

This seventeenth of February, eighteen hundred and ninety. My Greatest Show on Earth, having closed on the fifteenth, after a marvelous success, testified to by a million and a half [entrants] these fourteen weeks. I wish to give my hearty thanks to the British public and to assure them that I shall ever gratefully cherish most pleasant memories of their kindness and hospitality—even higher than the pecuniary success with which they have [marked] my efforts to please them. I thus address the world through the medium of the latest wonderful invention—Edison's Phonograph—so that my voice, like my great show, will reach future generations and be heard centuries after I have joined the great and, as I believe, happy majority. P. T. Barnum.

NOTE: The London Barnum Show ran from Nov 11, 1889 - Feb 15, 1890.