THE PROCESS OF DEATH.

THE SPIRITUALIST WHO SAW HER MOTHER'S SPIRIT SEPARATE FROM HER BODY.

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A complete description of the spirit's departure from the body was recently given by Myra Carpenter in a letter to Mr. Joseph Baker. She was treated by mesmerism for epileptic fits, and soon became a good clairvoyant, and eventually a seer of spirits. "My mother and I had often talked of death and immortality. She frequently visited me when she was in health, and I was in the clairvoyant state, by her assistance, when the spiritual sight was first given me. By your assistance (Baker's) I acquired the power of putting myself in that state without the assistance of an operator. She had often requested that I would, at the time of her decease, put myself in that state and notice the departure of the spirit from the body. Her failing health admonished her that her end for this life was near, but she viewed with calmness, for her thoughts were full of the life to come and her hopes placed on her Father in Heaven. Death had no terrors for her. When she felt its approach she spoke for me, as I was about attending an invalid. I remained and remained constantly with her until she left us for a better home. Her last words were addressed to me. Perceiving that she was dying, I seated myself in the room, and was soon in a state of spiritual clairvoyance. With the opening of the inner sight the painful scene of mother's death was changed to a vision of glory—beautiful, angelic spirits present watching over her, with faces as radiant as lilies, and their glittering robes as transparent as snow. I could feel them as material, and yet they communicated a sensation I can only describe by saying it seemed like compressed air. Some of these heavenly attendants stood at her head, and some at her feet, while others seemed to be hovering over her form. They seemed so pure, so full of love, that it was so sweet to look at them as they watched the change now taking place in my mother. "I now turned my attention more particularly to my mother, and saw the external sense leave her. First the power of sight departed and then a veil seemed to drop over the eyes; then the hearing and next the sense of feeling, and the spirit began to leave the limbs, and they died first, and the light that filled each part, in every fibre, drew up toward the chest. As fast as this took place the veil seemed to drop over the part from whence the spiritual life was removed. A ball of light was now gathering just above her head, and this continued to increase as long as the spirit was connected with the body. The light left the brain last, and then the silver cord was loosed. The luminous appearance soon began to assume the human form, and I could see my mother again! But oh, how changed! She was light and glorious, arrayed in robes of dazzling whiteness, free from disease, pain and death. She seemed to be welcomed by the attending spirits with the joy of a mother over the birth of a child. "She paid no attention to me, or any earthly object, but joined her companions, and they all attempted to go away through the air. I tried to follow them in the spirit, for I felt strangely attracted, and longed to go with my mother. I saw them ascend till they seemed to pass through an open space, when a mist came over my sight, and I saw them no more."