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To Agents. Our Agents will please collect amount due from Subscribers, so as to be able to pay all balances at the approaching District Meetings.

MARRIAGES. On Monday, 20th May, by the Rev. F. Smeeth, Mr. John Clarkson, to Miss Susan May, both of Halifax.

DEATHS. On the 24th ult., aged 55 years, Mr. James Old, late Gate Porter at the Ordnance Yard, a native of Bridgewater, Somersetshire, England.

SHIPPING NEWS. ARRIVALS. Friday, May 24th—Brigt Mary Soplin, Fisher, Fredericksburg 10 days; schr. Medway, Burns; Dolphin, P. E. Island; Cambria, Co; Attention, King.

POETRY.

BIRTH OF THE FLOWERS.

By Miss MARY ARKIE JENNIE. There is a day, when the days are come, the gayest of the year, when the flowers are born.

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posite to each other. For to what does the right use of one's reason lead? Suppose a human being to affirm, "I will consult the dictates of my own moral nature. I will bid reason teach me. I will follow out her instructions wherever they lead."

By "giving up the ghost" we now understand giving up his spirit, as by "ghost" we usually suppose "spirit" to be meant. We doubt if the translators intended to express the giving up of the breath of life, or breathing out one's life, which is the true meaning.

It may, therefore, here well signify that Abraham had lived as long as he desired, had finished the business of life, and was quite willing to die. He was satisfied with life, he had enough of it, and stood with girded loins ready to depart.

Finally, "he was gathered unto his people"—a striking phrase, over which the mind lingers. What, however, does it really mean? It is commonly interpreted to apply to burial—to sleeping in the grave with one's kindred and friends.

But here is one who professes himself a reasonable being, yet he seeks no intercourse with his Maker—has nothing to do with the Saviour of sinners—is taking no care of the infinitely precious interests of his soul.

CHRISTIAN MISCELLANY.

"Gathered to his People." This is a chapter in the two-volume work on the life of Abraham, which is published by Messrs. W. B. Eerdmans, New York.

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The Annual Resurrection. As the day dies into night, so doth the summer into the winter. The sap is said to descend into the root, and there it lies buried on the ground.

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