eyes of an audience by such silly queries, or else by making a little catch of them to take an opponent off his guard, either of which we regard as beneath the character of a candid Christian disputant, unless he really believes there is some solid *reason* in the questions.

"Those who contend against the immortality of the soul, should know that before such questions can have any pertinence at all, they must first *know* what they appear to assume, viz., that the soul is material. The Christian world, with few, if any exceptions, who believe in the immortality of the soul, believe in its immateriality as well. If the soul be immaterial, then it can go through a glass or metallic coffin a thousand feet thick,