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DR. PARKINS,

OF LITTLE GONERBY, NEAR GRANTHAM,

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Who is a servant of God, and a most dutiful subject to the best of Monarchs;

RETURNS his sincere thanks for the many favours he has received from his friends and the public in general; and now begs leave to inform them, that he still continues to receive the various applications of his patients, in his usual form, way, and manner, viz.

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body is afflicted, the true cause and nature of the disease, 
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xix, 1—4. viii 3. cxxi, 6  Eccles. xxxviii. 1. 4, 7, 12, 
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I, 2—5. Amos ii, 14—16. vi, 13, 14. II Peter ii, 
SECOND LAMEN &c.

2. And also by the use of the same, any lady may have a clear, full, and most perfect sight of the gentleman she will marry, so as to perfectly know him by a vision or dream in the night. Joel ii, 28. Acts ii, 17, 18. See my "Wise Man's Crown."

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8. They will also most powerfully increase peace, harmony, and concord, in all those families where these blessings are most wanted. II Cor. vi, 14—18. Num. xxii, 8, 9. Phil. iv, 6. Psalm lxvi, 18. John ix, 31. II Tim. ii, 19. I John v, 14, 15. John xiv, 13, 14.

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While Joshua led the armed bands
Of Israel forth to war,
Moses apart, with lifted hands,
Engaged in humble prayer.

These armed bands had quickly fail'd,
And perished in the fight,
If Moses' prayer had not prevail'd,
To put his foes to flight.

When Moses' hands thro' weakness droop'd,
The warriors fainted too;
Israel's success at once was stopp'd,
And Am'lek bolder grew.

A people always prone to boast,
Were taught by this suspense,
That not a numerous armed host,
But God was their defence.

We now of fleets and armies vaunt,
And ships and men prepare;
But men like Moses most we want,
To save the state by prayer.

Yet Lord we hope thou hast prepared
A hidden few to day,
The nation's sacred strength and guard,
To weep, and mourn, and pray.

O hear their prayers and grant us aid,
Bid war and discord cease,
Heal the sad breach that sin hath made,
And bless us all with peace!

Exod. xvii, 11—16.

See my "Celestial Warrior, or the Art of War,"
also my "Universal Fortune-teller," page 108. Heb.
xi, &c.

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and increase, happiness and felicity between ladies and
gentlemen after marriage, but will also daily lead them
in the way where they may obtain health, happiness,
virtue, wisdom, prosperity, long life, pleasure, and
felicity, both in this world, and also in that which is to
come. John xvi, 23, 24. Heb. iv, 16. Mark xxi, 23,
iv, 8. I Peter v, 7. Tobit xii, 15. Psalm i, 13. Isaiah
xvi, 9.
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The Doctor will always pay as great attention to the various applications of the servant man or maid, as he would to the first gentleman or lady in the kingdom. See my "Celestial Monitor," containing a description of the power, force, influence, &c. of the comet, &c.

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me also ask them who gives virtue to the grass and herbs of the field &c.? All things are possible with God, by and in whose power and authority alone, these lamens &c. daily perform all their most wonderful works and operations &c. Matt. xix, 26. Mark ix, 23. x, 27. Luke xviii, 27. Make one fair and impartial trial.

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than a positive declaration of war against heaven: and
while the same doth remain in this state, the sword will
never depart from this land. I shall be glad to know
where the gentleman lives that is able to confute or
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[See the Seventh Lamen in this book]: and thus you may obtain
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"Wisdom shall live, and learning still shall shine,
"While lolly dies, and ignorance doth pine."

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The Doctor is also most fully enabled to show the true cause of all the internal and external calamities by which this kingdom is sore afflicted, whenever he may be required so to do, to their full satisfaction; and also give unto them, at the same time, never failing and most special remedies for the same. I Cor. xv. 56.

"By iniquity and sin,
"Afflictions enter in."

See my "Dissertation on Villany."

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The Celestial Touchstone;
Or, a Companion to
The Temple of Wisdom, and our Celestial Warrior.

Shewing the way how to obtain Wisdom, Virtue, Pleasure, Happiness, and Felicity, both in this World, and also in that which is yet to come, Isaiah lviii. 1. Psalm xvi. 11. xxxv. 67. xxxvi. 8. 9. ciii. 21. cxı. 2. cxlvii. 1. cxlix. 4. Phil. ii. 13. II Thes. i. 11, 12, &c.

Fear God, honour the King, and frequent the Church.

First, search throughout, well examine, and daily meditate on every single portion of the holy scriptures hereinafter mentioned for your benefit, until you perfectly understand the whole of the same; then consider whether you are the friend of God, from whom all blessings flow, or otherwise (John xv. 13—15. Cant. v. 16. James iv. 4, 6—10. Phil. iii. 18—20. Col. i, 21—28.). And also whether you actually see a real necessity of having your wants relieved; and also whether you are properly disposed and duly prepared to approach the throne of grace; whether you are clothed with a wedding garment or otherwise (Matt. xxii, 11—14.). and have also tasted of the fruits of regeneration (John iii. 3—13.), for if you come without these necessary qualifications God will not hear you (Psalm lxvi. 18. John ix, 31. Isaiah lxvi, 2.) ; and also remember at the same time that there is only one kind of worship that is acceptable unto God (John iv, 23, 24. Prov. xxiii, 96.) all other kinds and forms of worship are nothing less than solemn mockery, which above all things is most abominable unto the Lord (Prov. xxviii, 9. iii. 32. vi, 16—19. viii, 7. xi, 20. xii, 22. xiii, 19. xv, 8, 9.
therefore we find that many who call themselves Christians, have in reality no more right or title to that name, than the Heathen, Turk, Hottentot, or Infidel; and even those who are christians will only keep their titles good by great diligence, hard daily labour, and industry; having continually three strong and most powerful enemies, who are daily and hourly seeking their ruin and destruction; but in order that you may know them and guard against them, I will now set them before you:--the first is the Devil, "who goeth about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter v, 8, 9. Zech. iii, 1, 2. Rev. xii, 10. I John iv, 8. John viii, 44, 45. Matt. xiii, 39. Luke viii, 12. Eph. iv, 27. I Tim. iii, 6, 7. Heb. ii, 14. James iv, 7. Acts xiii, 10.)--our second enemy, that also daily cometh out against us in order to complete our ruin and destruction, is the World (John xv, 18, 19. I John ii, 15—17. Eccles. v, 10, 11. I John v, 19. James iv, 4, 17. v, 1—5. Gal. i, 4.)--and our third strong and potent enemy is an enemy near home, who is also daily and hourly watching for every opportunity to complete our ruin and destruction both in this world and also in that which is to come, which is the Flesh (Rom. viii, 6—13. Gal. v, 16—26. Rom. vii, 18, 23, 24. James i, 14, 15. I Tim. vi, 9—19. Col. iii, 5—10.)---and our fourth and last enemy is Death (I Cor. xv, 26, 35, 36.) therefore perhaps you will find it a more laborious work, and also much more difficult to learn how to become a Christian, than you were heretofore aware of. The word Christian implies a true and most faithful follower and disciple of Jesus Christ. For these great, powerful, and mighty enemies will always find you work enough every day, and will also teach you the great necessity of putting on the whole armour of God (Eph. vi, 11—18.) before you can become a christian, and also that the work is hard and
difficult to the carnal mind, yet if you neglect or refuse to
learn this great, necessary, and most important lesson, be
assured you had much better never have been born
(Eph. iv, 20--32. Deut. iv, 10. v, 1. xvii, 19. xxxi, 12,
2. John vi, 45. Phil. iv, 8, 9, 11--13.) for we are sent
into this world to daily work, fight, and pray, which
ought to be the principal business of our whole lives
(I Tim. i, 18. James iv, 1, 2. I Peter ii, 11. Acts xiii,
2. John xvii, 4. I Cor. iii, 13--17. ix, 1, II Tim. ii, 4.
James i, 25. ii, 24. II Cor. xi, 15. Rev. xiv, 13. xx, 12;
xviii, 1. I Thes., v, 17). If you live contrary to this rule,
I suppose you know the consequences, as we all know
that there will be no more than two distinct classes of
people ever found amongst us, viz. Righteous and
Wicked, and whoever is not united to the one, must of
course be joined unto the other (I Peter iv, 17, 18. Matt
xvi, 27. II Tim. iv, 14) But if you are desirous to be
taught or further instructed in any essential point,
subject, matter, or thing, relating to divinity, if you
will only apply, send, or come unto me, your request
shall be immediately granted; for when Saint Paul saw
and well knew for himself, what he had to learn before
he could become a Christian, he almost despaired, but
God said unto him My grace is sufficient for thee (II
Cor. xii, 8--10). By this Celestial Touchstone you may
thus daily try and examine all the thoughts, words,
deeds, and actions of your past lives, and thereby know
for yourselves whether you enjoy the favour of God
and the hopes of heaven, or otherwise (Jer. xviii, 8--10.
iii, 6. xiv, 9; 34. xxi, 4. xxxiv, 9. Isaiah v, 18, 20--25.
If you daily meditate on those valuable and most precious texts which I have also given unto you in my Temple of Wisdom, hereunto annexed for your benefit, your judgment will be thereby most fully informed, and your mind divinely illuminated by the same. If we now look before us, we shall see an offended angry God, whose mercy hath hitherto been disregarded and lightly esteemed (Heb. x, 29--31); and if we look behind us, we shall see an army of most severe judgments from heaven at our heels (see my "Celestial Monitor"); if any man can prove the contrary, I shall be very glad to see him. Indeed, the arm of flesh is now getting too weak and feeble, either to prevent our mortal diseases, or of our being defeated by our common enemies (Jer. xvii, 5, 6. See the tenth lament &c. in my "Temple of Wisdom"); therefore turn unto the Lord's side before it be too late (Exodus xxxii, 26), or otherwise you will have a whole eternity to repent of this your folly and madness. If I had been so happily situated in the world as to have had my dwelling among Christians, I should then never have had occasion to have written my "Dissertation on Villany"; but let you and me daily meditate on the pure word of God, seeing that we stand in jeopardy every hour (I Cor. xv, 30. Luke xii, 20, 21. Matt. xxiv, 42--44 xxv, 13. Mark xii, 35--37. Luke xxi, 96. Acts xx, 31.) If Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell are subjects that cannot command your most serious attention, or do not concern you, in that case be assured our writings will yield but very little profit unto you indeed. (Heb. ix, 27. Phil. i, 21. Numb. xxxiiii, 10. I Sam. xx, 3. Prov. viii, 36. xi, 19. xviii, 21. xxii, 6. Rom. vi, 21, 23. vii, 5. viii, 6. I Cor. xv, 26, 55. 56. II Cor. i, 9. v, 10. Rev. vi, 10. Acts xxiv, 25. Rom. ii, 3, 4, 9, 10, 21, 22.)
For other particulars relating to these most important subjects, well examine and daily meditate on the holy scriptures, which is able to make you wise unto salvation (Psalm i. 2. II Tim. iii. 15—17. John v. 39). Nothing can be more excellent than, the liturgy of the established Church of England; and nothing can be more abused than it is at this time by the most atrocious wickedness of those who daily despise God in his holy word, and also in the most wonderful works of his hands (I Sam. ii. 30. See my "Dissertation on Villany &c." Prov. xiv. 9. Jer. xv. 17. Jude 18, 19. Matt. xxiii. 13, 14, 28. I Tim. iv. 2. I Peter ii, 1. Rev. ii, 4, 5. iii, 15—22. Prov. xi. 9. Job xv. 34. xxxvi, 19. Matt. xxiv, 51. Now suppose we were obliged to daily behold something that we most abominably hate, detest and abhor, our lives of course would be very unpleasant unto us; and with such an abhorrence and detestation God hates all manner of sin. But perhaps you may imagine that others are as bad as you; but if others are inclined to complete their eternal ruin and destruction, is this any rule that you should do the same? Can you show any just cause why that army of most severe judgements from heaven, which is
mentioned in my *Celestial Monitor*, should not fall upon you, for if you despise God in his mercy, you will be obliged to accept of his justice; but in order that you may be saved from the wrath to come, I now recommend to your attention my *Celestial* Warrior, and also the *Wise Man's Crown* (Matt iii, 7, 8. Luke iii, 7--9.) But if you will come unto me, you will not only find me always ready to teach and most fully instruct you in all those most wonderful celestial, terrestrial, and spiritual arts and sciences, divine secrets and mysteries of the celestial regions &c. which are most fully illustrated throughout all my elaborate works; but you will also find me ready to help and assist you whenever your troubles and afflictions may require my aid and support, at any time whatsoever, and also enable you to obtain whatever you may hope, wish for and desire, agreeable to the will of God; as nothing can ever give me more pleasure & heart-felt satisfaction than that of relieving my fellow mortals in the time of their need and necessity, of answering the end of my creation, and also of doing all the good that may be done by man, whenever time and opportunity may enable me so to do; so that I may answer the end of my creation and do my duty in this state of life in which I am placed: see my *Temple of Wisdom* and *Celestial Warrior*.

Thus should I daily rejoice to find you that truly happy man who was born in the city of Regeneration, in the parish of Repentance; who was educated in the school of obedience; who now lives in perseverance, and works at the trade of diligence, notwithstanding he has a large estate in the county of Christian Contentment; who often climbs the mountain of Spiritual Mindedness and wears the plain garb of humility, but has a better to put on when he goes to court, called the robe of Christ's righteousness; who walks in the valley of Self Abasement, and does jobs of self-denial; who breakfasts upon spiritual prayers and sups on the same; who has also meat to eat which the world knows nothing of; whose drink is the sincere milk of the word. Thus happy he lives and happy he dies. Happy is he who has gospel-submission in his will—due order in his affections—sound peace in his conscience—grace in his soul—real divinity in his breast—true humility in his heart—the Redeemer's yoke on his neck—a vain world under his feet—and a crown of glory on his head. To attain this, pray fervently—believe firmly—wait patiently—work abundantly—live holy—die daily—watch your heart—guide your actions—redeem time—love Christ—and long for glory!

Happy the man that finds the grace,
The blessings of God's chosen race,
The wisdom coming from above,
The faith that sweetly works by love.

Happy beyond description he,
Who knows "the Saviour died for me!"
The gift unspeakable obtains,
And heavenly understanding gaine,
Wisdom divine! who tells the pride Of wisdom's costly merchandise? Wisdom to silver we prefer, And gold is dross compared to her.

Her hands are filled with length of days; True riches, and immortal praise; Riches of Christ on all bestow'd, And honour that descends from God.

To purest joys she all all invites; Chaste, holy, spiritual delights: Her ways are ways of pleasantness, And all her flowry paths are peace.

Happy the man who wisdom gains, Thrice happy who his guest retains; He owns, and shall for ever own, Wisdom, and Christ, and heaven are one!

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ERRATA IN A FEW COPIES.

Page 8, line 9, for Josh. 1-8, read Josh. i, 8.
Page 10, last line but 8, for Mark xxi, read Mark xi.
Ditto, last line, for Isaiah xlvi, read Isaiah lxvi.
Page 11, line 24, for Cor. iii, read Cor. xiii.