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It shall assuredly come, that day of a new, an immortal evangel.—  
*Lessing.*

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The advent of Spiritualism is through facts and not theories. Its purpose is positive knowledge.—*Hudson Tuttle.*

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Spiritualism is an experimental science, and affords the only sure foundation for a true philosophy and a pure religion.—*Alfred R. Wallace.*

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Even in the most cloudless skies of Skepticism I see a rain-cloud if it be no bigger than a man's hand: it is Modern Spiritualism.—*Lord Brougham.*

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In the whole universe all is contingent, nothing is necessary, nothing a cause of itself. To explain the cause of all, therefore, we must admit a cause which may be necessarily a cause of itself and of all things. This cause being, since it is necessary, it follows that God is, for it is God.—  
*Leibnitz.*

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The soul of man can know the Divine only so far as it knows itself.—  
*Marcus Antoninus.*





PORTRAIT OF THE SPIRIT "KATIE KING."

*Copied from a Photograph taken by the Magnesium Light.*



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*"Nullus in microcosmo spiritus, nullus in macrocosmo Deus."*

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## PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION.

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To the uninformed many the narrative portions of this volume will seem like the fantasies of a mediæval superstition. But the faithful observer of what is going on in the world must be well aware that the accumulation of facts corresponding with those here presented is getting to be irresistible. For their refutation something more than a word or gesture of contempt is now required. Those critics who hope to dispose of them thus easily will soon be counted in the long procession of infatuated opponents of dawning truths. The phenomena are fast spreading and becoming better known; they attract new converts daily, and are beginning to be admitted by respectable scientific authorities, such as Wallace and Crookes in England, Perty in Berne, and Wagner and Butlerof in Russia. All the frauds of real or pretended mediums are powerless to neutralize the effect of what has been proved, and has now taken its place among the certainties of science. Moreover, the question is beginning to be raised whether much that we have set down as the conscious imposture of certain known mediums may not be the work of foreign forces, the eccentric operation of which we do not yet understand.

But in the revision of this work I have been careful to note all those instances in which testimony has been weakened or withdrawn since the first edition was printed. Thus I have stricken out the accounts which Mr. R. D. Owen gave of phenomena through Mr. and Mrs. Holmes, though he has since admitted that in this case genuine manifestations were probably mixed up with those he suspected as questionable. I have also made such qualifications as seemed pertinent in other cases. Spiritualism needs no invalidated supports.

The fact that the present volume grew out of a series of familiar communications respecting the materialization phenomena, will explain, if it will not excuse, the somewhat free and desultory manner