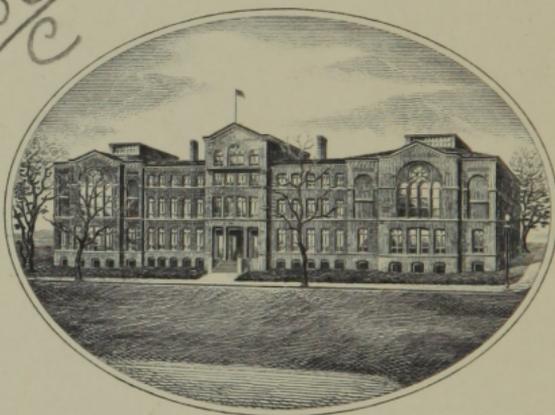


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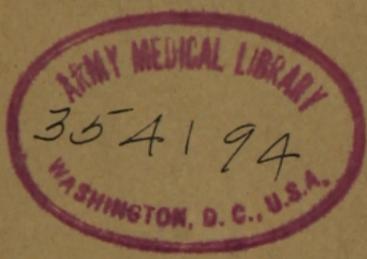


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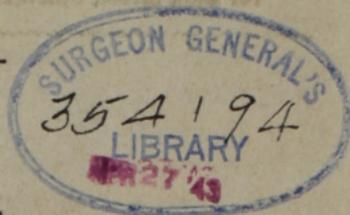
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# PREFACE,

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MEDICAL COLLEGE OF OHIO,

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My first acquaintance with Dr. Keely\* was made on his visit to Cincinnati, in 1846. I attended his course of lectures and experiments. In these he taught me his plan of relieving deafness, to which his remedial efforts seemed then chiefly limited. Since, to gain the popular attention necessary to enable him to secure patients, and to cure disease, he found it indispensable to perform many *amusing* experiments, I regarded his course as proceeding from an ambition to become a popular Magnetizer, and to make money, rather than as dictated by a ruling motive to relieve the sick; and, therefore, being exceedingly busy in the exercises of my own profession, I did not take time to read even the notices of his operations that appeared in the newspapers, which I regarded as mere puffs of his fun-making powers and propensities.

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\*I call him *Doctor* Keely, for, though he never sought a Diploma from a college, yet, if the title signifies intelligent in the science and skillful in the art of healing human maladies, then none of my acquaintance more worthily deserve the appellation. He is one of *Nature's Graduates*. She has set upon him a seal, and impressed him with a stamp, which no observer can avoid perceiving; of which no loss of parchments can deprive him, and which no efforts of his enemies or rivals can cancel or obliterate. But more: by scrutinizing study and careful observation and experiment, Dr. Keely has acquired a thoroughness of knowledge of that which is most useful in the teachings and the practice of the schools, which not *all* they who occupy Professor's chairs, have yet so well attained.

Though he kindly sent me several of the Reports of Committees on the results of his operations, I was still so busy in doing, often what I now clearly see was far less important, than a careful perusal of those reports, that I did not take the time to even look at their character. At last, however, I have examined, with the deepest interest, a mass of testimony to the value of his labors, as a physician and a philanthropist, which far exceeds in quantity, and in evidence of his usefulness and his benevolence, all that I have ever seen placed to the credit of any other man. I am amazed at his wonderful success in the treatment of cases and forms of disease that had baffled long the skill of the most scientific and popular physicians of this age; and, had I not seen something of it in other directions, I should have been equally amazed that any opposition should ever have been raised against his course; that any asylums should have been closed against him; or that any persons having suffering friends, should not have brought them forth immediately for healing. How any one can desire or allow himself to oppose the application of a man, as the authorities at the Ohio Deaf and Dumb Asylum did his, to treat, with perfectly innocent means, the cases of disease, or of congenital deficiency of *function* that are considered past all remedy by all the members of the medical profession, would be past all comprehension, but for the knowledge of the fact that selfishness is the governing principle of vast multitudes of men, making them unwilling that any others should do what they cannot, even in benevolence.

Dr. Keely has been misconstrued, misrepresented and shamefully slandered; but who that ever attempted to do anything useful in the world, has failed to share liberally in these *choicest* of *blessings* to the *upright* and *good*? There is a "*woe*" pronounced against those of whom "all men speak well." It is an evidence that they never threw an obstacle in the pathway of the wicked—never attempted to snatch a victim from the jaws of his destroyer. The best Being that ever walked the earth was the worst slandered for his best deeds, the healing of the sick, the restoration of the blind to sight, and the casting out of "dumb spirits." Dr. Keely has been "evil spoken of" for the same deeds. Both he and his traducers "will have their reward."

The evidence before me is most abundant and satisfactory, that every attack upon either his pretensions to medical skill and success, or his gentlemanly deportment, and his excellent moral character, has

bitterly recoiled on those that made it; and that the Doctor is no less to be loved for his goodness of heart, and his numberless and liberal charities to the needy, than wondered at for his amusing exhibitions of his almost unlimited control over the nervous systems and wills of his patients. They who feel disposed to raise or propagate an ill report of him, would give some evidence of wisdom and of prudence by postponing that service to the devil, till they should know the Doctor better.

To the objection made to his treating the patients in the Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb at Columbus, on the ground that "the object of the Institution was to educate, not to cure," I reply, It was expected by the founders and friends of the Institution, that its inmates should be relieved of all curable or moveable disabilities, as is proved by the fact that they appointed and paid a physician for this purpose; and surely they could not reasonably object to receiving the attentions of another, warmly recommended by this same intelligent physician, my liberal minded, noble hearted and much esteemed friend, Dr. Robert Thompson, and especially as the physician to be introduced demanded nothing for his services.

Nor could they have objected to receiving him on the plea that his practice was not scientific, nor not safe, for nobody that has any reputation for learning and candor to hazard, will dare assert that the allopathic practice there pursued, is anything else than a dangerous empiricism; (See Curtis's Criticisms on Medical Systems, No. 1 to 151;) while the fact that, after having been compelled to pay a license in Columbus, on the ground that his operations were only an exhibition for amusement and gain, Dr. Keely sued the authorities, and recovered his money, proved that his teachings were scientific, and his practice was benevolent and useful. This decision placed "Mental Electricity" above Allopathy, which has never been able to attain that high honor even from its most devoted friends.

The risible may laugh at Dr. Keely's fun; the marvelous may wonder at his seeming "sleight of hand;" the ignorant and prejudiced may cry collusion; the selfish and the knavish may shout humbug and deception; an interested craft may call him an ignoramus or a quack; the superstitious may pronounce him a blasphemer if they will: I envy not—nay, from my soul I truly pity the man who does not recognize, in every class of his experiments, the great God-given laws of life and health, and the first among the means of restoration from disease.

Though pretty well versed in medical and other curative history, in which I find that many and important cures have been gradually effected, I have found no record of any score united, of all the men that ever lived, who have made so great a number of *instantaneously perfect* cures, of what were deemed "incurable diseases," as those that are reported as results of Dr. Keely's practice, and witnessed by authorities and testimonies that would establish any fact beyond a question, in any court of justice on the globe.

When we consider that he was obliged to "become all things to all men that he might by all means save some;" that the would-be monopolists of science sneered at, ridiculed and "tempted him;" and that the high priests of religion and superstition, when he "wrought notable miracles which they could not deny," reviled him and cast out his name as evil, saying, "he casteth out devils through Beelzebub, the prince of the devils;" and yet that he persevered, through evil as well as good report, in his glorious work, to its perfect consummation and unbounded triumph, we cannot but assign to him a most honorable rank among the greatest benefactors of his race.

## EDITORIAL NOTICES.

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BESIDES those introduced into the Reports or between them, the various newspapers contain a great number of Editorial Notices of Dr. Keely and his performances, of the most flattering character. Thus George D. Prentice, Esq., of the *Louisville Journal*, says, Dec. 29, 1847:

“We have strong prejudices against what is called the science of Mesmerism, but we must in justice say, that the numerous and strong testimonials which Mr. Keely brings from the very best sources, in regard to the extraordinary cures wrought by him through the aid of Mesmerism, would seem to give him a title to the highest respect and consideration. Some of the most accomplished and intelligent of our editorial brethren speak of themselves as eye witnesses of his wonderful cures.”

Dec. 30, The same editor, Mr. Prentice, says: “Those experiments [last evening] were very curious,” etc. “We saw the same, with a good many others far more striking in their character, made by Mr. Keely yesterday afternoon, upon one of our most respectable citizens,” etc.

Well, here is one screw let loose in Mr. P.'s mind. He now adds: “We are believers in the reality of the Mesmeric state, as it is called, and that it is a state attended with some very extraordinary phenomena—but we do *not* believe in the pretensions of *clairvoyance*.” He had had one tooth drawn without pain—he *must* believe that, but his “strong prejudices” still prevented him from believing that another could be drawn in the same manner and with the same results. “Strong prejudices die hard!”

Jan. 1, Mr. P. reports “a case of deafness of several years standing, the consequence of scarlet fever. This youth, as appeared from examination made in our presence, could hear the ticking of a watch

with his right ear, at the distance of only two and a half inches, and with the left only when the watch was actually in contact with the ear. He was magnetized by Mr. Keely, and, after the operation, he heard the watch six inches from his right ear, and two and a half from his left. He was magnetized at night, in the presence of Mr. K.'s regular audience, after which, he heard the watch three feet from his right ear, and two from his left, after his restoration to his natural state."

Jan. 3rd, Mr. Prentice says: "This gentleman has given in our city, what appear to be extraordinary proofs of his ability, in certain cases, to cure diseases." "The youth [before spoken of] has been magnetized two or three times, and every time his power of hearing was materially increased. He now hears distinctly, the ticking of a watch six feet from each ear."

"On Saturday afternoon, Mr. Hacket of our city, an entire stranger to Mr. K., applied to him, in presence of ourselves and twenty other gentlemen, to be cured of rheumatism, so bad, that he was unable to raise his arms. He was magnetized, and in thirty minutes he declared himself perfectly well, throwing his arms up as freely as if nothing had ever been the matter with him. He seemed perfectly happy."

Mr. Prentice adds, the case of the "well known lawyer, Mr. Dozier, [Case No. 1, Louisville Report] who states that, for nine weeks he has been dreadfully afflicted with rheumatism in his arms and legs, and that, on Friday evening, Mr. Keely *cured him perfectly at a single sitting*, so that he can now walk with the activity of his younger days."

On the same day, the Editor of the *Louisville Democrat* says: "Mr. Keely possesses absolute control over those whom he magnetizes, when in the wakeful state as well as when in the somnambolic. This was exhibited in the most extraordinary manner."

Jan. 4th, The *Democrat* says: "A number of our most respectable physicians and citizens gave in their names for a class," etc.

Jan. 5th, The *Louisville Journal* says: "Mr. Keely's experiments were singularly successful. Fifteen or twenty persons, of both sexes and all ages, were under the magnetic influence at the same time. The exhibitions, by some subjects, were indescribably amusing. For half an hour the hundreds present were in convulsions of laughter. The scene was better than the best comedy we ever saw upon the stage. Mr. K.'s success in the treatment of disease, is daily increasing."

Jan. 6th, The last screw that held, in his cranium, Mr. Prentice's "strong prejudice," seems to have been broken. Mr. K. had produced a complete relaxation of all the bands of opposition to the truth, and now the tide flows freely backward, in obedience to the glorious and benevolent command, "Freely ye have received—freely give." Hence, he breaks forth on this wise, respecting "Mr. Keely."

"The lectures and experiments of this gentleman, in Human Magnetism, are raising a prodigious excitement in our city. The concourse last night, at the Odd Fellows' Hall, was immense, not less than four hundred and fifty ladies and gentlemen. Several persons were placed under the magnetic influence, and the exhibitions, by some of them, caused a perfect uproar of merriment and fun throughout the crowd. It was difficult to determine whether mirth or wonder was the predominant feeling of the auditors and spectators." He mentions Mr. Hall's case, (No. 25,) and says: "There are other cases equally striking," etc. "Mr. K.'s class consists of about fifty persons."

Jan. 7th, He says: "The crowd at the Odd Fellows' Hall last night was tremendous—not less than seven hundred. The experiments were, as usual, perfectly successful."

The same day the *Democrat* says: "Mr. Keely had a tremendous house last night, and by his experiments, electrified the audience. His closing experiments proved conclusively, his absolute power over persons under the influence of Magnetism. We never saw an audience more delighted or better satisfied."

On the 8th, the *Democrat* says: "The exciting interest created by the many astonishing cures performed by this gentleman, (Mr. K.) and his nightly demonstrations in the presence of his audience, does not flag. There is difficulty in procuring seats for all who crowd the large hall;" and Jan. 10th, it adds: "The lectures and demonstrations of Mr. Keely have taken entire possession of the town. In defiance of the raging snow storm on Saturday evening, from four to five hundred persons assembled at an early hour."

We close these extracts as we began them, with one from Geo. D. Prentice, Esq., Editor of the *Louisville Journal*. Its date is January 15, 1848.

"We never before saw such a crowd at the Odd Fellows' Hall as was assembled there last night. It was supposed that nearly a thousand persons were present. No great political orator, no popular Methodist preacher, no powerful actor has ever been able to draw such

multitudes together in this city, as are now drawn nightly by Mr. Keely. The experiments last night were wonderful, and we presume that none who saw them doubted that they were precisely what they seemed to be."

We have before us bushels of such testimonies as the above, to the power of Dr. Keely over the nervous systems of the subjects of his operations, and of his consequent ability to "heal all their diseases." If the reader will not believe these, "neither would he believe though one rose from the dead." He should be magnetized by Mr. K. or some of his pupils, and filled with gout, dropsy, rheumatism and tic douloureux, till he should be compelled to say, "Hearing *may be believing*, but *feeling is knowing*."

Dr. Keely desires to say, in this connection, that he feels a deep and lasting gratitude toward the numerous editors who, in every place in which he lectured and cured disease, came out, unsolicited, and so nobly set forth, in the face of strong prejudices in high places, often to their injury, the claims of a stranger and his much abused science. Many of them were threatened, by the advocates of Allopathy and those of sectarian religion, with the withdrawal of friendship and patronage if they should continue to sustain what was called quackery and infidelity; but these noble knights of the tripod, despised all such threats, and battled manfully for the truth, and its humble advocate. They could not see the propriety of abusing a philanthropist and misrepresenting his labors, when, it was daily and unequivocally manifest that those labors were the accomplishment of that, for suffering humanity, which their revilers had never been able to effect—the cure of what the faculty had pronounced "incurable diseases," and by means which the ministry had been commanded but had neglected to use—"Looking on them," "laying on them of hands" and pronouncing them cured.

To none is he more indebted for this noble countenance and support in his efforts for the relief of the sick, the great end and aim of all his labors, than to Geo. D. Prentice, Esq., Editor of the *Louisville Journal*. Though Mr. Prentice, at first, like too many others, "had strong prejudices against Mesmerism," yet, unlike them, he sought light on the subject, and, when he found it, he did not hide it under a bushel, but boldly set it forth for the benefit of others, and thus greatly aided the lecturer in his benevolent efforts, and secured his deep and everlasting gratitude.

# HISTORY OF MENTAL ELECTRICITY.

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BY ISAAC I. KEELY.

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My attention was first called to this subject, some twenty years ago, by the remark of a stranger, that I would make a good Magnetizer. He gave me the mode of operations, by the use of which, I soon succeeded in making it to me a subject of amusement; but, when I began to see cases of clairvoyance, I was most deeply interested in it, as an evidence of the immortality of the soul, (which I had until then doubted,) and set myself, at once, diligently to making experiments, by which I demonstrated the truth and beauty of the principles and the great utility of the practice of Mental Electricity.

The first public experiments I ever witnessed, were those given by Mr. Johnson, in Cincinnati, about 1842, and which, I believe, were the first that were ever given in that city. Those experiments exhibited the results of sympathy and clairvoyance. The experiments in these departments were very striking, and they redoubled my zeal in the investigation of the subject, which I continued at my leisure, with very satisfactory success.

The next important demonstrations, to me, on this subject, were made in Cincinnati, by Prof. De Bonneville, of Harvard University, in 1843 or '44. These presented to me some new features in the manifestations, particularly the control of the physical organization in the semi-wakeful state.

From my earliest operations in this art, say 1836, I was in the habit of relieving headache, but did not think of applying the power curatively any further, my experiments being performed chiefly for my own amusement and improvement. I continued my private experiments with good success, until Mr. E. M. S. Spencer appeared in the

West. His plan of operations was the most simple, and his experiments were the most successful and satisfactory of any that I had seen. His mode of producing the cataleptic state by the use of coin, was a great relief and aid to the magnetizer, as it enabled him much more easily to produce the magnetic effects, and to multiply them in a given time far beyond all former precedent. I first met this gentleman in Hamilton, Ohio, in 1845. Anxious to investigate the subject more thoroughly, I invited him to Oxford, and procured for him a class of fifty persons, for instruction in the art of magnetizing. This seemed to him a novel movement, and was *his* first effort at teaching in this way, though Prof. De Bonneville had done something of the same kind in Cincinnati and other places. Mr. Spencer's experiments were very excellent and interesting; but he had not yet digested any definite principles of the science, nor any systematic mode of instruction in the art. He had used magnetism as a remedial agent, only to relieve headache.

After his departure, some thirty gentlemen formed themselves into a society, for the purpose of further investigations. To me was assigned the duty of conducting the experiments. We met but a few evenings. The majority of the members not appearing to appreciate the subject as I thought they should, I withdrew from the society, and selected a few of those whom I considered the best fitted, by talent, education, and mental and moral habits, to aid me, by forming a circle for investigation. Among these were Professors Scott, Moffitt, and Mathews, of Miami University, and other intelligent and worthy citizens. This investigation proved to be, to me, a source of much interest, instruction and gratification.

In October and November, 1845, a collecting business called me to various parts of the country. Wherever I stopped I felt inclined to make experiments, in sitting rooms, parlors, etc., for the amusement of persons present. And, when I came to singing schools, I would make a request of the teachers to dismiss early, and allow me to amuse them and their pupils with magnetic experiments. I thus continued for several weeks, until I found that I was entirely neglecting my business. But, observing that persons magnetized, were often immediately relieved from nervous, rheumatic, and many other affections, I inferred that magnetism involved a curative principle, which, if systematically developed and applied, might be made extensively and powerfully efficient in the treatment of disease in general. I

therefore determined to devote my whole attention, for a time, to the investigation of the subject, and, should I find it worthy of the sacrifice, to give my life to the practice as a profession.

My first effort in pursuance of this resolution, was made at Brownsville, Indiana, in December, 1845. Here I cured, with Local Magnetism, Mr. Rider, Postmaster, of sick headache, with which he had been afflicted for eleven years. He has frequently assured me, that he has never since been seriously troubled with it.

I then lectured and demonstrated, in Liberty and other places, producing many similar results, by Local Magnetism, and effecting several important cures by general treatment; especially of rheumatism, pains in the limbs, and other parts of the body.

Reflecting, one day, on the influence which a sudden shock often produces upon the nervous system, my mind recalled the account of a case in which the limbs of a man were instantly restored from a rheumatic affection, by the sudden burst of a flame of fire into his apartment. Immediately on this, came up other cases of sudden restoration from nervous affections, all which were well authenticated as facts; but for which no philosophy or rationale had been given. I was convinced that there must be a principle on which these cures were effected, and I set myself to studying it out. I observed that, when magnetized, the nerves were far more easily impressed than in the wakeful state, and hence concluded that these shocks must be as much more effective for cure, if produced on persons when in that state, than when in the natural, as their organs were more excitable. I had often heard it said, and had read in books treating on pathology, that deafness was frequently a result of partial or of total paralysis of the auditory nerve. Hence I concluded that, if I could place the deaf in a magnetic state, and then produce on them a sharp and sudden shock, I should certainly cure all cases that consisted in paralysis.

At Brownsville, Indiana, about 1846, I applied the practice on this principle, to a Mr. Witherson, who had been partially deaf for many years, and his hearing was *instantly* and completely restored. In a few weeks, I had treated other cases with equal success.

I then advertised that I would cure deafness, and invited the proper subjects to my lectures. As I only staid a few days at a time, in any place, I was not able to bring all that came to me, fully under the magnetic influence, I failed in some cases to do any permanent good.

But I soon observed that I cured, by these operations, many troublesome and even dangerous affections, of the very existence of which I knew nothing. I therefore inferred that the treatment must be good for all forms of disease; and, within two or three years, I effected so many cures of the most unpromising cases, that I became fully confirmed in the belief, that all forms of disease arise from, or consist in, derangement of the nervous system; and, therefore, concluded that all could best be cured by equalizing the nervous action, which in my opinion can be done in many cases more promptly and effectually by magnetism, than by all other means known to man.

These cures were so strange and new to the masses of society, that I deemed it necessary to establish the fact that they were certainly performed. To this end, I requested the crowds of persons in every place, who attended my lectures and asylums, to appoint committees to observe and test them, and report them accordingly. In every place in which I lectured afterward, such committees were formed, and they made favorable reports of my lectures and success, and of the principal cures effected. A few of some hundreds of these are here submitted.

This little work is intended as a forerunner to a more minute and complete history of my demonstrations and developments, from 1845, the time that I first determined to commence this investigation and to practice magnetizing as my regular profession, to the period of its final publication. In that work, I shall present many specimens of the ill treatment I experienced from those for whom I labored, especially men of science and the liberal professions; and also evidences of the complete triumph which I everywhere obtained over my enemies, by exposing their chicanery and hypocrisy, and establishing the principles as the basis of the science, and the practice as the most judicious and efficient yet adopted in the healing art.

I would here, without the least reserve, and with the utmost confidence, recommend to the afflicted, by whatever form of disease, Prof. A. CURTIS, M. D., of Cincinnati, Ohio, as fully competent to treat them, with Mental Electricity, according to my system of Mental Electricity.

I. I. KEELY.

## Keely's Mode of Curing Disease by Mental Electricity.

Procure a number of pieces of new silver coin, say dimes. Make, in the center of each piece, a small indentation. Place it in the palm of the hands of the persons who present themselves to be magnetized. Request them to take an easy position—one that they can retain for ten or fifteen minutes, without the movement of a muscle. Keep the eyes fixed steadily on the indentation in the coin, until they become weary or the lids heavy, when the eyelids may be gently closed, and the mind must be placed in a quiet state, as near to that necessary to natural sleep as it possibly can.

At the expiration of ten or fifteen minutes, take hold of your subject, request him to rise to his feet, and assist him to do it. Place his hand on the top of his head, making a few passes from the shoulder to the hand, then insert a pin through both coats of the skin. If the subject does not flinch he is magnetized. Say to your subject, open your eyes and fix them on mine. Look boldly and firmly in his eyes, and say to him, you must do everything that I do. Commence any motion of the arms or of the limbs, and continue it until he follows your example, when tell him that he is obliged to continue it; he can not stop it; and, if well magnetized, he will continue it a long time. You should stop him when he begins to manifest a weariness.

The exercising of the subject under the magnetic state, will effect many important cures. Many others are effected by simply producing the magnetic state, and not exercising the subjects at all. These modes have been practiced, time immemorial, by hundreds of intelligent and good operators, on both continents. That which I claim as original, is the curing of disease, by giving a sudden shock, such as that produced by the firing of a pistol, which excites a powerful mental emotion, sending thrilling from the brain through the entire nervous system, the nervo-vital fluid or life principle, casting off disease, whatever it may be, and restoring healthy action.

For instance, if a case of deafness, the paralysis of the auditory nerve is destroyed, and the man hears; and in a case of amaurosis, that of the optic nerve is destroyed, and the man sees, and so of every other form of disease that afflicts the human family. These results are simple and natural founded upon scientific principles easily produced, and invaluable to the invalids who need them.

## Congenital Deafness.

THE cases under this head are exceedingly numerous and various, especially of those who had once heard, and had become deaf from disease. But, as those in which the deafness was congenital, or nearly so, will be the most convincing as well as interesting, we here give some of these.

*Deaf Mute 1.*—Miss Sarah Jane Barton, daughter of Moses Barton, of Troy, Ohio, says her father, “was deaf and dumb from her infancy till the 30th day of April, 1846, at which time we noticed that she could hear; and, believing that Mr. I. I. Kelly had, by reason of his magnetic influence, produced this wonderful change, we caused her to proceed in the same, and would here say that, on yesterday morning, Sept. 4th, 1846, I, William Barton, placed a common watch to her ear, and she could plainly hear it tick two inches from her right ear, and could hear it when placed on or near the left. She could also hear wagons passing by our house, and slight raps of the hand on the furniture in any part of the room. \* \* She can also hear sounds made on the partitions, which I am positive she could never before hear. \* \* and I am satisfied that this effect was produced by Mr. I. I. Keely, by his magnetic influence.”

This was sworn to and subscribed before Sol. D. Bayless, Mayor of Troy, Sept. 4, 1846. Many others, citizens of Troy, subscribed to the above statements.

From other letters it appears that Miss Barton had been sent to the Deaf and Dumb Asylum in Columbus, and educated under the superintendence of the well known Mr. Hubbell, from which she had returned to Troy. On the 15th October, 1846, she addressed to Dr. Keely a letter, in which she says:

“I would say that, until about one week ago, my hearing remained much as it was when you left. My brother operated on my ears, and I have heard much better ever since. I try to talk and say better.”

In another letter dated Jan. 24, 1847, she says to Dr. Keely:

“I hear the knock of the door every morning, and days I hear the clock strike and tick; I hear the bugle and drums, and noise of wagons; I hear the wind and thunder; *I talk alphabet some*, and hear sing and preach; I hear man shout in meeting—hurt my ear much; I hear my sister cry in cradle; I hear the bell ring. \* \* I like

see you and be magnetized by you; I hear very much but can't understand. I try to speak all I can, but it is handy to talk with my hands."

In the same letter six other Bartons and Sally Haines state substantially the same things as above, and further, that:

"She has not been magnetized for a long time. Her hearing has improved some. She hears, across the room, the slightest rap on the table, the sound of our voices in common conversation; the clock strike, and will tell the time by the striking. She hears the clock tick two feet. \* \* Last sabbath she was in church, and one of the members got shouting; it had such an influence on her head that it ached all the rest of the day. \* \* She will spell and pronounce, "boy," "bread," "man," and some others of similar sort. I find it hard to make people believe though they see and hear themselves. I have tried to get some *friends* to come and test her, they have no interest and will not take the trouble. They are unwilling to believe in the science," etc.

In a letter to Dr. Keely M. H. Barton says:

"When she came home from Covington, I found that her hearing had materially improved, and continues so; I am satisfied she hears sound quite well. When two or three persons are in the dining room, talking, she hears all the time. Any noise about the house confuses her. Saturday she sat down and wrote to one of her school-mates. It astonished us to see what little noise disturbed her; we could not open nor shut a door, nor walk about the house, but it took her attention—a thing unknown to us before. It was a great satisfaction to me that I could get her attention by speaking."

Robert Long, of College Corner, O., visited Miss Barton, and says: (Nov. 3, 1847;) "We were informed by her mother, that she had, previous to these experiments, been wholly deaf. Her hearing seemed to be very indistinct, and her articulation quite as imperfect. I suppose, however, that this would have been the case had the organ been entirely restored, as the perfection of both the faculties must very much depend upon use."

In a letter dated Troy, Oct. 12, 1846, Mr. H. Barton gives evidence of Miss B.'s improvement, and adds: "One thing I know, whereas she was once deaf, she now hears some."

Later accounts from herself and others, show that this young lady from being a congenital deaf mute, was enabled, by the power of

Mental Electricity, to both hear and speak. Thus was repeated, in our midst, the miracle of making "the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak."

*Deaf Mute 2.*—Sampson Anderson appeared before Henry E. Spencer, J. P., March 13, 1847, and, being duly sworn, "deposed and said, that he had been deaf and dumb from his birth; (congenital deafness;) that he was educated at the Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb, at Columbus, O.; that he commenced his studies in 1840, and continued there six years. (That he is now 21 years old.)

"That he was placed under magnetic influence by Mr. I. I. Keely several times, and operated upon for the removal of his deafness. Since these operations, he is capable of hearing any ordinary sounds, and common conversation; the ticking of a common watch distinctly, five inches from the right ear, and nine from the left; that he is now capable of making articulate sounds, and is rapidly learning to talk. That he resides on Longworth street, between Plum and Western Row."

The truth of this affidavit is confirmed by the signatures of twenty-nine names, among which are C. M. Doolittle, Wm. Goodhue, G. L. Van Emmon, M. D., and his own mother, more than a year afterward.

*Deaf Mute 3.*—Wm. A. Morten, Madisonville, O., testified, as did M. Anderson, "that he is 27 years old; that, when he was about four years old, he lost his hearing after a severe attack of fever; he was entirely deaf, unable to hear thunder, the firing of guns, or any other noise. In 1850, he attended the Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb, at Columbus, Ohio, and remained there six years. That, within the last two weeks, he has been repeatedly placed under magnetic influence, by Mr. I. I. Keely, and his ears operated upon for the removal of his deafness; that, from the effects of these operations, he now hears ordinary sounds, and the ticking of a watch distinctly at the distance of five feet from the right ear, and two from the left." This also is confirmed by twenty names, among which are Drs. Van Emmon and Talbot, and Mr. Wm. J. Owens.

*Deaf Mute 4.*—Wm. S. Phares, of Rossville, O., in a letter to Dr. Keely, dated Jan. 23, 1848, says: "Our little mute, Washington Carr, continues to improve rapidly. He can hear the mantel clock tick any where in the room, and faint sounds six or eight feet from him; can hear the snapping of the thumb and finger nails eight to ten feet; can articulate almost any word of one syllable; knows the name of nearly every thing about the house, and can pronounce it." I think, if he

improves as fast hereafter as he has for the last two months, he will soon talk pretty well, and be going to school. This will certainly be a great triumph for the science of Mesmerism."

*Deaf Mute 5.*—Joseph C. Sloan, of Cincinnati, O., makes affidavit, March 12, 1847, "that he has been deaf and dumb ever since he was six years old, produced, as he believes, by cold; could hear loud noise, and the ticking of a watch when pressed against either ear, but not without. He commenced his education at the Deaf and Dumb Asylum, in 1839, and continued in it till 1845.

"He has been placed in the magnetic state a few times by Mr. I. I. Keely, and had his ears operated upon, since which, he is able to hear any ordinary sound, and the ticking of a watch six inches from one ear, and four from the other."

*Deaf Mute 6.*—James S. Pettit, of Cincinnati, corner of Plum and Fifth street, being duly sworn, deposed and said, (March 15, 1847) "that he had been deaf from his birth, (congenital deafness.) That he was educated in the Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb, in the city of New York; commenced 1830, left 1835. That he had never been able to hear the firing of cannon, thunder, nor any noise during his whole life, (now 32 years;) that he had lately been placed under magnetic influence, and, while in that state, his ears several times operated upon by Mr. Keely. The effect has been to enable him to hear conversation in an upper tone of voice, the rumbling of the carts in the streets, and even the ticking of a common watch distinctly, four inches from either ear."

This case is certified by the attachment to the affidavit, of ten names of our respectable citizens.

*Deaf Mutes 7 and 8.*—One of Dr. Keely's pupils, S. T. Dufield, wrote to Dr. Keely, dated at Carthage, Tenn., Feb. 28, 1848, as follows: "I restored two cases of Congenital Deafness to *perfect hearing*. They are learning to talk very fast. Ages 18 and 29. These cures will be reported in the Louisville Medical Journal; the physicians of Lebanon will make out the report soon. I effected some other excellent cures, such as rheumatism, palsy, chills and fever, and a badly mashed foot," etc., etc.

That he spoke the truth we have the evidence of the closing part of his letter, in which he says: "My health is declining so fast, that I feel that I am not for this world long. [He had the consumption.] This is a rather melancholy thought. I want no prouder monument

placed over my grave, than a rough stone with this inscription, 'Here lies the man who cured the first case of Congenital Deafness in the State of Tennessee—an advocate and a pioneer of the science'" of Mental Electricity.

Many other cases have been cured, but these are all that we can accommodate with space—and they should be enough. Observe, Mr. Dufield says: "the Doctors of Lebanon will prepare a report of these cases, which will be published in the Louisville Medical Journal!" Not they! and if they should prepare it, the Editors of the Journal would not publish it! What! publish a remarkable cure by a "*man* not bred to physic!" and by a *power* which the allopathic faculty denounce! No, indeed! They may be ever so well assured that Keely and his pupils give sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, firmness and health to the epileptic, and suppleness to the rheumatic; that lobelia and a vapor bath cures hydrophrbia with unerring certainty, and that Polemonium reptans, Alisma plantago, and many other plants, with vapor baths or without them, have cured rattle and other venomous snake bites, in many cases; but they *will not publish these facts*; it would "lessen the dignity of the profession."

Still worse; above are reports of the giving of hearing to five persons that had been educated, as deaf and dumb, in Columbus, and one in New York.\* Would it not be fairly presumed that this fact that Dr. Keely, had cured so many, would be sufficient to open wide to him and his co-laborers, all the doors of all the Deaf and Dumb Asylums in the Union! So far from it, that the indubitable evidence he produced, that he was able to give hearing to the deaf, and speech to the dumb, and sight to the blind, and thus to relieve the unfortunate of their disabilities, and the community of a vast expense to educate them, was the very cause that shut the doors of their boasted charities against him! And why? Because, again, the knowledge of the fact that almost any benevolent man can do this glorious work, which they have never done, would "lessen the dignity of the medical profession," and shake from the public crib, a multitude of gormandizers, who might starve but for the reward they receive for

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\*One such case cured by an eminent Allopathic doctor with the ordinary practice of that sect, would be trumpeted forth in all the medical journals of the Union, as the great triumph of medical skill of the nineteenth century.

educating the deaf, the dumb, and the blind! And these few precious souls must not be deprived of their gains, for the benefit of the many unfortunates who are deprived of the choicest of the blessings of life!

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(From the Ohio State Journal, Aug. 8, 1848.

### Human Magnetism.

"I. I. Keely *vs.* the City of Columbus.

"This case, which has caused so much excitement in scientific circles, has been settled. The city of Columbus was supposed to authorize the city council to exact license for all lectures delivered by traveling lecturers, when the lectures were not scientific. Mr. Keely came to Columbus to deliver his lectures on the subject of Human Magnetism, and its application to the cure of diseases, hoping to gain permission to operate on the pupils of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum, and to cure the greater portion of them. He was compelled to pay, in all, some forty-three dollars to lecture here, and, being dissatisfied with the slight thus put upon the science which he professed to teach, he sued the city to recover the money back, on the ground that his lectures were scientific. This raised the question, for the first time, for judiciary inquiry, whether Human Magnetism is a science. The testimony of medical and other witnesses, was elicited, under oath, to facts of the most surprising character, and the existence of Human Magnetism, as a science, was proved to the satisfaction of many who would not, under other circumstances, have given it any credit. A great many nice questions were involved, and the city finally concluded to pay back the money under advice of counsel."

When did Allopathy ever obtain a judicial decision that its principles are worthy of the name, Science? See Curtis's Medical Criticisms, No. 1 to 18, and 19 to 151.

Was it not passing strange, after obtaining this legal decision in Columbus, that his principles were scientific, that is, founded in nature, and his practice was "the divine art of healing," that Dr. Keely was not permitted to practise on the deaf and dumb whom Allopathy had condemned as incurable? Was it not inhuman to refuse to those unfortunate creatures, our "brethren and kindred according to the flesh,"

the benefit of his services, after he had proved, by many examples, (see the cases of Congenital Deafness,) that he could give to many of them what nature had denied to them, the power to hear and to speak? What condemnation can be sufficiently severe on those who refused him admission into the asylum on the miserable plea that "the object of the Institution was to educate, not to cure?" Was not this very education designed as the best, though a very poor substitute, for the faculty which Dr. Keely proposed to confer, without money and without price? Must the deaf and dumb be doomed forever to remain so, merely to gratify the managers of the Institution in their benevolent "object to educate," when a cure would supersede that object? Not being able to account for their conduct on any rational or benevolent principles, I leave them to the decision of their own consciences, and that of a discerning and judicious public sentiment. A. C.

## REPORTS

OF COMMITTEES TO INVESTIGATE THE FACTS THAT WERE ELICITED BY  
DR. KEELY, IN HIS LECTURES AND EXPERIMENTS IN  
"MENTAL ELECTRICITY."

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It has been the custom of Dr. Keely to invite, wherever he lectured, scientific, professional, and other intelligent and honorable men of all ranks in society, to appoint, in the outset, committees to investigate his pretensions and claims; to observe, criticise and test, all his operations, and to report, at the close of his lectures, whatever science, truth, benevolence and duty should dictate. We give here, as specimens of these reports, (which are too numerous and voluminous for any work less than a folio volume,) first, that drawn up by a committee of his private class, in Louisville, Kentucky, in the year 1848.

That committee consisted of

SAMUEL D. BALDWIN, A. M.,  
*Preacher, Wesley Chapel Station, M. E. Ch., South,*  
T. L. CALDWELL, M. D.,  
WM. J. C. BAUM, M. D.,  
C. PIRTLE, M. D.,  
J. W. BRIGHT, M. D.,  
GEORGE D. PRENTICE, ESQR.,  
*Editor Louisville Journal.*

And "the correctness of its statements was cheerfully avouched" by the venerable Prof. Charles Caldwell, than whom no man living was better qualified to judge of them.

The *second* report, of the same gentlemen, as well as the statement of Prof. Caldwell, shows that the cures here reported were permanent.

The first report is introduced by two articles from the Louisville Journal. The reports that follow, had each connected with it a great number of cases, like those of the present, the most of which we omit, that we may have room for a greater variety of forms of disease, than any one report presents. The cases of congenital Deafness are abridged from regular affidavits never before published, of which we were supplied in a quantity that absolutely filled to overflowing our astonishment.

We hope that the reader will carefully scan the testimonies in this work, and give, as we intend to do, to Dr. Keely, something of the credit he deserves for his untiring labors and his hitherto unparalleled successes, that he and they may be more properly appreciated by those who know them not, as well as those who know them partially.

# ANIMAL MAGNETISM;

OR,

# MENTAL ELECTRICITY.

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THE following Editorial and Report are from the Louisville Journal:

MR. KEELY.—This most distinguished and successful of all the American practitioners of Mesmerism, is now in our city. He has made a triumphant tour through several of the principal interior towns of Kentucky, and is about to start for St. Louis, with the intention of giving a course of twenty lectures, with experiments, in that city.

Wherever Mr. Keely has been, his experiments, especially in the curing of diseases, have been thoroughly scrutinized, and, in every instance, a highly favorable report on them has been made by the first citizens of the community. The details of the report made in this city, and the names of the professional and other gentlemen attached to it, are well remembered. The report in Frankfort is signed by G. A. Robertson, Rev. J. S. Braddock, W. T. Herndon, Esq., Rev. B. Miles, Mr. Craig, Keeper of the Penitentiary, T. D. Tilford, Esq., J. M. Mills, M. D., and several others. The report in Versailles is signed by Medley Sheldon, Esq., Hugh Turner, Esq., Herman Bowman, Esq., and more than twenty others. The report in Shelbyville is signed by Dr. Bonney, Dr. T. V. Bush, Dr. W. A. Bush, Mr. Rice, Mr. Middleton, editor of the News, and others. The report at Lexington is signed by Rev. Mr. Kavanaugh, Rev. Mr. Farnsworth, President of the Memphis University, Rev. S. S. Church, H. C. Pindell, Esq., John Lutz, Esq., and others of equally high character. The report at New Albany, made several months ago, and signed by a large number of the leading citizens of the town, gave detailed accounts of the most surprising cures, and the same gentlemen have, within the last two or three days, given their testimony to Mr. Keely, that the cures wrought by him, have continued up to the present time.

In the September number of the American Phrenological Journal, we find a well written communication from Dr. Caldwell, giving a truthful and graphic description of Mr. Keely's achievements here. The Doctor, after a brief account of the efforts of several other lecturers on Mesmerism in this city, says:

"In this calm and moderate, but not unpromising state, did matters continue until the arrival, in Louisville, of I. I. Keely, Esq., in the winter of 1847-'8, when everything connected with Mesmerism was changed. And the change was sudden and great, beyond anything of the sort I had ever witnessed. Better still, it was permanent. I should rather say, that its course was necessarily forward. Like all other gushes of truth and nature, it could never retrograde—because it was itself truth and nature, and had therefore the firmness and endurance of the 'house not made with hands.'"

"Mr. Keely spoke and expounded exceedingly well; but he could not be said to lecture. He did more—he demonstrated. And though his first demonstration was by no means equal to most of his subsequent ones, yet was every person of discernment, who witnessed it, fully convinced that it was the work of a master. And every succeeding demonstration added to the conviction another brace and rivet, until the product was complete.

"The effects of his performances speak in their praise more eloquently and forcibly, than can all the language and metaphor that the power and resources of rhetoric can bring to the task. With those efforts, therefore, it is neither my purpose nor my province to vie in his behalf. I shall only name two or three of them, and let them do the business themselves.

"The most important of them were, the relief of many diseases, and the cure of not a few, that had for years resisted all other remedies. Others, less beneficial, but hardly less striking, were—

"1. The drawing together, from night to night, in all sorts of weather, overwhelming audiences of the intellectual and fashionable elite of Louisville, and detaining them by his performances as long as he chose.

"2. The taking possession of the minds of his subjects, and controlling them in a manner, and to an extent, even more extraordinary and incredible than anything fiction or fable can boast."

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(From the Louisville Democrat, October 24.)

We invite the attention of our readers to the extract from the Frankfort Yeoman Extra, on the subject of Mr. Keely's experi-

ments in magnetism. The same paper contains a number of certificates of cures, in cases of Deafness, Rheumatism, etc., which are certainly extraordinary. Our citizens recollect the experiments of Mr. Keely in this city, which made so many converts to the science. There are, however, still multitudes who have a cheap way of seeming wise, by shaking their very empty heads, and winking significantly. Most people, however, have a habit of trusting their senses, and the facts shown by Mr. Keely are too striking to be disputed.

We advise all candid persons to see these experiments for themselves. To believe, the experiments must be seen; to reject the whole without examination, will do for the shallow, who wish to seem wise in a cheap way.

It is to be regretted that those most competent in other respects to investigate these matters, have too much prejudice and self-conceit to do it. The people must take the subject in hand. The high priests and pharisees of science are like those of religion—generally the sturdy opponents of all reforms. They know how much, in their own estimation, is to be taught. Let them enjoy their ignorance, since it is bliss to them. Science will not pause in its progress for their accommodation.

We copy, from the American Phrenological Journal, a few extracts of a notice written by Dr. Charles Caldwell, alluding to the progress made by the science of Mesmerism, in Louisville. He says:

“For several years after this mountain and mouse labor and issue, the condition of Mesmerism underwent no very material change. Louisville was visited, from time to time, by roving lecturers on the subject, whose experiments and demonstrations, added to the persevering labors of our own small but faithful band of Mesmerists, gradually developed the resources and improved the prospects of the science.

“In this calm and moderate, but not unpromising state, did matters continue until the arrival, in Louisville, of I. I. Keely, Esq., in the winter of 1847-’8, when everything connected with Mesmerism was changed. And the change was sudden and great, beyond anything of the sort I had ever witnessed. Better still, it was permanent. I should rather say, that its course was necessarily forward. Like all other gushes of truth and nature, it could never retrograde—because it was itself truth and nature, and had therefore the firmness and endurance of the ‘house not made with hands.’

“But the following report of a committee of Mr. Keely’s private class, the correctness of which I cheerfully avouch, is a document much more creditable to him and his performances,

than all I have said, or can say in their behalf. With the addition of that, therefore, I conclude my narrative."

"CHAS. CALDWELL."

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### Animal Magnetism.

At a meeting of the members of Mr. I. I. Keely's class, held at the Odd Fellows' Hall, on Monday evening, January 30, 1848, Dr. J. W. Bright was called to the Chair, and John W. Athy appointed Secretary.

The committee appointed by the class, to examine and report to said class, on Mr. K.'s teachings and demonstrations of Animal Magnetism, and its application as a remedial agent, offered the subjoined report, which was read by Dr. T. L. Caldwell, together, at the suggestion of Mr. K., with a number of the cases cured or relieved during his visit here.

Mr. Shanks moved that the report be adopted, which was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. Poor moved that the committee appoint a sub-committee from their number, to report upon the cases to be submitted hereafter. In accordance therewith, Drs. Pirtle, Caldwell, and Baum, were appointed that committee.

Dr. Pirtle submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That, in our opinion, the editors in the several city daily papers, would confer a public favor, by publishing the report of this class, and that we very respectfully request them to do so.

Mr. Oldham presented a resolution of thanks to Mr. Keely, for his untiring efforts in giving instructions while in the city, in the science of Animal Magnetism, which was unanimously adopted.

DR. J. W. BRIGHT, *Chairman*.

JOHN W. ATHY, *Secretary*.

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### Report of the Committee.—To the Public.

In offering the following testimonial to the success of Mr. Keely, in his late teaching and public demonstrations of the power of Animal Magnetism, in Louisville, Ky., both of its many singular phenomena, and especially of its efficacy as a curative agent, it is not the wish or the intention of the members of Mr. Keely's class, to engage in any discussion as to the agent

itself or the *modus operandi* through which its startling and extraordinary results are developed. Their business is with those results alone as facts, and they feel it their duty to state distinctly the grounds on which they are disposed to fix a high estimate upon the exertions of Mr. Keely, and to do him full justice before the world.

There is not originality in Mr. Keely's manner of inducing the magnetic state, though it was novel to most of us in this city, nor does he make such a claim; on the contrary he expressly disavows it. Nor again does he advance or advocate any especial theory as to the source or mode of action of Animal Magnetism. This, in his remarks, he judiciously avoids, simply pointing out occasionally errors of theory in others, and conclusively demonstrating those errors by the plainest and fairest experiments in proof of his position.

Mr. Keely's great merit appears to us to lie in the correct judgment that has guided him in the application of Animal Magnetism as a remedial agent. Of certain singular and anomalous cases of the cure of long standing diseases, by the sudden shock of some violent mental emotion, familiar as facts to the well read physician, but whose rationale has never been understood so as to lead to any important practical good, Mr. K., though not a medical man, has, we think, given a correct explanation. Guided by a fair deduction from this, he has, we think, with a peculiar felicity and success, applied the principle on which he conceived those results to depend, to the remedial application of this science. The strong and unquestionable evidences of his success in other places, brought by Mr. K. to this city, together with the number of cases of disease to which he has, under the observation of his class, with greater or less success, applied his mode of treatment, induce us to express our firm conviction that, as a system, to render the benefits of Animal Magnetism, easily and generally available in the relief of disease and suffering, that adopted and taught by Mr. Keely, is the best that has yet been offered to the public. The proportion of individuals affected by the magnetic influence, is much greater than by other modes of induction, and, with very few exceptions, all brought under its agency, who are invalids, are in a greater or less degree benefited, besides a number, to all appearances, entirely relieved from suffering and disease.

Before closing these brief remarks, we may be permitted to make one more statement, which, in justice, is due to Mr. Keely. The character of the practical magnetiser ought to be unimpeachable on the score of general morals and stern integrity. Mr. K. brings with him, from that part of the country where he

has resided, the strongest testimonials on this especial point, and we are bound to say that his entire deportment, during his visit to Louisville, has been such as fully to confirm them. In establishing the practical benefits of magnetism, he has also manifested correct feeling to the afflicted who were in indigent circumstances, a number of such having received the full benefit of his services, with the privilege of constant attendance at his asylum, free from all charge.

Subjoined are given a number of cases operated on and relieved by Mr. Keely, during his visit here, with the signatures of the individuals themselves. Most of them have been known by personal observation to a majority of the class; and every means have been adopted by the committee, appointed by the class for the purpose, to insure accuracy in the statements thus offered to the public.

SAM. D. BALDWIN, A. M.,

*Preacher, Wesley Chapel Station, M. E. Ch., South.*

T. L. CALDWELL, M. D.,

WM. J. C. BAUM, M. D.,

C. PIRTLE, M. D.,

J. W. BRIGHT, M. D.,

GEO. D. PRENTICE.

#### Case 1, Rheumatism.

I have been, for nine weeks, so much affected with Rheumatic pains, that I could not, for the whole time, raise my right hand to my head; and, for part of the time, in the same condition with both hands. My joints were all stiff, and it was with great pain and much actual misery that I could walk at all. On yesterday evening, chance threw me in the company of Mr. Keely, and I consented that he might make an effort to relieve me. He did so, and here is the result: In twenty minutes I could, without pain, raise and use my arms. In thirty minutes I was freed from all pain, having the perfect control and use of both arms and hands as well as ever I had; and in about the same length of time I found the pain and accompanying stiffness of my knees and ankles, wholly gone, and could rise from my seat and walk with the activity of my younger days. It is now 10 o'clock, A. M., January 1, 1848, and there is no return of pain—none of stiffness. I am entirely free from either.

For a great part of the time I have been unable to put on or pull off my cloak, or to help myself at my meals. These difficulties are gone, *certainly gone*, but why or wherefore I can not

tell. I am only certain of being free from them, and that they departed under the touch of Mr. Keely.

January 1, 1848.

JAMES I. DOZIER.

I certify that Mr. Dozier remains perfectly well up to this date; has had no return of rheumatic pains.

WILLIAM ELLIOTT.

*Louisville*, Jan. 31, 1848.

(See No. 31.)

### Case 2, Deafness.

This will certify that I have been partially deaf for four years past. My hearing at times was better than at others. I have been at no time able to hear conversation, unless addressed in a loud conversational tone, and giving strict attention to the speaker. I have been magnetically treated by Mr. Keely, for the last five days, and am now entirely and perfectly restored. I am the son of Robert Graham, of Rock Haven, Meade county, Ky. My age is nineteen years.

*Louisville*, Jan. 13, 1848.

WILLIAM U. GRAHAM.

### Case 3, Rheumatism.

This will certify that I have been afflicted with Rheumatism for three years and three months, in every joint in my body, suffering, more or less, continually; unable to attend to business three-fourths of the time. Nine months of the time I was confined to my bed. I was compelled to use a cane at all times. I have been under the care of "medical men" of good standing, and the relief I experienced was but momentary. I called on Mr. Keely, on the first of January, was magnetically treated for the removal of my Rheumatism, and I was at once entirely relieved from pain. I have had no use for my cane since. I have been magnetized four times since. I have not been magnetically treated for the last nine days. I am now well, and have been free from pain since the first operation, and I consider myself perfectly and positively cured. My age is twenty-nine years. Occupation, miller and burrmaker. I have resided in this city twelve years.

ROBERT HACKET.

*Louisville*, January 18, 1848.

### Case 4, Paralysis or Palsy.

This will certify that my son, James McCory, has been afflicted with palsy of the arm and leg for about three years past—so

much so that he has been unable to use his arm. His leg has been so badly palsied that he walked with great difficulty, touching his toes only to the ground; the sinews so drawn as to throw him in a crooked position. I had him treated by galvanism with scarcely a shadow of relief. I was induced to place him under Mr. Keely's treatment on Tuesday, January 18. My boy is now able to use his arm freely, with firmness and strength; he walks erect, steps with firmness, and is almost perfectly and fully restored. I live in Hamburg, Ind. I left him in the care of Rev. M. W. Sellers, who has witnessed the treatment and testifies to the facts as above stated.

*Louisville, Ky., Jan. 29, 1848.*

JOHN McCORY.

I know the above to be correct.

M. W. SELLERS,

Paster of Little Flock Church of the Regular Baptists, Sellersburg, Clark Co., Ind.

#### Case 5, Deafness.

Wm. Jackson, deaf since four years of age, is now nineteen; hears ticking of a watch three-fourths of an inch from left ear and two and a half inches from the right; cause, scarlet fever; commenced treatment January 10, 1848. He could not hear unless addressed in a very loud and full tone. He has been under Mr. Keely's charge for ten days, and he can now hear the same watch tick sixteen inches from the left ear and twelve inches from the right, and can hear when addressed in a common conversational tone. He is the son of Jane Gwinn, who has been living in this city eighteen years.

Subscribed for her.

January 28, 1848.

JANE GWINN.

C. PIRTLE, M. D.,

WINNIFERD HOLLIS.

#### Case 6, Deafness.

This will certify that I have been partially deaf for about six years. When I first called on Mr. Keely I could hear the ticking of his watch with difficulty in contact with my left ear, and at the distance of near a foot from my right. I have been under his treatment for two weeks, having been magnetized three or four times. I now hear the same watch tick with my left ear at about two and a half feet, and the right ear at the distance of six feet distinctly.

January 19, 1848.

J. W. ATHY,

Second Clerk, City of Louisville.

**Case 7, Rheumatism.**

This is to certify that, some ten days since, I came to Mr. Keely, afflicted with rheumatism in my neck, shoulders, arms, and hands, and had not been able to move my head without also moving my body. I had suffered in this way for six months. After being magnetically treated twice I obtained entire relief in my arms and hands; after being magnetized twice more I obtained entire relief, and I have been free from pain ever since.

January 29, 1848.

MATILDA WEST.

**Case 8, Rheumatism.**

This is to certify that I have suffered from rheumatic affection, chiefly of the knee joints, for about fifteen years. The pain has not been constant, but the attacks frequent. The stiffness in my joints has been such that for fifteen years I have been unable to bend them so as to stoop down and rise up again. I have also been suffering from general nervous debility during the whole time. For some twenty years I have had a sore on my left ankle, occasioned by fever and attended with much pain continually. I have also suffered much for some years, with great soreness of my throat, supposed to be from ulceration. For the last three months, I have not been able to walk without assistance. When I first came to Mr. Keely's asylum, I had great difficulty in getting up the stairs, suffering much pain. I have been under his charge five days, and I now feel as well as I ever did in my life; my nerves are perfectly calm and my general health much improved. I now have the perfect use of my knees. The soreness in my throat is gone. The sore on my ankle is assuming a natural and healthy appearance, and I can now walk on it with ease, and part of the time entirely without pain.

ELIZABETH GOLEN.

Subscribed for her by

REV. S. D. BALDWIN.

Louisville, Jan. 31, 1848.

**Case 9, Scrofula.**

This will certify that my daughter Elizabeth, eight years old, had swelling of the knee joint of a scrofulous character, which came on after a severe attack of scarlatina. She suffered severe pain much of the time, and at no time was free from pain. She has been thus afflicted for about three years, and for the last six months unable to walk without a crutch. She has been under Mr. Keely's charge for some ten days; she has been free from pain for the last six days, and walks without her crutch; she

now sleeps well; previously she slept but little, crying much of the time. The swelling of the knee has nearly disappeared and all the soreness has gone.

PETER GEBERLIN.

*Louisville, January 31, 1848.*

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**Case 10, Rheumatism.**

This is to certify that I have been afflicted with rheumatism for nearly four weeks, and for two weeks scarcely able to walk about the house; could not dress myself or comb my head; pain and inflammation in my limbs, soreness in my neck, with rigidity. Upon rising to walk, I was compelled to stand for some time before I could walk a step. I was not able to get into the carriage without assistance, and when I came to Mr. Keely's asylum I was assisted up the steps by two ladies.

*January 4.*—I was magnetized the first sitting, and was greatly relieved of my suffering, and was able to walk without assistance. I rested well and slept soundly the following night; have been frequently magnetized since, and up to this date have continually improved. I am now almost entirely well.

ELIZABETH ELZY.

*Louisville, Jan. 31, 1848.*

(See No. 32.)

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**Case 11, Deafness.**

This will certify that my son, John Swank, has been partially deaf for twelve years; so much so that it was with difficulty he could be made to hear conversation when addressed in a loud, full tone. He has been under Mr. Keely's charge several days, and has been magnetically treated, since which he is enabled to hear when addressed in an ordinary conversational tone. Cause of deafness, cold.

ELIZABETH SWANK.

*Louisville, Jan. 23, 1848.*

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**Case 12, Neuralgia, etc.**

This will certify that I have been suffering from general nervous debility, morbidly sensitive, and great depression of spirits. I cannot describe the continued deep depression under which I have been suffering. I have been under Mr. Keely's charge some fifteen days, and have been gradually recovering my buoyancy of spirits. My general health is rapidly improving; My nerves are materially corrected. I consider myself almost, if not entirely, cured by Mr. K.'s treatment. My age is thirty-three years. Occupation, carpenter. Have resided in this city twelve years.

JULIUS G. JOHNSON.

*Louisville, Jan. 20, 1848.*

**Case 13, Deafness.**

This will certify that I have been quite deaf for about three years, supposed to have been caused by too frequent bathing. When I called on Mr. Keely I could hear the tick of a watch three inches from my left ear, and but faintly when pressed against my right. I have been under Mr. Keely's charge occasionally for the last four weeks, and have been magnetically treated several times, and I am now able to hear the same watch tick distinctly nineteen inches from my right ear, and four and a half feet from my left. I can hear conversation in an under tone without giving more attention than others who never had any dullness of hearing. I am satisfied that I am sufficiently restored for all practical purposes.

*Louisville, Jan. 31, 1848.*

JAMES M. McDONALD.

**Case 14, Rheumatism.**

This is to certify that I have been afflicted at times for the last three years with chronic rheumatism in my shoulders. When I called on Mr. Keely (Jan. 11) the pain was quite severe. I have been magnetically treated by Mr. K. for the last few days, and I am now perfectly well.

JOHN BARNS.

*Louisville, Jan. 17, 1848.*

**Case 15, Paralysis, Pain, Palpitation,**

This will certify that I have been affected for ten months, the result of paralysis of the entire left side, and have not at any time been able to walk, or get up from my seat without assistance. I have also been suffering most excruciating pain in my joints each day and night; I have not at any time been entirely free from pain. I have also been suffering from palpitation of the heart for the last four months. This was my condition, as above stated, when, by my request, Mr. Keely called to see me, and, strange as it may seem, in less than one hour's application he restored me to the entire and perfect use of my limbs. I would further state that my right arm has been almost entirely useless to me for the last three years from rheumatic affection. To be brief, I am free from pain, have the perfect use of my limbs, can get up from my seat with ease, and use my limbs as freely as I have ever done. I freely further state that I feel an unusual degree of strength, and walk with firmness and ease.

MARGARET T. DONNE.

We testify that the above is a truthful statement, being acquainted with all the circumstances of the case.

JEMIMA OTT,  
JOHN BRADLEY.

*Louisville, Jan. 6, 1848.*

(See No. 31.)

January 30, 1848, Mrs. Donne reports herself to the committee as being perfectly restored.

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**Case 16, Deafness, Scrofula.**

My nephew, Robert Slaughter, aged 11 years, has been subject to occasional discharges from the ears for the last eighteen months, and dullness of hearing, very perceptible within the last six months. He could hear the tick of a watch when placed under Mr. Keely's charge, eight inches from the right and four inches from the left, has been magnetically treated several times, gradually improving, can now hear the same watch six feet from either ear.

JAMES B. SLAUGHTER.

*Louisville, Feb. 3, 1848.*

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**Case 17, Rheumatism, Paralysis, Fits.**

About 1832, I was first attacked with inflammatory rheumatism, which affected my system throughout. From this attack I recovered; but in 1833 was attacked with the cholera in Lexington, Ky. Since that period, from time to time, I suffered with rheumatic pains in various parts of the body until August, 1842, when I was attacked by paralysis of the right lower limb, with a good deal of pain. At this time I was on crutches, and visited Philadelphia for relief from some of the medical men of that place, but was not at all benefited. I returned to Kentucky, and this crippled condition lasted, with always more or less pain in the limb. Last August I was suddenly attacked with a fit, during which my left shoulder was injured, and I have suffered much pain in it up to the time I saw Mr. Keely, and was magnetized some three weeks since. To-day I have been magnetized for the fourth time. Since I was first magnetized I have suffered no pain. I came to Mr. Keely supported by a crutch and cane, which I had been compelled to use for the last two years; for *four years* previous I used two crutches. After the first time I was magnetized, I walked home without the use of my crutch and cane, and have not been obliged to use them since, though I walk generally with a cane, on account of a shortness of the right limb. I am regaining the use of my

left arm, though it can never be perfectly restored; to-day, on examination, a dislocation of the head of the bone being discovered. My general health is much improved. I rest well on either side, and my sleep is good. I can get in and out of bed without assistance, and can dress and undress myself with ease, which was impossible for me to do before I was magnetically treated by Mr. K., and I feel that I am steadily improving.

Louisville, Feb. 2, 1848.

WM. G. PETTIT.

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#### Case 18, Neuralgia.

This will certify that I have been afflicted with *neuralgia* for nearly two years, affecting my whole system. The pain has been changing from one part to another, so that I have not for any time been free from pain. My right arm and left leg have been constantly affected since last March one year ago, with the exception of three weeks in last October. I have seldom, since the time I have been affected, been able to sleep, unless I had a pillow between my knees. I have been under the treatment of Drs. Gross, Richardson, and McDowell. I think Dr. McDowell benefited me, the others I am certain did not. On Saturday, Jan. 15, I called on Mr. Keely, at which time I had not been able to sit up for a few hours in each day, and for the last "four" days previous to seeing Mr. K., I was not able to sit up more than one hour each day, and suffering constantly. It was with difficulty I got from my bed, and was not able to get my coat on without help. In this condition I saw Mr. K. for the first time, and at the first sitting, (Saturday, January 15,) I was magnetized, after which I was entirely free from pain, could walk with ease, and felt strong and vigorous. It is now Monday, 12 o'clock, January 17, and I continue the same, having sat up all day yesterday, (Sunday,) and also to-day, and still feel no disposition to go to bed. Dr. Pirtle assisted in this operation. I also labored under nervous irritability, which produced muscular agitation, all of which have left me. THOMAS JONES.

The above statements were given in my hearing, and the improvement came under my own observation.

Louisville, Jan. 17, 1848.

C. PIRTLE, M. D.

I have been continually improving since the first magnetization.

THOMAS JONES.

January 28, 1848.

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#### Case 19, Deafness.

This will certify that I have been deaf for twelve years previous to being treated magnetically by Mr. Keely. I could hear a

watch tick  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches from one ear and in contact with the other. I have been under his care for about four weeks, and can now hear the ticking of the same watch twenty-two inches from each ear. My age is 17 years. Deafness caused by scarlet fever.

*Louisville, Jan. 31, 1848.*

J. B. VARNUM.

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**Case 20, Deafness.**

I hereby certify that I have been very deaf for twenty years, that under Mr. Keely's treatment I have been much improved.

*Louisville, Jan. 26, 1848.*

T. S. LUCKETT.

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**Case 21, Deafness.**

Miss Elizabeth Blackburn, thirteen years old. Deafness of four years standing. Cause not certainly known: before treatment by Mr. Keely, she could hear the ticking of a watch but two and three-quarter inches from the right ear and two from left. She has been magnetically treated eight times, and now hears the same watch tick twenty-four inches from the left, and thirty-three from the right, and hears common conversation with ease when addressed in a full conversational tone.

EDWARD BLACKBURN,

ELIZABETH BLACKBURN.

The improvement in the above case came under my observation.

T. H. CALDWELL, M. D.

*Louisville, Feb. 3, 1848.*

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**Case 22, Deafness.**

W. H. Sale. Partial deafness. Age fourteen years. Could hear a watch tick six and a half inches from one ear, and three and a half from the other. Has been magnetically treated by Mr. Keely several times; now hears twenty-two inches from the right ear and thirteen from the left.

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**Case 23, Deafness.**

Miss Jones. Partially deaf for nineteen years before treatment by Mr. K. Could hear a watch tick only in contact with either ear. Now hears the same watch tick six inches from one ear, and three and a half from the other.

February 1, 1848.

ANNIE JONES.

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**Case 24, Neuralgia, Cutaneous Eruptions.**

To Mr. I. I. Keely:—I conceive my health to be very materially improved by Human Magnetism under your treatment. For

more than eight years I have been an agonizing sufferer from general nervous debility and consequent prostration of all healthful physical activity. Medical science and skill of the most eminent caste have never benefited me a great deal, though continually and indefatigably employed during most of the time. My condition, on application to you, was a "forlorn hope." I tried Magnetism from a sense of duty alone. My confidence in it was such, that I was not inspired with even an expectation of good, much less with a full fledged faith. Faith, hope, or fancy have neither accelerated nor retarded my recovery. I have improved to a vigorous, a sudden, and a buoyant strength of body and mind, felt deeply within, and acknowledged with wonder by all my friends. My altered complexion, the disappearance of cutaneous eruptions, my improved vision, all of which have taken place within two weeks, give me indubitable testimony of the sudden, wonderful, and delightful remedial agency of Magnetism. With many thanks for your kindness, and prayers for your universal success, I am your most obliged and ever grateful friend,

SAMUEL D. BALDWIN,

Preacher in charge Wesley Chapel Station,

*Louisville, Jan. 28, 1848.*

M. E. Church, South.

#### **Case 25, Neuralgia, Rheumatism, Spinal Disease.**

In 1843 I was attacked with a complication of maladies, such as neuralgia, rheumatism, and an affection of the spine. From that period, up to the treatment of Mr. Keely, some three weeks since, I have been either confined to my bed, or totally unable to walk without assistance, and unfit for any practical business. I had never experienced any permanent relief from medical skill, though receiving the best. I am now almost entirely well, and, from my first subjection to Mr. K.'s skill, I have been free from pain, my appetite is good, the neuralgia has disappeared, the spinal disease is gone, only a vestige of rheumatism remains, and I can walk the streets with my cane on my shoulder. My age is 48 years; have been a citizen of this place since 1806. Residence on Main street, between Floyd and Preston.

*Louisville, Jan. 31, 1848.*

L. E HALL.

(See pa. 41.)

#### **Case 26, Blindness, Amaurosis.**

Miss E. Vanvechen became blind two years since, through amaurosis, and was subsequently admitted into the Kentucky Institute for the Blind as a pupil. Two weeks since she returned

from Cincinnati, where, for six months, she has been under the care of Dr. Taliafero, in the Hotel for Invalids, with slight benefit as to her vision. She has for two weeks been under the care of Mr. Keely, and has been magnetically treated six times. She can now see the hands of a clock, and the figures on the face of a watch, which were utterly imperceptible to her two weeks ago. Her general health is also much improved by Mr. K.'s treatment.

*Louisville, Jan. 30, 1848.*

B. M. PATTON.

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**Case 27, Neuralgia, Spasms.**

This will certify that I have been for eight years laboring under a most afflicting neuralgic affection. It was with difficulty, at times, that all the exertions of an attentive family could keep life in me. Many nights I have been in spasms, from want of circulation of the blood, with my flesh very cold. Many of the most eminent physicians have attended me, and have exhausted their skill in vain, in endeavors to restore me. It affords me pleasure to say that, to the exertions of Mr. Keely, I am indebted for complete restoration, the misery in my head and spine having entirely disappeared—in short, I feel like a new man.

T. G. LLOYD.

*Louisville, Jan. 31, 1848.*

(See pa. 41)

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**Case 28, Paralysis.**

An old colored woman living at the house of Mr. Nimrod Bull, whose right arm has been paralyzed since 1832, and so perfectly dead that she could not make the slightest voluntary motion, and the fingers clinched. She is improved by a few magnetizations, so that she can raise the arm half way up, and bring her hand to her mouth, and can slightly move the fingers in flexation and extension; sensation perfectly restored, together with the natural temperature of the parts.

Many other cases might be enumerated, in which the magnetic treatment of Mr. K. has produced benefit to a greater or less degree, but the improvement has not been such as to render it necessary, in the opinion of the committee, to particularize them.

*Louisville, Ky., Feb. 3, 1848.*

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**Evidences of Permanency—Animal Magnetism.**

The attention of the public is respectfully solicited to a careful examination of the facts herein contained. Personally, I feel disposed to meet with silent contempt, the calumny and misre-

presentation of the enemies of humanity, who, prompted by a base opposition to truth, and guided by a thirst for distinction as opposers of *Animal Magnetism*, have been induced to report, without the least semblance of truth, that the persons restored by my treatment, as reported by a highly respectable committee on the 3rd of February, and published on the 5th 1848, have relapsed, and are even worse than before treatment—justice to myself and the cause I advocate, compels me to this mode of disabusing the public mind. The prominent cases said to have relapsed, are Mrs. Donne, Mr. Dozier, Hall, and Lloyd. I here submit their own statements of the facts as they now exist.

I. I. KEELY.

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I was one among the many restored to health through Magnetism by Mr. Keely, in last January, as published in the *Journal and Democrat*, February 5th, 1848. My health and condition is decidedly better at this time than when the report was made. I have lately seen a number of persons whose cases were reported at the same time, and they continue well.

L. E. HALL.

*Louisville*, March 30, 1848.

(See case 25.)

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I was restored by Mr. Keely as reported by the committee, Feb. 3rd, and published in the *Journal and Democrat*, Feb. 5th, 1848. I have remained well since.

T. G. LLOYD.

(See case 27.)

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Having been restored by Mr. Keely of certain diseases, as stated in the report made by the committee, February 3rd, and published on the 5th, 1848, and learning that persons are reporting that I have had a return of those complaints, I feel it my duty to say that I have remained well, and am at this time. I have never said or insinuated that the maladies of which Mr. Keely cured me had returned; I have had a severe attack of influenza.

MARGARET T. DONNE.

*Witness*, J. BRADLEY.

(See case 15.)

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I was restored by Mr. Keely of a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism, in which my entire system was involved, as published February 5th, 1848. I have been and am now perfectly and entirely well.

ELIZABETH ELZY.

*Louisville*, March 31st, 1848.

(See case 10.)

About Christmas last, I was operated on by Mr. I. I. Keely for rheumatism, with which I had been grievously afflicted, as set forth in my then publication. I was wholly relieved, and it is due to Mr. K. that I should state I have been wholly free from the disease to this time. I say *wholly free*, for I have not felt one symptom of it since.

I have heard of no relapse among those who have professed to be benefited by his operation, while he was here during the last winter.

JAMES I. DOZIER.

Louisville, March 31st, 1848.

(See case 1.)

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### Second Report.

The undersigned members of the committee appointed by Mr. Keely's class in Louisville to report on the cases treated by him, and whose report under date of Feb. 3rd is before the public, take pleasure in stating at this time, that as far as they have been able to gain information, the improvement in the cases reported, has continued to the present time; some cases have continued to improve progressively, others seem stationary at the point at which they were left, and if any have fallen back it has been the combined effects of negligence in exposure and not complying with the injunctions laid by Mr. K. to have the treatment occasionally followed up.

THOS. L. CALDWELL, M. D.,  
WM. J. C. BAUM, M. D.,  
GEO. D. PRENTICE.

Louisville, March 31st, 1848.

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### Relapses.

I have not seen any person who was magnetised by Mr. Keely last winter, for the cure of diseases, who has relapsed, or fallen back from the benefit which they received from him.

March 31st, 1848.

J. W. BRIGHT, M. D.

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I fully concur in the above statement, having no knowledge of any cases which have relapsed.

C. PIRTLE, M. D.

(From the Kentucky Yeoman.)

MR. I. I. KEELY.

Before remarking upon this subject we must state that, when Mr. Keely first came to Frankfort, we were a disbeliever in magnetism as taught and applied by him, and very frankly told him so, although we had attended a number of lectures and exhibitions by other persons. They were not so successful in their experiments as to convince a disbeliever. But as a member of one of Mr. Keely's classes, and having, there and at his public lectures, repeatedly witnessed experiments of the most extraordinary and at the same time most convincing character, we could no longer disbelieve the evidences of our own senses. He will do whatever he promises in the way of experiments; of that we are convinced beyond a doubt.

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**Case 29, Rheumatism.**

As regards the application of Human Magnetism as a remedial agent, we have not only the numerous testimonials with which he is provided from other places, but that of several persons well known to us in this town. We saw him in a few moments relieve our pressman—a colored man—of severe rheumatism in both arms and shoulders which threatened to deprive us of his services. This was done in our editorial room, publicly, and instantly; the boy not having an intimation of his intention five minutes before the operation upon him was commenced. He is well yet, after three weeks.

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**Case 30, Deafness.**

We heard Judge Wooley, of Lexington, in our office, a few days ago, say his daughter had been cured of deafness by Mr. Keely, and remained cured.

In fact, Mr. K.'s lectures in Kentucky have made hosts of converts of persons heretofore skeptical, wherever he has been. His success has been most triumphant.

We publish below the official reports of his classes at Frankfort, Paris, Versailles, and Shelbyville. We have examined similar reports from classes at Georgetown, Louisville, Lexington, and Harrodsburg. The report at Georgetown is signed by Messrs. Wise and French, editor and publishers of the Herald; by D. Howard, attorney at law; W. F. Hopkins, Professor of Natural Science in the Western Military Institute; Rev. Mr. Nowland, and several others well known to us. At Harrodsburg

the report was equally favorable, and signed, among others, by President Shannon, of Bacon College, and H. McBrayer, Police Judge.

In fine, we think Mr. Keely may safely say that he has left Kentucky with the consciousness of enjoying a most brilliant success, and we are free to speak of him favorably as a gentleman, as well as a most successful experimenter in the science of which he is a devoted student.

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## FRANKFORT.

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### Report to the Public.—Human Magnetism.

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At a meeting of the members of Mr. Keely's class, held at the Court House in Frankfort, Ky., on the 19th of September, 1848, Rev. S. Robinson was called to the Chair, and Thomas D. Tilford appointed Secretary.

On motion, the following gentlemen were appointed a committee to draft a report as to the result of Mr. Keely's success in this place, viz: Rev. Benj. Mills, Geo. A. Robertson, N. Craig, Rev. J. S. Braddock, W. T. Herndon, Dr. J. M. Mills, and John T. Steffee.

The committee offered the following report, which was adopted, viz:

From what we have heard and seen of the lectures and experiments of Mr. I. I. Keely, we consider the following positions to be strictly true:

1. That persons can be placed in the magnetic state, and thereby rendered subject to the will of the operator.

2. That persons in the magnetic state can be rendered insensible to pain, and operations of a surgical character performed without detriment to the patient.

3. That in many nervous diseases magnetism can be safely and happily applied as a remedial agent.

4. That it is the duty of scientific men generally, particularly those of the medical profession, to give the subject a fair and candid investigation, as to the real extent it can be remedially applied, and endeavor to ascertain a system of sound inductive

philosophy that will unfold, as far as possible, these mysterious phenomena.

Rev. B. MILLS,  
G. A. ROBERTSON,  
N. CRAIG,

*Keeper of Ky. Penitentiary.*

J. S. BRADDOCK,

*Pastor of Franklin Presbyterian Church.*

W. T. HERNDON,

*Marshal Town of Frankfort.*

J. M. MILLS, M. D.,

JNO. T. STEFFEE.

*Resolved*, That Rev. Benj. Mills, Thos. J. Todd and Thos. D. Tilford be appointed a committee to examine into the curative effects produced by Mr. Keely, through the agency of Human Magnetism, and report thereon.

*Resolved*, That the editors of the *Commonwealth* and *Yeoman* be requested to publish the above and subjoined report, with respective cases.

Rev. S. ROBINSON, *Ch'n.*

THOS. D. TILFORD, *Sec.*

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The undersigned committee have made an examination of the cases reported below, and are fully satisfied that they, as well as a number of other persons, have been relieved by Mr. K. through the agency of human magnetism. The persons testifying are worthy of credence. We further state that we have seen teeth extracted while the subject was in the magnetic state, without the least appearance of pain.

REV. B. MILLS,  
THOS. J. TODD  
THOS. D. TILFORD.

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### Case 31, Cancer.

I have been for two years past afflicted with a cancerous sore on my upper lip and gums, attended with severe and constant pain, which extended around the angle of the jaw and down the neck. The parts were much swollen and inflamed, so as to render it exceedingly inconvenient either to eat or drink. For the last two weeks, the pain has been so severe as to keep me awake much of the time during the night. I have also been afflicted with a roaring noise and partial deafness in the right ear for the same length of time.

I was under the treatment of Drs. Pythian & Watson, regularly, for nine months—they afforded slight relief; with their advice I resorted to Prof. Gross, of Louisville, with whom I spent three days, and continued the treatment according to his

directions for two months, but I grew worse. Since I discontinued the treatment of Prof. Gross, I have tried various remedies without any benefit whatever, the disease still increasing.

On the 15th inst., I was induced to be magnetically treated by Mr, Keely. After the first magnetization I was greatly relieved, and after the second the soreness had greatly disappeared. I have been magnetized seven or eight times, and I say, without hesitation, that I have been constantly improving—the inflammation and swelling have greatly subsided, the pain and soreness gone, and my rest at night undisturbed. I do not say that I am cured, but from the happy effects thus far produced, I may confidently hope for a perfect restoration, from a continuance of the treatment.

For the last two months I have been unable to hear the tick of a watch, when pressed against the ear, but now I can hear it full four inches.

WILLIAM ROSSON.

*Frankfort, Ky., Sept. 21, 1848.*

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#### Case 32, Neuralgia.

For fifteen years I have been afflicted with a nervous disease causing great muscular agitation. I have been suffering with general debility, great depression of spirits, and a heaviness in my head. I have been extremely deaf, and suffered much from defective teeth. My eyes have also been very weak, and I have suffered with pain in my head and ears. I was in the condition above stated, when I placed myself under Mr. Keely's care. My nerves are now perfectly calm, the pain in my head entirely removed, the heaviness greatly subsided, my hearing slightly improved, my eyes have become strong, my spirits quite buoyant, and my general health materially improved.

I have had a number of teeth drawn while in the magnetic state, and sustained an operation for the extraction of fangs which lasted for near half an hour, during which time the gums were extensively scarified, causing no pain whatever, except in the extraction of one of the teeth, in which very slight pain was produced.

MARIA COX.

*Frankfort, Ky., Sept. 22, 1848.*

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#### Case 33, Scrofula.

My daughter, Mary E. George, seven years of age, was attacked with a disease in her head, with which she suffered much pain, attended with offensive discharge of pus from her ears. For the last few weeks she has been partially deaf, and for the

last several days, so much so, as to amount to a very great inconvenience. I was at length induced to place her under the care of Mr. Keely, and have her magnetically treated. I did so on the 17th inst. She has been magnetized four times, since which, the soreness in the head has disappeared, the discharges have ceased, and she is now perfectly restored, hearing readily the slightest whisper.

I would further state, that she has not, at any time since her illness, taken cold, or shown any indication of having in the slightest degree been unwell from any other cause than above stated. The offensive smell in her ears is all gone. She had several painful sores on her head, which are rapidly healing up. The soreness is all gone.

SARAH E. GEORGE.

I testify, that so far as I have known the case of my daughter, that my wife's statement is strictly correct; as to her present state of perfect restoration from disease, I am positive, if I may be allowed the evidence of my senses.

A. C. GEORGE.

My daughter, Mary E. George, who was cured of deafness by Mr. Keely in September, at Frankfort, has remained perfectly well up to the present date.

A. C. GEORGE.

*Versailles, Oct. 13, 1848.*

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#### Case 34, Deafness.

Be it remembered, that on the 26th day of September, 1848, personally appeared before me, Robert C. McKee, a Justice of the Peace, for Franklin county, State of Kentucky, Joseph Rosson, aged fifty-two years, who being sworn according to law, deposed and saith:

I have been partially DEAF for thirty years, so much so as to make it necessary for persons addressing me, to speak in quite a loud, full voice. For the last seven years I have been totally deaf in my left ear, even to the loudest thunder. For twenty years I have been so nervous as to be troubled with a tremor of my hands and arms. For four years past I have been afflicted with giddiness in my head, and for several months my vision has been so weak and defective as to cause great inconvenience in pursuing my trade, especially where small objects were necessary to be seen.

The above is a minute but true history of my case, when I applied to Mr. Keely for relief, on September 24th, 1848. Upon examination, in the presence of several persons, I could hear the tick of a watch only three inches from my right ear, being totally deaf in my left ear. I have been magnetized four times,

and am so perfectly restored from my deafness, that I can hear the ticking of a watch thirty inches from one ear, and four feet from the other, and I can hear conversation in an ordinary tone with ease.

I am restored from the tremulous affliction of my hands and arms, the giddiness in my head has been removed entirely, and my vision so much improved that I can discern small objects. Further than this the deponent saith not.

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JOSEPH ✕ ROSSON.

*Frankfort*, Sept. 26, 1848.

mark.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 26th day of September, 1848.

R. C. McKEE, J. P.

We have known Mr. Joseph Rosson personally for fifteen years, and know that he has been laboring under Deafness for a considerable time. He is a man of honesty, and his word is entitled to the utmost credence. We have examined the facts as reported above, witnessed a part of the treatment, and believe his deposition to be strictly correct.

BEN. LUCKETT,  
LEANDER J. SHARPE, M. D.

*Frankfort*, Sept. 26, 1848. T. J. TODD.

I have not witnessed the treatment, but know the facts to be as stated.

REV. B. MILLS.

I have been consulted professionally by Mr. Rosson, relative to the affection of his head and eyes, alluded to in his deposition. I witnessed the magnetic treatment of his case, by Mr. Keely, and from my knowledge of his former condition I am confident he is now materially improved. His statement I believe to be fully correct.

J. M. MILLS, M. D.

*Frankfort*, Sept. 26, 1848.

I was perfectly astonished at the improvement of Mr. Rosson's hearing, when called on to make the foregoing affidavit. I have been his lawyer for the last ten years, and during the whole of that time to the present it was difficult to make him hear an elevated voice. His hearing has been completely restored by Mr. Keely.

R. C. McKEE, J. P.

*Frankfort*, Sept. 26, 1848.

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**Case 35, Deafness.**

I have been partially *deaf* since a child—for the last six years so deaf I could not hear except when addressed in a loud, full

tone, and have the mouth of the speaker near my ear. I was under Mr. Keely's treatment for some fourteen days, in September, and was slightly benefited. I have continued the magnetic treatment under Dr. Snedaker, a pupil of Mr. Keely, and am now so much restored that I can hear common conversation very well, and am sufficiently restored for all practical purposes.

Frankfort, Oct. 18, 1848.

BENJ. VAUGHAN.

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## PARIS.

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(From the Paris Citizen.)

### Human Magnetism—Report of Mr. Keely's Class— To the Public.

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The undersigned have attended a course of public and private lectures on Human Magnetism, by Mr. I. I. Keely, in this place—and while we do not wish to enter into any discussion as to the agent itself, or the *modus operandi*, we make no hesitation to declare our belief in the existence of this wonderful agent, and of its efficiency in curing diseases—especially those of a nervous character. As to the extent to which it may be carried by a skillful operator, in the radical and permanent cure of diseases, we are not fully prepared to say, inasmuch as Mr. K., in the short time he has been here, has not had a fair opportunity of giving tests in this respect. We are free to say, however, that he has very materially relieved, if not, indeed, entirely restored several individuals, who have been severely afflicted, some of them for years, as is well known in this community—and that we believe that Human Magnetism has claims to a dispassionate investigation, and trust, that in its application it may be found extensively useful in relieving suffering humanity. His experiments before the class, on persons of high respectability, are sufficient in our opinion, to satisfy any candid mind, that there is truth in the principle. And we hereby cheerfully recommend Mr. K. as a gentleman and a successful experimenter and instructor in this principle, and respectfully ask for him a fair and impartial hearing from an enlightened public. The following certificates are from a portion of the cases treated by Mr. Keely:

**Case 36, Neuralgia.**

I have been partially deaf for nine years, and have been afflicted with neuralgia in my head for some five or six years—for the last two years I have suffered more than one-half of the time. I have been magnetically treated by Mr. Keely during the last few days, and am now perfectly restored of neuralgia, and materially improved in my hearing.

ELIZABETH S. KEININGHAM.

*Paris, Ky.*, July 26, 1848.

**Case 37, Bilious Fever, Neuralgic Rheumatism.**

In August, 1846, I had an attack of bilious fever in New York, for which my physicians salivated me, after which they advised me to bathe, which I did, and the following day I was attacked with acute neuralgic Rheumatism. They advised me to travel, as the best means of relief. I came to this place, Oct. 14th, 1846. It was with great difficulty that I could get here, and was immediately confined to my bed, suffering the most excruciating pain, unable to use my limbs, up to the 10th of December, 1846. I was then enabled to leave my bed, and walk with difficulty up to the 25th. I was then again confined to my bed until April, 1847. During the most of the time I was under the best medical treatment I could procure in this place. My family physician then told me he could do nothing more for me. I then commenced the use of Patent Medicines, which I continued until August, 1847. I was still confined to my room, having received no benefit. I then despaired of recovery, and used no means whatever. In October, 1847, I used Botanic Medicines, from which I experienced great relief. I was now able to leave my room and walk about, but still suffered much pain and soreness, as well as great weakness and general debility. I was unable to attend to business. As a "forlorn hope" I applied to Mr. Keely, and have been magnetically treated for the last seven days, and I am now perfectly restored, being free from pain, and have the perfect use of my limbs.

*Paris, Ky.*, July 26, 1848. CHAS L. TIMBERLAKE.

**Case 38, Neuralgia.**

About twelve months ago I had an attack of Typhoid fever of a very acute character. After recovering from this, I was afflicted with neuralgic rheumatism, involving the muscular and ligamentous textures connected with the right hip bone, and in the right portion of the small of the back. I have not at any

time been free from pain, and have not been able to work at my business. I have been magnetically treated by Mr. Keely a few times during the last twelve days. Since the third operation I have been perfectly free from pain, and am now able to work at my business, and consider myself entirely restored.

*Paris, Ky., July 28, 1848.*

HENRY EADES.

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**Case 39, Teeth Drawing.**

My wife had been suffering excruciating pain from toothache, and neuralgia in the face, and so excitable was her nervous system, even scarification of the gum would produce a strong tendency to spasms. It was finally deemed advisable, if possible, to extract the tooth; but even the sight of instruments induced great agitation.

Mr. Keely was sent for, and in quite a short time so controlled the nervous system, that the gum was cut, and the tooth extracted without the slightest manifestation of pain, not even the twitching of a nerve or the movement of a muscle. Mrs. Pratt was conscious during the operation, but declared she felt no disposition to move, and did not believe the tooth was extracted until she saw it. She felt no return of pain for near twenty-four hours after the operation, and then only a slight soreness of the gum, which was removed by the magnetic influence.

E. P. PRATT,

Pastor of the Pleasant st. Presbyterian Church.

*Paris, Aug. 1, 1848.*

I was present when the tooth of Mrs. Pratt was extracted by Dr. Adair, and the above statement of Mr. Pratt is true to the letter.

*Paris, Ky., Aug. 1, 1848.*

J. M. MILLS, M. D.

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*Resolved,* That the editor of the *Western Citizen* be requested to publish the above report. JOHN G. TOMPKINS, *Prest.*

Minister Christian Church, *Paris Ky.*

JOS. A. LOGAN, *Sec'y.*

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**VERSAILLES.**

VERSAILLES, *Woodford County, Ky., Oct. 12, 1848.*

It is with great pleasure that the undersigned testify to the success that attended Mr. Isaac I. Keely, in his public experiments with Human Magnetism, and in his application of it as a remedial

agent. Mr. Keely has been with us one week. At each sitting he has succeeded in magnetizing a large number; and the phenomena produced, amid the keenest scrutiny, in the sudden change of the pulse, in creating and destroying impressions, and the charm-like removal of pain and disease, have proved, incontestably, that Magnetism is not only an exceedingly powerful, but useful agent. As we have not time to refer particularly to all of the beneficial results, we will call attention to the subjoined certificates. In the veracity of each one testifying, we have perfect confidence.

Medley Shelton, Hotel Keeper; William Morgan; U. Turner, Attorney at Law; John N. Payne, Elder C. C.; Herman Bowmar, Jr., Clerk County Court, and Attorney at Law; Mrs. Mary Smith, wife of Elder Smith, of the Christian Church; Mrs. Frances E. Bradford; Mrs. Catharine Foster; Randolph Railey; T. H. L. Laird, Minister of Prot. E. Church; Buskitt Cloak, M. D.; David N. Ashmore; John H. Alexander; Samuel H. Bradley; Henry W. Smith; Henry C. Bradford, M. D.; Paulina Kinkead; Robert Kinkead.

On motion, it was unanimously resolved, that the editors of the *Yeoman* and the *Commonwealth*, be politely requested to publish the above report, with the subjoined certificates; and that H. Bowmar and U. Turner be appointed to carry into effect this resolution.

#### **Case 40, Palpitation of the Heart and General Debility.**

For eighteen years I have been afflicted with *Palpitation of the Heart and General Debility*, and at no time have I been free from Palpitation, for twenty-four years. For twenty-one years I have also been afflicted with a numb, aching pain in my head, much of the time suffering most excruciatingly, attended with depression of spirits. For the last three years I have been afflicted with a Rheumatic affection in my head and shoulders, with which I have suffered continually. I have been under Mr. Keely's treatment for three days, and am now perfectly and entirely restored. My general health is much improved, and my spirits quite buoyant. Medical skill of the most eminent kind had failed to afford relief.

PERMELIA FERGUSON.

October 12, 1848.

#### **Case 41, Sprain.**

About two weeks since I was thrown from a buggy, and my ankle was sprained by the fall. I have ever since been lame,

suffering pain, and have been able to bear but little weight upon my foot. I was magnetized by Mr. Keely, and had one application, and all pain, soreness, and weakness are removed. My ankle is entirely and perfectly restored.

October 12, 1848.

SAMUEL H. BRADLEY.

**Case 42, Neuralgia.**

I have been afflicted with a severe *Neuralgic* affection for the last fifteen years, in my head, face, shoulders, and the back of my neck, with which I have suffered excruciating pain most of the time. I have had the most efficient medical aid for years, with but slight benefit. I was suffering much pain when I called on Mr. Keely, on the 4th instant. I was magnetized, and at once restored, and have remained perfectly well since.

October 12, 1848.

SARAH A. DIVINE.

**Case 43, Tetters.**

My wife, F. E. Bradford, has been afflicted with Tetters for the period of one year, and with weak eyes for three months, and has been entirely restored by the treatment of Mr. I. I. Keely.

HENRY C. BRADFORD, M. D.

**Case 44, Palpitation.**

I have been afflicted with Palpitation of the Heart for six years, have not for one day been clear of it, much of the time suffering intensely. I have been weak and debilitated the same length of time. My eyes have been weak and defective for the last year. I have been under Mr. Keely's treatment for a few sittings, and magnetically operated upon, and am now perfectly restored from Palpitation—my eyes are much improved, and my general health is much better.

NANCY MOFFETT.

**Case 45, Scrofula.**

For five years I have been afflicted with Scrofula, which has rendered my knees and ankle joints stiff and sore. My hands have been very sore with Tetters, and my eyes have been weak and defective for six months. I have also had giddiness in my head for the same length of time. I have been magnetically treated by Mr. I. I. Keely a few times, since which my joints have been free from stiffness and soreness—my eyes are very

much improved—the soreness in my hands is all gone—the giddiness in my head has almost entirely disappeared—and my general health is very much improved.

MARGARET SMITH,

*Consort of C. J. Smith, former Pastor, of the Reform Church, in Versailles, Kentucky.*

Attest: T. W. TWYMAN, M. D.  
Versailles, Ky., Oct. 13, 1848.

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## SHELBYVILLE.

(From the Shelby News.)

### **Animal Magnetism.**

Mr. I. I. KEELY, Professor of Animal Magnetism, visited our village last week, and lectured on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings, to full houses. Annexed is the report of part of his class—the others living in the country being absent. We may remark, that several persons, heretofore skeptical, have become convinced of the truth of the art, partially at least.

#### REPORT OF MR. KEELY'S SHELBYVILLE CLASS.

We have attended the public and private lectures and demonstrations of Mr. I. I. Keely, on the science or art of Animal Magnetism, and are free to say, that he has, to our convictions, fully proven by plain and positive practical demonstration, the existence of this strange influence. He has also proven its remedial agency in the following marked cases that came under our particular notice, which we cheerfully present to the public.

*Shelbyville, Ky., October 2, 1848.*

#### **Case 46, Deafness.**

1st. George W. Owsley, aged thirteen years, son of N. Owsley, Esq., of Shelby County, was placed under Mr. Keely's charge, on Saturday the 30th September, 1848, to be treated for partial deafness. He was examined by H. F. Middleton, Maj. W. D. Bowland, T. V. Bush, M. D., and several others: he could hear the tick of a watch nine inches only from his right ear, and was

totally deaf in the left ear, though the watch was pressed close to it. He was magnetically operated upon by Mr. Keely but three times; and his hearing is so much restored that he can hear the tick of the same watch distinctly three feet five inches from his left ear, and ten feet from his right ear.

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**Case 47, Deafness.**

2nd. Thomas Fritzlen, aged 17 years, reports himself to have been partially deaf for twelve years. We examined his case carefully: he could hear the tick of a watch but three inches from his right ear and three feet six inches from his left ear. He was magnetically treated by Mr. Keely but a few hours, and restored to hear the same watch tick fourteen feet from his right ear and sixteen feet from his left ear. We consider his hearing fully restored.

C. D. BONNEY, M. D.,  
T. V. BUSH, M. D.,  
THOS. FRITZLEN,  
DR. W. A. BUSH,  
JOHN C. BULL,  
F. GRIFFIN,  
G. W. OWSLEY,  
J. L. RAY.

W. F. HILL, Principal Shelbyville Female Seminary.  
HENRY F. MIDDLETON, Editor of the Shelby News.

I am convinced of the truth of the above statement.

R. C. RICE,  
Minister of the Christian Church, near Shelbyville, Ky.

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**Case 48, Hip Disease.**

After having taken lessons of Mr. Keely on the science of Human Magnetism at Versailles, Ky., during this month—in a few days after I applied the principle in the case of William Trout, of Trimble County, Ky., who had been a great sufferer for two years with seated affection of the right hip and leg. By two operations I restored him, and 24 hours afterwards when I left him he was still free from pain. This was my first effort.

C. J. SMITH,

Minister of Christian Church.

*Louisville, Ky., Oct. 26, 1848.*

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Being called on by Mr. I. I. Keely to state the condition of Charles L. Timberlake and H. Eads, of Paris, Kentucky, who

were treated by him in July, 1848, for rheumatism, they have been and now are apparently well, and have been engaged in business ever since he left our town, this 27th October, 1848.

Louisville, Ky., Oct. 27, 1848.

E. BASYE, M. D.

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### NEW ALBANY, Ind.

At a meeting of the members of Mr. I. I. Keely's class, on Wednesday evening, the 23rd inst., Thomas B. Walker, Esq., was called to the chair, and A. M. Jackson, appointed Secretary.

The committee, previously appointed by the class to examine and report to said class on Mr. K.'s teachings and demonstrations of Animal Magnetism, and its application as a remedial agent, offered the subjoined report which was read by Dr. W. G. Sinex, together with a number of the most important cases cured or relieved during his visit to New Albany.

On motion it was—

*Resolved*, That, having ourselves in many cases applied magnetism in the cure of our friends of nervous affections, we are, therefore, compelled to rely upon it as a remedial agent of universal application.

*Resolved*, That in our opinion the editors of our city papers would confer a public favor by publishing the report of this class, and that we very respectfully request them to do so.

THOS. B. WALKER, *Chairman*.

A. M. JACKSON, *Secretary*.

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### Report of Committee.—To the Public.

In offering the following testimonial to the success of Mr. Keely in his recent demonstrations in New Albany, it is not our wish or desire to enter into a discussion of the merits of the science of Human Magnetism, but give to the public some evidences of its efficacy in the cure of disease and our belief in the truth of the principles, and explanation of Mr. Keely in accounting for the strange phenomena he has produced. Mr. K. does not claim for himself originality in the discovery of the principle of Human Magnetism, but only in the manner of its application as a remedial agent in the relief of suffering. Though Mr. K. does not advance any positive theory in magnetism, (wishing from observation and the collection of facts to induce truth rather than theory,) he has given to his class a satisfactory and reasonable explanation of the action of the principle as a remedial agent.

We would state that in many instances he has afforded relief in cases which have come under our own observation, and each one has added confirmation to the mass of testimony which Mr. K. brings with him from those parts of the country which he has visited.

We are aware that there exists in the community not a little prejudice against the practical demonstrations of magnetism, but that this prejudice is unfounded, an examination of facts will clearly prove. The character of the practical magnetiser should be unimpeachable in morals and integrity. Mr. K. comes among us with the most satisfactory testimonials from those places in which he has resided and been personally known to the community, and since, in our city, his gentlemanly manner, and charitable attendance in many cases upon those in indigent circumstances, fully entitle him to the character he claims, and should elicit the respect and confidence of our citizens. We therefore submit to the public the following as expressive of the feelings and opinions of the class:

That, in the entire control of the operator over the nervous system, a class of diseases is reached upon which medicine is to a great extent powerless.

That believing, therefore, in its efficacy in the relief of human suffering we consider it a subject worthy the investigation of every reasonable and intelligent individual, and especially deserving the favorable notice of medical men.

That we cheerfully recommend Mr. Keely as worthy the confidence and respect of the community, and eminently capable of teaching the principles of Human Magnetism and its application to the cure of disease.

JOHN W. CHILDS,

WM. G. SINEX, M. D.,

C. H. BLECKEN, Phil. Dr.,

Minister of the German Lutheran and Reform Church,

LEONARD GREEN, Ed. Bulletin,

J. B. NORMAN, Ed. Democrat,

THOS. B. WALKER, Sheriff,

THOMAS DANFORTH,

D. REISINGER.

We, as members of Mr. Keely's class, concur in the sentiments expressed by our committee.

REV. JAMES McCOWN,

J. W. JENKINS,

JOSEPH B. SMITH,

J. P. FRANK,

C. C. SCOTT,

C. D. B. McHOLLAND,

G. H. BUTLER,

D. C. HILL,

W. S. WATERS,

JAMES FISHER,

JOSIAH HITCHCOCK,	DAVID PETTY,
RICHARD J. MATTHEWS,	BENJAMIN NORRIS,
JOHN R. FRANKLIN,	JACOB ALFORD,
R. JENNINGS,	MATTHIAS PETERSON,
D. B. DIAMOND,	HENRY LOUDON
THOMAS AKERS,	WM. TELLON,
W. STEWART,	N. R. WICKS, JR.
WM. RESINGER,	J. NEWBANKS, City Marshal,
F. P. NAREDIN,	LUTHER HAWES,
JOHN M. BISHOP, Pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church.	
REV. G. WEBSTER, Pastor of the Baptist Church.	

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Subjoined are the cases which have come under our observation and have been duly attested.

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#### Case 49, Apoplexy.

I certify that I have been afflicted for six years with a flow of blood to the brain, "Apoplexy," from which disease I have suffered very much. I have frequently been unable to attend to my duties, often having to stop in the midst of a sermon, from giddiness in the brain, suffering excruciating pain in the head. I have been under the care of the most eminent physicians in Berlin, Bremen, and Hamburg, (Germany,) who failed to give me relief.

I have been magnetically treated by Mr. Keely for the last *twelve days*; after the third day my disease disappeared, and I have been perfectly well since. I give this statement conscientiously believing it my duty to encourage a cause so deserving, that others may seek relief in this way. I also certify that the son of Mr. Rees, nine years old, has been entirely deaf for the last five years, has been operated upon twice by Mr. K., since which he can hear the ticking of a watch one inch from either ear.

CHAS. HERMANN BLECKEN, D. D.,

Minister of the German Lutheran and Reform Church in New Albany.

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#### Case 50, Sore Eyes.

STATE OF INDIANA, }  
 Floyd Co. } ss.

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace, in and for said county, Joseph Miller, of Bartholomew County, Indiana, of the age of thirty-two years, who being duly sworn on oath, saith, I have been afflicted with sore eyes

for two years and eleven months. They commenced getting sore in April, 1845, and in twelve days they were so swollen and inflamed I was totally blind, which continued for four months. The right eye then improved so I could discover day from night, for about six weeks. I again became totally blind, and remained so until April, 1846. The right eye again improved as before, which continued two months; since that time up to Thursday, March, 9, 1848, I have been totally blind at least two-thirds of the time. I was forced to feel my way with a cane when I attempted to walk, and could only do this in cloudy days. Throughout all this time I suffered most excruciating pain. I have been under the treatment of the following physicians, and others whose names I have forgotten: Dr. Jones, of Columbus, Indiana, in the Fall of 1845; Professor Dudley, of Lexington, Ky., for about two months; he performed a surgical operation on my left eye, and afterwards pronounced me incurable. This was in November, 1845. Dr. Taliafero, of Cincinnati, in April, 1846, gave me a prescription which I used for five months. I tried other prescriptions given me by medical men and others, up to May 1847. I then went north; Dr. Bigelow, of Lancaster, Ohio, treated me six weeks, in May and June, 1847; he pronounced me incurable. Dr. Gilman, of Cleveland, Ohio, treated me three months and then pronounced my case hopeless. In Pittsburg, Pa., a consultation was held by a body of medical men, who, after having examined my eyes, pronounced them incurable. At Washington, Pa., a like consultation was held with the same result. Dr. Wilson, of Wheeling, Va., treated me two weeks in December, 1847, and pronounced me incurable. Dr. Hemlix, of Zanesville, Ohio, attended me four weeks, in January, 1848, and said there was no hope for my recovery. I was then at the poor house. Dr. Wilson, of Columbus, Ohio, treated me four weeks, and said there was no hope for me. A council of medical men, in Chillicothe, Ohio, gave the same opinion. Prof. Muzzy, and other medical men of Cincinnati, pronounced me incurable. The professor said, that by shutting myself up in a dark room for a few years, my eyes might be improved, but my vision remain imperfect—this was in February, 1848. In New Albany, Ind., Dr. Wilcox examined my eyes, expressed no opinion, but advised me to call on Mr. Keely, who examined my eyes, but gave me but little or no encouragement. He, however, assured me that his system of treatment could do me no harm. I was magnetized the first attempt, March 9, 1848. I have been under his treatment fourteen days, and my right eye is now perfectly and entirely restored; my left eye has always been more or less affected. I can now see much better out of

it than I ever could. My vision is so perfectly restored I can readily distinguish the head from the point of a common pin, at the distance of twelve feet, distinctly; and further this deponent saith not. I would further remark that I may not be correct in reference to dates as I trust to memory—but little inaccuracy exists, if any.

JOSEPH MILLER.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 24th day of March, 1848.

SAMUEL G. WILSON, J. P. [L.S.]

I examined Mr. Joseph Miller's eyes, as stated in the above affidavit, on the 9th of March, 1848, and recommended him to give Mr. Keely's system a trial. My opinion was there was no hope of doing him service. I have since frequently examined his eyes, and can now freely testify to the truthfulness of his statement.

P. WILCOX, M. D.

March 24, 1848.

#### Case 51, Rheumatism.

This will certify that I have been afflicted with Rheumatism, for the last twenty-two years. At different times confined to my bed. I have not been free from pain more than two weeks at any one time. I have tried many remedies, and been under the care of many regular physicians, and experienced but slight benefit, if any, although adhering closely to their prescriptions. I was suffering excruciating pain in my back, hips, and in different parts of my body, was scarcely able to rise up or sit down, when I called on Mr. Keely. I was magnetized and at once restored to the perfect use of my limbs, and entirely freed from pain. I have since been treated a few times, and I am now well, and as active as any man of my age, and I believe I am perfectly and fully restored.

March 1 1848.

SAMUEL G. WILSON, J. P.

#### Case 52, Sore Eyes.

Miss Frances Nelson, aged seventeen, who has been living in my family for the last ten years, has suffered from weak eyes since infancy. Her eyes have always been so weak she could not study without much difficulty, and I have frequently taken her from school, as her eyes unfitted her for study. They have been getting much worse for the past year, and I feared she would lose her sight entirely. Her eyes have been more or less inflamed constantly.

She has been magnetically treated by Mr. Keely, for the last ten days. The inflammation has disappeared, and the soreness is gone; she says they are strong, and I believe her eyes are perfectly restored.

SAMUEL G. WILSON, J. P.

March 21, 1848.

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#### Case 53, Neuralgia.

In 1834 I got a fall which affected my entire nervous system, since which I have suffered more or less pain in my neck, shoulders and hands, unable to move my fingers much of the time, with a constant pricking in them. My hearing was also very much affected, so much so I could not hear common conversation. I have been under the charge of many eminent physicians, but never received any benefit from them. I have been magnetized four times by Mr. Keely, and I am now perfectly restored. Since the second magnetization I have been free from pain, and my hearing perfectly restored. My ears now produce wax, which they have not done before for fourteen years—and my general health is much improved.

JOHN ARMSTRONG.

*New Albany, Ind.*, March 20, 1848.

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#### Case 54, Sore Eyes.

My wife, age forty-five years, has been suffering from inflammatory sore eyes for the last eight years; they have been so bad at times she could not see to get about, and at no time able to thread a common sewing needle without difficulty. She has used many remedies without receiving any lasting benefit. She has been magnetically treated by Mr. Keely, and her eyes are now perfectly restored, and she is able to thread the finest cambric needle without the least difficulty.

J. B. SMITH,

*New Albany, Ind.*, March 22, 1848.

*Botanical Physician.*

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#### Case 55, Paralysis.

My son, five years old, lost the use of his lower extremities, when one year of age, from fever, since which he has not been able to walk, even with assistance. He has been magnetically treated, for the last week, by Mr. Keely, and he can now walk with assistance, and he is steadily improving.

L. HAWS.

*New Albany, Ind.*, March 22, 1848.

**Case 56, Deafness.**

My son Augustus, aged ten years, has been quite deaf for the last eight years, gradually growing worse. I have used a great many remedies for his relief, but to no purpose; his ears were continually discharging matter. He has been so deaf he could not hear, unless addressed in a loud conversational tone. He has been under Mr. Keely's charge for the last ten days, and he can now hear common conversation with ease, and his ears have ceased to discharge matter.

DAVID PETTY.

*New Albany, Ind.*, March 22, 1848.

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**Case 57, Goitre, Sick Headache.**

I have been afflicted with *goitre* in the throat, for the last six weeks or two months, and the swelling was so bad at times I breathed with great difficulty. I used Dr. Sloan's prescriptions but received no relief. I have also been suffering much from sick headache. I have been under Mr. Keely's treatment for the last eight days; the soreness in my throat is entirely gone, and the swelling disappeared. And, I have had no return of headache since I was first magnetized.

LUCINDA GORNER.

*New Albany, Ind.*, March 21, 1848.

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**Case 58, Injury.**

This will certify that my daughter, aged twelve years, got her knee injured when three years old. I had her under the charge of the Medical Faculty, in Glasgow, Scotland, and also in New York and St. Louis, all of whom failed to give her relief. She has been magnetized five times by Mr. Keely, and to all appearances she is now perfectly well.

WM. STEWART.

*New Albany, Ind.*, March 24, 1848.

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**Case 59, Rheumatism.**

I am sixty-nine years of age, have been a member of the M. E. Church for forty-seven years. In making the following statement, I feel that I am doing my duty, which is due to suffering humanity, hoping that others afflicted in a similar manner, may seek the same relief. I have been afflicted with *Rheumatism* for the last thirty-five years, suffering more or less continually. I have been frequently blistered in different parts of my body, suffering excruciating pain and experiencing but slight benefit.

My son James McCown, (Local Minister of the M. E. Church,) having taken lessons from Mr. Keely, on Human Magnetism, applied "Local Magnetism" in my case, and has perfectly restored me by three applications, and I am now perfectly well.

POLLY McCOWN.

Subscribed for her, by JAS. McCOWN.

*New Albany, Ind., March 24, 1848.*

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**Case 60, Rheumatism.**

C. Lane, aged about fifteen years, Rheumatic affection of the knees, of an inflammatory character, of three years' standing, restored.

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Many other cases might be enumerated, in which the magnetic treatment by Mr. K., as also the members of his class, has produced greater or less benefit.

*New Albany, Floyd Co., Ind., March 25, 1848.*

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(From the New Albany Bulletin.)

**Magnetism.—Mr. I. I. Keely.**

We invite the attention of our readers to the communication of Mr. I. I. Keely, found below. Our citizens will recollect the experiments performed by him, sometime since, which produced a great change in the public mind, in reference to the truth of Human Magnetism. Many cures were effected through the agency of that principle by him in this city. They were cases of a nervous character, and, so far as we have been able to learn, promise to be permanent. The certificates which accompany this communication, prove most conclusively the importance which should attach to the science.

Mr. Keely has been delivering lectures and demonstrating the truth of the principle by practical experiments, in many of the principal towns of Kentucky, during the last summer, and in all of which he succeeded most triumphantly. Reports of the most favorable character have followed his lectures and experiments in every place he has visited. Gentlemen of the most scientific attainments, who were sceptical upon the subject, after investigation and upon a full and fair examination, have changed their views, and now express a firm belief in its truth, and importance as a curative agent in all cases of nervous diseases.

"Truth crushed to earth will rise again;  
The eternal years of God are hers."

He who is anxious to distinguish himself, lacking moral courage and rectitude, should continue to basely slander the cause of humanity. But he should remember "murder will out." Examine the report below, and you will be satisfied that the man who would report against the truth there stated, knowing these facts, deserves the rope, were it not for the disgrace that would recoil on the hangman. The slanderer should remember that sin never goes unpunished.

I. I. KEELY.

We, the undersigned, members of the committee, appointed by Mr. Keely's class, in New Albany, to report on cases treated by him, and whose report, under date of March 25th, 1848, is before the public, take pleasure in stating, at this time, that, as far as they have been able to gain information on the matter, the improvement in the cases reported, has continued to the present time. We are therefore gratified in being able to state, that the cures effected through the agency of Magnetism in this place, give evidence of permanency. Most of us have relieved the afflicted through this agency. We are satisfied that Mr. Keely's system of teaching is calculated to make successful operators of his pupils.

COMMITTEE:

L. GREEN, *Editor Bulletin*,  
J. B. NORMAN, *Editor Democrat*,  
C. H. BLACKEN, D. D., *Minister German Prot. Church*,  
I. N. AKIN, *Clerk Circuit Court*,  
JAS. NEWBANKS, *City Marshall*,  
REV. JAS. McCOWN.

As to the truth of the cases reported, I am perfectly satisfied; further I know nothing.

W. G. SINEX, M. D.

I was restored of Rheumatic affection of twenty-two years' standing, through the agency of Magnetism. Miss Frances Nelson was also restored of weak and defective eyes, under the treatment of Mr. Keely, as reported in March last. We have both remained well up to the present time. I know many of the persons cured by Mr. K., and they remain well.

SAMUEL G. WILSON, J. P.

*New Albany, Ind., Oct. 25, 1848.*

My wife, Lucinda Gorner, was cured of Goitre, by Mr. Keely, in March, 1848, as reported by the committee at that time. She has not had a return of that disease since.

Oct. 25, 1848.

LEWIS L. GORNER.

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My daughter, Elizabeth, was cured of a diseased knee by Mr. Keely, in March last, as reported by the committee; she has remained perfectly well since. I know of no one whose case was reported at the time, but remains well.

Oct. 25, 1848.

WM. STEWART.

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I was cured of a Rheumatic affection of thirty-five years' standing, by my son, James McCown, after he had taken lessons under Mr. Keely, in March last; I have remained perfectly well since.

October 25, 1848.

POLLY McCOWN.

We know the above statement to be correct.

EDWARD McCOWN.

REV. JAMES McCOWN.

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I was restored of a severe Rheumatic affection; my nervous system was very much deranged; I was also so deaf for fourteen years, I could not hear common conversation; I was perfectly restored by Mr. Keely, in March last, through the agency of Magnetism, and have remained perfectly well up to the present time. I know of no cases having relapsed among the many cured by Mr. Keely.

October 25, 1848.

JOHN ARMSTRONG.

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My daughter, Lucinda, was partially restored of deafness and sore eyes; she is now as well as when her case was reported. My daughter Mary was also improved of paralysis; she has improved very much since. These effects were produced by Mr. Keely through the agency of magnetism, as reported by the committee in March, 1848.

October 25, 1848.

LYDIA P. SHANNON

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I was restored of apoplexy through the agency of Human Magnetism by Mr. Keely in March last as set forth in my then publication. I have remained perfectly well up to the present

date. I know of none having relapsed whose cases were reported at that time.

C. H. BLACKEN, D. D.,  
Minister of the German Protestant Church.

My wife was cured of partial blindness by Mr. Keely through the agency of magnetism, as reported in March last; she has remained perfectly well up to the present time. I know of no relapse. She was also restored of dropsy of uterus, with which she had been afflicted, suffering much of the time most excruciating pain for the last seven years. All medical treatment failed to give her relief. She was perfectly restored by magnetic treatment last March, and has remained perfectly well up to the present date.

JAS. B. SMITH,  
Botanic Physician.

October 25, 1848.

(From the Lexington Observer and Reporter.)

### Human Magnetism.

*To the Public!—Challenge from Mr. Keely—Free Lecture—* with practical demonstrations in Human Magnetism, in the basement of the Reform Church, this (Monday) evening, May 1st, at half-past seven o'clock.

Let learned and scientific sceptics accept this challenge, and prove to the people that magnetism is what they denominate it, "a humbug," or the public will have further reason to doubt their power to do so, as well as their honesty of purpose. The audience will appoint a committee, whose duty it will be to use all honorable means to accomplish this end. Gentlemen, shake off this moral cowardice, and make one bold and manly struggle, for your own reputation, and for the good of your fellow citizens who believe. For the sake of propriety and consistency, gentlemen, do not fall back on your dignity and say it is unworthy your notice. This challenge, if unaccepted, will satisfy the minds of those for whom you assume to think, that you are unworthy their confidence. Truth is all powerful and will prevail. On this firm rock exists my certainty of success.

I. I. K.

The above challenge was promptly met, and the audience was overwhelming. A highly respectable and competent committee was appointed. After a close examination, their report was favorable. The sense of the meeting was taken, and almost universal conviction was expressed in favor of the cause, *three* only dissenting.

The cry of *collusion*, however, was still heard in the city. Again, on the 9th of May, I issued, through the columns of the daily Atlas, the following call on the denouncers :

### Human Magnetism.

Mr. Keely will give an entertainment consisting of most interesting experiments, this evening, May 9th, at half-past seven o'clock, in the basement of the Reform Church.

Learned denouncers of magnetism, rally, and make one bold and combined effort to expose the deception. Do'nt put it off until its advocate has left your city, and then, as other braves have done, tell of your wisdom and denounce me as a "charlatan." To-night will be my last effort in this city. Meet me, face to face, before your citizens, and expose my charlatany; if you fail to do it, and hereafter denounce me, your position will be a very unenviable one. I. I. K.

Again the audience was large. A committee was appointed, consisting of highly respectable gentlemen. Their report was all that the most enthusiastic friend of magnetism could desire. The sense of the audience being taken, the victory for magnetism was complete, all voting as believers.

I leave you for a new field of action, with many thanks for your kind and liberal patronage. I here submit the report of my class, (as published in the Observer and Reporter, May 13th,) to whom I feel under deep obligations, not only for the candid and untiring investigation given to this favorite science, but for their kind personal attention. I. I. K.

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### Animal Magnetism.

At a meeting of the members of Mr. Keely's class, held at the Vestry Room of the Christian Church, May 11th, 1848, Rev. H. H. Kavanaugh, was, on motion, called to the chair, and C. W. Wooley appointed Secretary.

The committee, appointed by the class to report to said class as to the truth of Animal Magnetism and its application as a remedial agent, offered the subjoined report, which was read, with a number of the cases cured or relieved.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO THE PUBLIC.

The undersigned having been appointed by Mr. Keely's class in Lexington, a committee to give to the public some statement of the effects he has produced in Lexington, by means of the influence denominated Human Magnetism, feel free to say that

many of different kinds, of most serious, long standing and obstinate bodily afflictions, of the existence of which we have been personally cognizant, have been cured or materially relieved, while under Mr. Keely's treatment. That we have witnessed the apparent relief of many other persons, with whom we have not heretofore been personally acquainted, while attending his asylum as members of his class. And that some one or other of us are sufficiently acquainted with most, if not all, of those who have given to Mr. Keely statements of the character of their diseases, and the effects he produced upon them, to know that they stand well in the different neighboring communities in which they reside, and are considered well worthy of belief. We are further cognizant of the fact that Mr. Keely has, by his experiments in this city, dispelled a vast amount of skepticism, and that among citizens of the very highest standing for intelligence, learning and calm judgment.

As we deem it of the utmost importance that the practical magnetizer should be unimpeachable on the score of morals and integrity, it gives us pleasure to add, that Mr. Keely has exhibited to us the most flattering testimonials as to his character as a gentleman, from persons whom we know either personally or by reputation to be of the most respectable standing, in the neighborhood of his original residence, and others which he has visited in the pursuit of his profession, and that his whole deportment during his visit to this place has been such as fully to confirm those testimonials. He has also manifested the most benevolent and praiseworthy feeling in this place by treating gratuitously a number of afflicted persons in indigent circumstances, and giving to them free admission to his class.

H. H. KAVANAUGH,

Preacher of M. E. C., South,

REV. B. F. FARNSWORTH,

President of the University at Memphis, Tenn.,

S. S. CHURCH,

Minister Christian Church, Lexington, Ky.,

ELDER GEORGE W. ELLEY,

Of the Christian Church,

C. J. SANDERS, J. P.,

H. C. PINDELL, Attorney at Law,

DR. D. W. PARRISH,

JOHN LUTZ, Civil Engineer,

MILO GIST,

MOSES P. ELLIS,

A. F. HAWKINS,

Clerk in the Northern Bank of Kentucky,

*Committee.*

Mr. Vanpelt moved that the report of the committee be adopted, which was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. Browder submitted the following resolution, which was adopted.

*Resolved*, That, in our opinion, the editors of the several city papers would confer a public favor by publishing the report of the committee, with the accompanying certificates, and we most respectfully request them to do so; and that Messrs. Sanders and Woolley be appointed a committee to make this request known to them.

H. H. KAVANAUGH, *Chairman*.

C. W. WOOLLEY, *Secretary*.

#### Case 61, Inflammatory Rheumatism.

I was attacked with Inflammatory Rheumatism the first of January last, affecting my lower extremities; my joints were swollen and inflamed, I suffered most excruciating pain much of the time, and was at no time free from pain. I have only been able to sleep when under the influence of the most powerful narcotics. The sinews of my *right leg* were so much contracted that I was forced to walk in a crooked position. I have tried the best prescriptions I could procure, with but little or no effect, though continually employed during most of the time. My condition on application to Mr. Keely was a "forlorn hope." I was not even a believer in the principle. I have been magnetically treated by him six times. Since the second application I have been free from pain; the inflammation and soreness is all gone. I can walk erect and with ease, and feel that I am perfectly and entirely restored, with the exception of a slight tensiveness of the sinews of the right leg.

E. W. HOLLOWAY.

*Lexington, Ky.*, April 28, 1848.

I am now perfectly well and free from rheumatic affection in every particular. I have had no further treatment since the above statement was given.

E. W. HOLLOWAY.

*Lexington, Ky.*, May 18, 1848.

#### Case 62, Sick Headache.

For fifteen years I have been an agonizing sufferer from the sick headache; scarce one week has passed that I have not suffered more or less; I have at no time been able to attend church, or take exercise, such as riding in a carriage, even for a few hours, without producing excruciating pain. I have followed

the prescriptions of medical gentlemen, as well as using all the remedies I could procure, without receiving the least relief. Some sixteen days since I commenced treatment under Mr. Keely, who gave me immediate relief. I have continued his treatment up to the present date, and although I have taken much more exercise, and have been much exposed from loss of sleep, I am now, and have remained perfectly well, excepting one very slight momentary attack some days since.

*Lexington, Ky., May, 1848.* Mrs. FRANCES MILLER.

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#### Case 63, Neuralgia.

My wife, M. C. Kavanaugh, has been affected with palpitation of the heart for between three and four years. For the first eighteen months she had from two to three attacks each week. From that time up to within the last four months, the attacks have been more frequent and severe. Since that time, she has suffered from frequent attacks each day. In the early part of April she had a most distressing attack of congestion of the heart, from which she was restored by the treatment of Dr. Fehr, but the palpitation continued as before. She has also been suffering from a severe neuralgic affection of the neck and shoulders, with which she has suffered most excruciating pain much of the time since last January. She was suffering under these combined complaints when I first placed her under Mr. Keely's treatment, some three weeks since. After a few days treatment she was perfectly restored from neuralgia, and has not felt the slightest symptom of it since. She has also remained perfectly free from palpitation, except one slight momentary attack, which followed extreme fatigue, some days since. And although she has been exposed to more fatigue than usual, she remains perfectly well, and her health is rapidly improving.

*Lexington, May 11, 1848.*

H. H. KAVANAUGH.

Pastor of M. E. Church.

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#### Case 64, Epilepsy.

Some two years since, our daughter, E. H. King, aged eleven years, was attacked with epileptic fits, with which she has since been much affected. She has been under the treatment of the following medical gentlemen: Drs. Pinckard, Fehr, Letcher and others, all of whom failed to give her relief. Her right side had been paralyzed for some several days, and within the last fourteen days she had over five hundred fits. While in this condition, a friend called on Dr. Mills, who was then lecturing on magnetism in this city. After the first magnetization she was

much relieved of paralysis; after the second, the fits entirely ceased. This was over three months ago, and she has had no return of them. For some three weeks past she has been treated magnetically by Mr. Keely; she is nearly well of paralysis, and her general health is perfectly restored.

*Lexington, Ky., May 9, 1848.*

ISAIAH KING,  
CATHERINE KING.

#### Case 65, Sprain.

Some twelve years since I got my ankle joint broken, and since that time I have frequently had it strained, after which it would pain me very severely for from twelve to fifteen days, during which time I could scarcely get about. On Tuesday evening last, I again strained it severely, and was suffering most excruciating pain; it was very much inflamed, I could not bear the least weight upon it. I was magnetized by Mr. Keely, and treated for the removal of my lameness, since which I have been perfectly well, and able to walk with firmness and ease.

*Lexington, April 29, 1848.*

DAVID WATTS.

#### Case 66, Scrofula.

I became partially deaf at the age of five years, supposed to have been caused from an attack of fever. My hearing has been so imperfect, that I have not, at any time, been able to hear common conversation. This was my condition when I first applied to Mr. Keely for relief. I have also had frequent discharges of pus from my right ear. I have tried many of the most approved remedies for years, without benefit. I was under the treatment of Dr. Price, formerly of Richmond, Ky., for twelve months, without receiving the slightest relief. I have also been under the treatment of Dr. Bush, of this place, who gave me slight relief. I placed myself under Mr. Keely's treatment the 19th inst., with but little hope of getting relief, doubting the truth of the science of magnetism. I have been happily disappointed; I have continued his treatment for nine days, and am so much restored, that I am able to hear common conversation with ease. The discharges from my ears have ceased, and I feel that I am sufficiently restored for all practical purposes. My age is 21 years, son of Wm. McClanahan, President of the Richmond Branch Bank of the Northern Bank of Kentucky.

*Lexington, April 29, 1848.*

IRVINE McCLANAHAN.

#### Case 67, Sore Ears.

My son, ten years old, has been paralyzed in the right arm and legs, stiff in his knees, elbow and wrist, produced by fever.

He has been treated by Mr. Keely for twelve days. His knees are perfectly well, and he is able to use his arm with considerable power; before treatment it was entirely useless. He is a cripple from destruction of organism in his left foot, otherwise his legs are entirely restored. He has also been partially deaf for six years, with discharges of pus from his ears. By the same treatment he is sufficiently restored for all practical purposes.

*Lexington, Ky.* May 9, 1848.

Mrs. L. TAYLOR.

We, the undersigned, are acquainted with some of the facts in the above case, and believe the statement correct.

C. J. SANDERS,  
M. GIST.

#### Case 68, Spinal Disease.

My daughter, Tetlitha, has been partially deaf for ten years, and could not hear only when addressed in a loud, full tone. She has been so perfectly restored by Mr. Keely's treatment, that she can hear when addressed in a common conversational tone, and is restored sufficiently for all practical purposes.

I have also been restored by Mr. K.'s treatment of a spinal affection of thirty years standing. For the last six months I have not been able to stoop, turn myself in bed, or rise from my seat without strict care, aiding myself with my hands, nor have I been able to walk without strict care, or even to sit in a chair with ease, and have been suffering with pain continually. I am now well of this distressing disease. We were under Mr. K.'s treatment some twenty days.

SARAH W. PRATHER.

*Lexington, Ky.,* May 11, 1848.

I concur with my mother in the above statement.

TATLITHA PRATHER.

The statement of my wife and daughter is strictly correct.

JOHN PRATHER.

#### Case 69, Sore Eyes.

I have been afflicted with paralysis of the upper lids of my eyes for eight years, also with quite indistinct vision for the same time. I could not raise the upper lids but very little, leaving the cornea at least three-fourths covered. I have been under Mr. Keely's treatment for some seventeen days, and the paralysis of the lids is almost perfectly destroyed. I can raise them with ease, the cornea is almost entirely uncovered; my eyes feel natural, my vision is much restored, and I am, if not per-

fectly, most importantly relieved. I have been treated by Prof. Dudley for six months; he gave me some relief. Dr. R. Bush also treated me about the same length of time without the slightest benefit,

AZELIA PARKER.

*Lexington, Ky., May 11, 1848.*

We have known Miss Parker for years, and are satisfied that her statement in reference to the former and present condition of her eyes is correct.

H. A. SAXTON,

Mrs. S. MONTMOLLIN.

#### Case 70, Sore Ears.

In October last, my daughter, Sally P. Montmollin, became partially deaf, supposed to have been caused by gastric fever, since which time she has been afflicted with painful tumors in her head, her ears discharging pus. She has been under Mr. Keely's treatment for some three weeks. Before treatment she could but hear the ticking of a watch five inches from either ear. It was very difficult to converse with her. She can now hear the same watch tick three feet from her left ear, and thirty inches from her right ear, and hears common conversation with ease.

*Lexington, May 12, 1848.*

Mrs. S. MONTMOLLIN.

## ST. LOUIS.

(From the Republican of the 5th of January, 1849.)

### Animal Magnetism; or, Mental Electricity.

In our paper to-day will be found a portion of the report of a committee, appointed by the class, recently under the instruction of the Messrs. Keely, in Animal Magnetism, in this city. The respectable character of the gentlemen composing this committee, will give weight and force to their recommendations. The report of the committee appointed to investigate the cases cured, is accompanied by certificates of cures, or material relief afforded, in twenty-eight cases. Many of the certificates are from persons well known in this community, and all appear to be respectable and trustworthy persons. Whatever may be the feelings of prejudice against this novel medical agent, enough

has been elicited to justify the demand for it and the full investigation of the medical faculty, and of all others who have the preservation of health and the prolongation of life at heart. The Messrs. Keely are highly extolled for their urbanity and amiable mode of instructing.

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(From the Union, January 6th.)

### **Magnetism.**

Below we give place to portions of a circular and a series of testimonials, relating to the efficacy of "Mental Electricity," as practiced by the Messrs. Keely, in this city. We have taken but little pains to inform ourselves upon the subject of this alleged science, yet we are free to admit that the respectable names attached to the papers before us, entitle them to consideration. Among the testimonials given, and for which we can not make room at this time, is a statement from W. C. Nash, who says he was entirely cured of dyspepsia, under which he had labored for fifteen years; another from N. O. Shaw, of Pike county, Illinois, cured of a nervous affection; others from Mrs. A. Booth, of this city, nervous; John Cook, rheumatism; James E. Spratley, inflammation of the eyes; William Corris, inflammation of the eyes; Mrs. Caroline Myers, rheumatism; H. A. Farrar, neuralgia; H. Bayley, deafness; J. B. Rock, nervous; P. Coolridge, palpitation of the heart; Mrs. C. N. Lewis, deafness; J. Chandler, affection of the spine; E. P. Perkins, abscess; J. Barclay, rheumatism; T. McKinney, sore eyes; John Bobb, vertigo; and others—all cured, or very much relieved of their maladies.

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(From the St. Louis Post and Mystic Family, January 6th, 1849.)

### **Animal Magnetism.**

We have the pleasure of publishing, subjoined, the report which was adopted by the Messrs. Keely's class. This report was drawn up by G. T. M. Davis, Esq., of the *Era*, and was unanimously adopted, after mature consideration. Among the most remarkable cases which were reported, was the one heretofore noticed by us—that of Mr. Philip S. Lanham, and another of a lady, Mrs. Ely Anderson, who is universally beloved by all who have the pleasure of her acquaintance. Mrs. Anderson's case was one of severe neuralgia, of many year's standing, and it had withstood the highest knowledge and art of the very best

medical gentlemen in the land. Under their treatment she has been perfectly cured. Did Human Magnetism effect this? If not, what did? It was the only means employed—the effect is a perfect cure. We again allude to the case of Mr L., because interested persons have endeavored to discredit the benefits which he, by his own acknowledgment and the testimony of many witnesses, did receive from the same means. Since the report was made, a knowledge of this state of things has gone to Mr. L., and he, like a truthful man, as he is, has addressed a note to the Messrs Keely, denying all knowledge and participation in the matter, and loudly re-affirming the benefit which he still says he did receive.

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(From the St. Louis Reveille, of January 5th, 1849.)

### Cures by the Messrs. Keely.

It is hardly necessary to request attention to the array of evidence offered on our first page, with regard to the success of the Messrs. Keely in St. Louis. Numerous as are the cases cited, however, they form but a small portion of those which have been treated. In Kentucky, Ohio, and Indiana, the beneficial effects of the Mesmeric process have been established by proof no less strong than that now offered. Detraction, however busy, has everywhere failed in its assaults upon the present professors. It has been active in St. Louis, with regard to the celebrated Lanham case, yet, how overwhelmingly is it met and set to rest in the letter published this day? Mr. L., so far from having *relapsed*, has been employed for some time back, in *putting his ice house in order!* The classes of Mr. Keely, in this city, have embraced gentlemen of every profession, and those of allowed intelligence. Many of these have become successful magnetizers themselves, and these facts speak in tones fatal to envy and prejudice. Mr. K. has impressed every one as much by his spirit of fair dealing, as by his devotion to an extraordinary and useful discovery. He will go on prosperously.

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(From the Reveille.)

At a meeting of the Messrs. Keelys' class, held in the basement of the Westminster Church, December 20th, 1848, the following report was submitted by the committee appointed at a previous meeting, which was read by George T. M. Davis, and unanimously approved and adopted:

## To the Public.

The undersigned, a committee appointed in behalf of the class lately under the instruction of Messrs. Keely, beg leave to report: That in their teachings, and public demonstrations of the power of Animal Magnetism, (or Mental Electricity,) while in the city of St. Louis, the evidences have been of so numerous and conclusive a character, as to leave no rational doubt upon our minds of its great efficacy as a curative agent, in many diseases to which the family of man is heir. In these demonstrations, Messrs. Keely have acted, so far as our knowledge or information extends, with the utmost candor and firmness; and their deportment and bearing, as gentlemen, such as to entitle them to the respect and confidence of the public. It is not our design to particularize individual cases, where persons have, for a great length of time, suffered from dreadful maladies, which seemed to defy the skill of man, some of whom have found relief under the Mesmeric treatment of Messrs. Keely; but simply to bear testimony to the fact, that a number of such cases have come under our personal observation, which, had we not witnessed, we might have been led to doubt the truth of them. But there are very few who have been brought under the magnetic influence, and remained a sufficient length of time under their charge, but what have found relief to a greater or less extent, while many apparently have entirely recovered. In cases where they have doubted their ability to afford any relief to the suffering applicant, they have, with commendable frankness, stated that doubt, and given no encouragement; while the poor, who have applied to them, have invariably been treated, where a ray of hope existed of extending relief; and although in many instances cured, no charge whatever has been made, or compensation received from them. We will simply add, that the mode of using the agency, as taught by Messrs. K., is, in the judgment of your committee, a very great improvement in many diseases upon all other modes formerly known in its application as a remedial agent. Much more we could with propriety say, but regard the above as ample, in placing the Messrs. Keely fairly and correctly before the public, so far as their interesting and satisfactory instructions and experiments in St. Louis, have come under our observation.

GEORGE T. M. DAVIS, *Editor New Era,*  
 R. B. ELLIS, M. D.,  
 B. F. EDWARDS, M. D.,  
 REV. D. WHITNEY,  
 H. J. LINN, *Pastor Fourth St. M. E. Church.*

*St. Louis, Mo., December 20, 1848.*

The following gentlemen were appointed a committee to investigate cases cured, or improved by magnetic treatment: A. R. McNair, R. B. Ellis, L. P. Perry, B. F. Edwards, and Ely Anderson.

After which, the meeting adjourned.

Class met December 23, 1848. J. H. Ferguson was called to the Chair, and Charles E. Anderson appointed Secretary.

The committee appointed at a previous meeting, submitted the following report, with the cases, which was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That in our opinion the editors of the several city papers would confer a public favor by publishing the reports of this class and cases, or as many of them as circumstances will permit.

J. H. FERGUSON, *Chairman*.

C. E. ANDERSON, *Secretary*.

The undersigned committee, appointed to examine the reports of the cures occurring under the magnetic treatment, have had under consideration the following statements from the individuals themselves. Many of these ladies and gentlemen are known to all of the committee, and most of them to some one. We have no hesitation in bearing testimony to their credibility and respectable standing. Many of the most interesting facts have transpired under our personal observation. We beg leave to add that we find some cases in which the magnetic treatment has been resorted to which have not, as yet, been relieved.

A. R. McNAIR, *Chairman*.

ELY ANDERSON,

R. B. ELLIS, M. D.,

L. P. PERRY, M. D.,

B. F. EDWARDS, M. D.

#### Case 71, Neuralgia.

MESSRS. KEELY:—I feel exceedingly gratified to find myself one among the many who can tell of the salutary and curative effects of Human Magnetism in the case of my wife who has been afflicted with neuralgia, or tic-doloureux, for the last six years, to an alarming extent, scarcely ever having a well day during that period of time, as many of her numerous acquaintances could also testify, notwithstanding as good medical aid or attention has been given in her case, as the city could afford, yet all was unavailing, never having found other than momentary relief, and that, too, at the *expense and hazard of salivation*.

But since she has been in your asylum, and under your treatment by magnetism, (for forty days,) up to the present time, she has never enjoyed such uninterrupted health during the whole six years, feeling free from these awful and distressing pains, which were as knives piercing the face, the eye-balls and the brain. I could write much in relation to her peculiar sufferings; enough, however, is already said. I believe hers is an entire restoration. Respectfully yours,

ELY ANDERSON.

*St. Louis, Mo., December 22nd, 1848.*

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**Case 72, Apoplexy.**

I have been afflicted with dyspepsia fifteen years, much of the time unable to attend to business, and at all times compelled to be careful in my diet. For months at a time, bread and molasses was almost my only beverage. During this period I have suffered, often, from distressing headache and vomiting every day for more than three months in succession, with great distress in the stomach continually. For some years I have suffered from apoplexy, (or dizziness in the head,) for the last three months it has been much worse; I have often been compelled to sit down for fear of falling, from these attacks. For years I have been an agonizing sufferer from piles. In 1842 I received an injury on the ankle and instep of the right, and instep of the left foot, from which I have suffered much weakness and pain, particularly during any slight change in the weather. The best medical means I could procure have been employed continually, from which I received no advantage. My situation, on application to the Messrs. Keely on the 9th of last month, was as above stated. I have been magnetically treated by them up to the present date. Since the first week, I have been free from apoplexy, also entirely free from dyspepsia, and all the unhappy consequences arising from it. In ten days I was perfectly restored of piles; the pain and weakness in my ankles and feet is wholly gone. In short, I am, and have been, since the tenth day after the commencement of this treatment, entirely and perfectly free from all the above afflictions.

W. C. NASH.

I have known Mr. Nash for ten years, and believe full credit should be given to his statement.

WM. ROBB,

*St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 23, 1848.*

88 Main street.

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**Case 73, Neuralgia.**

I have been afflicted with nervous affection of the whole system, particularly of the head and breast, for four years, which, to a

great extent, destroyed my mental powers—so much so, that my friends became alarmed, and feared that I would lose my reason entirely. By their advice I was placed under the treatment of some of the best medical men in the West, with the vain hope of being restored to the use of my mental powers; but to their disappointment. About fifteen days since, I was induced to visit St. Louis with a friend, and place myself under the treatment of Messrs. Keely, which I did on the 5th inst. I was magnetized on the first attempt, and was much relieved. I have continued the treatment up to the present date. After the first eight days I was entirely restored; I feel no unpleasant sensation either in my head or breast, and I enjoy social life as well as I ever did in my life. I feel that I cannot recommend too strongly this treatment to all who are afflicted either in body or mind.

I live in Rockport, Pike Co., Illinois. H. O. SHAW.

We have known Mr. Shaw during his afflictions, and witnessed the above treatment, and cheerfully testify to the above statement.

LYMAN SCOTT,

*St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 16, 1848.*

JESSE CHANDLER.

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#### Case 74, Fits.

I have been afflicted with nervous spasms for twenty-four years; would fall prostrate and remain insensible for three or four hours each attack, which occurred from one to four times every twenty-four hours. For the first sixteen years I was confined to my bed much of the time, and at no time able to attend to my domestic duties. The last five months of the first sixteen years I suffered from dropsy of the entire system, unable to move my limbs, and when moved, I suffered most excruciating pain. At this time I was living in Manchester, England, and was treated by many of the most eminent medical men of that place, without being in the least benefited. In 1838, from the 9th of October until the 18th of November, I was unable to speak, and could not swallow scarce any nutriment. From this time up to January, 1839, I had so much improved that I could walk, with difficulty, suffering much pain. About this time the Mormons made their appearance; William Clayton, a Mormon minister, said if I would be baptized and have hands laid on me I would be healed. I consented, was baptized, and after an application of his hands I was much relieved. He continued this treatment occasionally, up to 1840, always giving me relief. I would have the spasms about once each week. I then left Manchester, and came to this country; the spasms gradually returned and continued to increase in frequency and severity, from April,

1840, up to February, 1848, from four to seven each week, since which they have been more frequent and severe, numbering from two to four every twenty-four hours. For the last seven years I have not slept two hours comfortably, at any one time; and during this period I vomited after each spasm, frequently throwing up blood. In this hopeless condition, scarcely able to walk, I called on the Messrs. Keely on the 10th of last month, and have been magnetically treated, occasionally, up to the present date. Since the second day I have been free from spasms and vomiting; have slept calmly and well; my general health is entirely and perfectly restored. My spirits which were deeply depressed, are now buoyant and bright. I have not felt a symptom of these spasms since the first magnetization, and I feel that I am perfectly restored. Residence, Market street, between Eighth and Ninth, north side.

MRS. ANN BOOTH.

*St. Louis, Mo., December 23, 1848.*

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#### Case 75, Ague and Fever.

I was attacked with rheumatism the first of September, and confined to my bed for six weeks. I called on the Messrs. Keely the 20th of last month, at which time I was constantly suffering great pain. I was magnetically treated a few times, and am now almost entirely well. Having taken instructions from the Messrs. K., I applied the principle in the case of my son, who has suffered from ague and fever since last May, and I restored him perfectly the first magnetization. My wife was also suffering great pain from salivation and cramp in the stomach, from which I restored her by "Local Magnetism."

JOHN COOK,

*St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 23, 1848.*

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#### Case 76, Sore Eyes.

My daughter, Elenor E. Spratley, aged fourteen years, had been afflicted with inflammatory sore eyes for three weeks previous to commencing the magnetic treatment by the Messrs. Keely, on the 14th of November. Her eyes were so weak, inflamed and painful, she could not bear them exposed to the light, continually suffering severe pain. For four days before commencing the treatment, she was confined to her bed, and had the light entirely excluded from her—suffering great pain. After the first magnetization (Nov. 14th) she was so much improved that she could look steadfastly at a lighted candle without experiencing the least inconvenience; she was free from pain, and commenced sewing. The same treatment was occasionally

applied for some three weeks—the inflammation rapidly subsiding—her eyes are now perfectly restored. She also had a large permanent molar tooth extracted while under the magnetic influence, without pain; when aroused she expressed much astonishment on finding it had been removed. This was done in the presence of a large audience.

*St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 23, 1848.* JAS. E. SPRATLEY.

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**Case 77, Sore Eyes.**

My son, Wm. H. Corris, aged ten years, has been afflicted with ophthalmia of the left eye for three months past. For three weeks before commencing the magnetic treatment by the Messrs. Keely, Nov. 17th, it was so much swollen, inflamed and painful, he was compelled to exclude it from the light. After the first operation he was so much relieved, he ceased wearing the bandage. There were occasional returns of soreness for a few days—the inflammation rapidly subsiding—and in about three weeks his eye was perfectly restored. Before commencing the treatment I tried a number of prescriptions, but none gave him any relief.

WM. CORRIS.

*St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 18, 1848.*

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**Case 78, Dyspepsia.**

For ten years past I have been afflicted with a rheumatic or nervous affection of the head, neck, shoulders, breast and stomach, and palpitation of the heart for six years. I have not been free from these afflictions for one week at any time. For the last two years I have been growing worse, my mind much of the time in a deranged state, spirits deeply depressed, fearful when left alone, lost to all pleasant associations—was suspicious of my best friends, and most fervently desired death. My head and feet were continually cold, my eyes weak, and hearing defective. I have also been an agonizing sufferer from piles for the past year—for the last twelve years I have suffered from dyspepsia, and compelled to diet much of the time. The above was my condition when I commenced the magnetic treatment by the Messrs. Keely, on the 9th instant. From all these maladies I am perfectly restored.

Mrs. CAROLINE MYERS.

The statement of my wife is correct.

*St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 21, 1848.*

J. W. MYERS.

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**Case 79, Neuralgia.**

Messrs. Keely:—I owe to your efforts, through the agency of human magnetism, more than I am able to express. For the

last eight months I have been an excruciating sufferer from a neuralgic affection of the head, left arm and side, with an entire loss of feeling in the arm and hand at times, being unable to move it. I was reduced to the necessity of being confined to my bed, and lying constantly on my right side. I commenced your treatment some three weeks since. After the third sitting, although not conscious of being fully magnetized, I have been free from pain and restored to the perfect use of my arm. I have also suffered with palpitation of the heart, from which I am entirely restored.

HARRIETTE A. FARRAR.

*St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 23, 1848.*

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**Case 80, Narcotism.**

I have been afflicted constantly, for the last twelve months, with nervous trembling, supposed to have been caused by excessive use of tobacco. For the last eight months I have not at any time been able to write without great difficulty, and at times was so nervous it was impossible for me to do so. I was magnetized by Mr. Keely on the 8th inst., and at once entirely restored, and have not felt the slightest symptom of it since. At the same time my taste for tobacco was destroyed, and I have been unable to use it since.

JOHN B. ROCK.

*St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 28, 1848.*

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**Case 81, Palpitation.**

I have been afflicted with palpitation of the heart for four years. I have been magnetized twice by Mr. Keely, and operated on for the removal of this disease. Since the first magnetization, the 8th inst., when I was suffering from an attack, I was entirely restored, and have been perfectly well up to the present time.

PÉRVIS COOLRIDGE.

*St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 28th, 1848.*

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**Case 82, Deafness.**

Messrs. I. I. and G. W. Keely:—My health has been materially improved by magnetism. For more than eighteen years I have been much of the time deprived of society from deafness, and for the last year it has been gradually growing worse. The first intimation was a roaring in the head, with tumors, which occasioned great pain, with frequent discharges of offensive pus from the ears. For some years past, I have been afflicted with neuralgia in the head and face, with general nervous debility,

and consequent prostration of healthful, physical activity. My spirits have been much depressed, so much so, that I have lost nearly all relish for society, particularly for the last year. Medical skill has been of little advantage to me, although faithfully applied. I became an inmate of your asylum on the 8th of last month. My hearing is now so much improved that I can hear common conversation with ease, when my attention is drawn to the speaker. I still find some difficulty in readily gathering articulation, unless addressed in a slow and distinct manner. I am free from neuralgia, have improved to a vigorous, sudden, and buoyant strength of body and mind, felt deeply within, and acknowledged with wonder by all of my friends. With many prayers for your success in relieving suffering humanity, I am, your obliged and grateful friend, Mrs. CHAS. N. LEWIS.  
*St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 16, 1848.*

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#### Case 83, Neuralgia.

I have been afflicted with violent headache, or neuralgic affection of the head, beginning in the back part generally, of the right side, and extending over the temple. I would frequently have these attacks, commencing in the morning, and continuing in violence from twenty-four to forty-eight hours, followed by extreme exhaustion and depression of spirits, attended with dyspepsia, pain in the breast, and extreme coldness in the feet. At times, my memory was much affected, and my mind materially deranged, rendering any mental effort painful. And for the last four years my spine has been affected, from which I suffered excruciating pain much of the time, causing a partial paralysis of the right leg. I have also had a diarrhea for the last four months, and the ague for some days. I have tried the best medical means faithfully, during my affliction, to no effect. The above was my condition when I commenced the magnetic treatment by the Messrs. Keely, December 6th. I am now free from headache, feel not the slightest symptom of pain in my breast, nor dyspepsia, free from the paralysis and spinal affection, and also free from diarrhea and ague, and my general health is so much improved, I feel that I will not have a return of these maladies.

JESSE CHANDLER.

*St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 19, 1848.*

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#### Case 84, Abscess.

My daughter, Martha, eleven years of age, has been afflicted with an abscess under her right arm for the last five years, from

which she has suffered pain, more or less, continually, with a constant discharge, with the exception of a few days at different periods. A portion of the time she has suffered great pain in the shoulder joint; at all times the parts affected were tender to the touch. The usual remedies have been faithfully applied, but without giving relief. Some thirty days since I placed her under the charge of the Messrs. Keely, She has been free from pain and soreness since the second day. The discharges have gradually ceased, and although severe tests have been applied to the parts, no soreness or difficulty is now remaining, excepting slight tenderness, on pressure, at the point of issue. I have also been afflicted with a nervous affection of the chest, inducing palpitation, with a sensation of suffocation and stoppage of circulation. I could not lie on my left side without continually suffering with these unpleasant sensations. My pulse would cease for two or three pulsations, it would then re-commence with a fluttering, irregular beat, and I would become extremely nervous throughout my entire system. I have been thus afflicted for several months past, otherwise my health has been tolerably good. I have been under this treatment a part of the time since the 23d of last month, and although not brought fully under the magnetic influence at any time, I have been entirely free from all these unpleasant sensations since the few first days treatment.

E. P. PERKINS.

The foregoing statement, I am persuaded is fully correct, knowing most of the facts from personal observation.

*St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 23, 1848.* B. F. EDWARDS, M. D.

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**Case 85, Rheumatism.**

I have been troubled with Rheumatic pains in my shoulder for many years, and for the past three years, could not sleep comfortably at night, and was compelled to cross my hands over my head before I could sleep. I have been magnetically treated by the Messrs. Keely, for the last five days, and I am now free from pain, and can sleep as comfortably as I ever could in my life.

JOSEPH BARCLAY.

*St. Louis, Mo., November 21, 1848.*

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**Case 86, Sore Eyes.**

My daughter, Elmina, aged sixteen, has had weak eyes from infancy, and at no time able to read at night without experiencing much inconvenience. For the last five months they have

been so weak she could not either sew or read at night, and not in day time, without suffering much pain in them. She has been under the magnetic treatment by the Messrs. Keely, for the last six days—her eyes are now perfectly well, and she can either read or sew for hours at a time, by candle light, without the least difficulty. She was also partially deaf—so much so, as to amount to a considerable inconvenience—from which she is perfectly restored.

JOSEPH BARCLAY.

*St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 21, 1848.*

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I have not been magnetized since the above date, and although much exposed, I have remained well; my daughter has also remained perfectly well; before being magnetized she never had her monthly changes, she has since had them twice as other healthy females.

JOSEPH BARCLAY.

December 30, 1848.

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#### Case 87, Sore Eyes.

The following cases have been handed in since the above date:

My wife was attacked with inflammatory sore eyes, in November, 1846, with which she was a great sufferer, for twelve months, continually. She then took cold, and her eyes became so swollen, inflamed and painful, that she was forced to exclude them from the light, by bandaging them with several thicknesses of linen constantly for four months, all of which time she was an excruciating sufferer. The pain and inflammation then gradually ceased, but she was left entirely blind. The eye-balls, or dark parts of the eyes were covered with a white coating, the color being almost the same as the white of the eye; the extremes between light and darkness, was all she could discover, having to be led about like a person without eyes. She thus continued up to the 10th of November, at which time I placed her under the charge of the Messrs. Keely. She has gradually improved up to the present time. The coating over the dark part of the eyes is nearly all gone. They are now strong, and bear the light as well as they ever did. She can go about without a guide, with safety, either day or night; can read large print, point out the stars on a half dollar, and see other small objects. She is now able to attend to her domestic affairs, though with some inconvenience; but we have good reason to believe, that by a continuation of the treatment, she will be perfectly

restored. From injuries received by a fall, she gave premature birth to an infant two months old, some two weeks since. She was thrown under the magnetic influence, and all that nature required in her case was fully accomplished, without any pain whatever, and she is now, and has been for several days entirely well. My eyes have also been affected, and by the same treatment, have been very much improved. I live in Pike county, Illinois.

THOMAS MCKINNEY.

Witness: T. H. CAVANAUGH.

St. Louis, Mo., December 27, 1848.

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**Case 88, Sore Eyes.**

On the 10th of November last, our attention was called to the case of Mrs. McKinney, who was about placing herself under the Messrs. Keelys' treatment, for the cure of blindness. We found extensive chronic inflammation of both eyes. The conjunctiva had suffered much, and was somewhat thickened. The sclerotic coat was red, the vessels being highly injected. The opacity of the cornea was so great, that the pupil was scarcely perceptible. A filament covered the anterior and interior portion of both eyes. The patient could, by an effort, point out windows to the room, if near at hand, but could not distinguish the boldest colors. On examining Mrs. McKinney's eyes to-day, we find no very marked morbid appearance, excepting a nebulous condition of the cornea. There is no inflammation present, and she is able to tell the hour by the watch. She has had no other treatment than the magnetic, as we are informed and believe.

R. B. ELLIS, M. D.,

B. F. EDWARDS, M. D.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 19th, 1848.

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**Case 89, Spinal Affection.**

MESSRS. I. I. AND G. W. KEELY:

*Gentlemen:* It is with feelings of no ordinary pleasure and gratitude, that I give this statement of my mother's case, and also the astonishing and beneficial result of your course of treatment. For eighteen years she has been afflicted with a nervous affection of the whole system, with disease of the spine, palpitation of the heart, dyspepsia, distressing pains in the head, in short, she bids me say that you have only to enumerate the diseases to which females are subject, to have a proper idea of her condition when she was induced to commence your magnetic treatment. For the last four years she has been gradually

growing worse, and for the last ten months, she has often been confined to her bed, from three to twelve days at a time, and at no time has she been able to sit up but a portion of the day. In this helpless and almost hopeless condition, rendered unfit for the enjoyments of life, we, as a "forlorn hope," called on you. After the second magnetization, the pain in her head was removed; after the fifth the pain in the back was relieved, and the palpitation of the heart ceased. From the commencement of your treatment up to the present time, she has been rapidly improving, and for the last ten days, she has been entirely free from her combined afflictions; mentally and physically, she is well, and we have good reason to believe her restoration is a perfect one. My own application of your system, in giving relief to the afflicted, has been, in a number of important cases, crowned with the most happy results, and I here recommend to the afflicted, the trial of this astonishing remedy, with a sincere belief, that if not complete restoration, a speedy relief will be effected.

Yours truly,

WM. ALPHEUS SMITH.

The above statement, made by my son, is true in all its parts.

ALPHEUS SMITH,

*No. 95 Main Street.*

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#### Case 90, Vertigo.

I am eighty-one years of age, have been afflicted with Vertigo (or dizziness in the head) for forty years. For the last fifteen years I have suffered more with this disease—much of the time walked with great difficulty, and have been painfully afflicted with a burning sensation in my feet. In my joints there has been a stiffness and inactivity, accompanied with an aching pain; they felt as though they were splitting open; when moving them they creaked like a door hung on rusty hinges. The sensation was peculiarly disagreeable, and difficult to describe. The entire machinery of my physical organism seemed to need oil, as does an old time-keeper long neglected. I have tried to get clear of these difficulties, but medical skill has failed to relieve me, although faithfully sought after. Having heard of the Messrs. Keely, the important effects they had been producing upon the afflicted, I was induced to test their skill on this old machine of mine. I have been faithful in my attentions to their treatment part of the time, for the last month. After the first few days I felt that I was relieved, and each application since has been gradually correcting, giving life and energy to my physical and

mental organism. The entire machinery of my system is corrected—the creaking and splitting sensation of the joints and bones has entirely disappeared, the dizziness in my head is gone, the burning sensation of my feet has ceased. In short, the propelling, as well as the entire machinery of my physical system, is corrected, for which I am indebted to the science of Mental Electricity.

JOHN BOBB.

*St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 23, 1848.*

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#### Case 91, Spasms.

For twenty years I have been afflicted with spasmodic twitching and nervous trembling of my entire system, with a cold, aching pain in my head. I have been much worse since 1838; since that time these cold, aching pains have been felt throughout my entire system; my mind has been deeply depressed—I have not been able to sleep comfortably more than two hours at any one time; owing to these spasmodic attacks, having to rise from my bed several times each night. My hands have trembled so much lately, that I could not do anything which required calmness of the nerves. It was unsafe for me to handle brittle ware, as my arms would frequently become palsied and fall to my side, remaining so for some time. I have been under the Messrs. Keelys' treatment for some fifteen days—after the second day, I was entirely relieved from the spasmodic twitchings, and have slept as soundly as when in perfect health. My general health is almost entirely restored; my mind is free from all gloomy sensations; all those cold, aching pains have disappeared—I am entirely restored with the exception of a slight tremor of the hands.

MRS. NANCY FUGETT.

I have known Mrs. Fugett about ten years, and have every reason to believe her statement is correct, having known of her suffering, and witnessed the most of the treatment.

T. H. CAVANAUGH.

*St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 30, 1848.*

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#### Case 92, Prolapsus Uteri.

For the last three years, my wife has been afflicted with general nervous debility, affecting both mind and body, frequently having severe nervous spasms, suffering with falling of the womb, and other female complaints, with which she has suffered most excruciating pain—her general health was very much impaired. She has been under the magnetic treatment of the

Messrs. Keely, for some six or seven days. She is now able to attend to her domestic affairs, and almost entirely free from the bad influences of the diseases. ARTHUR S. SMITH.

*St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 30, 1848.*

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**Case 93, Injury.**

Mr. Ebenezer White received an injury, in October last, which broke two ribs, and fractured his thigh-bone, from which he suffered great pain. When he called on the Messrs. Keely, he was able to walk by the aid of a cane with difficulty, suffering much pain, weakness and soreness; he was magnetized, the first sitting some fifteen days since, and at once relieved of lameness. After the second operation he informed me there was no soreness or weakness remaining, and that he was perfectly restored. I give this statement of Mr. White's case, as he has gone South, and was a member of my family at the time, and gave me these facts.

REV. DEWEY WHITNEY.

*St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 30, 1848.*

Many other cases might be enumerated in which the magnetic treatment has produced the most happy results, not only by the Messrs. K., and your committee, but by many other members of the class.

*St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 1, 1849.*

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Messrs. I. I. and G. W. Keely—*Gents*: After my thanks to you, for the knowledge imparted by you to myself, among many others, in the science of *Human Magnetism* or *Mental Electricity*, suffer me to say to you, that I, acting upon the facts demonstrated by you, and insisted upon by you as within the power of all your pupils, have tried local magnetism upon the following cases, with the results as appended, viz:

1st. A case of rheumatism of three months standing, the person unable to leave his store to any distance, for the above length of time. Cured in two applications of about ten minutes each, at an interval of three hours.

2nd. A case of violent headache, cured in about five minutes.

3rd. A case of very violent toothache, cured in about five minutes, and the person went to sleep.

4th. A child laboring under high fever from violent cold, difficult breathing, and great restlessness. Local magnetism applied about fifteen minutes; child went to sleep and slept until morning.

5th. Dyspepsia of several years standing. Used general and local magnetism two or three times per week; not yet cured but much improved; better every way than for three years past.

I could mention a number of other cases equally important.

Respectfully, T. H. CAVANAUGH.

*St Louis, Mo., Dec. 30, 1848.*

Messrs. I. I. and G. W. Keely—*Sirs:* Having attended your course of lectures, witnessed your experiments, and seen the many benefits resulting therefrom, I have the greatest confidence in the efficacy of your mode of treating disease. And in accordance with your instruction that your pupils, by a proper use and application of the magnetic treatment could also be successful, I have been induced to try, and have thus far proved successful.

The first few cases were those of headache, some very violent and others slight, which were entirely removed by local magnetism.

I also cured a friend, whom I found suffering considerable pain from the effects of a cold that had settled in his system. He was lying on a couch, unable to move without experiencing great pain, which was entirely removed by local magnetism, or passes made from the head downwards, for about twenty minutes.

I also proved successful in a similar case to the one above mentioned, by the application of magnetism, proper and local. And with the greatest confidence in this mode of treatment, I remain, with great respect, yours,

WM. ALPHEUS SMITH.

*St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 4, 1849.*

#### Case 94, Spasms.

Messrs. Keely—It gives me pleasure to report myself even in a better condition than when I gave you my statement. I have given four public exhibitions with perfect success. Magnetism, in our little town, is just now all the talk; my prospects for a class are flattering; my success in the treatment of disease has been extraordinary. One subject afflicted with spasms for three years, is almost well. The best medical treatment had failed to do her any good. You will soon hear from me again. In great haste, in love, purity and fidelity,

H. O. SHAW.

*Rockport, Pike Co., Ill., Dec. 28, 1848*

#### Case 95, Students.

I have been afflicted with rheumatism for four years, at times suffering most excruciating pain. For ten days previous to

being operated on magnetically by Mr. Tiernan, (a member of the Messrs. Keely's class,) I was much of the time confined to my bed, suffering continually. Since the third operation, Dec. 17th, I have been free from pain, and I consider myself perfectly restored.

THOS. HOLLAN.

We have known Mr. Thos. Hollan during his late affliction, and cheerfully testify to the truthfulness of his statement, as far as the restoration is concerned.

L. NEWMAN,

MARY HOLLAN.

#### Case 96, Salivation.

Since taking lectures from the Messrs. Keely on the subject of Human Magnetism, I have applied the principle in the following cases:

My wife has suffered much from mercurial rheumatism for the last five years, the effects of salivation, with which she suffered much pain in all her joints—particularly in wet weather, after getting her feet wet, she would suffer excruciating pain, with swelling of the neck and joints, suffering great pain in the teeth and face. By local magnetism I relieved her of all pain, and reduced the swelling very much; then, by magnetism proper, relieved her entirely. Now, on exposure to damp weather, she has no return of pain, swelling or soreness.

Case 2. Cramp in the stomach, with palpitation of the heart, cured by one magnetization.

3rd. Rheumatism of several years' standing, at times walked with great difficulty, cured by a few magnetizations.

4th. Severe toothache of ten days' standing, cured by local magnetization in a few minutes. Also, many cases of severe headache, by local magnetism.

LEVI W. TAYLOR.

*St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 6th, 1849.*

#### Case 97, Paralysis.

I have been for nine months suffering with palsy of the right side; have been treated magnetically six times by the Messrs. Keely, and materially improved.

JAS. E. McDAVIES.

*St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 30, 1848.*

#### Case 98, Dyspepsia.

For twenty years I have been afflicted with dyspepsia, spinal affection, palpitation of the heart, giddiness in the head and a burning sensation in the feet, with general debility and nervous

trembling. For the last two years I have had a scrofulous affection, accompanied with erysipelas throughout my entire system, and have not rested well a single night. From all these afflictions I am materially relieved by the Messrs. Keely's treatment, and of the most of them entirely cured; sleep soundly at nights. In short, I am well of all the above described diseases, excepting scrofula, and improved in that.

MARY WHEATLEY.

My wife has stated her case correctly.

*St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 5, 1849.* SAM'L G. WHEATLEY.

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**Case 99, Scrofula.**

My daughter, nine years of age, has been afflicted with scrofula for the last five years. She has had frequent attacks of *lung fever*, which continued from three to four weeks, accompanied with spitting of blood. She has also suffered much with palpitation of the heart; her health has been extremely bad at all times. When the Messrs. Keely took her case, she was suffering from a severe attack of the fever. In a few days, by the magnetic treatment, she was entirely restored. The almost instantaneous and happy effect in her case, could only be realized and believed by those knowing all the circumstances, and witnessing the effects. I refer to Dr. Edwards for further particulars, who aided in this restoration.

SAM'L G. WHEATLEY.

*St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 5, 1849.*

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**Case 100, Nicotism.**

Having been an inveterate chewer of tobacco for more than a year, I was mesmerized by the Messrs. Keely about thirty days ago, and have not been able to use the article since. I was also entirely cured from pain resulting from the bite of a dog, received about three years ago.

E. M. WATTS.

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**Case 101, Spasms.**

Charles E. Parker, aged thirteen, has been afflicted with nervous spasms from infancy, his parents suffered from the same disease, as I am informed by them. I have known the boy for the past year; I refused to keep him in my employ on this account. He would have the spasms every day for months at a time; for some days before I took him to the Messrs. Keely, he

had a spasm every day. He was magnetized the first sitting, (five weeks since,) and seemed to be relieved—after this he was magnetized some three times by the Messrs. K., and once by Mr. John B. Carsop, and also by Col. Wm. Wolfe. Since the first magnetizations he has not had a single symptom of these spasms, and is much more sprightly than I ever saw him.

A. WHITE,

*St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 6, 1848,*

No. 27 Vine street.

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### Mesmerism vs. Law.

The Messrs. Keely were arraigned Saturday, before the Recorder, charged with making an exhibition of mesmerism, for gain, without license. They had been before the court on a previous occasion, but the Recorder decided the complaint, as set forth, insufficient, and the City Attorney framed another, of which the following is a copy:

“I. I. Keely and George W. Keely did, between the 1st of July and 1st of January, 1848, own, conduct, and manage, for gain, without license therefor; that is, they, the said defendants, did then and there exhibit and show what is called magnetism, animal magnetism, or human magnetism, or mesmerism, for gain, without a license therefor; and did, also, under the name aforesaid, practice certain tricks of legerdemain, and did lay hands on certain persons, and performed passes, so called, with their hands over certain persons, thereby causing them to perform certain tricks, antics, actions and motions, for the amusement of the spectators, and did then and there exhibit themselves as mountebanks, performing tricks of legerdemain, juggling, as an amusement, thereby causing the audience to laugh and applaud, as at a circus, or other exhibition of jugglery or buffonery; and did, also, exhibit or show a magnetical piece of coin, so called, and did place it in the hands of various persons in the audience, directing them to look at said coin, and then and there declaring said persons to be mesmerized, or magnetized, and thereby then and there causing them to perform certain antics and tricks, such as dancing, following a coin, which one of said defendants holds, making speeches, imitating the act of swimming, pretending that they, the said defendants, induce certain persons to believe they are Gen. Cass, or Gen. Taylor, as a matter of amusement for the audience. The said defendants, representing themselves as magnetizers or mesmerizers, did, between the times aforesaid, make the foregoing exhibitions or shows, with many other tricks, antics, laughable and amusing

performance, as an exhibition, show, or amusement, for gain, without a license therefor."

The City Attorney contended that mesmeric lectures and examples of the effect of the science was in no way different from feats of legerdemain, slight of hand, etc., except in the fact that itinerant magicians confessed their tricks to be deceptive, while mesmerizers contended that theirs were truthful and positive effects produced by the agency of this magnetic power in the human system. He stated his belief to be that both were deceptive, that they were exhibitions of the same character, and that they should alike be taxed.

The Recorder decided that Mr. Keely's lectures were not exhibitions within the meaning of the ordinance, and dismissed the defendants.

If the Messrs. Keely had been arraigned for *witchcraft*, we should have considered it an equally sustainable complaint. If teaching how the afflicted may be relieved from many nervous affections is an exhibition within the meaning of the ordinance, then every medical school in the city may be arraigned and made to pay a license.

Medical schools charge a certain price for tickets to their different classes—they have an amphitheater where they exhibit operations upon both the living and the dead, for the purpose of teaching those who attend how to cure disease, and in this, the medical and mesmeric schools are precisely similar. There is one great difference, however, in the students who come from these two schools. If the mesmeric scholar is devoid of the power to heal, he cannot get patients, while the student who goes through the other school, and gets his diploma, if the greatest dolt in Christendom, can get some to imbibe his drugs, and die under the affliction of *medical ignorance*.

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## INDIANAPOLIS.

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### Report to the Public.

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The committee to whom were referred the cases treated by Dr. Keely, have considered the same, and would report that his success has exceeded the most sanguine expectations of his friends. He has also given satisfaction to his class as a teacher of Mental Electricity.

The committee wishing only to report facts, submit the following statements from the persons treated, which they commend to the public.

Judge A. A. HAMMOND,

Judge W. J. PEASLEE,

ISAAC SMITH,

JESSE TURNER,

Rev. T. R. CRESSEY,

of the Baptist Church,

May 27, 1850.

Colonel T. A. MORRIS.

Here follow a dozen bad cases from which we select:

**Case 102, Injury.**

Nineteen years since, I got my right shoulder injured, with which I have suffered much pain and great weakness—portions of the time being unable to use it for any purpose. I have been entirely restored by Dr. Keely, within the last few days.

Indianapolis, May 18, 1850. PETER F. NEWLAND.

**Case 103, Quininism.**

Andrew Martin became deaf—supposed cause, use of quinine. His deafness came on him in September last, and was so total that no idea could be conveyed to him by sound. Dr. Keely's treatment cured him in a few days so that he can hear common conversation.

PETER F. NEWLAND.

Indianapolis, May 27, 1850.

**Case 104, Prolapsus Uteri.**

Dr. Keely restored my wife from *Prolapsus Uteri*, with which she had been afflicted for several years, by magnetic treatment.

Indianapolis, May 20, 1850.

E. Y. GASTON.

**Case 105.**

For ten months past I have been suffering with a combination of diseases, which have baffled the skill of the most eminent physicians in the South, and, up to the time of my becoming a patient under Dr. Keely, I had given up all hope of recovery. But I am now greatly improved in health, and hope to live long to advocate the claims of Human Magnetism, as a remedial agent.

J. W. REID.

Indianapolis, May 28, 1850.

**Case 106, Prolapsus Uteri.**

For five years I have been afflicted with *Prolapsus Uteri*, and other female diseases, accompanied by nervous spasms, with much pain in my back, breast and side; and Neuralgic affection in my head and neck; I have also suffered from Dyspepsia. Medical treatment benefited me but little. I have been entirely restored by Dr. Keely, of *Prolapsus Uteri* and *Dyspepsia*, the pain in my back, breast and side, Neuralgia has entirely disappeared, and I have escaped the spasms nearly altogether. My general health is vastly improved.

MRS. TALBERT.

Indianapolis, May 20, 1850.

**Shelbyville Report on Mesmerism.**

The undersigned, a committee appointed by Mr. Keely's class, for the purpose of examining the merits of Mental Electricity, respectfully submit the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That Mr. Keely's lectures and experiments in this place amply satisfied us of all that he claimed for Animal Magnetism, and that we can confidently recommend him, together with his favorite science, to the kind regard and attention of all who are desirous of being entertained and instructed by developments and demonstrations in a science worthy the attention of every enlightened philanthropist.

*Resolved*, That we regard Mental Electricity as a remedial agent, highly available in relieving persons variously and seriously afflicted with mental and physical debility and disease.

A. G. SELMAN, M. D.,

A. G. WEBB, M. D.,

I. N. TERWILLIGER, *Editor*,

REV. E. KENT, *of Presbyterian Church*,

E. G. MAYHEW, *Justice of the Peace*,

G. LUPTON, M. D., *Dentist*,

D. THATCHER, *Editor*,

S. M. MCKENZIE, *Capt. 5th Indiana Regiment*,

REV. S. MORRISON, *of the M. E. Church*,

M. VAUL, *Editor*.

A few of the worst cases successfully treated are herewith submitted:

**Case 107, Cramp.**

For ten years I have been afflicted with severe Cramp, with which I have suffered very much. I have not, at any time, been

free from it twenty-four hours. For the last six months I have not been free from it for an hour at a time. I have also been afflicted with a dizziness in my head, for the last three years, which has caused me to fall prostrate on the ground a number of times. I have been under Mr. Keely's treatment some six days; for the last three days I have been well of both these diseases, and feel active and strong. Labor does not exhaust me as it did before I commenced his treatment.

*Shelbyville, Ind., June 10, 1850.*

JOHN DRAKE.

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## Report to the Public on Mental Electricity.

At a meeting of the Keely Magnetic Physiological and Phrenological Society, No. 84, of Columbus, Indiana, convened at the Court House, on the evening of June 29th, 1850, it being the first adjourned meeting of the Society, there being present about ninety members.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

The undersigned having been appointed by the class, and having witnessed the teachings of Dr. Keely, as well as his experiments in Human Magnetism, in this place, for the last two weeks, both in his public exhibitions and before his class in private, would beg leave to state, that in our opinion, Dr. Keely has exhibited sufficient and undoubted proof of his ability to produce all the results by Human Magnetism, that he has claimed for it, both as a remedial agent, in counteracting and curing diseases of various kinds, as well as demonstrating, scientifically and practically, all its operations in controlling his subjects entirely at his will, causing a great variety of results that would seem to be incredible if not witnessed, which results were as truly wonderful and startling, as they were new to most of our citizens.

SAMUEL DOBBIN, *President.*

D. R. WAYLAND, *Secretary pro. tem.*

W. B. HORN, *Deputy Sheriff,*

D. R. WAYLAND, *County Auditor,*

S. MOORE, *Postmaster,*

N. T. HAUSER, *Prosecuting Attorney,*

HON. WILLIAM HEROD,

W. C. STATELAR, *Editor Spirit West.*

WILLIAM WASHBURN,

THOMAS HAYS, *Merchant,*

WILLIAM HOLLAND, *Chairman Committee.*

**Cases 108—12, Prolapsus, Cystitis, Ague, Epilepsy.**

I have attended a course of private and public lectures, delivered by Dr. Keely, on Mental Electricity, and as part of the education of a medical student is to eschew mesmerism, it is natural that I should have imbibed strong prejudices. I therefore gave the Doctor but little attention, until he had produced striking cures on persons who I knew had long been diseased, and on whom the best medical skill had been applied without any good result. This induced me to investigate his claims. I entered his asylum as a truth-loving physician, and have carefully investigated his claims, both as to his physiology of disease and the application of certain philosophical data as a remedial agent. I have carefully observed these principles applied to various diseases, believed to be incurable by the most popular medical schools, which rapidly gave way before the treatment. In consequence of these convictions, I am compelled, notwithstanding all my former prejudices, to indorse Dr. K.'s claims. Indeed, I have had sufficient evidence in my own practice, within the last eight days, of this important remedial agent, having successfully applied these principles in several cases of painful disease, with the most satisfactory and gratifying results. In one case of Prolapsus Uteri, one of Cystitis, or Inflammation of the Bladder, one of third day Ague, one of Epilepsy, as well as a number of other cases. I have therefore resolved to use this important remedial agent in connection with my former system of practice, where it meets the approbation of my patient, and my judgment dictates such treatment.

S. JACKSON, M. D.

*Columbus, Ind., June 29, 1850.*

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**Case 113, Pulmonary Consumption.**

I have been afflicted for some twenty years, with a general derangement of my nervous system, suffering almost continually, with a pain in my side and breast, and palpitation of the heart. Being at all times extremely weak and nervous, and latterly suffered very much with nervous headache. I have had the best medical attention for years, without getting any relief; they gave it as a general opinion, that my lungs were diseased, and called my disease Consumption, and their decision was that I was incurable. My mind was also much depressed. Eleven days since, I become a patient of Dr. Keely, and have been magnetically treated regularly by him up to the present date. I gradually gained strength, until my general health was much im-

proved. The pain in my side, palpitation and headache, have all disappeared. My spirits are buoyant.

NANCY STEVENS.

My wife's statement is strictly true.

WILLIAM STEVENS.

*Columbus, Ind., June 28, 1850.*

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**Case 114, Chronic Rheumatism.**

I have been affected with Rheumatism for the last twenty-nine years; am now some forty-three years of age; for the last four years I have been much worse, and was carried to my bed for a number of months, nearly all the time, when I improved so I could move a little by the aid of crutches, since which time I have been unable to work but very little; the least exercise would cause me to suffer great pain; indeed, I was never clear of pain up to the time I placed myself under Dr. Keely's treatment. I was immediately relieved from pain by the first magnetization, twelve days since, and I have not felt any pain since. My arms, shoulder or neck, which have been stiff and palsied, to some extent, are restored. I can use them as freely as if they never had been diseased. My back and hips which were drawn very much out of their natural position, and had been for years, are now relieved from pain, and have assumed their natural position. In short, I feel none and have had no symptoms of any for several days. I feel perfectly restored, active and strong, and free from pain.

JAMES TOOLEY.

*Columbus, Ind., June 28, 1850.*

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**Case 115, Nervous Trembling and Cure of Using Tobacco.**

I have been troubled with Nervous Trembling for the last two years; so much so, that I could seldom get a cup of coffee to my lips without spilling a part of it. My general health has not been good for some years. I became a patient of Dr. Keely's twelve days since. I have been free from this difficulty since the third day's treatment. I was an incessant tobacco chewer. He has restored me from that filthy practice, and my general health is entirely restored.

THOMAS BELL.

*Columbus, Ind., June 28, 1850.*

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**Case 116, Felon and Nervous Trembling.**

On Monday, the 17th of June, while suffering a most excruciating pain from a Felon on my thumb, I was placed under the

magnetic treatment, and was entirely relieved from pain; it is now healed up and well, and I have not suffered one moment's pain with it since. I had not gained my health—having had cholera last year—was left in a weak and debilitated state of health, with Neavous Trembling. I am also cured of Nervous Trembling—nerves perfectly calm, and my general health is entirely restored.

LEVI CONWAY.

*Columbus, Ind., June 28, 1850.*

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**Case 117, Ague and Pain in the Hips.**

I have been, for nearly four years, afflicted with Ague. Sometimes I would have a chill every day, sometimes every other day, and part of the time every third day, accompanied with pain in my hips, side and shoulders, constantly, which so disabled me, I could not labor. For some twelve days I became a patient of Dr. Keely's, and at the expiration of four days I was entirely restored from all pain. The Ague, also, has disappeared, and my general health is much improved, and I am now able to resume my labor with energy and life; before, it was a burden to me; now my spirits are buoyant.

THOMAS J. RICHARD.

*Columbus, Ind., June 28, 1850.*

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**Case 118, Chronic Rheumatism and Spinal Affection.**

For twenty-one years I have been suffering with pain in my back, sometimes unable to walk at all. Other times more or less pain and weakness; part of the time could not straighten my back. I have also been troubled with Rheumatic pains in my limbs. When I called on Dr. Keely, on the 25th instant, I was suffering very much. I was relieved at the first sitting, and have been magnetized a few times since, and am now perfectly well. I have tested my back by hard work. I am free from Rheumatism, and my general health is very much improved.

AARON S. BULLARD.

*Columbus, Ind., June 28, 1850.*

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**Case 119, Ague Cured.**

For the last three years I have been afflicted with the three days' Ague, and scarce able to be about and attend to any business, with more or less pain in my limbs. I was very much debilitated, and, some nine days since, I placed myself under Dr.

Keely's treatment. My strength has gradually returned, my pain is all gone, and I have not had a chill since, and my general health is improved.

DAVID McANDRE.

*Columbus, Ind., June 28, 1850.*

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**Case 120, Total Deafness of Thirty years, and Mercurial Rheumatism.**

Thirty years since I became totally deaf in my left ear. I have not been able, at any time since, to hear the explosion of a rifle gun from said ear. I have applied to the physicians of Philadelphia and other cities for relief, but got none. I have, also, been afflicted for the last twenty years with a painful disease, called, by physicians, Mercurial Rheumatism. I have been under Dr. Keely's treatment for the last six days. My hearing is so much improved that I can hear the tick of a watch fifteen inches from my deaf ear. I am well of Rheumatism and feel better than I have for twenty years.

MOSES GERMAN.

*Columbus, Ind., June 29, 1850.*

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**Case 121, Epileptic Fits for Eleven years.**

I have had the most successful treatment from the physicians in Frankfort, Germany, but received no benefit from their treatment. I removed to the United States in 1847. I used medicine of Dr. Strock of New York, for three months; and Dr. Filmore, of Ohio, treated me for three weeks; neither of them done me any good. I have recently been treated by Dr. Ciolina; he gave me no relief whatever. Twelve days since I became a patient under Dr. Keely, since which time I have remained perfectly well, and my general health was much improved and is now good.

VALENTIN WETSEL.

*Columbus, Ind., June 29, 1850.*

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**Case 122, Palsy and Nervous Rheumatism.**

In September last I was attacked with Rheumatism and Palsy. I suffered considerable pain in my limbs and body, both of which became numb. I was able to attend to a little business up to January 1st, 1850. At this time I was so badly afflicted, that I was unable to attend to any business whatever, and much of the time unable to leave my room. I was also extremely nervous and debilitated, and was unable to undress myself without help. I followed Dr. Rice's prescriptions for three weeks, and received no benefit. Dr. Ciolina attended me some two or

three weeks, but gave me no relief. Fifteen days since I commenced magnetic treatment under Dr. Keely, and remained with him seven days. I am entirely restored from Palsy; am active and well, and have been since the seventh day's treatment. Sickness in my family called me away, and I have not been treated for the last eight days. To-day I have walked from home ten miles as soon as any man in health of my age could have done it.

HIRAM GEE.

*Columbus, Ind., June 29, 1850.*

I am well acquainted with Hiram Gee, and believe his statement, and from my own knowledge know it is correct.

T. HAYS.

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**Case 123, Palpitation.**

I have been afflicted for eighteen months with a pain in the breast, palpitation of the heart, and nervous affection of the head, and have been magnetically treated by Dr. Keely for three days of this week, and would state that I feel entirely free from all the foregoing complaints.

*Attest:* W. A. HOLLAND. ELIZABETH McQUALITY.

*Columbus, Ind., June 29, 1850.*

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**Case 124, Bilious Pneumonia.**

My son was attacked with bilious pneumonia some four months since. After suffering for three weeks, or nearly that time, he became suddenly paralyzed, losing his reason as well as the use of his right side, not being able to use either the upper or lower extremities for two weeks, notwithstanding the efforts of my physician's skill. My son regained his physical strength in two months, but left his mind almost idiotic, also his speech was left very much affected, not being able to articulate but two or three words. His right eye was likewise left in a very weak condition, and I had almost despaired of ever seeing my son's mind or eye restored, when I placed him under the treatment of Dr. Keely. The Doctor has been magnetically treating him for ten days. My son's eye is pretty nearly as well as ever, his mind greatly improved, and he can articulate almost any word without any difficulty. His age is nine years.

JAMES C. MITCHELL.

*Columbus, Ind., June 29, 1850.*

## REPORT

*Of the Committee appointed by the Class under the instruction and treatment of Dr. I. I. Keely, on "Mental Electricity," Franklin, Johnson County, Indiana.*

WE have attended Dr. Keely's "course of lectures and practical demonstrations on Mental Electricity," and we are prepared to make the following report:

We are satisfied that Dr. Keely, by his great variety of "practical demonstrations" upon persons of both sexes, and of almost every variety of intellectual and moral character, has given most satisfactory evidence of the existence of a peculiar power or principle in man, called by various names, such as "Mental Electricity," "Mesmerism," "Human Magnetism," etc. We are also satisfied that his illustrations establish the point, that through the medium of this agent in Nature, one man may get entire control of another, both mentally and physically, so that the subject is at the disposal of the will of the operator, both mentally and physically. As to its remedial agency, we have elicited the following facts. Thirty-four cases of various diseases have been under Dr. Keely's treatment for a part, or all of the time for the last two weeks. Some have been only partially treated. The accompanying affidavits and certificates, with the exception of one, who is from Bartholomew county—but treated here—are from ladies and gentlemen of our village and vicinity, whose characters for uprightness and integrity are unimpeached.

Of the remaining twenty-three, ten have been partially benefited. The remaining thirteen have received no perceptible benefit, and so far as the committee have ascertained, they have never been under the magnetic influence. From these statements the public will draw their conclusions.

GEO. C. CHANDLER,

President of the Franklin College,

JNO. S. HOUGHAM,

Professor of Chemistry,

JOHN F. PEGGS, M. D.,

JOHN RITCHEY,

REV. J. M. MAXWELL,

W. C. HENDRICKS, M. D.,

W. S. JOHNSON,

D. HERNDON LINDSEY,

REV. A. F. TILTON,

REV. A. LEWIS.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the meeting.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this society be tendered Dr. Keely for his untiring exertions in relieving the afflicted, as well as for the satisfactory manner of imparting instruction to his class, and his gentlemanly deportment while amongst us.

J. F. PEGGS, M.D., *Pres.*

R. S. FOSTER, *Secy.*

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**Case 125, Diabetes.**

Be it known that on this 5th day of July, A. D. 1850, personally appeared before me, Duane Hicks, a Notary Public within and for the county of Johnson and State of Indiana, Frederick Kocher, of Clay township, Bartholomew county, Indiana, about 70 years old, who being by me duly sworn, deposes and says: I was struck some eighteen months since with paralysis of my entire left side. It was numb and almost useless, but could walk with difficulty. I have also been afflicted with Diabetes, (a disease of the kidneys,) for the last two years, which forced me to urinate from five to twenty times every night, discharging a great quantity at times, and at times but a few drops, which caused as excruciating pain almost as boiling water would have done passing through the urethra. My appetite was always very bad, and I suffered at times, most excruciating pains in my limbs. I was weak and feeble, and a number of physicians tended on me at different times, but afforded no relief, and all said I was incurable. On the 27th of June, A. D. 1850, I commenced the magnetic treatment under Dr. Keely. After the second day's treatment I was entirely free from pain in my limbs, and all numbness and paralysis disappeared. I walked four miles on the third day with perfect ease; I am perfectly restored from diabetes; have not had to urinate in the night since the fourth day. The burning sensations, as well as other sensations unpleasant, have entirely disappeared. My urine, before colorless, has assumed a healthy and natural color.

(Signed)

FREDERICK KOCHER.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, the date first above written.

DUANE HICKS,

*Franklin, Ind., July 5, 1850.*

Notary Public.

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**Case 126, Lame Back of Twelve years standing, Vertigo.**

I have suffered from a lame back for the last twelve or fourteen years—portions of the time unable to work—at no time

able to lift but little. I have been troubled with dizziness in my head for four years, and my eyes became dim for a considerable time, and for four months past I have not been able to read fine print with glasses. Fourteen days since I became a patient under Dr. Keely. After three days treatment, I have been and am still perfectly well of all diseases, and have tested my back by heavy lifts frequently. My vision has improved.

(Signed)

WM. K. BROWN.

Attest: D. H. LINDSEY.

**Case 127, Prolapsus Uteri of 23 years standing.**

I was attacked with prolapsus uteri twenty-three years since, with which I have suffered more or less. For the last five years I have been worse. For six months past I have been stiff in my joints, and had pain. I have been under Dr. Keely's treatment for thirteen days. I am materially improved in all these particulars.

(Signed)

MARY THOMPSON.

**Case 128, Prolapsus Uteri.**

I have suffered for the last thirteen years with Prolapsus Uteri continually. For two years of the time I suffered much less than usual, at which period I was able to attend to my domestic affairs: for most of the time I could not, and have been confined to my bed or room, over half the time. I had much pain in my back, breast and side; at times suffering acute pain throughout my entire system. I have also suffered much from Dyspepsia. Every thing that I ate, soured on my stomach; scarcely ever free from palpitation of the heart; disagreeable noises like crashing of egg-shells in my head—my eyes also very weak. Drs. Ritchey, McCorkle, Gare and Scott, as well as other medical men, having attended on me, giving only temporary relief. Seven days since, suffering under all the diseases above enumerated, not being able to walk a square without assistance, I commenced magnetic treatment with Dr. Keely. I have been improving very rapidly. I am free from prolapsus. I am partially relieved from my other difficulties, and my general health is much improved.

(Signed)

LETTA UTTERBACK.

Attest, Rev. A. L. TILTON.

**129, Palpitation.**

For seven years I have been afflicted with palpitation of the heart. I had not been clear of it for one day at a time. I was

also very nervous; had an aching pain in my side, was very much debilitated, and unable to attend to my domestic affairs. Life was a burthen to me. Dr. Ritchey attended me more or less for near three years; he could relieve me a little for a few days. Dr. McCorkle gave me no relief by his medicine. Five other physicians of the allopathic school, gave me medicine, but did me but little good. In this debilitated and suffering state, I commenced the magnetic treatment under Dr. Keely. From the first day I commenced treatment, I commenced improving, and for the last seven days I have been free from palpitation, and my nerves are perfectly calm. I have no pain in my side, and my general health is importantly improved. I can now attend to my domestic affairs with ease. My spirits, before depressed, are now buoyant.

(Signed) LYDIA McFADDEN.

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**Case 130, Sore Eyes.**

For about sixteen months I have been afflicted with sore eyes, and have tried several remedies with but little success. Fifteen days ago I commenced the treatment of Dr. Keely, since which my eyes have been constantly improving. The granulations on the interior of the eyelids are almost gone, and the paralysis has disappeared from the upper eyelids.

(Signed) D. HERNDON LINDSAY.

*Franklin*, July 16, 1850.

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**Case 131, Prolapsus Uteri.**

For eight years I have had prolapsus uteri, more or less, all the time, and pain in my back and sides all of the time, palpitation of the heart the greater portion of the time, with cold, aching pains in my bones, and swimming in my head. I also had the dyspepsia. Drs. Donnell, Woodburn and Murphey attended on me. Woodburn did me more good than either of the others. They all salivated me more or less. I commenced treatment under Dr. Keely nine days since, and although I have not attended regularly, I am free from prolapsus, have no pain in my back and sides, and am nearly entirely free from the dizziness in my head. I am also free from dyspepsia, and my general health is much improved. The aching pains in my bones are all gone.

(Signed) ELIZABETH WILLIAMS.

Attest, CHRISTIAN KEPLER.

**Case 132, Sore Mouth.**

My son, eleven years old, suffered with cankered sore mouth for some three months, which left him speechless. Dr. Keely cured him in a few days. I also had two young daughters cured by the same treatment of cankered sore mouth. They were very bad; they had suffered several months. These cures were effected some two months since: they have all remained well up to this date.

EPHRAIM ADAMS.

Oct. 23, 1850.

**Case 133, Epilepsy.**

Mr. Wetsel, whom I have treated for epilepsy, has remained entirely free from spasms since he came under my treatment, which is about four months since.

I. I. K.

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(From the Daily Dispatch.)

**PITTSBURGH, PA.****Reports on Mental Electricity.**

Dr. Keely, whose reputation as a *Practical Magnetist* is unrivaled, has closed his labors in this city, after a brilliant engagement, in which he has fully sustained his well-earned reputation. He is strictly practical in all his efforts. His great merit is in the healing art. He evidently wields this agency in a most masterly manner. We have before us a report made by several respectable citizens, after careful examination, which is highly complimentary to the Doctor, as a man of honor, and fully sustaining him as a teacher, and practical in his profession. Said report is accompanied by some twenty certificates of extraordinary cures. \* \* \* We publish this day an entire sheet, containing said reports and certificates. Also a report from Greensburg, Pa., made in October, 1851, and signed by a number of the best citizens of said borough. See these reports hereafter.

Similar reports from Brownsville, McKeesport, Wheeling, Va., and other places, all go to prove that the Doctor is successful wherever he lectures.

### Science of Mental Electricity.

The following report, of a highly complimentary character, was made by a number of intelligent citizens, who were appointed by Dr. Keely's class, in Pittsburg, with reference to the Science of Mental Electricity, as taught and practiced by him.

Annexed to this report are a number of certificates from several of his patients, of the various cures he has effected during his stay here, which attest to the importance which should be attached to a thorough knowledge of this science, and its efficacy in effecting cures that by other treatment are deemed incurable.

We are but doing justice to Dr. Keely, in stating, from the facts elicited by said committee, as well as from our own observation, that he is deserving of the confidence of the public, and we freely recommend him and his system of treating disease, to all who are afflicted with almost any disease to which the human family is heir.—*Allegheny Enterprise*.

### Mental Electricity—A Report to the Public.

At a meeting of the members of Dr. Keely's Class, held on the evening of the 11th of Nov., 1851, at Philo Hall, Pittsburg, Pa., Wm. Colvin, Esq., was, on motion, called to the chair, and Geo. W. Howe appointed Secretary.

The Committee appointed at a former meeting of the Class presented the following report, which on motion was unanimously adopted:

PITTSBURG, Nov. 11, 1851.

The undersigned were appointed a Committee, by Dr. Keely's Class, to report as to his teaching and mode of application of this science, for the cure of disease. We feel free in declaring that the phenomena exhibited are true as any in Physical Science. We believe his system of application to the cure of disease to be original and in advance of any system heretofore known to the world. The evidences before us induce us to declare that as a remedy for the cure of the diseased, heretofore conceived incurable, his system will, in many instances, prove efficient. The certificates accompanying this report, we believe to be truthful. We would further say, that Dr. Keely has won the respect of all his pupils, by his gentlemanly bearing and frank deportment.

J. W. LOWRIE,  
WM. WILKINSON,  
WM. COLVIN,  
OTTO KUNTZ,  
WM. J. ROBINSON,

JOHN FERRAL, Ed. Tribune,  
J. B. CAMPBELL, M. D.,  
WM. ALEXANDER,  
ABRAM AMBLER. J. P  
S. BALLARD.

Wm. Colvin, Esq., submitted the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That in our opinion the editors of the several city papers, and the daily *Enterprise*, would confer a public favor by publishing the above report with the accompanying certificates, and that we respectfully request them to do so.

WM. COLVIN, Chairman.

GEO. W. HOW, Sec'y.

**Case 134, Spinal Affection and Headache of Twenty-six Years.**

I have been afflicted with Spinal Affection and Sick Headache for the last twenty-six years. I am now thirty-nine years of age. I have not been free from suffering at any one time, more than a few weeks. I have also been a dyspeptic for many years, suffering from Palpitation of the Heart, Apoplexy, Cold Hands and Feet; my entire nervous system has been much deranged, and my spirits deeply depressed. Medical aid at times gave me temporary relief. I was thus afflicted up to the time I became Dr. Keely's patient, twenty-six days since. I have been magnetically treated up to the present date. Since the sixth day's treatment, I have been well and free from all my complicated diseases, and my general health is good.

HANNAH HOW.

*Allegheny City*, Nov. 11, 1851.

**Case 135, Sick Headache of Eight Years.**

My daughter, Anna M. How, has been afflicted with Sick Headache for eight years: she is now sixteen years old: she has also been afflicted with Dyspepsia, and Spinal Affection, with general nervous debility. In July last she became so bad we were forced to take her from school. Homœopathy and Allopathy were faithfully applied, but did her no good. Dr. Keely restored her to perfect health, last August, by magnetic treatment, in eight days, and she has remained well up to the present date.

GEO. W. HOW.

*Allegheny City*, Nov. 11, 1851.

**Case 136, Deafness, Blindness and Female Disease of Ten Years.**

I have been totally deaf in my left ear, and partially deaf in my right ear, for ten years; for the same length of time I have been afflicted with diseases common to females, and my eyes

have been much affected. I have been treated magnetically, by Dr. Keely, for the last twenty days. I am perfectly restored to my hearing, and much improved as to my other diseases.

MRS. ANN BAKER.

*Pittsburg, Nov. 11, 1851.*

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**Case 137, Blindness from Fits of Twenty Years standing.**

My son William, 21 years old, became partially blind, at one year old, from fits; it was with difficulty he could be taught to read. At nine years of age he became totally blind in his left eye; his right was so bad he could not see to read. This was his condition up to last June. Dr. Keely treated him in June and July some five weeks, and restored him so he can read very well, small print; his totally blind eye is restored sufficiently for him to attend to any ordinary avocation.

*Pittsburg, Nov. 11, 1851.*

JOSEPH STEEL.

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**Case 138, Piles of Eight Years standing.**

I have been afflicted with Piles for the last eight years, with which I have suffered very much. Dr. Keely cured me, in June last, by magnetic treatment, and I have remained well up to the present time.

JOHN SMITH.

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**Case 139, Neuralgia of Five Years.**

I have been afflicted for five years with Neuralgia of the head and face—for the last fifteen months I have been very bad; for the last two months I was suffering continually, most of the time the pain was excruciating. I have been under Dr. Keely's magnetic treatment for the last three weeks. Since the sixth day I have been perfectly well. I have cured several persons by Dr. Keely's system, since he restored me—one of Neuralgia of twenty-two years standing; one of Phthisic; one of Deafness of six years standing; one of Prolapsus, and several of Headache, etc., etc.

ELIZABETH FRENCH.

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**Case 140, Hemorrhage of the Uterus of Ten Years standing.**

For ten years I have been severely afflicted with Hemorrhage of the Uterus; the discharges of blood were as often as three times per month, in quantity about two-thirds of a quart, which rendered me weak and debilitated, unfitting me for domestic duties. My mind was deeply depressed, and my nervous system

so tremulous that I could not hold a cup of coffee without spilling more or less of it, at times; much affected at all times. I suffered with soreness internally. Nervous trembling is all gone; soreness is all gone; my general health is good; my nervous system entirely restored. I have had but one discharge of blood within the last four weeks; the color was changed from black to red; the quantity was reduced one-tenth the former amount, and I feel that I am restored in every particular. Dr. Keely cured me by magnetic treatment within the last thirty days.

GRACE LOVELEYBURN.

*Pittsburg, Nov. 10, 1851.*

I have remained well up to the present date.

Nov. 23, 1851.

G. LOVELEYBURN.

#### **Case 141, Prolapsus Uteri.**

Dr. I. I. Kelly—*Dear Sir*—With particular pleasure I comply with your request to give a statement of the cure of Prolapsus Uteri, with which my wife was suffering, and of which I cured her in the short time of ten minutes. \* \* \*

Last summer, coming home one evening from your lecture, my wife asked me to give her some of the same medicine that I had the night before, as she had felt some relief. In its stead I proposed to her to try my local mesmerism first for fifteen minutes; having continued the treatment for ten minutes, she felt a decided improvement, so that I gave her no medicine, and next day she was able to rise. From that time up to this, she never felt the slightest symptoms of the above disease.

*Pittsburg, Nov. 11, 1851.*

OTTO KUNTZ.

#### **Case 142, Prolapsus Uteri of Ten Years Standing.**

I have been affected with Prolapsus Uteri for ten years, with which I suffered very much. For the last eight months I had been much worse, suffering with pain and weakness in my back and loins, and indeed all parts of my system suffering pain, and I had giddiness in my head, with Hysteria. I was an invalid in W. A. Passavant's Infirmary two weeks last May, Dr. Morgan being my physician. I was dismissed without relief. They told me they could do nothing for me, and advised me to go to the country. I staid in the country five weeks, improving in strength, but still continued to suffer, as above stated, up to the time I commenced being magnetically treated by Dr. Keely, two weeks since. I am in every particular much improved. I have been

free from Prolapsus since the first six days' treatment. My mind is buoyant, and I can attend to my domestic affairs with ease.

MARY HAWKS.

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**Case 143, Fits for Seventeen Years.**

I have been afflicted with Fits for seventeen years—the last month, three or more daily. I could sleep but little; the fits would come on me as soon as sleep came on. My nervous system has been much deranged, and my mind deeply depressed; general health bad. All medical aid did me no good. Two weeks, since I became Dr. Keely's patient. I sleep well at night. My nervous system and general health are restored. I have had no fits for the last nine days. I reside in Marshall County, Va.

*Pittsburg, Nov. 11, 1851.*

DAVID HENDERSON.

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**Case 144, Tetters of Two Years.**

I have been sorely afflicted with Tetters on my hands and arms to my elbows, for two years; also on the side of my neck. My fingers were stiff and sore, my hands and arms had numerous cracks that bled freely, when I used them. I suffered with them very much. Most of the time I could do no work of any kind. For several weeks before I commenced Dr. Keely's treatment, I suffered so much pain that I could not sleep but little. I could neither wash nor dress myself. A number of our best doctors treated me, but did me no good. Dr. Keely has, within the last twenty-five days, entirely restored me from this annoying disease.

MARGARET MITCHEL.

*Pittsburg, Nov. 11, 1851.*

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**Case 145, Dyspepsia and Piles.**

I have been sorely afflicted with Piles and Dyspepsia. Dr. Keely's treatment has much improved my health.

FERGUSON BLAYN.

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**Case 146, Deafness of Ten Years, and Dyspepsia.**

I have been partially deaf for the last ten years, and have also been a dyspeptic for the same time. Had continual roving in my head, and my nervous system was much deranged. Dr. Hartly treated me five weeks, but did me no good. Dr. Keely restored me by magnetic treatment, and I have remained well in every particular up to the present time.

SAMUEL LINDSAY.

*Pittsburg, Nov. 11, 1851.*

### Mental Electricity.

At the second Meeting of Dr. Keely's Magnetic Society, it was unanimously resolved—That the thanks of said Society be tendered to the Doctor. We are well satisfied that his teaching is practical, and that all his pupils can apply his system to the relief of the afflicted. His philanthropy has led him to clothe and feed the poor, as well as relieve them from their diseases. We freely recommend him as a gentleman and a man of honor:

Mrs. M. HACKE,	Mrs. EARLE,
Mrs. E. FRENCH,	Mrs. E. W. PARKS,
Mrs. E. SCOTT,	Mr. A. W. BRAVO,
Mr. H. FORRESTER,	Mr. J. FLEMING,
Mr. M. ROBERTS,	Mr. G. W. HOW.

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#### Case 147, Piles.

I was also, at this time, suffering under a severe attack of Piles, which for the last two years had been a constant source of annoyance. Of this neither the Doctor nor myself had taken cognizance in the course of treatment, consequently no particular effort had been directed to that disease, and strange as it may appear, it is nevertheless true, that after some four or five days' treatment, every vestige of this disease had disappeared, and as yet there has not been a returning symptom, after a lapse of two weeks.

These statements are made in justice to Dr. Keely and his system of treatment: truthfully and faithfully, without design to flatter or deceive.

N. H. SMITH.

N. B.—It may be interesting to state here, that for the last twenty years or more, I had been a perfect slave to the use of Tobacco, and had made several attempts to break myself of that habit, but without success. On application to Dr. Keely, he has entirely removed that propensity, and I have not the least desire to use it.

N. H. S.

*Brownsville, July 13, 1851.*

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#### Case 148, Sick Headache of Thirteen Years.

I have been afflicted with Sick Headache for thirteen years. For the last year I have been much worse, not having been more than three or four days free from pain at any time. Medical aid did me no good. I have been magnetically treated for the last

ten days by Dr. Keely. I was relieved from pain on the first day, and have remained well up to the present time. My general health is much improved.

ELIZABETH CAMPBELL.

*Brownsville, July 3, 1851.*

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**Case 149, Paralysis.**

The side of my neck had been paralysed for four years; so much so that I could not feel the razor when I shaved. I am entirely restored by Dr. Keely's treatment.

GEO. YERTY.

*Brownsville, July 3, 1851.*

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**Case 150, Sore Eyes.**

Sixteen months since I was attacked with inflammatory sore eyes. They were much swollen and inflamed, and I suffered continual pain, night and day, both in my head and eyes. I have not had one night's comfortable sleep since my attacks. I visited Brownsville and placed myself under the care of Dr. Playford. Under his treatment my eyes grew worse, and I then returned to Perryopolis and was treated by Dr. Lynn for two weeks; he cupped my temples, and gave me a wash for my eyes, but they daily grew worse; he told me he did not know what else to do for me. I then placed myself under Dr. Estep; he gave me internal remedies, blistered me on the back of the neck until he produced a running sore; used tartar and kept it open for seven weeks; he also bled me twice, but he gave me no relief—I grew worse under his treatment. Since that I have tried many simple remedies, all of which did me no good. I was hourly suffering, and my vision was so much impaired that I could not discern the countenances of my nearest friends. I had nearly despaired of ever getting well. I have been under the treatment of Dr. Keely for fifteen days. After the fourth day's treatment I have been entirely free from pain, both in my eyes and head; my vision is so much restored that I can read common print. I have slept soundly, and my general health is much improved.

HANNAH CONAWAY.

My sister's statement is strictly correct.

WM. PAGE.

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**Case 151, Piles.**

I have been partially deaf for seventeen years, so much so as to amount to a very great inconvenience, with a continual roar-

ing in my head; supposed cause, Scarlet Fever. I have also suffered with a pain in my side for three years. For the last eight months I have been afflicted with one of the common complaints with which females suffer, with continual pain in my head. I have also been afflicted with the Piles for three years past. I have been magnetically treated for the last eighteen days, and my hearing has materially improved, and I am well as to all my other diseases.

MARY SMITH.

*Brownsville, July 23, 1851.*

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**Case 152, Deaf Mute.**

I certify that my son John, fifteen years old, has been a deaf mute since he was thirteen months old. He could not hear any sound commonly made. He could hear thunder, the firing of a gun, or a loud, sharp scream made near his ear. That he has been under Dr. Keely's treatment for some nine days; that for the last four days his hearing has been restored so that he can hear slight noises, and the ticking of a watch four inches from either ear, and that he now hears sufficiently for all practical purposes.

JACOB BURKHART.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 23rd day of July, 1851.

WM. L. WILKINSON, J. P.

I have known Mr. Burkhart and his son for some twelve years, and have been aware that his son was deaf and dumb, and that he has been restored by Dr. Keely's treatment, and that the statement above made is true.

GEO. YERTY.

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**Case 153, Cure of the love of Tobacco.**

I have been a tobacco chewer for fifteen years, and have often determined to quit it, but my resolution was not carried out; I desired and would return to the habit. Dr. Keely, by magnetism, destroyed all desire for it, and I have not used it for three weeks.

JAMES TODD.

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**Case 154, Contracted Muscles.**

This is to certify that for seven years I was compelled to walk on crutches, my right leg being so contracted, that the right foot could not be extended more than two or three inches below the knee of the other leg, and that I had wholly despaired of ever walking again. I was induced to converse with Dr. J. C. Clark, who gave me much encouragement, and I employed him,

and the happy result is that I have been walking upon my limb for three years, being not only partially recovered but perfectly so. This wonderful work was accomplished through the power of animal magnetism.

STEPHEN HILL.

Dr. J. C. Clark, who performed the above important cure, has effected other cures by magnetic treatment. He has taken a course of lectures from me; and from conversations with him since and before, I believe him capable of wielding this important agent successfully in the cure of the diseased. He will be fully prepared to use magnetism in connection with Hydropathy, at his establishment, near Brownsville, in a few days. I. I. K.

Many other important cures might be reported, effected by me as well as by the members of my class in this place; but enough has been reported to place this subject in its proper light, as a remedy for disease.

I. I. KEELY.

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## UNIONTOWN, PA.

(From the Democratic Sentinel.)

### Case 155, St. Vitus' Dance.

This will certify that I have been afflicted with St. Vitus' Dance for the last two months, so called by Dr. Fuller. My entire left side was weak and numb, subject to spasmodic jerkings, so that I was unfit for business, not being able to hold anything with safety, in my hand, and suffered with pain in my left arm. Have been under the treatment of Dr. Fuller since the commencement of this affection, taking internal remedies for seven days; was cupped between the shoulders, and used a salve for two weeks that kept my back very sore; his treatment did not benefit me. I have been under Dr. Keely's treatment for the last seven days, and improved from the first day, and have been entirely well for the last three days, have my usual strength in my right side, am altogether free from the jerkings, and can attend to business with ease. I had a painful tumor in the left side, which is well, under the same treatment.

WM. EBERT.

Sworn to and subscribed this second day of August, 1851,  
before

J. A. MORRIS, J. P.

## M'KEESPORT.

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We have attended a course of lectures on the science of Mental Electricity, delivered by Dr. Keely, and would recommend him to the public as a faithful teacher of this science. We are satisfied that all persons can use this agency to the benefit of their fellow-men. The certificates below may be depended on as correct.

G. W. GRAY,  
DAVID CLARK,  
J. W. EDMUNDSON,  
JACOB SHEPARD,  
H. WEST,

W. H. SMITH,  
MORRIS ROBERT,  
H. R. BARR,  
M. LEISURE,  
JOHN NEEL, Jr,

G. SLAUGHTERECK.

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### Case 156.

I have been afflicted for several years with Rheumatism; for two weeks had been suffering very much, unable to work; have been cured by Dr. Keely, and am now well, and enjoy better health than for the last year; have restored my daughter by this system, of Dyspepsia and nervous affection, of several months standing.

WM. SOLES.

*McKeesport*, Sept. 9, 1851.

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### Case 157.

I have been under the treatment of a popular physician for three years, for Dyspepsia and liver complaint, with but slight relief. I am now freed from them by Dr. Keely's treatment.

ELIZABETH McLAUGHLIN.

*McKeesport*, Sept. 9, 1851.

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### Case 158.

N. Altimere, totally deaf and dumb for eighteen years, was restored so that he could hear the tick of a watch distinctly.

H. WEST.

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### Case 159, Suppressed Menses.

My brother's wife's sister, thirty-five years old, had been deeply afflicted since sixteen years old, originating from cold, with suppressed menses, which had never been re-produced, in consequence of which she had been a great sufferer, having

many running sores, loss of the use of her limbs, and general prostration of all healthful, mental and physical health. I am now treating her successfully, her sores rapidly healing, and she is gaining the use of her limbs, and her health is greatly improved in every particular.

I have relieved my brother, J. M. Soles, from mercurial rheumatism, with which he had suffered most excruciatingly for five years, and have cured many persons of headache, backache, pains in the limbs, etc.

WM. SOLES.

*McKeesport, Oct. 11, 1851.*

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**Case 160, Dyspepsia, Gravel.**

I have been a dyspeptic for twenty years; my liver has been affected. For the last five years have been much worse—suffering from pain in my side, night sweats, pain in my breast, spirits deeply oppressed, and not able to work but little, and scarcely able to conduct my affairs; have been forced to be guarded as to diet. For the last year I have been partially deaf, and for six months been troubled with gravel. Medical aid, although I procured the best of doctors, did me no good. I have been under Dr. Keely's treatment ten days, in the latter part of August and first of September, who restored me to perfect health, and I have remained well up to the present time—hear clearly and distinctly.

MORRIS ROBERTS.

*McKeesport, Oct. 11, 1851.*

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**Case 161, Dysmenorrhea.**

My wife has been afflicted with Dysmenorrhea, or Fluor Albus, for the last eight years, Hemorrhage Uteri, frequent palpitations of the heart, pain in her side, liver affected, pain in her breast, loins and back, hysteria, flow of blood to her head. For the last eight months she has suffered from Prolapsus Uteri, with all the accompanying symptoms, aches and pains. For eight years she has not enjoyed one month of health; and for the last five not one day's health. She has had the best medical treatment that could be procured, but had not received more than momentary relief, and in most instances she has been injured by the treatment. Drs. Marshall and Sheldon declared last spring that she was incurable. She was magnetically treated by Dr. Keely, some ten days in the latter part of August and first of September last; by said treatment she was perfectly restored from all her diseases, and has remained sound and well, mentally and physically, up to the present time.

MORRIS ROBERTS.

## GREENSBURG, PA.

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*Dr. Keely*—Dear Sir—We, the undersigned, witnessed for several evenings, your experiments in Suggestive Magnetism, and have no hesitation in expressing our conviction that the phenomena which you have exhibited, are as true as any in physical science. And, moreover, we have no hesitation in stating, so far as we have seen, that your department has been strictly moral and gentlemanly.

ALFRED T. KING, M. D.,  
 NICHOLAS P. HACKE,  
 Minister of the German Reformed Church,  
 D. L. DEMPSEY,  
 Pastor of the M. E. Church,  
 D. K. MARCHAND,  
 Editor of the Westmoreland Enquirer,  
 R. BROWN, M. D.,  
 S. L. BROWN, M. D.,  
 DAVID FULWOOD, Esq.,  
 HUGH ARTERS, Dentist,  
 EDGAR COWAN, Attorney at Law  
 W. A. STOKES, Attorney at Law,  
 THOS. WILLIAMS, Jr.,  
 W. J. WILSON, Attorney at Law,  
 B. HAINES, Esq.,  
 J. UNCAPHER, Brigade Inspector.

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### Case 162.

Three years since, my left shoulder was dislocated by a fall. Six months since my right shoulder was dislocated; labor has always injured me since, and I have suffered much pain; my left shoulder has been thrown out of place at least one hundred times; any sudden jerk would produce a dislocation. My right shoulder has been dislocated but once since. I have been under *Dr. Keely's* treatment for seven days; my right shoulder is as well as it ever was; my left shoulder is firm and strong; but I feel slight pain in it at times. I have exercised them by the most powerful efforts, and I am satisfied that both shoulders are free from their former weakness. L. P. HAMMER.

I have been acquainted with the case of Mr. Hammer, and can testify to the correctness of his statement.

S. P. BROWN, M. D.

**Case 163, Impediment in Speech.**

My son John, thirteen years of age, has been for the last seven years afflicted with an impediment in his speech, (stammering.) He has been under the charge of Dr. Keely some ten days, and is considerably improved.

PATRICK NOLAN.

Oct. 4, 1851.

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## WHEELING, VA.

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(From the Wheeling Gazette, May 27th, 1851.)

*Dr. Keely.*—We take pleasure in publishing the testimonials of the patients and class of Dr. Keely, to the aid he has rendered them, and to the satisfaction afforded by his experiments.

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### Mental Electricity.

We have attended a course of lectures delivered by Dr. Keely, on the science of Mental Electricity, and have observed the application of its principles in the cure of a number of diseased persons who have attended his asylum. We are pleased with the honorable course pursued by the Doctor, and hope that success may attend him in all efforts to do good. The certificates accompanying this report, we believe, may be relied on as correct statements. They are given by persons known to most of us:

C. D. BATTELLE,

Minister of the M. E. Church,

BENJAMIN THOMAS,

Postmaster of St. Clairsville,

WM. WOODS, M. D.,

WM. PITTS,

W. S. PETERSON,

S. D. WOODROW,

JOHN McCORTNEY,

HIRAM WEYER,

and others.

On motion, it was unanimously resolved by the Class, that the editors of the Gazette, Argus and Luminary, be requested to publish the foregoing report and accompanying certificates, and that we most respectfully request them to do so.

S. D. WOODROW, Secretary.

## Case 164.

The following facts were elicited by the Committee:

H. Weyer was cured of deafness of thirty years standing, also of Spinal Affection and Spasmodic Jerkings of the Head and Shoulders. Dr. Wood, M. D., says he has been familiar with the case of Weyer for twenty years, and that said Weyer is perfectly restored. He also said his wife was cured by Dr. Keely, of Neuralgia, of twenty years' standing, and that the cure is a permanent one. G. Mayor's son and daughter, cured of Congenital Blindness and Tetter of the Eye-lids. Nancy Stephens, of Palsy and Blindness. J. McCartney, of Deafness. J. Robertson, of Dyspepsia; his wife of Prolapsus Uteri. Wm. M. Cumins, of Lameness. Many other important cures are reported.

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(From the Michigan Argus.)

### Human Magnetism.

In common with a large portion of this community, at the commencement of the demonstrations and experiments of the Messrs. Keely, we were but partial believers in Magnetism, particularly as a remedial agent for the cure of disease. This semi-skepticism upon this subject we had imbibed from the extravagant claims set up for Animal Magnetism by its advocates, who had previously attempted to demonstrate this science among us. They have claimed for it the power of performing miracles,—and that too by a kind of supernatural agency. Hence they failed, as we are convinced all will, who take the same course.

On the other hand, the Messrs. Keely claimed that animal magnetism was a powerful remedial agent in curing disease; but at the same time disclaimed all power of performing miracles except by the operations of the laws of nature. This claim they asserted that they were fully prepared to establish by the strongest arguments and most plain, practical demonstrations. In this view of facts, they formed a class—opened an asylum; and commenced their lectures and experiments in this place. And the result, it is due to candor and truth to say, was a performance of all they promised, in a manner so satisfactory as to convince all, even the most skeptical.

We give below the official reports of their classes in Detroit, Saline, Plymouth and Northville. We have examined similar reports from different places in four of our Western States, and all concur in awarding to the efforts of the Messrs. Keely, the most brilliant success and the most convincing demonstrative proof.

It is also due to all concerned, to state that the reports here and in other places are not signed by persons who might be liable to be actuated and led astray by the impulse created by novelty and excitement. They present an array of names of enviable moral character, occupying a proud position by reason of their natural talents, scientific attainments and sound judgment.

In conclusion, we cannot better illustrate our own views, than by adopting the language of the report made by the respectable and scientific gentlemen composing the Messrs. Keely's class at Louisville, Kentucky. They speak as follows:

"Mr. Keely's great merit appears to us to lie in the correct judgment that has guided him in the application of animal magnetism as a remedial agent. Of certain singular and anomalous cases of the cure of long-standing disease by the sudden shock of some violent mental emotion, familiar as facts to the well-read physician, but whose rationale has never been understood so as to lead to any important practical good, Mr. K., though not a medical man, has, we think, given a correct explanation. Guided by a fair deduction from this, he has, we think, with a peculiar felicity and success, applied the principle on which he conceived those results to depend, to the remedial application of this science."

Finally, the Messrs. Keely leave this State with the consciousness of enjoying a most brilliant success, and we are free to speak of them as gentlemen, as well as most successful experimenters in the science of which they are devoted students.

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(From the Detroit Free Press.)

### **Report to the Public.**

It is with pleasure that we, the undersigned, members of the Messrs. Keely's Class, testify to their most extraordinary success in their experiments in this much abused science. They have taken, each evening, promiscuously from their audience, our citizens of all ages, and both sexes, and within a few minutes placed dozens of them under this strange influence; and the phenomena produced amid the keenest scrutiny, of the perfect

control over the mental and physical man, prove beyond the possibility of a doubt the existence of the principle. They have proved that the most difficult surgical operations can be performed on persons under the *magnetic influence*, without pain. They have also proved that diseases pronounced incurable by the regular medical faculty, may be cured or relieved by the application of this principle. Some of us have witnessed the happy remedial results in a number of cases, a few of which are given below, signed by the individuals themselves, whose statements we believe to be strictly true.

We would further state, that the control of the principle, (particularly in the course of disease,) as taught by these gentlemen, is plain, and all who receive their instruction can produce the effect to a greater or less degree.

The Messrs. Keely came here strangers, highly recommended as gentlemen of moral integrity, and leave us having fully sustained these flattering testimonials. We cheerfully recommend them to public favor. Almost every invalid who has given them a fair opportunity during their short stay, has been either cured or relieved.

J. H. FARRIS, M. D.,

J. H. BAGG, M. D.,

HIRAM HIGGINS,

AUGUSTUS DAY,

SMITH TITUS,

JOHN WINCHELL,

JOHN HOPKINS,

JOHN WINCHELL, Jr.,

and twenty-five others.

#### Case 165, Spinal Affection and Sore Eyes.

*Detroit, Wayne Co., Michigan, June 18, 1849.*

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace, in and for said county, N. C. W. Cannon, of Amherstburg, Canada, of the age of fifty-eight, who, being duly sworn on oath, saith:—I have been afflicted with spinal affection for the last fifteen years; since last February I have been much worse, not able to sleep without suffering great pain, and unable to ride on horseback, and suffering from pain continually. For the same length of time I have been almost entirely blind in my right eye, suffering much from pain and inflammation in it. My left eye has been weak for twenty years; so much so that I have not been able to read by candle-light without great difficulty. I have also been partially deaf for the same period; so much so as to amount to considerable inconvenience. Medical aid, although faithfully applied, failed to relieve me. On the 14th inst., I called on Mrs. Fisher, whom I have known to be a great sufferer from Neuralgia for the past ten years, and was

gratified to find she had been restored by the Messrs. Keely. This induced me to submit my case to their mode of treatment. I have been magnetized four times, with the following results: My eyes are perfectly restored, and I can read by candle-light with perfect ease; I am free from spinal affection, not having felt the slightest pain since the first operation; my hearing is also restored. I have been engaged as minister in the African M. E. Church for the last thirty-five years. I have recommendations with the county seal, from the following officers, as to the position I sustain in the Methodist Episcopal Church: Wm. Brent, Clerk of the Circuit Court of the District of Columbia, given in 1829; also from W. Cranch, Chief Judge of the same court. Martin Van Buren, in December, 1829, then Secretary of State of the U. S., as well as Andrew Jackson, then President of the U. S., testify to the position of Judge Cranch. Many other persons in high position in society have given me recommendations.

N. C. W. CANNON.

Minister of the A. M. E. Church.

Subscribed and sworn this 18th day of June, A. D. 1849,  
before me,  
WM. WALKER, J. P.,  
Wayne Co., Mich.

#### Case 166, Neuralgia.

I have been afflicted for the last ten years with tic douloureux in my head, face, neck and arm, suffering the most excruciating pain, and I have not been free from pain at any time thirty days. I was treated in Philadelphia by Dr. Physic for two years; he then told me I could not be cured. Several other medical men attended me in that city with the same result. I was under the care of a number of medical men in Toronto, without benefit. In Buffalo, Drs. Hill and Bizzel attended me for two years without giving me any relief. I have been under the treatment of Dr. Scovel for the last two years, in this city, who only gave me slight relief while under the influence of powerful narcotics. I had suffered continually for some thirty days—a portion of the time I was entirely deranged from the excess of my suffering—when I called on the Messrs. Keely ten days since, was magnetized, and entirely relieved from pain. I have been treated several times since, and have remained from the first perfectly well. My lungs have also been affected for the last three years, and by the same treatment perfectly relieved.

MARY E. FISHER.

*Detroit, Mich., June 16, 1849.*

I have known Mrs. Fisher from infancy, and know her statement is correct.

N. C. W. CANNON,  
Minister A. M. E. Church.

My wife has remained perfectly well up to the present time.  
July 2, 1849.

GEORGE W. FISHER.

**Case 167, Rheumatic and Spinal Disease.**

I have been afflicted with Rheumatism and Spinal affection for the last twelve years. Since last October I have been a cripple, part of the time unable to get out of my house, suffering most excruciating pain much of the time, and unable to walk without a cane the most of the time. I have had the best medical treatment, but received no benefit. Having heard of the Messrs. Keely, I came and placed myself under their care, on the 6th inst.—have been magnetized twice, and am perfectly restored. I have remained perfectly free from pain, and in every particular, perfectly well.

P. G. MILLER.

*Detroit, June 13, 1849.*

**Case 168, Dyspepsia, &c., &c.**

For some five years I have been afflicted with Dyspepsia—with cold, aching pains in my stomach, head and limbs. For more than one half of this time I have been unable to attend to business. There has been a general prostration and weakness of my entire system.

For the last six months the disease in my limbs has assumed the character of Rheumatism. For two months past I have been much worse, suffering much pain, and was so debilitated that I could scarce do any kind of business. All remedies I could procure failed to benefit me. For the last two weeks I have been magnetically treated by the Messrs. Keely. Since the second operation I have been entirely free from pain of any kind—have been attending to my business with ease and comfort. The weakness and debility, as well as other unfavorable symptoms, have disappeared, and I am now in good health.

My wife has been a great sufferer from Nervous debility, for the past six years, and her hearing quite dull, and by the same treatment she is importantly improved.

My daughter has suffered for the last year with palpitation of the heart, and pain in the side, and with nervous headache for the last few months, all of which have been entirely removed by the magnetic treatment.

LUTHER WOOD.

*Detroit, Mich., June 19, 1849.*

**Case 169, Rheumatism and Neuralgia.**

*Mr. Keely*—Dear Sir:—Early last spring I was attacked with Neuralgia, with which I suffered very much. In April I was attacked with Inflammatory Rheumatism. My joints were swollen and inflamed, the tendons were contracted; for a month before you commenced treating me magnetically, in June last, I had been confined to my room nearly all the time; when I attempted to walk, I suffered acute pain. Indeed, I was not a moment free from pain. I was entirely restored by your treatment.

MRS. GIDEON PAUL.

Mr. Keely, I feel it my duty, and most cheerfully state, that Mrs. Paul was my patient, and that she was suffering under rheumatism of the worst character. I advised her to apply to you. My remedies gave her but partial relief. I am happy to state that she has been perfectly restored under the magnetic treatment, as administered by you, in June last. I am well satisfied that magnetism is a powerful remedial agent in some cases. How far it may prove efficacious in diseases generally, I am unprepared to say.

S. B. THAYER, M. D.

*Detroit, Mich., September, 1849.*

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### SALINE REPORT.

We have attended a course of public and private lectures and demonstrations, delivered in this place by the Messrs. Keely, and are free to say, that they have fully proved that the principle exists in all animated bodies, and is a powerful remedial agent in all nervous diseases. We do therefore cheerfully recommend them as able teachers and practical demonstrators of this sublime science.

A portion of the cures effected by them, through this agent, is submitted, signed by the persons themselves, and we are satisfied as to the truthfulness of their statements.

STEPHEN FISK, M. D.,

A. P. DRAKE, Student of Medicine,

JOHN LAWRENCE, Esq.,

THOMAS H. MARSH, Att'y at Law,

J. BOYNTON, Minister of M. E. Church,

JOHN SCOTFORD, Minister of the Gospel,

GEO. P. KING, Minister of Presbyterian Church,  
F. G. SMITH,  
DANEY BROWN,  
L. H. REYNOLDS,  
WM. F. HALLOCK,  
JOSIAH WARNER, and others.

*Saline, Washtenaw County, August 4, 1849.*

**Case 170, Diseased Lungs.**

*State of Michigan, Washtenaw County.*

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace, in and for said county, Addison Munson, who being duly sworn on oath, saith:—I have been afflicted with soreness in my left side, with coughing and vomiting, from one to three attacks every twenty-four hours, from the year 1835 up to 1845. The best medical aid I could procure was employed without producing any good effect. I was then attacked with fever and chills, by which I was reduced to great weakness. The pain and irritation in my left side, as well as the spasms of coughing and vomiting, were more frequent and distressing. It was with great care that I was kept alive. This condition lasted for about ten months. My health then improved a little, so that I could leave my room, and give some attention to business, by keeping myself continually under the influence of stimulants. The 28th of July, 1846, I was attacked with fever, which was broken by my physician in less than twenty-four hours, after which I had a fainting spell. After this the distress in my side was much greater than before. I then had spasms of coughing and vomiting more frequently. At three different times I had hemorrhage of the lungs, of a quart or more each time. The cough, vomiting, and pain in my side still continued, up to December, 1848. I consulted the best physicians, but could get no aid. I was then attacked with inflammation of the lungs. My physician, (one of the best in Ann Arbor,) relieved me of the inflammation, and continued to treat me two months for the cough, vomiting, and pain in my side, without the least success. He then, as well as other medical men, advised me to take no more medicine. I took their advice, with one exception. My entire system became affected and inactive, and I suffered continual pain. My nights were spent in struggling against death; my sleep was troubled, and only came on after extreme fatigue. Thus I continued to struggle between life and death, up to the 19th of July last. I was pronounced incurable by medical men, and it was believed that I would not live more than a few

months. In this hopeless condition, I commenced the magnetic treatment by Messrs. I. I. & G. W. Keely. After the sixth magnetization I was thrown into convulsions, at which time I felt something break in my left lung, and I threw up small masses of tough, hard pus. In one of these masses I found a *large coarse hair*. I felt it as it passed up—it produced a scratching and painful sensation, and was enveloped in a mass of hard pus, the ends only perceptible—after which for several days I threw up small masses of bloody pus. The pain in my side, vomiting, and spasmodic coughs were immediately relieved, and in a few days I was perfectly restored. From long suffering my mind had become very much impaired. I have continued this treatment for some *fourteen days*; for the last eight days I have been perfectly well from all the above difficulties. I was also cured of a cancerous sore of three years' standing, by same treatment.

ADDISON MUNSON.

Sworn and subscribed before me, this 3rd day of August, A. D., 1849.

JESSE P. WARNER,

Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Washtenaw, and State of Michigan.

We have known Addison Munson for several years, and have ever esteemed him an honest man. We have known him since he has been afflicted with disease, and that he has been afflicted since our first acquaintance with him. We have the evidence before us, in the person of Mr. Munson, that a favorable change has been effected in his case within the past few weeks, and from our knowledge of Mr. Munson's character for truth in this community, where he is known, we have no hesitation in saying that the particulars set forth in the above affidavit made by said Munson, would not have been stated by him were they not in his judgment strictly true.

GEO. DANFORTH, Att'y at Law,

O. HAWKINS, “ “

SAM'L G. SOUTHERLAND, Marshal of Ann Arbor,

E. LAWRENCE, Att'y at Law and J. P.,

E. THOMPSON, “ “ “

E. H. SPALDING, Sheriff Washtenaw County,

JOHN C. MUNDY, County Clerk,

E. W. MORGAN, Att'y at Law,

JAMES KINGSLEY, Att'y at Law,

HON. WM. A. FLETCHER,

E. P. GARDNER, }  
L. W. COLE, } Editors of the Michigan Argus.

*Ann Arbor, Mich., August 8, 1849.*

**Case 171, Prolapsus Uteri.**

Eleven years last February, I was suddenly attacked with severe pain in my back. I called in a medical gentleman, and was confined to my bed under his treatment for three months.

The pain spread through my entire system. His efforts did me no good. A second physician attended me about the same time with the same result. A third one attended me some two months, but gave me no relief. We then called the fourth physician, who pronounced my disease *Prolapsus Uteri*. He treated me some three months, and I was slightly improved, so I was able to leave my bed, but unable to attend to my domestic duties.

At this time I resided in Cincinnati, Courtland Co., N. Y. I then removed to this state, near Ann Arbor, since which I have been under the medical treatment of a number of our best physicians, with very slight benefit. I have not been free from pain and suffering, one day at a time, since my first attack. Whenever I took any exercise, it would injure me very materially. In this suffering and hopeless condition, I called on the Messrs. Keely, at Ann Arbor, was magnetized twice and experienced relief, which induced me to visit this place to continue their treatment.

I have been magnetically operated on by them, for eleven days, gradually improving from the first magnetization. For the last seven days I have been entirely free from this distressing disease, not having felt the slightest pain from it. I have also exercised much more than usual. My general health has been entirely broken down; great derangement of the nervous system, with very great depression of spirits. These difficulties, the result of my disease, (*Prolapsus Uteri*), are rapidly giving way, my nerves are much more calm, and my general health much improved.

MRS. B. HALLOCK.

My wife's statement is strictly true.

W. F. HALLOCK.

*Saline, Michigan, August 3, 1849.*

I have remained well up to the present date. My daughter's health has also been much improved by the magnetic treatment.

MRS. B. HALLOCK.

*Ann Arbor, September 20, 1849.*

**Case 172, Brain Affection.**

Some eight years since, my son, John Cochran, 22 years of age, received a severe injury on his head by a fall, which caused

discharges of blood from the ears, with an entire loss of consciousness for some fifteen hours. He gradually improved, and in a few weeks was able to exercise a little, and in a few months was able to attend to work part of the time. Up to this time he suffered continual pain, sometimes being very severe, with a feeling of fullness and giddiness in the head, with partial deafness—at times he was partially deranged.

He continued in this condition up to 1847. He then visited New York City, and, while there, had a more severe attack, and was insane for three weeks. His health then improved to about the same condition as when he visited the city.

Last winter he received an injury in the back, from which he suffered much pain; about that time he was deranged for several days, and continued much as before. Throughout the most of the time his general health remained good, and he has been able to attend to business. The best medical aid in New York, and in this place, failed to relieve him.

He was magnetized by the Messrs. Keely, ten days since, and was exercised under its influence. The following day there was a large mass of tough pus discharged from the right nostril—the side on which the injury was received—which gave him great relief. He has been magnetized each day since. On the ninth day, after the commencement of the treatment, there were several discharges of the same kind of matter, from the same nostril, which was discharged with great difficulty. The sensation of fullness and giddiness, of which he had complained, has entirely subsided. He was restored from the deafness, and pain in his back, by the first magnetization. The pain in his head has also entirely ceased, and he seems to be entirely well.

DANIEL COCHRAN.

My father's statement is strictly true.

JOHN COCHRAN.

*Saline, Michigan, August 4, 1849.*

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#### Case 173, Rheumatism and Colic.

For twenty years I have been afflicted in my right hip, with lameness and pain—for the last eighteen years I have been continually lame and suffering with pain—for several years past I have scarcely been able to walk. For six years I have suffered with severe pain in my back continually. For the same length of time I have had spasms of colic at least once every two weeks. For the last two months I had been much worse, with pain and lameness, and have had from one to four attacks of

colic each week. Medical treatment has never given me even momentary relief, as to pain and lameness. The spasms of colic generally gave way under the influence of medicine. One of these distressing attacks of colic was coming on me when I first placed myself under the Messrs. Keely's treatment, who gave me instant relief. I have been under their charge eleven days—for the last eight days I have been entirely free from pain in my back and limbs. I have not had a symptom of the colic since the commencement of their treatment. I am much improved as to my lameness. I still have a little soreness in my hip, so long disused; otherwise I feel that I am perfectly restored.

MRS. REBECCA TATE.

*Saline, Mich., Aug. 3, 1849.*

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**Case 174, Nervous Spasms, or Fits.**

I have been afflicted with nervous spasms for two years. They came on after an attack of bilious fever. I would have from one to three each day, when I should fall, and remain insensible for some minutes. I had a severe headache almost continually. Much of the time I was so tremulous that I could neither write nor read. I have been weak and debilitated—medical men have failed to relieve me. There has not been one day that I escaped having one or more of these spasms within the last two years, up to Saturday last, July 28th, at which time Rev. Mr. Boynton, (a member of Messrs. Keely's class,) magnetized me and restored me from headache. I have been magnetized four times by the Messrs. Keely. I remain free from spasms—my head is perfectly well, and my nerves are free from all tremulousness, and my general health is much improved.

I have not felt a symptom of any of the above difficulties since the first magnetization.

ANN ELIZA.

I hereby certify that the above statement is a correct one.

J. BOYNTON,

Minister of the M. E. Church.

*Saline, Mich., Aug. 3, 1849.*

This is to certify that the subjects cured or relieved by Magnetism, in this place, by the Messrs. Keely, have generally remained well. We have seen Mr. Cochran, Mrs. Tate, Wm. Warner, and others, cured or relieved by Messrs. Keely, and know that they remain well. The class meet regularly, and the

meetings are attended with great interest. Others cured by Messrs. Keely, not reported, remain well.

STEPHEN FISK, A. M., M. D.,  
Late Prof. in Duffield Seminary.  
JOHN LAWRENCE, J. P.

*Saline, Wash. Co., Mich., Sept. 20, 1849.*

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**Case 175, Dyspepsia.**

For three years past I have been suffering from Dyspepsia, part of the time unable to attend to any kind of business, suffering with severe pain and nausea in the stomach, which produced vomiting almost daily. I have not at any time been able to eat strong, healthy diet, and when I have done so within the last two years, I have suffered severely for my imprudence. My entire system has been so much deranged, and my nerves so excitable, that I seldom had a good night's sleep—life itself has been a burthen to me. Much of the time I have been so nervous I could not write my name without much difficulty, and my general health was almost entirely broken down. Some ten days since, while in the above condition, after having tried all other means I could procure, without benefit, I resolved to give the Messrs. Keely's system a trial. At the fourth sitting I was magnetically subdued, since which I have been entirely free from all pain and nausea in the stomach, can use any kind of diet with impunity. My nerves are perfectly calm, my general health entirely restored. I sleep as well as I have ever done. I have continued the treatment up to the present date, and am happy to report myself perfectly restored.

JOSIAH WARNER.

*Saline, Mich., Aug. 3, 1849.*

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**PLYMOUTH REPORT.**

Mr. I. I. Keely has this day closed a course of public and private Lectures, illustrated with practical experiments on the science of Mental Electricity. And as members of his Class we freely state our entire conviction as to the truth of this science. As a remedial agent of great power, we have the most positive evidence. A number of our citizens, whom we have known for years, as sufferers from disease, have been cured or

relieved. Their certificates are appended to this report. Their statements may be implicitly relied on. We cheerfully recommend Mr. Keely as worthy of public confidence.

J. A. AUSTIN,	C. G. CRAMER,
P. FRALICK,	R. HART,
A. B. MARKHAM,	J. W. GRIFFIN,
J. B. BRUMFIELD,	C. N. BOOTH,
Dr. I. W. AVERILL,	E. PATE,
Dr. O. R. SWIFT,	J. G. RAMSDELL,
O. CHUB, Student of Medicine,	Wm. A. RAMSDELL,
and many others.	

*Plymouth, Wayne Co., Mich., Aug. 2, 1849.*

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#### Case 176, Jaundice, &c.

I have been afflicted for the last two years with Jaundice, (an enlargement and derangement of the Liver,) so pronounced by Vance, M. D., and other physicians of Ohio.

My stomach, chest and abdomen much swollen and sore most of the time—my digestive organs in a weak and debilitated condition, nausea at the stomach, with frequent vomitings. At times I was to some extent mentally deranged. My nervous system much affected with spasmodic trembling—all medical aid proved unavailing. I was laboring under these combined afflictions when I commenced being magnetically treated by Mr. Keely. Since the third day's treatment I have been perfectly well; have felt not a symptom of disease since. I have been under his treatment nine days.

S. C. PEARCE.

*Plymouth, Aug. 25, 1849.*

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#### Case 177, Deafness.

I am eighteen years of age; have been partially deaf some thirteen years, caused by inflammation in the head. For the last four years I have been totally deaf in my left ear, and, on examination, made on the twentieth day of this month, I could not hear the tick of a watch when pressed against my left ear—I could hear it but thirty inches with my right ear. I have been magnetically treated by Mr. Keely six days, and can now hear the tick of a watch two feet from my left ear, and more than ten feet from my right ear.

B. F. CANFIELD.

I was present at the examination of B. F. Canfield, and believe his statement to be correct.

J. A. AUSTIN.

*Plymouth, Aug. 26, 1849.*

**Case 178, Prolapsus Uteri and Mercurial Rheumatism.**

I have been severely afflicted with Prolapsus Uteri for several years. Have suffered much pain, with a general affection of my nervous system—a portion of the time confined to my room. Two years since, I had a severe attack of Mercurial or Inflammatory Rheumatism, (pronounced by most of my physicians "Mercurial Rheumatism.") I was confined to my bed, unable to move or feed myself, most of the time. My joints were swollen and inflamed, and my whole system affected. Respiration difficult and oppressed, suffering continual pain, with numbness of the limbs and dryness of the skin—extremities cold, with dizziness of the head.

I have been under the treatment of Drs. Mathews, Parker, Desnoyer, Terry, and other medical men of the old school—have followed their prescriptions, faithfully, without receiving any benefit. Last spring, Drs. Mathews, Desnoyer, Terry and others, told me I could not be cured. In this hopeless condition I applied to Mr. Keely, having heard of his unparalleled success in curing such diseases. I determined to test his skill. I commenced treatment on the twentieth day of this month—was at once magnetically subdued at the first sitting; have continued the treatment up to this day, and am entirely relieved from Prolapsus Uteri. I am also importantly relieved from all the other enumerated difficulties. Secretions fully established. I am now enjoying life beyond my most sanguine expectations. My joints are much reduced in size, and my general health very much improved. I am the wife of Ebenezer Pate, and reside in the town Redford, Wayne Co., Michigan.

ALVIRA PATE.

My wife's statement is true in every particular. I had no confidence in Magnetism; under peculiar circumstances I was forced into this matter.

EBENEZER PATE.

**Case 179, Rheumatism.**

I hereby certify that I have been for some time afflicted with a Rheumatic affection of the knee; it was weak, and I had to be very careful in the use of it. I have been under Mr. Keely's treatment several days; my knee is perfectly well.

ROSWELL HART.

*Plymouth, Aug. 28, 1849.*

**Case 180, Spinal Rheumatic Affection, and Nervous Spasms.**

This will certify, that I have been afflicted with spinal disease for the last six years; much of the time I have suffered great pain.

I have been treated by different medical gentlemen, but received no relief. I applied other remedies with slight benefit. For three months past, my nervous system has been so badly affected that it was with the greatest difficulty a portion of the time, that I fed myself; nor could I at any time write my name legibly, owing to the continued spasmodic action of the nerves.

I have also suffered with Rheumatic affection; my feet and legs were much swollen, my extremities cold, and much of the time I was deprived of sleep.

On the fourteenth of this month, while suffering under this combination of diseases, I placed myself under Mr. Keely's treatment, have been under his charge up to the present day, and scarcely a remnant of the Spinal or Rheumatic affection is left; the swelling in my legs has nearly disappeared; my feet and hands are warm; my secretions fully established; I sleep sweetly and undisturbedly; my nervous system is so much improved that I can write my name with great ease, and my general health is very much improved.

C. G. CRAMER.

*Plymouth, Aug. 28th, 1849.*

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**Case 181, Scrofula.**

For four years I have been afflicted with Scrofula, suffering much pain in my head, shoulders, and side, and more or less pain throughout my entire system, with many sores on my head. At times my mind was much affected, my nervous system much deranged; hands and feet continually cold; I have been magnetically treated for several days by Mr. Keely, since which my mind is calm and free—my nervous system materially improved, as well as my general health. I am free from pain in my head and limbs—feet and hands are continually warm. The sores in my head have nearly disappeared. Secretions fully established.

SARAH STEVENS.

*Plymouth, August 27, 1849.*

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**Case 182, Deafness.**

My son, who is now fifteen years old, has been partially deaf in his left ear, since five years of age, caused by scarlet fever.

He has been under Mr. Keely's charge for a few days. By examination he could not hear the tick of a watch when brought in contact with his ear. He can now hear the same sound thirty-three inches, with the same ear.

C. N. BOOTH.

*Plymouth*, August 28, 1849.

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**Case 183, Ague and Fever.**

I was attacked with Fever and Chills on the 15th August last. The chills came on about 11 o'clock, A. M., every other day—would last about three hours, and I would then have a burning fever up to 10 o'clock at night; each attack confined me to my bed with delirium, for some two hours. I was magnetically treated by Mr. Munson, (Mr. K's pupil and assistant,) and was perfectly restored. I was operated on but twice, since which, I have remained perfectly well.

ABIGAIL SMITH.

My wife's statement is strictly correct.

B. SMITH.

*Plymouth*, Sept. 3, 1849.

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**Case 184, Spinal and Rheumatic Affection.**

I have been afflicted with Spinal affection and Rheumatism, for eight years; much of the time for the last four years I have been forced, before using my right arm to write, to lift it on to the desk with my left hand. I have been magnetically treated for the last several days, by Mr. Keely, and am entirely relieved.

I. W. AVERILL, B. P.

*Plymouth*, Sept. 3, 1849.

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**Case 185, Bilious Fever and Disturbed Menstruation.**

My daughter, sixteen years of age, has been for some time past suffering from frequent attacks of headache, pressure on the brain, with giddiness, and cold, aching pains in her limbs. On the 21st of August, she had a very severe attack of Bilious Fever, accompanied with severe chills and slight delirium—skin very yellow—white of her eyes yellow. On the 25th ult., she commenced the magnetic treatment of Mr. Keely, through his pupil and assistant, Mr. A. Munson, with the most happy effects. She has been occasionally magnetized up to the pres-

ent date. (Her menstrual functions have been much disturbed, and never fully established;) without any other than magnetic treatment, she is restored to health; her menstrual functions, we think, fully established, to which, most of her illness, we think, is referable.

JOSEPH BREARLEY.

*Plymouth, Sept. 15, 1849.*

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## NORTHVILLE REPORT.

### Report on Magnetism.

*Resolved,* That Mr. Keely has, by his experiments in Human Magnetism, or Mental Electricity, removed a great amount of skepticism in this village and vicinity. He has proved to the satisfaction of the class, that this science may be used successfully in the cure of nervous diseases, which have been treated by other systems without success.

Believing, therefore, in its efficacy as a powerful remedial agent, we consider it a subject worthy the investigation of every reasonable individual, and especially deserving the favorable consideration of medical men. A portion of the persons treated by Mr. Keely in this place, have given their statements as to the effects produced on them. These statements are worthy of public confidence. We cheerfully recommend Mr. Keely to the favor of the public generally.

REV. S. COCHRANE, Minister 2nd Presbyt'n Church,

REV. S. CHASE, Baptist Minister,

D. GREGORY, M. D.,

AUGUSTUS LORD, Dentist,

L. R. MOSHER,

WM. S. GREGORY

R. W. CHILSON,

S. HUNGERFORD,

P. BROWN,

M. LAWSON,

T. FAZE,

A. F. BEDFORD,

A. BRITTON,

ZEBIA H. PLATT,

J. P. JACKSON,

J. B. LEELAND,  
 G. HATHAWAY,  
 L. C. SHA,  
 W. C. GARDNER, and some twenty others.

*Northville, Sept. 13, 1849.*

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**Case 186, Sore Throat, &c.**

*Mr. Keely*—Dear Sir:—I have been afflicted for six years continually, with an affection of my neck; it was continually sore, inflamed, and painful; my throat was so much swollen at times, that I could with great difficulty swallow any thing. There have been frequent tumors that had to be lanced. Extremities cold. I had a violent cough; great difficulty in breathing; pain in my side, back, and chest, with dyspepsia, great nausea, and dull pain in my head. All medical skill had failed to cure me. I supposed that I was hopelessly diseased, when I commenced treatment under you, on the 10th of this month. I was in the above stated condition. I am now free from all my afflictions. I owe it to your efforts, and shall ever feel grateful to you.

EMILY LYKE.

My sister's statement corresponds with my knowledge of her case.

LESTER C. SHA.

I examined my daughter's neck when she commenced treatment under Mr. Keely—it was very bad—it is now well. Her statement is a true one.

ASA SHA.

*Northville, Mich., Sept., 14, 1849.*

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**Case 187, Nervous Derangement.**

For six years I have been deeply afflicted throughout my entire nervous system, accompanied with a determination of blood to the head, with a choking sensation in the stomach, it being caused, as we supposed, by worms. For the last six months, my symptoms have been most alarming, being attended with a numbness, or paralysis of the brain, and a buzzing sound in my ears, producing the most painful and indescribable feelings, which caused me great unhappiness and depression of spirits. I feared that I would become entirely insane. I have been treated by a number of medical men with but slight benefit. I was in the most depressed condition when I commenced the magnetic treatment, under Mr. A. Munson, Mr. Keely's pupil and assistant. I improved from the first magnetization. I have been under his treatment for seven days, and have felt

entirely free from all the above described difficulties, for the last three days. My nervous system seems to be entirely corrected, and my mind is perfectly calm. I am free from all pain, and unpleasant sensations, and my general health is much improved.

MARY BOWEN.

My wife's statement is correct.

P. BOWEN.

*Northville, Wayne Co., Sept. 15, 1849.*

#### Case 188, Deafness.

For twenty years I have been Deaf, caused by frequent tumors in my head. On examination, made in presence of many witnesses, I could not hear the tick of a watch when pressed against my left ear, and only when in contact with my right. When I was made to hear, it was necessary for the person addressing me, to put his mouth near my ear, or speak very loud. I have been under Mr. Keely's treatment for eleven days, and can now hear conversation, when my attention is drawn to the person addressing me, with considerable ease, if addressed in a full tone. And I can hear the ticking of a watch some sixteen inches from either ear. I have been in this place for thirteen years.

A. S. ROBINSON.

*Northville, Sept. 14, 1849.*

#### Case 189, Spinal Affection and Amaurosis.

I have been afflicted with Spinal disease eight years, continually suffering pain, and unable to attend to any domestic duties, further than to direct others. Most of the time I have been suffering with palpitation of the heart for six years. My throat has been sore, and my breathing difficult and oppressed. My entire nervous system has been in a deranged state. I have slept very poorly at night. My mind has been materially disturbed, and my hands and feet cold, and great pain in my head. For the last eight years my eyes have been weak and inflamed, and for the last six years I have not been able to read or sew by candle-light, and but little at any time. There have been continually black spots floating before my vision. For six months past I have not been able to read or sew but little, either day or night. All medical means failed even to relieve me. I had given up all hope of getting my health. The above statement will give the reader an idea of my forlorn condition, when I applied to Mr. Keely on the tenth day of this month. I have

been under his treatment up to the present time. I have not felt the slightest pain since the first day. The palpitation is all gone—my throat is perfectly well—breathing is perfectly free—my mind calm—my head is free from pain—I sleep soundly—my feet and hands are warm—my nervous system is perfectly restored. My eyes are also perfectly restored. They are free from pain, I can read with ease, either day or night. The last of those dark specks disappeared on the third day's operation. My general health is also materially improved.

ELIZA WESTON.

My daughter's case is correctly stated.

S. SHA.

My wife's statement corresponds with my knowledge of her case.

NATHAN WESTON.

Northville, Mich., September 15, 1849.

I have by me, Reports upon Reports, of committees from members of Dr. Keely's Classes, in different places in the State of Ohio, not yet noticed; also editorials of the most flattering character, from the different papers, for which my limits give no room.

The committee formed in Mansfield, report that they "have attended a course of public and private lectures, and practical demonstrations on the science of Mental Electricity, given by Dr. Keely, and are free to say that he has fully sustained the reputation he has so nobly earned. Extraordinary cures have been effected, not only by the Doctor, but *by members of his Class*. He has been liberal toward the poor, and gentlemanly towards his Class," &c.

Then follow a host of CASES and CURES, of the most obstinate forms of disease to which the human body is subjected, with earnest recommendations of Dr. K. and his practice, to the community at large, all which, I, the compiler of this work, believe to be substantially true, for I have seen Dr. Keely do, *and have often done myself*, during the last ten years, *the very same things!*

Skeptics may doubt them, the thoughtless may laugh at them, the interested in their disbelief may pronounce them humbug, the superstitious and bigoted may call them profane or blasphemous; but *the wise* will seek health and relief from this power; and the benevolent will use it for the benefit of the poor, the oppressed, and the afflicted, of their race.

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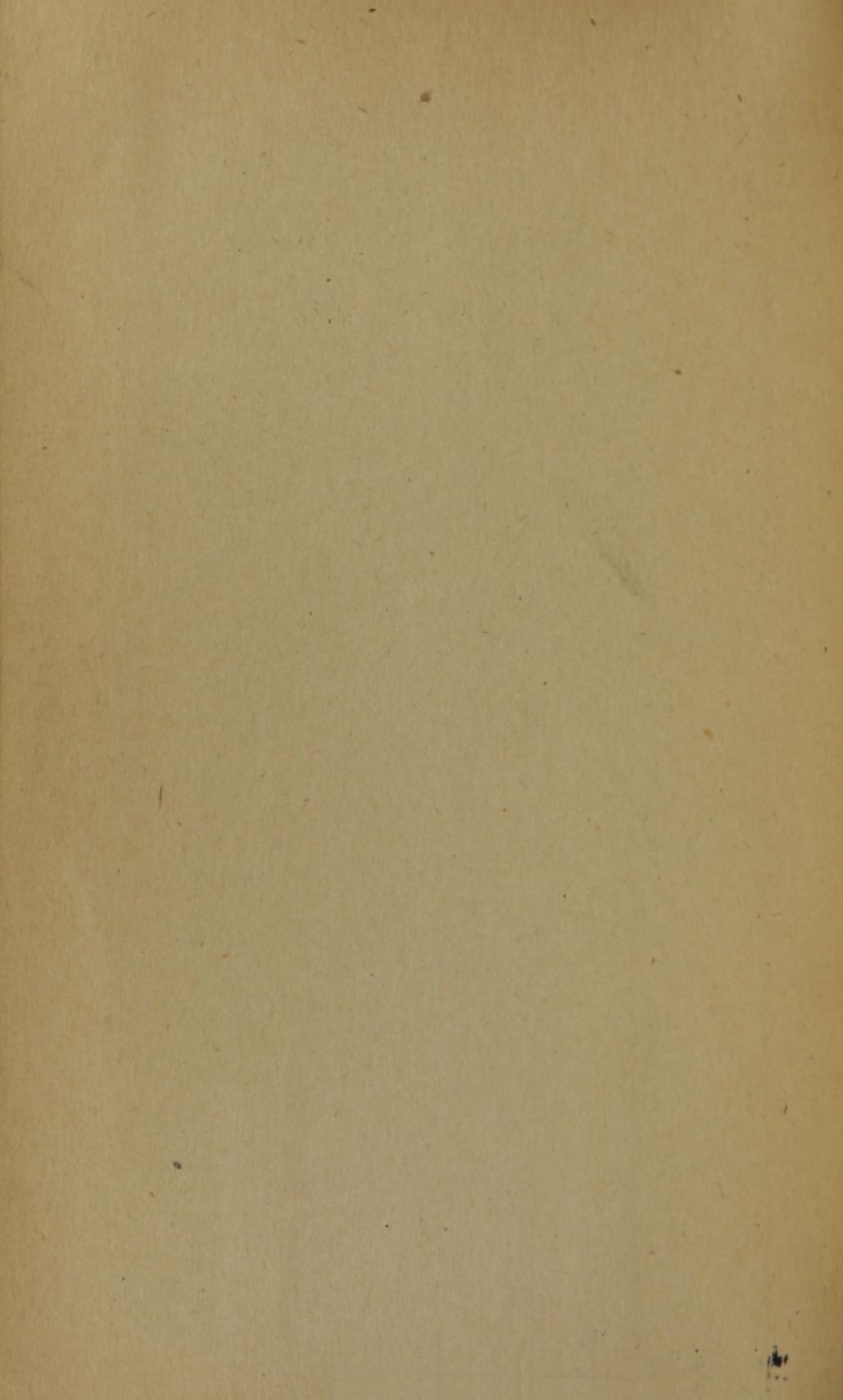
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