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"The word spoken by angels." Heb. ii: 2.

No question of our modern social life is engaging more attention on the part of public men than that of increased facilities of travel and communication. Improved conditions of communication between distant parts of the country and with foreign lands means not only increased commerce and wealth, but also general increase of knowledge and growth of intelligence on the part of the public.

Canadians, in common with all other loyal subjects of our gracious queen, rejoice that this age has witnessed the introduction of penny postage between all parts of the British Empire. All men interested in the extension of the boundaries of human knowledge and the progress of the race are rejoicing over the first successful attempts at wireless telegraphy, and undoubtedly ether vibration is the common principle underlying both wireless telegraphing and mental telegraphing.

These improved methods of communication between distant lands, partly in the physical and partly in the mental plane, lead very naturally to the question of possible communication between the mortal and the immortal plane, between men in the body and out of the body, between men in the material and men in the spiritual realms.

The question then arises: Has there been in the past such communication between

earth and heaven? If so, is such communication possible to-day? and what are the teachings of the bible on the subject? and what has human experience and human testimony to say on these questions?

Our theme implies that the teachings of the bible and of the Spiritual Philosophy on this subject are one and the same, and both, we maintain, are amply confirmed by testimony to-day which no unprejudiced mind can discard.

Before we proceed to state and support a series of propositions on this theme we shall make a few explanatory remarks upon Spiritualism and upon the Bible, defining our conception of the terms.

The Spiritual Philosophy stands opposed first and particularly to the materialistic view of nature. It asserts that spirit is the great underlying reality, not only in the world of thought, will and affection, but in the material realm itself. Matter is the shifting, evanescent and variable expression of underlying spirit reality. It stands opposed to the view that spirit is a product of matter organized or unorganized, or in any way dependent upon matter.

It asserts the conscious existence of the soul after death, and is therefore opposed to the nonsensical teaching of our Adventist friends in their doctrine of the sleep of the dead. (We do our Advent friends the