

The Doctor's Laws and other Laws.

BY HON. E. S. HOLBROOK.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: Late events and the remarks made concerning them prompt me now to do what I had thought to do long since (when the matter was more fresh), to pen a few thoughts about certain statute laws and the attitude of the Spiritualists toward them...

adjustment of rights and duties, for the accommodation of all too, so far as it can be done with the highest good of all in view. One modification of the law that would reach every case no omitted, where there is no fraud, would be this: If one employs another in the healing art, knowing that he does not claim the learning of a professional expert, it is lawful; he cannot complain, and he must pay the reasonable charges...

that a noticeable feature of the ceremony, especially to Spiritualists, was the address of the control of Mrs. Crocker to the young couple. When she advanced to congratulate them, she was controlled and gave a feeling speech, showing that the Spirit-world was near and deeply interested in the welfare of their earthly friends.

respected. Where is the boundary line? You may wrangle over that point during all of this life, but the result will be, that you will learn that it takes an experience in both worlds to define this boundary. "If the exposed would remain exposed," as has been said, is very suggestive. You may establish the boundary line, but then you are to learn that qualifying truths, extenuating circumstances, and ever varying conditions, will sway it far to this side and that...

What is Truth?

BY DR. C. D. GRIMES.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: "Then Pilate said unto Jesus, 'What is truth?'" To this question, which is apparently an easy one to some, Jesus gave no answer, which should surprise those who claim that he was omniscient, as well as those who give a ready answer, on the account of their certainty that they possess it...

Interesting Explanatory Correspondence Between Michigan Spiritualists.

DR. A. B. SPINNEY, President of State Association of Spiritualists and Liberalists.—Dear Sir:—I am advised that the form of the notices issued for the Lansing Camp-meeting, has led to some misapprehension in regard to the real auspices under which the meeting is to be held...

HON. S. B. McCracken.—Dear Brother:—Your letter of June 23d is just received. It is a fact that many members of the State Association of Spiritualists and Liberalists, have made inquiries of myself and other officers of the State Association, in relation to how this Camp-meeting can, properly be, under the auspices of the State Association...

NASHVILLE (MICHIGAN) GROVE-MEETING, ETC.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: I closed up yesterday a month's work of fifteen lectures, in halls and groves, at Sparta, Rockford, Grand Rapids, LaBarge, and Alaska, by a meeting in a beautiful grove at Nashville, Berrien County...

A Curious Test.

Some twelve or fourteen years ago, Alice Morgan, of Randolph, N. Y., became clairvoyant, and had frequent interviews with her sister Julia, in spirit-life, giving many tests of identity. Finally Libbie Woodruff, one of Julia's former playmates, lay at the point of death. This fact was known to the clairvoyant. One day while communing with Julia, she exclaimed: "Libbie Woodruff is here!" Her mother, Mrs. Morgan, replied: "No! Libbie Woodruff is not dead."

MUCH trouble has been caused among the churches of Chicago and its vicinity by the great number of choir singers who perform in the performance of Pinafore.

The Crocker-Tuttle Wedding.

We are not exclusives nor bigots, yet we do believe that in the marriage relation there should be similarity of views between the contracting parties, and we do not think connubial happiness can be gained when husband and wife entertain opposing religious views.

The wedding of Miss Rose Tuttle to Mr. H. H. Crocker, was one of the most delightful gatherings in our town for a long time. Miss Tuttle has many and warm friends, especially in Norwalk, to whom she was first introduced in the character of "Miss Corney" in "East Lynn," which she played as amateur for the benefit of the band. She made by her genius a leading role of an inferior part and carried the audience by storm.

"We have invited you, friends, to witness the marriage of our daughter Rose, to Mr. Harry H. Crocker, and to participate with us in the festivities such occasions have called forth from remotest times. The union of husband and wife is the most momentous event possible in human life, and fraught with the most far-reaching consequences. The happiness of two beings is staked upon the result, and from the consequences there is, nor can be, no retreat. It not only relates to the present, but its results stretch into the infinite future with the inexorableness of fate."

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True it is that, the amount of salary which its editors have been able to draw, has been insignificant and out of all proportion to the labor performed, yet this has been cheerfully and willingly borne, both by the founder of the paper and its present editor.

The history of the JOURNAL is a remarkable and encouraging example going to prove that a paper may be radical, undenominational, non-sectarian, thoroughly independent and outspoken, and yet constantly gain strength and enlarge its field of usefulness. The influence of the JOURNAL is greater and more far-reaching at the present time than ever before in its career.

We are fully aware of the hazard of the change, but we have such confidence in the friends of Spiritualism that we undertake it with great hope of success. Every friendly reader will, we hope, immediately bestir himself or herself to send us a Club of Subscribers.

read the JOURNAL three months without endorsing its policy and aims. Friends, in the following statement of our new terms we offer all you can reasonably ask. We thus do our part and shall confidently expect you to do yours.

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To the yearly subscribers who are now paid in advance and who paid prior to June 1st, we appeal to know if they approve our new departure. If any there be among them who feel they should have the benefit of our new plan on their present advance payment, we beg of them to notify us forthwith, stating the time they remitted as near as may be and the amount, and we will cheerfully extend their time pro rata.

TO SUBSCRIBERS NOW IN ARREARS.

Friends, your number reaches into the thousands and you are owing us from 25 cents to twenty-five dollars respectively, aggregating a sum large enough, if promptly paid, to free us from a large share of anxiety. Each week the paper has regularly reached you. Through the trying financial distress of the last few years the JOURNAL has, like a faithful friend, aided and comforted you and assisted you to grow in spiritual knowledge and all that tends to fit you for a life in the future, where "hard times" are unknown to those who cross the border stocked with spiritual capital, however poor in this world's goods they may be when leaving this life.

the very best you can, send us all you owe, if possible, and with it a renewal for another year.

TO THOSE WHO ARE TOO POOR TO PAY ANYTHING.

We can hardly believe there are any such, but if there are, we will cheerfully forgive them what they owe, upon receipt of a statement to that effect, acknowledged in the presence of a notary public, and bearing his official seal. Should there be such subscribers now on our list, they must feel that they have fed on our bounty to the limits of our ability to supply them, and that common decency demands that we be relieved of the burden.

A WORD TO OUR READERS.

Our Aim and Effort for Spiritualism and Reform.

Our old readers know our aims and efforts. In the past, and can judge of our future, but a few words may be due to the new readers of the enlarged list that we trust our reduction of terms will bring. We shall hold steadily on "bating no jot of heart or hope," as brave John Milton said when defending liberty of thought, yet enlarging our scope, and enriching our pages as the way opens. We shall advocate the Spiritual Philosophy with its bright outlook toward the life beyond, undimmed by any haze or darkness of Materialism; yet, while holding firmly to our own ideas, and criticizing others fairly, frankly and strongly if need be, we shall respect all honest opinions, give them fair hearing, and so aim to win the respect of those from whom we may differ.

Such frauds we have opposed, and shall continue to do so, and our course has not only been approved by a majority of the best Spiritualists, but by a goodly number of the best and most reliable mediums, as their testimonials in our columns during the past year show.

Care, accuracy and truthfulness are indispensable in the investigation of spirit manifestations. We have, therefore, urged that good mediums should at times, submit to thorough, yet fair test conditions, asked and granted in a spirit of mutual good faith and good will, and such as many of our best mediums have most willingly granted; and this not only for the satisfaction of inquirers, but for the good reputa of mediums.

The receptive spirit, the harmony and unity, the rational carefulness, and the opening of our interior perceptions, in séances where spirits, mediums and sitters are animated by the same sincere desire for truth and spiritual light, ever bring highest and best results. While, no doubt, persons not of high moral qualities may sometimes be good instruments for spirits to use, yet sincerity lies at the base of the finest spiritual gifts. Without it certainly, and without willingness to give test-conditions, we can hope for little respect from others, and for little success in convincing careful investigators.

We feel and are earnestly assured by thousands, that our timely and needed exposures of fraud have helped to save the great and precious Spiritual Movement from peril and degradation, and shall go on, if necessary, in that part of our work, trusting to gain in uncompromising fidelity and

"in malice toward none and charity to all." Of the passing events and sayings of the day, in church and state and social life, as they bear on the Spiritual Philosophy, we shall make due record and comment. Of the wonderful yet natural facts and phenomena of Spiritualism, as they occur all over the land, we hope to make valuable record, and in all that the wide scope of the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL takes in we shall strive to enlarge and enrich our pages, and call in the help of new and valuable correspondents, in response to the generous and enlarging support of the earnest and intelligent people, whose aid and sympathy is our inspiration to new effort.

Immature Investigations.

The Inter-Ocean of June 17th quotes liberally from our article entitled "Spirits In and Out of the Flesh," and adds the following comments:

"We give these extracts in fairness to the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL, which seems disposed to dilate. But it would appear that mistakes occur with investigators whose investigations are not immature like those of Mr. Kiddle. Many of the pioneers of Spiritualism give no more evidence of maturity than the new converts. Certain natures, easily impressed by phenomena, delight in mystery, and tolerate any amount of incidental clap-trap for the sake of the mystery. In such circles manifestations grade no higher now than they did twenty years ago. Among another class of Spiritualists there has been undoubtedly great progress, but even this class has been patient and indifferent, and has been slow to cut loose from the humbuggery that had no direct connection with the principles of their belief. Few Spiritualists admit as many doubts as the editor of the JOURNAL; few care to investigate in his spirit of finding truth at any cost; and few are as eager as he to answer objections presented by those who differ with him."

There is much of truth and fairness in these remarks. But the errors, shortcomings, and immaturities shown in the investigations of Spiritualists are such as are incidental to the struggle of every great truth for birth. They are the necessary attendants of a state of transition from an old form of thought to a new. We have no word of reproach to offer to those investigators who, in sincerity of purpose, are testing in their own way and to the best of their abilities the physical phenomena. We want an ample basis of such facts, and we are getting it. Of course there are frivolous dealers with the phenomena, who go after them as they would after one of Barnum's shows; and to such the remarks of the Inter-Ocean fully apply. Where the frivolous, irreverent and unphilosophical spirit prevails among sitters, it is not surprising that "the manifestations grade no higher now than they did twenty years ago."

But it should be borne in mind that there are many spiritual developments of which the public hear nothing; many communications of a high and noble character which are confined to the breast that receives them. This has been the case ever since the modern phenomena broke out.

Much that seems "humbuggery" in the eyes of critical, but inexperienced, lookers-on, who feel well disposed towards the fundamental fact of Spiritualism, but whose esthetic nature is repelled by the grossly human character of many of the manifestations, may yet be of spirit origin. That there is a low order of spirits—that there are buffoons, scamps, and very undeveloped intellects in the Spirit-world,—has been made repeatedly evident. No one can read the well authenticated phenomena at Dr. Phelps' house at Stratford, in 1850, paralleled as they are by hundreds of similar narratives, and have a doubt that men carry into the next life the precise characters they have formed for themselves here.

Spiritualism being a synthesis of well-attested phenomena is just what every one chooses to make it; either a barren jumble of curiosities, or the very life-spring of an earnest, a pure and undefiled religion. It depends upon the state and nature of a man's own character and mind, and the care, vigilance, and thought, which he brings to the investigation, whether he make of Spiritualism the greatest blessing yet vouchsafed to humanity, or pervert it into a source of errors and misconceptions. We agree with Fichte that it presents one of the highest incentives to morality, inasmuch as it does away with the old notion of arbitrary rewards and punishments, and makes every man the arbiter and planner of his own future by showing that as he leaves this life he will enter the next—enabled by his earthly discipline, or the victim of lost opportunities.

Habit.

Man is a creature of habit and difficult it is to free him therefrom. When the JOURNAL was started it seemed to its projector wise and best to give credit to subscribers who asked for it after the expiration of their first subscription. A large number of our subscribers have consequently fallen into the habit of not paying until the end of the year (the wrong end) and others, too many, have failed to respond even then. A newspaper cannot be sold on credit to customers scattered among 40,000,000 of people, with justice to itself or its prepaid subscribers. To those who have long been on our list we shall strive patiently for a little longer to wean them from the credit system. New subscribers will not receive a copy after the time for which they have paid has expired. In a few months we shall discontinue entirely the credit system.

We are constantly receiving postal orders from subscribers who place them in an envelope without a letter and do not even give their signature. It causes us some trouble as we do not know from what source they come. Hereafter persons remitting will please give full directions and signature with postal order.

Reports of Meetings.

These reports should be written with care, and every superfluous word omitted. High-flown eulogies of speakers, unimportant details, in fact every thing which is not of general public interest, should be rigorously excluded. We are glad to publish these reports, and hope to receive them from all quarters; a record of them is valuable in that it furnishes evidence of the Movement, but each writer should bear in mind that his particular report is of very trifling interest to the mass of readers, and that he must sacrifice personal predilections for the general good.

Laborers in the Spiritualistic Vineyard, and Other Items of Interest.

\$3.15 will of course continue to be the price to those in arrears, until they pay up. It would be impracticable for us and unjust to others, to have it otherwise.

OUR CLUB RATES are open to old subscribers. The club may be made up of old and new readers. No distinction is made. A subscriber in arrears may pay up his dues at the same time that his name is sent in with a club.

Dr. J. R. Buchanan will be at the Philadelphia camp-meeting July 20th.

J. William Fletcher, the reliable trance medium, has decided to remain permanently in England.

Silas Arthur gives a glowing account of the spiritual grove meeting near Morenci, Mich., June 29th.

Mrs. Emma Hardinge-Britten delivered an excellent lecture in Dunedin, on this subject: "The Bible in Schools."

Mrs. L. E. H. Jackson will lecture or attend funerals where desired. Address her, Broadalbin, N. Y., until further notice.

Persons remitting postage stamps in small amounts, please send one and two cent stamps, instead of three cent stamps.

Hon. J. B. Young and son, of Marion, Iowa, were in town last week and had some pleasant experiences.

FIVE CENTS a copy is all that newsdealers will be allowed to charge for the JOURNAL hereafter. Those who buy at news stands will please to make a note of this.

Capt. H. H. Brown will speak at West Pawlet, Vt., July 11th, 12th and 13th, and at East Middlebury, the 18th, 19th and 20th. Address him accordingly.

"The Address to the Spiritualists and Liberalists of Michigan, by the Executive Board," has been received, and contains much valuable information.

NOT A DUN.—We have a custom of sending to subscribers whose time is expiring, or has recently expired, a notice to that effect. We do not send it as a dun but simply as a friendly reminder and trust that all will so receive it.

Mrs. Clara A. Field has removed her office from No. 7 Montgomery Place to 33 Boylston street, Boston, where she will be pleased to meet with her friends and patrons. She will answer calls to lecture wherever her services are desired. Address her as above.

Wm. Emmette Coleman has been appointed a member of the State Executive Committee of the National Liberal League for Kansas, and Col. H. D. Mackay has been appointed Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Liberal League for Leavenworth county, Kansas. Both these gentlemen are well known JOURNAL contributors.

The Secretary or War, Geo. W. McCrary, and family, are said to be open and avowed Spiritualists. It has been stated, that at his last election to Congress, the charge of being a Spiritualist was urged against him during the campaign, but that he received at that election fifteen hundred more votes than ever before.

Mrs. E. L. Saxon had a respectful hearing, by invitation, before the Louisiana Constitutional Convention in May. For the purpose of devoting herself to the interests of the women of that State, Mrs. Saxon denied herself the pleasure of attending the St. Louis Convention to which she was a delegate, and to reach which she had received passes on the river and two railroads.

We are sorry to hear that the infamous "Doctor's Bill," prohibiting magnetic healing, after being once defeated, was rushed through the Kansas Legislature, at its late session, and is now in force in that State. Some of the Kansas "Healers" announce their intention to pay no regard to the law, but will continue their avocation, risking the penalty of fine and imprisonment. So long as they confine themselves strictly to magnetic healing the law cannot injure them.

It appears from an exchange, that "the Boston co-operative grocery, under the presidency of Josiah Quincy, has been open three months, and is said to be a success. The plan is to sell unadulterated goods at fair prices, and return the profits to the purchasers. With every sale a certificate of the amount is given, and every three months a dividend is paid on these, shareholders receiving double the rate given to outsiders, besides six per cent. on the money invested. At the first quarterly meeting, President Quincy said: 'Your organization has already produced much good. Applications for your by-laws have been received from all parts of the United States. Probably more than fifty stores have been, or soon will be opened in consequence of your example, and this most comprehensive scheme of benevolence resting on self-help and material assistance, become general through the land.'

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FLOWER MANIFESTATION.

Mrs. Simpson Again Astonishes Hon. J. B. Young, of Iowa. His Account of the Affair, with Valuable Suggestions.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal:

I called on Mrs. Simpson at her residence, No. 24 Ogden Avenue, between nine and ten o'clock in the forenoon, July 3rd, in company with my youngest son, a lad aged ten years. No persons were present other than the medium, my son and myself.

of their predilections is concerned. Let the committee carefully investigate the phenomena daily occurring in the presence of Mrs. Simpson, for one week, take the evidence of prominent able and disinterested men and women in Chicago and elsewhere, who have witnessed similar manifestations in her presence, make a written report of such evidence, as well as of all the facts and circumstances witnessed by them, and cause a copy of such report to be published in all the newspapers of Chicago.

A Letter from an English Worker.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal:

DEAR SIR:—Though a very infrequent contributor to the columns of the JOURNAL, I am a constant reader of its pages sparkling with all the brilliancy of Western energy, and lustily laboring the idols it encounters, it is only to be expected that the worshippers of the idols that are overturned, should occasionally cry out against you.

An Appeal to the Spiritualists of the Country in Behalf of the Veteran Seer and Spiritual Worker, E. V. Wilson.

The old and well known veteran worker in the cause of Spiritual progress, E. V. Wilson, is prostrated with severe sickness, induced by long-continued labor and overwork in the cause of truth and humanity, and is now at this writing in such a low condition that, although he has probably passed the point of greatest danger, and may be considered convalescent, it will doubtless be several months before he can safely take the lecture field again.

Our mediums and speakers are all actively engaged. Mr. E. E. Williams, Mr. F. Herne, Mr. Clarence, Mrs. Fox-Kane and Mrs. Olive being among our more noted mediums in London; while as healers Dr. J. Mack and Mr. Joseph Ashmore, are known throughout the United Kingdom, and beyond it too.

Wild Assertions of the Psycho-Maniac Roberts—Their Complete Refutation.

In order to account for their total loss of public confidence in Chicago, Messrs Bastian and Taylor circulated a story to the effect that suit had been brought against the estate of the late S. S. Jones, involving a large sum; that they were important witnesses against the estate in that suit; and that in consequence of these facts, the JOURNAL was persecuting them, and manufacturing public opinion against them, in order to break the force of their testimony.

Mr. Wm. H. Powell, the Medium.

A friend in Boston writes us as follows: "I have seen the new medium, Mr. W. H. Powell, and regard the phenomena in his case as better calculated to confound a skeptic than any manifestations I have ever witnessed. This is what he did: Passing into a state of trance, in which he appears to be controlled by Tecumseh, an Indian, he took, one after another, my index fingers, then those of two ladies of my party, and covered a slate on both sides with fair legible writing. Then one of the ladies bound his hand around with her handkerchief, and the writing came out clear and legible through the linen."

"But the phenomenon which places Mr. Powell among our most powerful, first-class mediums, is this: He allowed me to hand him (while under a different control) a slate which had been thoroughly cleaned on both sides. He held it by one side of the frame and I held it by the other. We stood up in the light of a chandelier, with three gas burners at their full height. He simply made flourishes as if drawing with his forefinger several inches over the upper surface of the slate, then told me to reverse it. I did so, and there, on the under surface, was a drawing of a flower, cleverly executed, and beneath it was written in bold characters the one word WYMONIE. The flower was four inches by six in size, and was executed under conditions the simplest, fairest and most convincing that could be devised.

How This Can Be Done.

He has published a very interesting book entitled "The Truths of Spiritualism," which has not yet been properly placed before the public, and which he desires to sell to all who are willing to help him in this way.

That all may act promptly and understandingly in this matter, let me call brief attention to the character of the book. It is not a dry treatise on the spiritual philosophy, nor metaphysical speculations on re-incarnation or ethics; but it is a life-like, eye-hand record of personal reminiscences, experiences, anecdotes, incidents and illustrations of Spiritual facts, tests and incidents covering a period of recent years in the eventful career of this, in many respects, remarkable man.

The volume is a 12mo. of 400 pp., neatly gotten up, and printed with clear, bold type and sells at \$2.00, including a very fine cabinet-photo, which by itself, sells for 50 cts. To the many thousands who have listened with interest and instruction to the lectures, and witnessed the remarkable tests of spirit presence and power to commune with and influence mortals, as given by, and through, Mr. Wilson, this book will be a welcome offering.

Our estimate of the book is, that it is honest, sincere, practical, full of good sense, written in a plain simple style, lucid, and conveying important truths with a force that, in these days of gush and surplurage, is truly refreshing to meet. There is no verbiage in it nor is it lumbered up with pretentious theories and crude speculations. One is never at a loss to know what the author is driving at, for he drives straight at his point and he usually hits it with a center shot. He does not take long time to hunt a polished dart from his quiver, but he lays contribution on a whole arsenal of grape, canister, solid shot and shell, and he pours these into the enemy's camp with terrible effect! He never waits till the enemy captures his outposts, but like the old Methodist minister in Southern Ohio, he moves on the enemy's camp "horse, foot, and dragons," and like Gideon of old, captures them before they know what is the matter!

But I do not wish to write up the characteristics of this brave worker in the field of human progress. The time has not come to do this, but simply to call attention to the main features of his book. As an illustration, however, of the vast amount of work he has accomplished, we may mention that he told the writer that, since 1866 he has been constantly in the field, traveling many thousands of miles each year, and lecturing on an average 300 times per annum, during the thirteen years since, part of the time assisting to edit a paper, attending to large correspondence, and giving sances almost daily! Truly a herculean labor! Such has been the work of this pioneer in the great-cause of human progress. Breaking the way through the dense jungles of ignorance—preparing the way for the rearing of the grand temple of the future of a sound philosophy and a new religion of universal humanity.

We have not examined this book critically enough to say that we endorse it entirely as a whole, nor is it necessary that we should do so. The present occasion does not call for criticism, but for kindly sympathy and aid to our suffering brother; and such let us give freely and in a practical way, by sending in orders for his book and photo. Send registered letters, enclosing \$2.00, to E. V. Wilson, Lombard, DuPage Co., Ill.

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COL. JOHN C. BUNDY—Dear Sir:—You have asked me to give you the facts in relation to the suit of Mrs. A. H. Robinson against the widow of the late S. S. Jones and his two daughters, and against yourself as the manager of the JOURNAL. The JOURNAL, after the decease of Mr. Jones, was conducted and published under your business and editorial management and control for, and in the sole interest of, his wife and daughters, who were its sole proprietors.

The suit of Mrs. Robinson was commenced August 22d, A. D. 1877, and made returnable to the November term, 1877. The first declaration filed in her suit was stricken from the files, by order of court, because it set up no cause of action at all. On the 6th day of December, 1877, by leave of court, an amended declaration was filed. The sole and only cause of action set up in this declaration, or attempted to be set up in the one so stricken from the files, was that on the 30th day of April, 1877, while you were the editor, manager and superintendent of the JOURNAL, the defendants, for the consideration in said declaration expressed, promised the plaintiff to insert in the JOURNAL an advertisement which should set forth the name, residence, business, profession and character of treatment of plaintiff, similar to the advertisement which had there previously been published for her in the JOURNAL. The declaration then avers that the defendants refused to perform this alleged contract, whereby the plaintiff had suffered large damages.

The defendants, in and by their plea, denied that any such contract was ever made by them with the plaintiff.

The declaration set up no cause of action whatsoever against the estate of said Jones, and the claim made was not based upon any transaction that occurred in the earth-life of said Jones. The sole issue, as made by the pleadings, was whether or not the defendants promised to advertise for the plaintiff. She in her declaration averred that they did; and they in their plea denied it.

The case was then placed on the trial calendar to be tried when it should be reached on the issue thus made.

On the 21st day of February, 1879, the case was reached for trial in the ordinary course of the business of the court. I was present in court as the attorney of the defendants, ready to try the case when called. The plaintiff was not there, either in person or by attorney, and the court, no person appearing for the plaintiff, ordered the case to be dismissed for want of prosecution. It was so dismissed. The case was not withdrawn by the plaintiff's counsel, "owing to some omission or defect in the pleadings," or for any other cause, or at all, and no new suit has been commenced.

I believe it has never been claimed by any one that either Bastian or Taylor have or had any knowledge whatever of the making of this alleged contract, or that they were to be used as witnesses on the trial of that issue.

SANFORD B. PERRY. Chicago, July 7th, 1879.

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