

present at the meeting. It now appears that he is to be on hand, "for," the society's officers say, "it has leaked out that he is in New-York." That is to say, he is here in the body. The occasion is therefore regarded by him as one of great interest, for, as we are informed by the society, he has "power to leave the body at will and transport himself to any distant place, and to communicate with disciples by thought transference," and therefore could exercise control without coming to the city in person.

It seems to us that the friends and admirers of the late Mr. JUDGE, and especially those members who reside in the West and were supporters of his independent American policy, should inquire at this meeting with much care concerning the identity of this hitherto unknown and concealed foreign Mahatma, the proof that Mr. JUDGE was associated with or relied upon him, the indications concerning his policy, occult or otherwise, and all other evidence tending to show that he may properly be accepted as the director of the society on its esoteric side. So much mystery coupled with the beginnings of a change of policy tends to excite misgivings and suspicion. Those who are familiar with the history of Mme. BLAVATSKY, Col. OLCOTT, and other Mahatmas can give no weight to that absurd excuse for the concealment of this Mahatma's identity that the thought-waves would "come at" him and kill him if his name were known. The Western Theosophists, and especially those who are connected with the Chicago Board of Trade, should, we think, insist upon a disclosure. It can do no harm, and will promote harmony by leaving no room for suspicion or disagreement.

THE VEILED MAHATMA.

The annual meeting of the American Theosophical Society to be held in this city on the 26th inst. will be one of considerable importance, for reasons to which we alluded some weeks ago. The late Mr. JUDGE—who, it is now stated by Secretary WRIGHT, was and is one of the forty-eight Mahatmas as to the existence of whom there is historical evidence—was noted for his desire that the society of which he was President should be purely an American one. It was established upon an independent American basis at the time when, after he had been so bitterly attacked by Mrs. BESANT and other English Theosophists, he was made President of it for life. He was empowered to select his successor, and it was announced a few weeks ago that there had been found among his papers a statement disclosing the existence of a Mahatma "in some ways greater than either Mme. BLAVATSKY or Mr. JUDGE himself" who was to take charge of the occult interests of the society, but whose name must be concealed for one year, in order that, as Secretary WRIGHT explained, he might not "be killed by the tremendous thought-waves which would come at him from all over the world if he were known."

It is admitted that this hitherto concealed Mahatma is "a foreigner," and it is known that his influence has been exerted to procure a substitution of New-York for Chicago as the place for this annual meeting, although Chicago had been selected by Mr. JUDGE. An officer of the society asserted some time ago that the new Mahatma would not be