

SPIRITUALISM

ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES

CHAPTER I.



It has been the custom to look upon modern Spiritualism as a gigantic fraud, and all its pretended "manifestations" as nothing more than tricks by which the imagination is excited, and the credulous are made to believe that spirits are present and operating through so-called mediums. On this supposition it was thought to be only necessary to expose the fraud by which the phenomena are produced, and thus put an end to the delusion.

This has been repeatedly attempted, and the public has been entertained by travelling lecturers, who have explained the tricks and machinery with which the people have been deceived, and have reproduced many of the same wonderful phenomena, and many have supposed that this was all there was of Spiritualism, and that it would soon disappear.

But instead of being destroyed, or even weakened, Spiritualism has gone on rapidly increasing in the number of its adherents, and in the boldness of its claims, till now it numbers its followers by millions, and they are found throughout the entire world.