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Dear Sirs,

I presume you are aware that I am a Spiritualist as is, or was, the case with all of the members of <sup>my</sup> Father's Family, excepting my <sup>late</sup> brother ~~William and Rowland~~ ~~My late brother Rowland~~ Rowland and William. The latter was opposed then to ~~that~~ though he was a member of society of persons who believe their Ministers are inspired by Deity.

My Brother Rowland <sup>however</sup> was so far a believer in Spiritualism that ~~he~~ during his last ~~and~~ ~~very~~ long illness he employed Spiritual Mediums who were Spiritual Mediums and used their prescriptions and by whom ~~he was~~ his suffering was greatly abated.

I then ask leave to print the following statement, viz

On the 9<sup>th</sup> of Sept 1858, I arrived at Genoa in Italy and ~~took~~ made my home at the Royal Hotel, ~~where there is~~ on my way to Nice, <sup>which is 144 miles distant.</sup> There being no Railway at that time, I ~~arrived~~

between these points at that time, I was obliged to wait at Genoa until the carriage that was plied between these two cities ~~was~~ was ready to proceed to Rome.

Having waited at ~~for days~~ Genoa a few days, a gentleman called to see me who proposed ~~that we~~ to me to take a carriage for ourselves and proceed immediately on our journey to Rome, To this I ~~agreed~~ ~~the most~~ gladly assented.

He then remarked that he being familiar with this route, he would, with my consent, find and engage ~~the carriage, and drive~~

We were on our way to Rome on the following day and being in no haste we proceeded at our leisure and making such diversion from the direct route as our fancy might dictate. We had an excellent and most obliging Coachman - he wound the vehicle and the horses he drove, and we had fine weather during the four days of our journey.

During this journey I found my Companion was an Irish gentleman, I thought as my friend (for such he was indeed to me) if he could tell me any thing of the "Banthe", of his Country.

He replied he had often heard it, and always did so when a relative of his had died.

On calling at his lodgings to make my adieu, he expressed regret at my departure and said he ~~expected me to~~ fully expected to have me for a guest, and that he was only waiting to have some work ~~done~~ completed in his house that he had been willing to take me ~~thither~~ <sup>there</sup> for the season.

I was greatly tempted to comply, and I <sup>now</sup> feel sorry I had not done so, ~~whenever~~ when I think of him.

Only houses of the Gentry of Ireland are ~~visited by the~~ haunted with the Banshee, I presume. This is for season. That the houses of the Gentry ~~in~~ of Ireland continue to be haunted from generation to generation.

We are all familiar with the famous ~~Low~~ mountain "The Blackberg" in Germany where most wonderful Specter appear during the night, that are so terrific in character that not a few of them who came from so far to see (Americans included) mount their horses and flee as if their lives are at stake.

I passed two nights there but nothing was to be seen. From "The Blackberg" I proceeded to the famous Castle, <sup>that is</sup> in the Black Mountains that are not far from the Blackberg and is property of the Emperor of Germany, and in which the famous Spirit of the famous White Lady, whose portrait ~~is~~ hangs upon the

Wall of an apartment thin, and where Spuker is seen walking about the house at night.

The Mother of the Castle was an intelligent English woman, who was very kind. She fully believed in the reality of the White Lady's Ghost, but she told me she had never seen her.

Notes of Dent on the Afternoon of the 11th

Why the then church with sounds, without having the usual, & such of any or upon the most remarkable case of Ghosts is that of the Spuker that are seen at the City of Muncie at Night, that my Mother used to speak of, but and which I never heard any one speak until the winter of the year in the City of London, when I received an invitation to attend a meeting that was called for purpose of hearing account out of Capt. Sir John R. A. and his wife a sister of the Earl of Derby?

The City of Muncie is a walled city and contains about 100,000 people and has a very large commerce, and is situated at the base of a range of semi-mountainous hills.

Early in the dusk of the evening immense boulders of Rock may be seen bounding down the sides of the hills that disappear immediately as if by sudden evaporation.

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At a little later hour, mounted horsemen with sword  
in hand are seen rushing through the air and with  
a mien that is so terrific that those who had gone to  
see, ~~in~~ remount their horse and rush to the city with  
all possible speed.

There ~~are~~ It appears there ~~are~~ a class  
of persons, those who must attend the parties who desire to  
witness these ~~the~~ scenes, otherwise they do not appear, thus  
proving no doubt - being "Spiritual Mediums",