

## CHAPTER XXI.

ON the 18th of November Miss Ingram came to see me, and later on Miss Pery likewise came in, which was their first introduction to one another, and we had a small séance of which I have nothing special to record. Miss Ingram went away about eight o'clock, and after she had left I told Miss Pery that her stone was the diamond. The idea of an appropriate precious stone was new to her, and she asked what mine was? "The Opal," and she then wondered what *hers* might be. The answer, however, did not come to me, but to herself, that it was the sapphire (meaning truth), of which the corroboration came to me, and it led to my telling her about Mrs. Ramsay, and that while they were in India, they were robbed of (I think) plate and jewellery to some considerable extent, so they sent for one of the Indian seers (or discoverers of stolen goods, though I am not sure of the name by which they are called), and he noticed on her finger a large sapphire which she usually wears, and said to her:—"You will recover your *rings*, because you still retain that one, which is your own stone." His prediction was fulfilled, for the rings were recovered, all tied together, but none of the other articles. Having discussed that matter, we talked of other things, and presently she complained of feeling a disagreeable influence, and wondered who it might be, but we received a negative to all our suggestions; when suddenly that Indian flashed into my mind, and I was told that it was he, and that he had come to seek for Light. Miss Pery wondered how we could help one who was as it were so far out of our range, so I said we must not only pray *for* him, but strive to teach *him* to pray; so I placed my hand on the table, and asked him to unite with me in what I was going to say. I then commenced The Lord's Prayer, and

at each petition he tipped the table three times in assent. When I came to, "Give us this day our daily bread," there was a hesitation, until I explained that spiritual food was also typified, when he assented as before ; but when I said, "Forgive us our trespasses as *we* forgive them that trespass against us," I received a positive refusal ; all my talking and persuasions were unavailing, he would *not* be induced to forgive the injuries he might have received ; that Christian grace is at present beyond his grasp, and we then learned that he was gone. Presently Miss Pery was impelled, as she often is, to give me caressing touches on the face and head, asking *who* it was, and after some mental questioning on my part, I found that it was Jim Ramsay, and that the mission was then given to him to work among those Indian spirits (a multitude of them being in the same radius as the one who had communicated), and that he is to strive to bring them to Christianity, being to some extent prepared for that labour during his earth-life by his sojourn in India (where both his birth and his death took place), and his knowledge of their language, which is a need in dealing with spirits of a low grade ; but that he will also be strengthened and helped in the work by prayers from this side, so I wrote to Mrs. Ramsay about it, and to ask her to give her aid, which will of course be all the stronger from so much of her own life having been passed in India.

Mrs. T. came to me on the 2nd of December, when I read to her the above account ; and while we were discussing the subject, she passed under influence, so gently that I was scarcely aware of it at first, when she said : "His was the kind of brain suitable for the reception of impressions, more so than some that might be looked upon as more intellectual, and he could thus be made available for the higher directing influences, to serve as a medium for them among those Indian minds which had been as yet unprepared for a true knowledge of The Lord Jesus Christ. Through this medium, therefore, those directing influences could come within reach of those who have never heard of the Kingdom of The Lord Jesus, which is now being drawn