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P R E F A C E .

WITH this number we close the fourth volume of HUMAN NATURE; and have only a few words to say indicative of the tenour of its contents, and the current of events during its compilation. We revert, with some degree of satisfaction, to the fact that, through the year, our free platform has been freer, if possible, than ever. In the series of articles on "the Philosophy of Re-incarnation," by Miss Anna Blackwell, we have ventured to present to English readers a form of thought entirely new, and even opposed to their prejudices. This we have done without in any way indicating whether we believe or disbelieve the doctrine therein propounded. That we consider it a subject worthy of being acquainted with, we have fully shown by the publication of these crude papers. But at the same time, we desire that no reader should, without investigation, accept any statement, or philosophy, merely because of its appearance in our pages. Our object is to individualise our readers, and challenge their powers of intellect, rather than lead a sect of blind devotees.

The breadth and perspicuity of the articles by Mr. J. W. Jackson, the readers of this magazine have, from the first, learned to appreciate; but the manner in which he treats the great question of Organic Being, must commend itself to all minds as being suggestive and instructive.

In the section devoted to Phrenology, we have endeavoured to point out, by the analysis of worthy men, the law of relationship which exists between Character and Organisation.

Of Psychological Phenomena, we have presented some of the most wonderful and thought-stirring that have been recorded in the history of the movement called Modern Spiritualism. That we have been able to do so much, the warmest acknowledgments of our readers are due to the ladies and gentlemen who have so devotedly contributed the matter which crowds our pages. Be it understood, that the production of this Magazine is a "labour of love." The writers give their services freely—"without money and without price;" while its publication has been a loss to the editor from the beginning. It is offered to humanity as a contribution to the great work of progress; and it is encouraging to know that its aid is, from year to year, being more appreciated.

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