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SPIRIT-PHOTOGRAPHS AND OTHER WONDERFUL PHENOMENA.

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To the Editor of the Medium and Daybreak,

Sin,—It is some time since I have had the pleasure of communing with my spiritual friends and co-workers across the Atlantic, but though the long and dangerous illness of my beloved mother, together with the urgent and exiptent duties of a public life have absorbed every moment of my time, my English friends and the sphere of labour so long and pleasantly occupied by myself amongst them have never passed say from loving memory. In earnest of my undiminished interest in any iron loving memory. In earnest of my undiminished interest in the field of London Spiritualism, I herewith send a few spirit-photographs procured through the mediumship of Mr. William Mumler, a new of which, together with the subjoined account of my scance with row of which, together with the subjoined account of my seance with that gentleman, may interest the visitors to the Progressive Library. About a fortnight ago I called upon Mr. Mumler for a sitting, impelled to do so by the remarkable accounts of tests furnished to me by reliable persons who had obtained through this channel unmistakable proofs of their spirit-friends' presence and identity. The result of my first sitting was the production of a female form, bending over me in the attitude of affection; but, although the spirit bears some resemblance to a dear departed friend, it is not sufficiently obvious to constitute a likeness. At my next sitting a lace and remarkable looking head appeared on spirit bears some resemblance to a dear departed friend, it is not sufficiently obvious to constitute a likeness. At my next sitting a large and remarkable-looking head appeared on the negative, but ere the prints were taken I could not trace clearly any well-defined likeness. I remarked to Mr. Mumler that the negative appeared to present the appearance of some musical character, as there were indications of a lyre shadowed forth in the negative. Upon this Mr. Mumler immediately wrote on a slip of paper, backwards, the name of "Beethoven." When the prints were at length produced, they clearly showed the portrait of Beethoven hovering over me, and bolding a faintly-defined musical instrument in his hands, so placed at a present the shadow between my dress and the methodshein belding a faintly-defined musical instrument in his hands, so placed as to present the shadow between my dress and the watch-chain which fulls across it. Now, the circumstances which render the appearance of the great musician upon my photograph singularly significant are these:—My principal occupation during my late residence in England was to write certain musical criticisms in which the life and works of Beethoven formed the chief theme of my analyses. The very last piece of musical writing which I executed was an essay on the Beethoven Centenary at Bonn, celebrated just as I was about to return to America. Whilst engaged in these writings, I have the best of reasons for believing that the spirit of the noble German was frequently with me, and by a variety of test-facts convinced me and others that he was interested in what I wrote, and not unfrequently suggested ideas or dictated corrections upon points of his life quently suggested ideas or dictated corrections upon points of his life and musical intentions. The inspired and venerated spirit assured me, moreover, that he had constituted himself my musical guide, and purposed, in the bright communion of the better world, to reward my unbounded admiration of his character and compositions by assuming the office of my instructor. I think there must be several of my friends in London who will bear witness that I occasionally alluded to communeations of the above-named character from Beethoven, but I can most positively assert that I never mentioned them to anyone in America, and I am confident that Mr. Mumler neither knew anything of my masical writings in England nor that I was in the least interested in the appearance of Beethoven. These circumstances considered, I think the remarkable resemblance of the spirit-portrait to the well-known head of Beethoven may be taken as a striking and conclusive test of spirit-presence. A vast number of persons with whom I am well acquainted have received admirable portraitures of their spirit-friends from Mr. Mumler, and that when they themselves were strangers to him, and no possibility could exist of his procuring any likeness or knowledge of the spirit-friends represented.

The few pictures which accompany this article were chiefly taken for persons who were unable to attend in person, but who, having sent their own photographs and complied with the conditions announced in the enclosed circular (*), have received portraits of their spiritnications of the above-named character from Beethoven, but I can most

friends, just as true and faithful to life as those who have attended

It is for the benefit of my friends, then, in England, and in the hope that some amongst them may be blessed by the wonderful phenomenon of a spirit-portrait taken in this manner, that I send the accompanying specimens and the descriptive circular of the conditions to be observed.

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Three (*) of the pictures I send are taken simply through the influence of distant psychology, and a photograph, the fourth (t), is myself and the spirit of Beethoven, and the other two (t) are acquaintances of mine, who testify that the spirit-forms seen are accurate likenesses of beloved friends, not one of whom could by any possibility have been known to Mr. Mumler. It affords me especial pleasure to bear this unsought-for testimony to the truthfulness of a medium who, my English friends may remember, has been virulently assailed and publicly prosecuted, as well as persecuted by an infamous attack upon him in New York. Now, although Mr. Mumler was triumphantly acquitted of the charge of imposture, and the verity of the spiritual hypothesis remained as the only method of accounting for the production of his remarkable pictures, it seems to me eminently fit that we should still continue to investigate a phenomenon thus publicly assailed, and present all the cumulative evidence to the world which subsequent developments afford. developments afford.

developments afford.

I must not omit to record, moreover, the wonderful phenomena which are now transpiring in the presence of Dr. Slade, the physical medium, of New York. In company with a friend, I visited Dr. Slade a few nights ago, and in a semi-darkened room, but still with a sufficient amount of light to read large print by, I saw several spirit-heads form, become brilliantly illuminated with small flashing lights, present themselves in dense white substance within a foot of where we sat, smile, nod, display the full proportions of the head, and then dissolve and melt away before our eyes. One of these heads was that of a valued friend of my own—a lady whose appearance I could not mistake. She came twice—once as a bride veiled, and once with the full proportions of her sweet face openly displayed, as she last appeared to me, a mortal like myself. Writing messages on a slate by the hands of spirits, playing the accordion in a similar way, and many other marvellous tokens of invisible intelligence, also occurred in Dr. Slade's presence; and the playing the according in a stimular way, and many concertainventors togens of invisible intelligence, also occurred in Dr. Slade's presence; and the fact that these things are all done in the light, and that Dr. Slade affords his sitters the most incontrovertible proofs of his perfect candour and honesty, increases the value of his mediumship tenfold, and renders the phenomena produced in his presence very convincing to scepties.

Wonderful accounts have reached me through the most respectable and

CHRULAR.—To those residing at a distance and wishing to obtain a tograph, I would inform that I have been very successful in obtainit was, by having simply a picture of the sitter, in taking a copy of what them appears by the side of it. It will be necessary for those who ling to me, to enclose their own curf optotograph or anyone essets to who

reliable sources of the marvels exhibited through the mediumship of a Mrs. Andrews, of Moravia, New York. A friend of mine, in whom I have the utmost confidence—a merchant of high standing, and a shrewd, keen observer—informs me that the perfect semblance of several of his deceased friends and kindred were shown him through Mrs. Andrews's mediumship. He saw the veritable head, gold spectacles, thin grey hair, necktie, and other slight but most significant tokens of identity, which, in the life that he thought was ended, had distinguished his grandfather.

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A lady appeared and spoke to him. Face, form, and voice were those of the friend he had deemed dead; but, to make assurance doubly sure, he requested her to turn her head so that he might behold again the dark curls for which, whilst on earth, she had been so much admired. The spirit moved her head slightly, and drew forward a mass of dark, shining curls, resembling precisely the appearance they presented in days of yore. Volumes might be filled with narratives of this kind, received from persons incapable of deception, and most unlikely to exaggerate or make mistakes. At present I have not witnessed any manifestations of spirit-forms materialised, except through the mediumship of Dr. Slade, of New York City, and those given in the manner described above; but are not such phenomena alone sufficient to stagger all our antiquated opinions on the subject of death, and open up to our view a completely new world of forces, powers, and known lies crumbling in the dust, a duplicate form stands before me in all the panoply of life, attired in the very garments that have perished out of being, and presenting all the tokens of real, dense substantiality that the body wore whilst its atoms yet cohered together? This spiritual substance, too, grows and dissolves at will, takes what form and assumes what colour its creator desires to show, and melts away again into the airy invisibility from whence it was gathered up, under the potent spell of a chemistry of which every earthly chemist is profoundly ignorant.

In view of such manifestations as these, dialectical and other self-constituted bodies of scientists may regret that they gave premature reports, and perceive that the law of spirit-communion must be gauged by all the senses before investigators are in a position to pronounce upon it. The leaders of public opinion elevated to professors chairs will have a

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THE SITUATION IN UTAH.

AN ADDRESS BY W. S. GODBE, ESQ., OF SALT LAKE CITY, DELIVERED IN CAVENDISH ROOMS, LONDON, ON SUNDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 10,

Before a correct understanding of the present state of affairs in Utah can be attained, something must be known of the origin of Mormonism—a religion that has led a hundred thousand people to isolate themselves in the heart of the great American Desert that they might establish their "Kingdom of God, where none could molest or make them afraid." Joseph Smith, the founder of this system, was not, as is generally supposed, an impostor, but a spiritual medium. Of this, however, Joseph was himself ignorant, being reared in the woods and fields of his New England State, with no education or acquaintance with the busy world outside. When but a boy, he declared that he saw visions, and was told that there was a great mission for him to fulfil in the then early future. Subsequently these visitations became more frequent and and was told that there was a great mission for idin to fulfil in the then early future. Subsequently these visitations became more frequent and extraordinary, and a number of his friends and relations soon called him "prophet, seer, and revelator." This title young Joseph did not reject, for, trained as he was in strict biblical theology, and being totally ignorant of modern Spiritualism, he knew of no other position in which to place himself. to place himself.

to place himself.
On the 6th of April, 1830, the "Prophet" established "the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints" with six members. At first converts were but few, but persecution soon brought its thousands to

his standard.

In Kirtland, Ohio, a settlement was formed and a small temple built, but Mormonism and orthodoxy were, from the first, unfriendly neighbours, so the Saints soon emigrated beyond the Missouri, where in the "far West" these earnest disciples of the young Mohammed sought

another refuge.

The establishment of "the Kingdom that Daniel saw" on the soil of Missouri, however, was no less distasteful to the settlers of that state than to those of Ohio; so, after a short and contentious sojourn in this intelicitous land of promise, the Saints, under circumstances peculiarly painful, were literally driven from the state to seek an asylum in Illinois. Here they built the City of Nauvoo, with its famous temple, where thousands of European converts flocked to the standard, for the

influence of the "Prophet" was by this time considerable, he having given the strongest evidence of sincerity, and proved himself also enal to many emergencies. He was, moreover, a man of fine physique, with large blue expressive eyes giving language in abundance. He had good perceptions and unusually well-developed spiritual faculties; and not enjoying more than his share of intellectuality, it is not strange that he should have believed in himself, and tried with an energy almost super. human to accomplish his mission; in a word, Joseph Smith was a religious enthusiast of no ordinary type.

In 1844 the Prophet and his brother Hyram were murdered in Carthage Gaol. Then there arose several contestants for the prophetic mantle, but it was reserved to Brigham Young to take the leadership. More of the protector than the prophet, Brigham af first was conservative, kind, and fatherly. Driven from Nauvoo, he led the Saints five hundred leagues into the wilderness to settle in the valley of the Great Salt Lake, and it is but just to remark that much of Utah's subsequent prosperity is due to his wise and cautious policy. But Brigham Young was the antipodes of his impulsive predecessor, and soon transformed a religion that abounded with spiritual manifestations, to a materialistic theoreacy, terribly practical and essentially Mosaic in all iis characteristics. Love of power grew with Brigham's advancing years, and the acquisition of great wealth has induced avaries, which now seems to be his ruling passion. Yet of this he is probably almost insensible, and doubtless believes that the means accumulated by the use and appropriation of tything and speculations made successful through his influence, is all justified by the fact that it serves only to concentrate power in the man "whom God has placed at the head of His Church and Kingdom upon earth." The effect of all this upon the people is oppression. Brigham's right to "dictate" them is emphasically and constantly asserted, even to the minutest details of daily life—not o

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The thinking portion of the people who had left their homes to embrace a religion based on constant revelation and the "gifts and blessings of the ancient gospel" were bitterly disappointed to find themselves subjects of a subservient priesthood, whose energies were directed to the furtherance of divers speculations set on foot by its great dictator, in which the people were generally the losers. They saw, moreover, that Brigham, in opposing the mineral development and in carrying out his mercantile monopoly, was strengthening the prejudice already existing with the Gentiles, and vainly contending against the manifest destiny of the territory.

Instead of accepting the inevitable and conforming to the new circumstances, Brigham sought to retain his influence over the people (not unlike the first Charles) by the assertion of new prerogatives and the most extraordinary assumptions of temporal power.

Those who dared to think freely—and therefore honestly—whose faith in the religion was not quite extinguished, were anxiously waiting to see what the impending issue would be. Among others of this class was E. L. T. Harrison, a man of intense nature and sane intellectual strength, and who is entitled equally with myself to the credit or stigma—as the case may be—of being a leader of this reform movement. Mr. Harrison was pained to realise that the system to which he had devoted the best part of his life was not the beautiful ideal his own mind had projected, but a religious despotism destitute of spiritual life, and the inveterate foe of free thought. The case of Mr. Harrison was, with some modifications, my own also. We had been friends for years, and as such saw eye to eye on these, to us, most vital matters. In the autumn of 1868 the lifelong desire of our souls for tangible, conclusive evidence of a future life was fully met. We then became the happy recipients of a spiritual experience of no ordinary character. It is irrelevant to the subject now before us to enter into particulars, bu to help to free the Mormon people from their bondage—to emancipate them from that chief of all soul-dwarfing dogmas, Divine authority in the form of erring man. To a few of our most intimate friends only did we unburden our souls, who, without exception, have been true to -to emaneipate

The columns of the Utah Magazine, published by Godbe and Harrison, and edited by the latter, were the means employed to disseminate our new truths, and so long as it was supposed that our utterances were sanctioned by Brigham they were received throughout the territory with peculiar joy. The people were faint for the food that we were but too glad to bestow. We gave them the rich, ripe corn of spiritual truth instead of the husks of a Mosaic theology upon which they had so long been fed, rendered fearfully practical by a dictatorial priesthool. In the latter part of 1869 the magazine grew bolder, and dared to advocate, in direct opposition to Brigham's known policy, the mineral development of the territory, the inexhaustible resources of which, we said, had lain covered beneath Utah's rugged mountains long enough the time had come to lay them bare. This was worse than the most damning heresy, and for thus daring to assume the prerogative of the Lord's anointed in interfering with this and other temporal matters we were tried before the High Council of the Church for apositor, found guilty, excommunicated, and duly transmitted to the The columns of the Utah Magazine, published by Godbe and Har-

BUFFETINGS OF SATAN.

Had there been at that time any doubt in our minds as to the ideal tity of that very useful personage or his emissaries, immediately after this occasion it would have been dispelled, for the "faithful Brigham at their head, were the only ones from whom we received any buffeting, but they certainly did this business to perfection, either as Satan and Co. themselves, or as proxy for his majesty. Notwiness standing the buffetings, however, we progressed admirably, and the standing that that had been planted were already bearing fruit, ings were held several times a week, attended by crowds of attention is seen in the Utah Magazine gave place to the Sait Laka Tribusta weekly periodical of eight pages, devoted to "mental liberty, soil Had there been at that time any doubt in our minds as to the idea

derippment, and spiritual progress," the contents of which consisted are of communications from all parts of the territory, expressive are by at the new-found liberty, and free thought because awakened, of by a large again! of joy at the new found liberty, and free thought became awakened, a series a sleep again!

A word concerning the questions now under agitation and in process of a station at Utah. Our views

RESPECTING POLYGAMY

asi its solution in Utah are broad and liberal, but none the less rend, we think, on that account. We regard this system as no more great to women than it is unjust to men; for we believe that the great to women than it is unjust to men; for we believe that the great to women than it is unjust to men; for we believe that the parties of both seves are identical, each being dependent on the other is happiness. We view polygamy as belonging to the semi-barbario to happiness. We view polygamy as belonging to the semi-barbario past, and therefore it cannot endure the progressive civilisation of the past, and therefore it cannot endure the progressive civilisation of the past, and for that reason is immical to her elevation. A far with man, and for that reason is immical to her elevation. A far different rice, however, is entertained of this system by the Mormons, for while there is not more than one in ten who practices polygamy, for while there is not more than one in ten who practices polygamy, for while there is not so that the practice on sensual or any other than religious grounds.

Mormonism, as already stated, is essentially Mosaic in character and testers, and as polygamy was practised by some of the most illustrous men of biblical history, and believing as they do in the literatures a polygamy was practised by some of the most illustrates should form an essential feature of a religious faith that looks lext to them for example and guidance.

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restoration of all things, it is not so surprising that this practice of the sarriarchs should form an essential feature of a religious faith that looks last to them for example and guidance.

From all intelligent points of view, anything like porsecution or servity in trying to break up the polygramous relations already formed rearly in trying to break up the polygramous relations already formed as it is impositive and anti-republican. The is inconsistent and cruel as it is impositive and anti-republican. The paties of pluralism in Utah has already been so diseastrous established the control of the

The question is often asked-

WHAT HAS SPIRITUALISM DONE?

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Let the recent developments in Utah in some small degree answer it. It will be readily conceded that it has already worked out a measure of god to the people of that isolated region, and the end is not yet. It has banded hundreds of men and women together in a noble cause, in the prosecution of which they have perilled their earthly all.

It has inspired them with that dauntless courage which an enthusiasm high and holy alone can give. Through this they have resisted, and successfully, one of the most complete priestly despotisms the world errs saw, and that, too, while in the full zenith of its strength. A nucleus of truth and freedom has been formed, around which the majority of the people will ere long concentrate, as certain as the soul unfolds and progress is not a myth. It established a free press that sent forth truths and sentiments glowing with inspiration and in accord with the most advanced of the age.

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It has erected an elegant hall to contain 1,000 persons, that has been deficated to freedom, equality, and fraternity. It has been the pioneer in the development of the vast mineral resources of the territory—in mlocking the "treasure-house of the nation." In a word, Spiritualism in that has been a champion of progress, as much in a material as in a spiritual sense, and during the conflict in Utah—which at times was not severe—it has never so far forgotten the high character of its mission as to be vindictive or extreme, seeking ever to be influenced by the broadest charity, conceding sincerity to those who spoke bitterly sainstus; and while the two-edged sword of truth has been the weapon employed in its defence, it has, in the main, at least been wielded by the hands of justice and fraternal consideration.

Luther thundered against the infallibility of the Pope, but asserted the infallibility of the Bible. We proclaim against infallibility in both men and books, for these are but the reflection of men's thoughts and the record of their deeds. What then, you inquire, do we offer in stead? We deny the infallibility of the creature in every form, but seer the infallibility of the Creator as He has revealed Himself in His holy book—the book of universal nature. The theology taught in this book is alone divine, for it is based on the immutable justice of eternal aw and the philosophy of an all-pervading love. In this book is found our "standard of truth;" in its wide-spread, open pages we read the record of Cod's gospel, written by His own divine band. Man-made books may, and do, contain much of the good, true, and beautiful, and therefore are relatively divine; but their divinity must be tested by the infallible standard of Nature (and not see zerse), of which they are at best but imperfect copies; and as the artists canvas is made the imperfect mirror of small portions of the external world, so are books made to reflect, with a similar degree of imperfection, finite portions of the internal world of thought and spiritual being. In God's great book, which alone contains "the fullness of the everlasting gospel," there are two parts, the external or satural, the internal or spiritual, and blessed are those who have studied both these parts with minds unwarped by prejudice and free from dogmatic bias. So much for our theologic status. A brief word, set I close, in reference to our sentiments. We believe in the supremacy of the purest morals in all matters of conduct. We would have our book is alone divine, for it is based on the immutable justice of eternal

organisation arowned with a shiring galaxy of all the virtues, the brightest of which would be charity a charity so broad that no partition wall would be left to keep men spart from his follow, nor chatacle be allowed to remain in the way of universal fraternity. And lastly, we advocate the sovereignty of love in all personal relations, for love will be the world's redeemer, and of all the sevicors the mightest, and that life which issues forth the most of this divine essence is the most beneficent. Jesus and, "Love thy neighbour as thyself," and a heavenly sentiment was born to earth and found expression through mortal lips. This sacred sentence has since been eshed back from thousands of responsive hearts, and never was there a time in the life of our mother planet when this sentiment had more permanence in the sonts of her children than it has to day. We, then, would obey the divine injunction, and with brethren below and angels above, continue to proclaim, "Love thy neighbour as thyself,"

We are glad to observe that the American Spiritualist, edited by J. M. Peebles and Hudson Tuttle, will be published weekly after the 1st of January, and with it will be given away Woodhult and Claffin's Weekly, edited by Mrs. Vistoria Woodhult, one of the greatest medianss of the age, and candidate for the next Presidency of the United States. On receipt of 15s, we can supply these periodicals for one year, with the addition of perhaps a small sum for extra postage. Communications from J. M. Peebles indicate considerable excitement in sectorian circles, caused by his visit to Memphis, Tenn. His lecture on "Salvation, Damnation, Baptism, and the Doctrines of Spiritualism" seems to have stirred up a full gust of the pions antagonism existing between the theology of the churches and the truths of nature as taught by Spiritualism. Friend Peebles has proceeded to New Orleans, where he will remain until the middle of January. A sub-tropical climate is indispensable to Mr. Peebles during the winter, on account of the delivate state of his health. It is a marvel to see how such a feat constitution can accomplish so much. tution can accomplish so much.

RULES AND CONDITIONS FOR THE SPIRIT-CIRCLE.

ATMORPHENIC CONDITIONS—The phenomena cannot be successfully elicited in very warm, suitry weather, in extreme cold, when thunder and lightning and magnetic disturbances prevait, when the admosphere is very most, or when there is much rain, or storms of wind. A warm, dry atmosphere is best, as it presents the mean between all extremes, and agrees with the harmonious state of mans a threat the mean between all extremes, and agrees with the harmonious state of mans a meganism which is proper for the manifestation of spiritual phenomena. A subdued light or darkness increases the power and facilitates control, subdued light or darkness increases the power and facilitates control, subdued light or darkness increases the power and facilitates control, warmed and ventilated, but draughts or currents of six should be seconded. Those persons composing the circle should meet in the room should an hony before the same places. This maintains the peculiar magnetic conditions necessary to the same places. This maintains the peculiar magnetic conditions necessary to the same places. This maintains the peculiar magnetic conditions necessary to the same places. This maintains the peculiar magnetic conditions necessary to the same places. The subjects of the circle is composed of persons with suitable temperature of the phenomena. A developing circle exhausts power, or uses it up. Persologists. Constitutes, which the spirits use as a connecting link between themselves and objects. Gertain temperaments give off this power; others emit themselves and objects. If the circle is composed of persons with suitable temperature ments, manifestations supplied. The physical manifestations especially dependent and proposite influence. The physical manifestations especially dependent and proposite influence in them. The physical manifestation especially dependent and proposite equivalent to the content of the distorment of the proposition of the phenomena are present, they require to be arranged so as to produce lummay in the psychical active

ormation of a circle.

The Circle should consist of from three to ten persons of both sexes, and it round an oval, oblong, or square table. Cane-bottomed chairs or those with rooden scats are preferable to stuffed chairs. Mediums and sensatives should ever sit on stuffed chairs, custions, or softs used by other persons, as the ever sit on stuffed chairs, custions, or softs used by other persons, as the stuffed chairs, ductions often affect the mediums unpicessarily, the active and quiet, the fair and dark, the raddy and pale, male and female, be active and quiet, the fair and dark, the raddy and pale, male and female, could be scated alternately. If there is a medium present, he or she should cupy the end of the table with the back to the north. A mellow medium-side when the placed on each side of the medium, and those most positive sould be at the opposite corners. No person should be placed behind the citium. A circle may represent a horseshoe magnet, with the medium placed tween the poles.

CONDUCT AT THE CIRCLE—The attention

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Coxnucr Ar The Circle.—The sitters should place their hands on the table, and endeavour to make each other feel easy and confortable. Agreeable conversation, singing, reading, or investion may be engaged in—anything that will tend to harmonise the minds of those present, and unite them in one purpose, is in order. By engaging in such exercises the driele may be made very profitable apart from the manifestations. Sitters should not desire anything in particular, but unite in being pleased to receive that which is best for all. The director of the circle should sit opposite the medium, and put all questions to the spirit, and keep order. A recorder should take notes of the conditions and proceedings. Manifestations may take place in a few minutes, or the circle may sit many times before any result occurs. Under these circumstances it is well to change the positions of the sitters, or introduce new elements, till success is achieved. When the table begins to tilt, or when raps occur, do not be too impatient to get answers to questions. When the table can answer questions by giving three tips or raps for 'Yea," and one for 'No," it may assist in placing the sitters properly. The spirits or intelligences which produce the phenomena should be treated with the same courtesy and consideration as you would desire for yourselves if you were introduced into the company of strangers for their personal benefit. At the same introduced into the company of strangers for their professions may be.

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INTERCOURSE WITH SPIRITS is carried on by various means. The simplest is three tips of the table or raps for "Yes," and one for "No." By this means the spirits can answer in the adirmative or negative. By calling over the alphabet the spirits will rap at the proper letters to constitute a message. Sometimes the hand of a sitter is abaken, then a pencil should be placed in the hand, when the spirits may write by it automatically. Other sitters may become entranced, and the spirits use the vocal organs of such mediums to speak. The spirits sometimes impress mediums, while others are clair-organt, and see the spirits, sometimes impress mediums, while others are clair-organt, and see the spirits, and messages from them written in imminous letters in the atmosphere. Sometimes the table and other objects are lifted, moved from place to place, and even through closed doors. Patientity and kindly seek for tests of identity from loved mess in the spirits-world, and exercise caution respecting spirits who make extravagant pretensions of any kind.

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Before proceeding with their investigations, inquirers into Spiritualism should correspond with Mr. Burns, Proprietor of the Spiritual Institution, 18, Bouthampton Row, London, W.C., who will gladly forward a packet of publications and useful information gratis. Stamps should in all cases be enclosed for return postage. Deputations of mediums or lecturers may be arranged for to visit any locality where public meetings or scances can be instituted.

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THUSBON, DECEMBER 21, Seance at 15, Southampton Row, at 8 o'clock. Messrs. Herne and Williams, Mediums for the Spirit-Voice. Admission 2s. 6d. Dalston Association of Inquirers into Spiritualism. Scance at their rooms, 74, Navarino Road, Dalston, E., at 8 p.m. Particulars as to admission of visitors on application to the Secretary.

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THE MEDIUM AND DAYBREAK.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1871.

A TRINITY OF OBJECTORS.

The article of Mr. Pitt, in No. 86, respecting communications received at the spirit-circle in Halifax, have called forth three different expressions, to which we gladly give publicity. The

different expressions, to which we gladly give publicity. The first lady writes:

"I cannot resist expressing my very great regret that such a communication as that which appeared in last week's number of the Medium, purporting to come from a spirit calling himself Joseph Pandra, should have been admitted into its pages. I cannot see why communications coming from an ignorant and vulgar spirit should be any more tolerated than one of the same character from one in the fiesh. This Joseph Pandra, whoever he may be (or has been) is decidedly a very ignorant

spirit, judging from the statement he gave, namely, that the Vire Mary's name was Mary Christ, and that she was the daughter of the Christ.' I conclude that Mr. Pitt, who considers this statement noteworthy, is himself as ignorant as his spirit-friend of the fact the Christ is not a personal name any more than magistrate is a personal name. Christ signifies an office, 'The Christ,' 'The Anointed Os. 'The Christ of God.'"

The second objector appears to be a lady also; but she does not give her name, simply signing herself "A Truthsecker," and age:

"I am a constant reader of the Medica and a thorough believer as Spiritualism, and I was exceedingly surprised that a believer in the Spiritualism, and I was exceedingly surprised that a believer in the god and holy teachings of Spiritualism, and also its Editor, should have inserted in the Medium of November 24th such a discourse as the professed to be spoken by a spirit calling itself Joseph Pandra. I think anyone must at once have discorned it was the teaching of a lying and diabolical evil spirit, who had unhappily got possession of the neclus, anyone must at once have discorned it was the teaching of a lying and diabolical evil spirit, who had unhappily got possession of the neclus, and can be spirit uses, in speaking of the origin of our Savier-Jesus Christ, is fearful; indeed, the reading of it filled me with home and indignation, and an intimate friend of mine who in general lead and circulates his Medium on reading such lies and irrevenes to our Saviour, put his Medium in the fire, for fear such apostacy should fall into anyone's hands in his house. I can assure you that the printing in the Medium of such lying statements greatly damages the cause of Spiritualism. I find already the statement has been picked out by one of our Liverpool clergymen, and inserted in the daily paper, to show to the public at large the apostacy of the Spiritualists' teaching."

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Now, what kind of excuse, apology, or reply can be expected from such an awful editor as would publish the "disbolical" paragraph in question? He simply says he is an editor, and not a Pope. He is not in possession of the exact truth respecting the birth, parentage, and personal acts of Jesus, or why he was denominated the "anointed;" hence, in these matters, so far as it is necessary to attach any importance to them, he is "a truthseeker." The editor did not endorse the statement from Halifax, nor is he in a position to contradict it. The circle is composed of ignorant, illiterate people, or at least they were so when they took up the subject of Spiritualism. The medium is quite unacquainted with history or theology, yet several volumes have been given through her lips, and the term "Pandra" is corroborated by statements in ancient Jewish books respecting the birth and parentage of him who is known to Christians as Jesus Christ. Such, then, is a test of the fact that these spirits communicated something which the who is known to Christians as Jesus Christ. Such, then, is a test of the fact that these spirits communicated something which the circle knew nothing about. Now, as regards their being "lying," "ignorant," and "diabolical," the uncharitable vituperations of our lady friends are of no avail whatever, so long as they offer us no evidence or argument to warrant them in employing such abusive language. If they can tell us anything about Jesus as an indisputable matter of history, apart from denominational traditions, then they will be the cleverest people we have ever heard of, and serve the cause of truth immensely, if they can find snybody to believe them. believe them.

then they will be the cleverest people we have ever heard of, and serve the cause of truth immensely, if they can find anybody to believe them.

Our second correspondent encloses a letter from the Liverpool Courier, from the pen of the Rev. John Jones, who is so indefatigable in his support of Spiritualism that he gives the widest publicity to the most radical statements of mediums, by quoting the paragraph objected to. He introduces it as follows:—"Any of your readers who, in common with myself, regard modern Spiritualism as an apostacy from Christianity, will probably be interested in having one of the latest communications from the spirit-world put before them;" and he concludes with the following observation:—"Such, then, is the view of the Saviour of the world, and of his inspired apostles, as received by Spiritualists. What a luminous comment does the above become upon the prophetic words, 'Now the spirit speaketh expressly that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and the doctrines of devils.' Spiritualism is making rapid strides. It threatens to overwhelm the ark of truth, and become the battle-ground between light and darkness more terrible than any other. Let all who value their peace and safety avoid it."

Now, to our third critic, we have a few plain statements to make. First, Spiritualism is decidedly a dissent from what he calls "Christianity," or the two would be one, and no distinction would be necessary. But Mr. Jones, in his zeal to cast dirt at Spiritualists, is unjust in using the term "apostacy," unless he is, at the same time, pleased to apply the same term to Jesus, in respect to his treatment of the forms and traditions of the Pharises. Spiritualists, even the most radical, are much more afraid of committing the sin of blasphemy than the most pious Christians, and hence dare not adopt the rash and unjustifiable conclusions which form the chief tenets of Christian faith. They ask such gentlemen as Mr. Jones, "Is the world saved?" If the ans

the life, acts, and words of Jesus, as recorded in the Gospels and, the life, acts, and words of Jesus, as recorded in the Gospels; and, without questioning their origin or authenticity, and without exilling as to what belongs to the "man Jesus" and the official "Christ," we boldly affirm that the Spiritualists' view of Jesus and of human salvation is that taught by Jesus and the Apostles and entertained by the apostolic church: and that the grant of the salvation is the salvation of the salvation of the salvation is that the salvation of the salvation is the salvation of the s and of human sarvation is that taught by Jesus and the Apostles and entertained by the apostolic church; and that therefore, if the harsh term "apostacy" is to be used at all, it must refer to our reverend critic and our two lady correspondents, along with others who think like them on these theological points. Hence we find the pertinence of the text quoted by Mr. Jones, and have so no further than himself to see it illustrated to the conwe find the permience of the text quoted by Mr. Jones, and have to go no further than himself to see it illustrated to the very letter. Spiritualists practise the very same formula and attain the very same results which the apostles did, with Jesus at their head; hence their "faith" is that referred to by the New Testament writer as "THE faith" from which he predicted some would treat. Mr. Jones cannot establish his connection with the appear. depart. Mr. Jones cannot establish his connection with the apos-tolic "faith," but, on the other hand, he has betal depart. Mr. Jones camot establish his connection with the apostolic "faith," but, on the other hand, he has lately promulgated a
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action of the Spirit as demonstrated in Judea by Jesus and the
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Apostles. We are so firmly established in the truthfulness and goodness of our principles and mission that we dare, in the fullest and openest manner, not only declare them to the whole world, but to admit the discussion of them by any competent person; hence we have to intimate to Mr. Jones that we shall gladly allow him one column in the Medium per week to establish his belief, reserving to ourselves the privilege of replying at equal length.

This is an age in which truth-speakers are wanted; men who are not afraid of knowing the truth, and who dare give it utterance; and we take this opportunity of stating, plainly and clearly, that Spiritualism, as we understand it, has no desire to curry favour with those individual opinions which our correspondents and critics call "Christianity." The position of our critics is not characterised by modesty. They seem to think they know the mind of God conclusively with reference to the highest and most sacred subjects, and that their opinion and belief are the rule of thought for everyone else. In this respect Mr. Jones and our lady correspondents constitute themselves little popes—very little popes—and would burn, destroy, and obliterate every expression the second of the content to the poper of the second of the content to the content of the conten lady correspondents constitute themselves little popes—very little popes—and would burn, destroy, and obliterate every expression of thought contrary to their own personal views. To such blindness and bigotry, however amiable and harmless, please God, we shall never bow down. We prefer to imitate the example of Jesus, who, in his day, stood up face to face with the bigoted priesteraft and blind ignorance of the age, and declared the spiritual truths which He experienced in his own consciousness. This is our platform: truth as we find it, and truth capable of demonstration; and knowing as we do the origin of what is called Christianity, and its bold defiance, in theory and action, to every principle taught by Jesus, we can certainly entertain no scruples in opposing it unflinchingly. We write and work, not for self-satisfied sectarians and spiritually puffed-up bigots, but for those who dare to know the truth and feel their want of it.

MR. GODBE'S LECTURE.

The essential principles of the peculiar community which exists in Utah were much enhanced in the estimation of those who attended the Cavendish Rooms on Sunday evening, by the very excellent address delivered by Mr. Godbe. We have heard several intelligent results as the control of the con excellent address delivered by Mr. Godbe. We have heard several intelligent people confess that, with all their reading and investigation, the leading objects of Mormonism had been entirely misunderstood by them. The public have been presented with the perversions and crudities rather than the true spirit and purpose of that peculiar movement. Mr. Godbe has helped wonderfully to set the matter in its true light, and we are sorry that we can find space only for such a condensed abstract of his excellent remarks. Our friend is or has been a Mormon, and is profoundly initiated into the merits of that faith. It would appear that its founder was a medium, and that, like all other faiths, the Latter Day Saints had a spiritual origin and were a spiritual community. Under the reign of Brigham Young, however, this spiritual doctrine has been deteriorated and a selfish temporality instituted in its place, against which dire tyranny Mr. Godbe and his friends doctrine has been deteriorated and a selfish temporality instituted in its place, against which dire tyranny Mr. Godbe and his friends energetically protest. His deliverance on Sunday evening was characterised by a clear philosophy, intelligence, promptness, energy, and a hearty philanthropic enthusiasm, aided and enlightened by spiritual truth. Hence, Mr. Godbe's principles can by no means be called Mormonism or any other sect, but represent a broad eclecticism or spiritual philosophy. We are more than ever persuaded that the Mormon community has been engaged in a most important work, experimenting upon the great question ever persuaded that the Mormon community has been engaged in a most important work, experimenting upon the great question of social and political institutions in harmony with spiritual principles. That they may have erred in their attempts to arrive at the result desired is no argument against the utility of the effort, and upon the ashes of their defeat may yet be erected a structure to which the eyes of the world will in admiration be directed. Mr. Godbe is about to return to his home in the Far West; but should he be spared to pay us another visit, he will be received with the same cordial friendship as recently bid him a reluctant adieu on Sunday evening. It is long since we saw a stranger in Cavendish Rooms so hemmed It is long since we saw a stranger in Cavendish Rooms so hemmed

in by a crowd of admirers, and the progress from one end of the hall to the other occupied the speaker nearly half an hour. The lesson read was an appropriate selection from Gerald Massey's "Tale of Eternity."

On Sunday evening next Mr. Morse's spirit-friends will again control him and deliver an address. The first hymn will be No. 143, and the second No. 27 in the Spiritual Lyre.

MISS LOTTIE FOWLERS MEDIUMSHIP.

We regret that the pressure on our space forbids our offering to We regret that the pressure on our space forbids our offering to the public the matter which has been in preparation for several weeks respecting the mediumship of this lady. Owing to a misstatement in our last issue, her seance was not well attended on Tuesday evening. Mr. Cogman, however, got several remarkable tests. Three other gentlemen also received tests, but not so numerous as in Mr. Cogman's case. We take this opportunity of informing Miss Fowler's friends that she is willing to attend parties when her engagements will neguri. By forming a circle of this when her engagements will permit. By forming a circle of this kind, she is enabled to pass round and give a variety of tests to the different members of it, thus bringing forward more completely the spiritual influences attending the whole family. We understand she will give another scance at 15, Southampton Row, on Tuesday evening next. Tuesday evening next.

MISS FOWLER'S MEDIUMSHIP VERIFIED. To the Editor of the Medium and Daybreak.

Sir,—With reference to the identity of Henry Nye, who manifested through Miss Fowler's mediumship, and was said to have been drowned at Chatham some months ago, and referred to by you in a recent number, I beg to say that I am acquainted with a family of that name both here and at Chatham, and although of no relation to the young man lost, they testify to the truth of the fatal occurrence at the time stated.

**Compl. House. Maidstone. December 12, 1871.

Canal House, Maidstone, December 12, 1871.

MR. MORSE AT BIRMINGHAM.

Last Sunday evening, Mr. J. J. Morse, trance-medium, delivered an address under spirit-influence at the Public Lecture Room, Paradise Street, Birmingham, to a large and appreciative audience. He also gave a public seance at the same place on Monday evening, and attended a social gathering of the Birmingham Spiritualists on Wednesday evening. We shall furnish our readers with a full report of the above proceedings in our next issue.

MR. RIPPON, MUSICAL MEDIUM.

Mr. Rippon is in town this week and next, and is at liberty to give a few musical seances either in the evenings or the afternoons, from Monday of next week. He is also disengaged to-morrow afternoon. Terms, One Guinea.

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Mr. Rippon's beautiful music is such a treat that we hope our friends will get up little parties and keep Mr. Rippon busy while he is in town. It will afford a cheap entertainment, and of a much higher class than can be usually obtained.

Address at 15, Southampton Row, Holborn, W. C.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.-Mr. Burns's Lecture, on Wednesday evening, was a great success, and, contrary to all expectations, the Dialectical Report proved a most interesting topic. We urge upon our readers the desirability of having similar lectures given as frequently as possible.

"Concerning Spiritualism," by Gerald Massey, is selling rapidly, and is universally liked.

REIGHLEY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL.—At the Spiritual Brotherhood Lyceum, East Parade, on Monday, Dec. 25, a public tea-meeting will be held, to be followed by an entertainment in the evening, consisting of readings, interspersed with music. Tickets for tea and entertainment, 8d. each. Tea on the tables at 4 o'clock; entertainment at 7.30. This excellent institution deserves well of the Spiritualists in the district, and we hope the Lyceum will be crowded by hearty friends both upstairs and down. The readings will be by Lyceum members and leaders, and the music will be sustained by the choir. Applications for tickets should be made to Joseph Tillotson, Conductor and Secretary.

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John T. Markley begs to thank, through the Medium, those Spiritualist friends in London and elsewhere, who have so kindly sent him books, &c., and invited him to private seances during Christmastide. Communications should be addressed, with his full name, to Church Lane, Crowland, Peterboro.

SPIRITUALISM is about to be discussed before a young men's association at Hull. We hope it will meet with fairer treatment from our "Christian brethren" than at St. John's Wood and Liverpool. Sectarians dare not look truth in the face, but have a plentiful supply of charitable condemnation for those who do.

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Morley Association of Spiritualism.—In response to the public demand for more reliable information on the subject of Spiritualism, this Association has much pleasure in announcing that it has secured the services of Mr. Jas. Burns, of London, who will give two public Lectures in the Oddfellows 'Hall, Fountain Street, Morley, as follows:—On Monday evening, December 18, 1871, subject—"Spiritualism and Science," in which it will be shown that the Phenomena occur in accordance with Natural law—What is a Medium?—How to Communicate with Spirits—The Rules and Directions for the Spirit-Circle. On Tuesday evening, December 19, subject—"Spiritualism and Religion." The Lecturer will point out the Relations between Spiritual Manifestations and Religious Truth, with special reference to the Mission of Jesus, the Early History of the Church, and the Needs of Man in the Present Age. The theme of the Lecturer will be, "Is Spiritualism in accordance with true Science and pure Religion?" Questions will be answered at the close of each Lecturer, but no discussion will be allowed. Doors open at Seven o'clock, Lectures to commence at half-past. Admission: Front seats, 6d.; back seats, 3d. Mr. Burns will deliver similar Lectures in Wellington Hall, Queen Street, Huddersfield, on Sunday, at two and six o'clock. We hope the friends of Spiritualism will co-operate heartily to render these efforts a success in every way.

The Spirit Messenger.

[A seance is held every Friday evening, at eight o'clock, at the office of the Meduar; J. J. Morse, Trance-Medium. By our reports of these or other circles we do not endorse or stand responsible for the facts or other circles we do not endorse or stand responsible for the facts or other circles we do not endorse or stand responsible for the facts or other circles we do not endorse or stand responsible for the special standard stand

representation of what takes place, for the benefit of those who cannot attend.]

The medium having been controlled, Tien-Sien-Tie proceeded to reply to the questions put to him.

Q. A correspondent in Paris desires your opinion as to the relations existing between the soul and the body. Some say that the soul expands, existing between the soul and the body. Some say that the soul expands, existing between the soul and the body. Some say that the soul expands, existing between the soul and the body. Some say that the soul expands, the soul interpenetrates all the tissues of the physical body. Can you give us the result of your observations with reference to the matter?—

A. In all our communications with reference to this subject we have plainly and unmistakably taught one fact, which we will reiterate this evening. The material physical body is primary, and from it is developed that which constitutes the spiritual body. The spiritual body is imbedded, to use the term, within the physical casement, and during its relation to the bodily existence it remains quiescent. It is absurd to suppose that the spiritual body encompasses the external bodily organism, or that we receive our consciousness through the spiritual body.

Q. Besides the physical body and spirit body, you tell us of a spiritual principle. Can you give us any evidence of it?—A. To give evidence of the existence of this fact would be to hold the master-key of existence, and we never yet have been enabled to comprehend this matter, for in mastering thatmy stery—the inward spiritual essentiality—we not only know ourselves, but we know our Creator, since man embodied is a finite representation of the Infinite Mind. We only know of this spiritual intelligence by its manifestation.

A conversation ensued on the existence of animals in the spirit-world, which was so unsatisfactory that it is not reported.

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"In accordance with a request conveyed to me by the guide of the medium that I would manifest myself, I have done so this evening. It is a great many years ago since I left the earth-life, and you may perhaps ask why I should return on the present occasion. I trust you will excuse my deferring my answer to a future time. Let it suffice for the present that I am not only a searcher after truth, but a proclaimer of that truth which I do possess, and that in my earthly efforts for the promulgation of the truth I suffered severely, so much so that death was the only expiation that I could afford to the injured majesty of the law, which, I need not say, was the law of aggression—a law which bound the utterance of the soul of man, and one which might exist at the present day. I was tried, condemned, hanged, drawn, and quartered in the month of October, 1686, for the printing of a seditious book. My name was Jacob Twin, and I lived in Cloth Fair, Smithfield."

The spirit uttered his thoughts with clearness and precision, but had searcely power to finish them. We shall be glad if our friends will aid in searching the records of the past to see whether such a person as Jacob Twin lived and suffered as stated.

MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF MESMERISM AT THE PROGRESSIVE LIBRARY.

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On Wednesday, the 6th inst., Mr. J. W. Jackson delivered a short address at the Progressive Library on "The Introduction of Mesmerism into Britain, interspersed with personal reminiscences of its advocacy in the provinces, together with a statement of the means now being used for the establishment of a Mesmeric Institution in the Metropolis, similar in principle to those of Dublin, Edinburgh, and Glasgow." Alluding to the addresses which had been given in the same room last Spring, he said that he had then traced the history of Mesmerism from remote antiquity to modern times, and should therefore presume that his present auditory were acquainted with this portion of the subject. He then sketched the career of Mr. Chenevix, an Irish gentleman long resident in France, to whose labours more especially we owe the introduction of Mesmerism to the notice of the more educated portion of the British public. During nineteen years this gentleman laughed at all he heard about Mesmerism, but being at length persuaded to actually witness an experiment, he came away convinced. Ten years after this—that is, in 1828—he introduced the subject to the notice of Dr. Elliotson, and was about to publish a work on Mesmerism when his beneficent labours were cut short by an acute disease in 1830. From this time to 1837 little seems to have been done in this country, when the arrival of Baron Dupotet once more aroused attention to the importance of Mesmerism, both as a branch of science and also as a therapeutic agent. The great achievement of Dupotet, however, was the full and final conversion of Dr. Elliotson, leading eventually to the commencement of the Zoist and the establishment of the London Mesmeric Infirmary, both now unfortunately extinct, but we hope to be eventually revived under another form.

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fortunately extinct, but we hope to be eventually revived under anotherform.

These things, however (said Mr. Jackson), you may find in books, and my purpose on the present occasion is rather to narrate to you some personal incidents that have not yet been embodied in Mesmeric literature, but which, nevertheless, have a bearing on the past, and, we trust, prospective progress of the cause. Perhaps, then, I may be pardoned for stating that my conversion to the truth of Mesmerism was, like that of Mr. Chenevix, accomplished at a single sitting; but then the tests were crucial. A friend, of whose integrity I could not doubt, asked me to select some young lady, altogether ignorant of phrenology, whom he had never seen, and he would endeavour to mesmerise her, and evoke the cerebral organs into manifestation. I did so, and, in the presence of her parents and myself, the experiment succeeded to admiration. This was in 1846. In 1847 my excellent coadjutor, the late Mr. William Davey, of whose singleness of purpose and entire devotion to the cause, and, indeed, I may say, of whose general elevation and purity of character I cannot speak too highly, invited me to join him in the public advocacy of Mesmerism. During several years we delivered lectures on the subject, accompanied by carefully conducted phreno-mesmeric and other illus-

trations, in the West of England, and also through North and goes. Wales. In the beginning of 1851 we were in Angleses, and as much consideration, determined to proceed to Dublin. This rather a bold undertaking, for we did not know a single individual in the city, nor, I may say, in all Ireland. The more excess an inquiring minds of the Irish capital, however, soon rallied road and after nine months of arduous and exhausting labour, during sind we lectured in the Rotunda, always six, and occasionally eight time week, we had the unspeakable astisfaction of seeing a Messue week, we had the unspeakable astisfaction of seeing a Messue disassion established, with the deservedly-honoured name of Arabbishop Whately as its patron, and the zealous pupils of our Messue class as its members. In this connection let me not forget to mean, with heartful respect the name of Iver Macdonnel, Ess, the honous secretary, and, I may say, moving spirit of this association, with whose unwearied and self-sacrificing labours it would never have been organised.

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At the termination of our lectures in Dublin, we spent fifteen monta in the Irish provinces, during which we visited most of the laye towns of the Sister Island, such as Cork, Limerick, Galway, and Belfa, and from the latter removed, in Pebruary, 1853, to the next impossible of the layer of the latter removed of the Personally, as strangers, but with letter of introduction to George Combe and Professor Gregory, by the layer of whom we were introduced to Sir William Hamilton, Sir Those Makdougall Brisbane, and other persons of influence and position. Our labours here extended over not only months but years, On Deer 21st, 1853, the Scottish Curative Meseneric Association held the first meeting, under the presidency of the late Professor Gregory, by the layer of the presult during the intervening months. Here, as in giving his expenses in connection with Dublin, Mr. Jackson read several entrest from the annual reports of the various associations with which be had been connected, confirmatory of his statements and illustrative of the means employed for the advocacy of the cause of Mesmeric tash. Proceeding with his narrative, he said: After nearly four year slatour in the Scottish metropolis, during which lectures were delivered and class were taught with little intermission, the Association being thus satisfied in vigour and efficiency, my excellent coadjutor, Mr. Darey, was smitten down by an hereditary disease in the midst of his bendered labours. This was in November, 1856, from which time to the present, now fifteen years, I have had to bear the heat and burthen of the day alone—for I have not yet met, and never expect to meet, the successor of Wm. Davey.

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In September, 1860, a deputation from the Edinburgh Association—of which the expenses were most liberally defrayed by Mesrs. Charles and William Sterling, of Glasgow—consisting of James Cameon the honorary secretary, who was to Edinburgh what Mr. Masdonnel had been to Dublin), Mr. Neilson (the corresponding secretary, and myself-visited Glasgow, and our reception was so favourable, and such a field of usefulness seemed opening before me, that I continued the delivery of lectures and the tuition of classes during the whole winter, and in the spring of 1861 removed pernanently to the Western metropolis of Sectland. The result of these labours was the formation of the Glasgow Camtive Mesmeric Association, of which I have since had the honour to remain president. I may here state that many hundred pupils, both in Edinburgh and Glasgow, were carefully instructed in the use of Mesmerina as a domestic remedial agent, by whom it was applied with the most beneficent results, both in their families and among their friends, and what I more immediately contemplate is the establishment of an association on a similar basis in London. With this view I have been in correspondence with Dr. Symes, the Rev. George Sandy, and other, the result of which I hope to communicate to you on a future occasion. Some remarks from Mr. Burns, the Rev. Mr. Bengough, and Mr. Haper, of Birmingham, terminated the proceedings of this interesting meeting, the latter gentleman remarking that he had just arrived from Dubin, where in an interview with Mr. Macdonnel had spoken most hopefully of the prospects of Mesmerism if Mr. Jackson could only be induced to reme w his visit.

SHALL THE MEDIUM BE TWOPENCE WEEKLY? To the Editor of the Medium and Daybreak.

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Friend Burns,—As a discussion is progressing in the Mindux as to the expediency of advancing the price of your paper, I feel impressed—as A. J. Davis would say—to give expression to my views on the subject, and that will be done in the most decisive manner, and as briefly as possible.

"The greatest good of the greatest number" was the motto of a cell-brated and very original reformer. How can that desideratum be the best and most effectually accomplished? Not by an exclusive policy certainly, but by diffusing the glad tidings of the new gospel among the masses. Our actions must be guided by the spirit of the age we live in. In order to give the most extensive circulation of intelligence among the masses of the people, several mammoth sheets in London and numerous papers of large dimensions in the provinces are now issued at one penny each, and surely it would be worse than folly to expect to accomplish such an advantage by making the price of the Mindux double that of these gigantic rivals. This requires no argument. The statement of the ease is sufficient to produce conviction. But, say some confirmed Spiritualists, we wish fuller reports of interesting lectures, &c. And would you accomplish this by taking the bread of life from the starving multitude? Bear in mind what a renowned reformer said, eighten hundred years ago—"to the poor the gospel is preached;" and would you confine its blessings to those who are already rich in the realisation of the glad tidings? If such wish to extend the circulation of the Mindux, and to support it at its present price, I would advise them to do as I did some months since—subscribe for an extra copy to keep on the counter of a periodical establishment, or to circulate among the poor in pocket or spirit.

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I will now throw out a suggestion how a fuller report of lectards may be obtained for confirmed Spiritualists to feast on. There is a monthly publication entitled Human Nature—why not all true Spiritualists join hand and heart so as to enable the editor to publish it twice a month instead of once, and also to report important lectures in full. In this way the wants of those who are already enjoying the riches of

As one of those who would regret any pecuniary loss to the Sia of such a useful weekly journal as the Medican and Daybrara, copied extainly desire that the price be raised to such an extent as required extainly desire that the price be raised to such an extent as required extainly desire that the price be raised to such an extent as required as the such that the proprietor to further its circulation by distribution in such way the might consider most profitable. Again, an increased price is hallow of many desirable improvements in its arrangement, and anot reasonably be expected with its limited circulation; but such the movement of Spiritualism is more consolidated, we may then such the movement of Spiritualism is more consolidated, we may then the movement of Spiritualism is more consolidated, we may then the movement of Spiritualism is more consolidated, we may then the movement of Spiritualism is more consolidated, we may then the movement of Spiritualism is more consolidated, we may then the movement of Spiritualism is more consolidated, we may then the movement of Spiritualism is more consolidated, we may then the movement of Spiritualism is more consolidated, we may then the movement of Spiritualism is more consolidated, we may then the movement of Spiritualism is more consolidated, we may then the movement of Spiritualism is more consolidated. The movement of Spiritualism is more consolidated, we may then the movement of Spiritualism is more consolidated. The movement of Spiritualism is more consolidated, we may then the movement of Spiritualism is more consolidated. The movement of Spiritualism is more consolidated, we may then the movement of Spiritualism is more consolidated. The movement of Spiritualism is more consolidated in the movement of Spiritualism is more consolidated.

Mararino Road, Dalston, December 11th, 1871.

should you increase the price of the Medium—and I think a full reject of Mr. Morse's scances will be well worth the money—I shall common my five numbers.—W. Kingdom.

Mrs. Hexnics is of opinion that it would be very desirable to make his Mesira twopence instead of one penny, and is quite willing it should be clarged in her account as such for next year.

Next year I intend to subscribe for three copies of the Medium, receiving two copies and leaving you to dispose of or benefit by the third that is, supposing the price remains at one penny, which I think desirable for the sake of the poorer brethren, who constitute, I imagine, the majority of Spiritualists. If the Medium should be raised to two-peace we shall have to start another paper at a cheaper rate. A penny appris a necessity. The people can and must have it. It would be the greatest mistake to rob them of the Medium,—EMLY KISLINGBURY.

I trust you will come to some satisfactory arrangement about the Minum. It is indispensable now. I would gladly pay twopence, but the costion is, would the circulation be solarge if the price were more?—
REBERT YOUNG, Sturminster.

Data Mr. Burns,—I have read the opinions expressed by your many correspondents on the means to be used—without increasing the price—for the recouping you as proprietor and publisher of your valuable periodical, and most cordially endorse the suggestion made by your correspondent, "W. N. Armfield." Let every purchaser of the Medicus, instead of a single copy, take two or three, and give to those who need a stimulus to investigate the phenomena with a view of arriving at an hypothesis which may satisfactorily clear up the mystery at present pre-tailing as to the source from which the power is eliminated to produce the abmonancem which constitute the greatest wonder of the nineteenth the phenomena which constitute the greatest wonder of the nin century.—I am, Sir, yours respectfully, JAMES JAMES JUDD. 310, Icknield Street, Birmingham, December 10th, 1871.

Dear Sir.—I can fully endorse the views of friend Reedman of Samford, respecting the question of increased price of your important weekly publication, the Medium. As Spiritualists, we shall fail in our duty to the cause of progress if we allow your valuable efforts to promote the cause through the length and breadth of the land to be hampered for the want of the necessary funds, or rather for a fair day's work. I therefore beg to second the suggestion of the above friend, which is that you place plainly before the public the question of expenses for the publication of the Medium, together with a fair remumeration for your labour as editor of the same up to the end of the year. Such a statement ought and, I think, will call forth sufficient support from your friends all over the country to enable you to pursue your labour of love free from any thought of encumbrance; and I would fain hope that the effort so made would warrant you in printing in full the noble sentiments given to the world through the mediumship of Mr. Morse. I think, Sir, such a course would largely increase the number of readers of the Memura, and there-would largely increase the number of readers of the Memura, and there-would largely increase the number of readers of the facts connected with Spiritualism; and also, what is still more important, an acquaintance with the realities of the spiritual world, in contradistinction to the beachings of the orthodox churches, past and present.—I am, Sir, yours, &c.

Richard Fritox.

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Mr Dear Burss,—Concerning the price of the Meditin doubtless there are many who personally would not feel any addition to its price while there may be numbers on whom it would press more heartly. You, who see all the facts, can judge best. Don't let its assimines be curtailed; rather let those who can, do more in its behalf.—I un, yours truly, -I am, yours truly,

Bishop Auckland, December 11th, 1871.

Data St.,—Your correspondent, "J. Brown," has very clearly expressed my thoughts with regard to raising the price of the Mannua, in order to have fuller and more detailed reports of Tien-Sien-Tie's impurational addresses. I feel very much interested in these addresses, and would gladly pay the extra price.—I am, yours respectfully,

Batley, December Sth. 1871.

Dura Sm.—I should say decidedly not. I think it would be a mis-take, and that it would fail to accomplish the end proposed. As one of your correspondents says, "It is contrary to the spirit of the time"— which spirit is one of the most potent in existence. If all those who would be willing to pay an extra charge would spend the money in buy-ing and circulating extra copies at the present price, it would be a benefit both direct and indirect. During the time that Mrs. Hardinge-Britten's

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Dear Sir.—I say yes; by all means put it upon a paying basis. I do think every true Spiritualist must by this time feel that it is high time this valuable journal should be made to pay its own expenses, instead of being a continual drug upon the pocket of the editor. I therefore most cordially endorse all that our friends, Messrs. Brown and J. E. T., have said in favour of increasing the price. I cannot for a moment think it will hart those in poor circumstances; but if there are a few who could not afford twopence per week, I am sure they have only to make it known, and there are many who would most gladly supply them with a copy gratis. I do hope this question will not be allowed to go to sleep again, but be at once settled one way or the other—that is, either increase it to twopence, or ascertain what amount the editor has lost during the year, and then carry out the suggestion of Mr. Reedman. If the latter plan is adopted, I fear the last £5 will be more difficult to obtain than the first £50, and thus it would partly fail. I feel very strongly that it is a disgrace to our cause to allow the present state of things to go on any longer. I therefore repeat, raise the price of the Medican to twopence.—Yours faithfully,

Ventnor, Isle of Wight. faithfully, Ventnor, Isle of Wight.

DEAR SIR,—The opinion of the majority—in fact, I should scarcely be wrong if I were to say the unanimous opinion—of the Nottingham friends of Spiritualism is decidedly against the suggested increase in the price of the Medium to twopence. On the other hand, individual and united efforts should everywhere be made to increase the present sale to such an extent as to admit of considerable augmentation to its size and cubits of matter at the present that the present sale to such an extent as to admit of considerable augmentation to its size and

such an extent as to admit of considerable augmentation to its size and quality of matter at the present price.

Many suggestions have appeared in its columns, showing the necessity and means of increasing its circulation so as to make it remunerative, and I now beg to lay before you the result of an earnest and successful effort which has been made in Nottingham, resulting in an immediate increase of the circulation of the Medican resulting in an immediate increase of the circulation of the Medican to more than double.

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I forward you several more addresses of agents willing to undertake the sale of the Medica and kindred papers, and would suggest to your numerous friends and subscribers to make similar efforts. One person might undertake the sale of six numbers by ordering them through an agent and leaving several for sale in the manner described. Every subscriber ought to take two numbers—one for himself, and one to give to some stranger or friend.—I remain, dear Sir, yours very truly,

E. REDGATE.

9, Arboretum Terrace, Goldsmith Street, Nottingham, December 12th, 1871.

WHAT THE SPIRITS SAY.

On Friday evening last, at the close of the scance, "The Strolling Player" made the following statement on behalf of the spirits who control Mr. Morse:—"With all due deference to the kind expression of several persons who esteem our utterances here, we beg to state that we have no desire to see the slightest approach to a monopoly of the space in your weekly organ by our communications. And further, we being democratic (not demoniac) in a sense, we believe in the people; and as the people have to toil hard for their means, we have great confidence in the efficiency of the penny as the best means of serving the multitude. That which is within the means of the people is within the minds of the people. Universality is the law which we recognise—not concentration for the few. We leave it to you to determine as may appear to you best, as none can better judge of the necessities of case."

[Next week we shall unfold our schemes for the future of the Medium, and have to crave the kind excuses of devoted friends whose communications, breathing sentiments of sympathy and confidence, we have been unable to present in type.—Ed. M.]

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