

ment of the Lord's Supper was instituted, and subverted, as it appears to me, the great design of the Institution.\* From other writings of Mr. Clowes, I am led to believe that he embraced in general, the peculiar tenets of Swedenborg, among which were

1. The exclusion of several of the canonical books of the New Testament.†
2. The denial of the *last judgment*.‡
3. The denial of the *future personal advent of Christ*.§
4. The denial of the *future resurrection of the body*.||

If the author held, as I believe him to have done, any of the above opinions, and I think the volume you sent clearly recognizes the first five, he certainly cannot be a safe guide for us upon religious doctrines. I will retain the volume, with your permission, for a day or two more, to examine some parts of it again, but in the mean time, have thought it right to express to you my opinion in regard to it.

I am, my dear Sir, yours very truly,

I. W. D. GRAY.

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Rev. I. W. D. GRAY.

Dear Sir,—It is now nearly six weeks since I sent you the volume on "Mediums," which I sent in consequence of some previous remarks by yourself, on subjects of religious doctrines: I was surprised that you had not, in any way, alluded to the subject before.

With regard to the volume on Mediums, I am persuaded

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\* The body and blood of Christ, according to Mr. Clowes, mean Divine love and wisdom. He says, Christ's blood and His Word are the same thing; that in the words "this is my blood of the New Testament," we see the identity of His blood with His Word, or with the Eternal Truth, for His Word is Truth.

† "The books of the Word," according to Swedenborg, were those alone of which the *internal sense* was disclosed to him, viz.: twenty-nine of the Old Testament, and of the New, only the four Gospels and Revelation.

‡ The last Judgment is called by Swedenborgians, "Simply the voluntary development of the ruling love of every man."

§ They consider the second Advent of our Lord, as a coming *not in person*, but in the *power of the spiritual sense of His Word*, commenced by Swedenborg, and now constantly going on.

|| Our material bodies, they maintain, are dissolved at death, and will never be resumed.