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PREFACE.

THIS AUTOBIOGRAPHY has been written in order to satisfy the urgent desire of my numerous friends, who believing, that there was something mysterious about me, have made frequent enquiry concerning the peculiarities of my life. For the last twelve years I have daily been asked the following questions, concerning the mystery of my professional practice, as a physician: "What is the cause of your influence?" "Are you a clairvoyant, or only a spirit medium?" "Did you study medicine before you commenced practice as a physician?" "Are clairvoyants always correct in their diagnosis of diseases?" "What are the principles of clairvoyance, and what is the formula of procedure necessary to development in this somnambule science?" "Is not magnetism the basis of clairvoyance, of somnambulism, and of modern spirit communion?" "Were you, in early life, different from other children?" etc., etc. These questions I have endeavored to answer in a plain, concise manner.

I claim no literary merit for this production, for I make no professions of proficiency in the art of writing for publication.

Some of my explanations of the phenomena of magnetic operations differ from the conclusions of other writers upon the subject. But I feel that the careful investigators will not fail to see the philosophy of my views, particularly upon the subject of spirit communication. I have carefully avoided speaking of spiritualism as a religion, and have treated it only

as a science. Of my early life I have said but little, and nothing of my domestic experience ; for I have considered that part of my life uninteresting to the general reader.

Some of my immediate friends have unqualifiedly asserted that this work was being written by a hired biographer. This supposition is emphatically erroneous. The whole work has been written by myself at odd spells during the last summer, and has been copied verbatim, by another party. Throughout the work I have aimed to treat exclusively of my magnetic career, and in my explanations I have endeavored to do nothing more than to show the philosophy of the phenomena treated.

Owing to the calculated compass of the work I have been forced to condense the matter into a compact form, hence, careful reading is necessary to a full understanding of the various subjects treated. I have not endeavored to build up any new faith, nor tare down any long standing theories, but have aimed, throughout the whole work, to answer such questions as have been most frequently asked me.

Trusting that would-be critics will show leniency toward me as a writer, I humbly hope that this work will meet the approbation of my patients and friends, and if it does, the only object sought will have been attained.

DR. DANIEL B. KELLOGG.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY.

CHAPTER I.

BIRTH, PARENTAGE, AND EARLY RECOLLECTIONS.

Warm from their spirit spreads around,
An atmosphere serene—divine,—
Magical like golden haze,
Encircling mine.

THE FIRST scene in the life drama about to be delineated, was enacted on the 22d of January, 1834, in a rough, uncouth, log-shanty, situated in the then sparsely settled town of Pittsfield, Washtenaw county, Michigan.

There was nothing worthy of remark or consideration in the exterior or interior of this particular edifice, unless it was its complete simplicity of structure. Being built of rough unhewn logs—with single slope to the roof—shanty style—from which protuded a massive stick-chimney. Its outside appearance was certainly in direct opposition to any cultivated ideal of magnificence; nor did its interior arrangements belie the uncouth appearances of its exterior in the

least, for there was but one apartment, and this answered the combined purposes of parlor, kitchen, and sleeping apartment, in one. This rough and grotesque specimen of pioneer architecture has long since passed into oblivion, and even its surroundings have been robbed of their primitive wildness by the onward march of progressive husbandry.

I have no doubt but what I was considered a welcome addition to the family circle, and an object of parental gratification and love, though I do not imagine that my worthy parents saw anything about me above the plain of mediocrity of ability, yet I was a new link in the golden chain that united their hearts in conjugal felicity.

My conclusion that I was a welcome and cherished addition to the family fold is not altogether the result of instinctive supposition, which is innate in the heart of every child, but is a conclusion deduced from my matured observations and knowledge of the perfect conjugal felicity and noble characteristics of my respected parents, who considered the welfare of their offspring as the first great duty of life. Love for their children was, with them, an intrinsic virtue, ever flowing with unceasing power and beauty from their Christian hearts. Through all the various vicissitudes of life their love for their children, has glowed with the same warmth and golden luster as it did when they sang the soft lullaby to infant ears attuned.

I doubt whether there could be a more perfect matrimonial alliance than that enjoyed by my father

and mother, nor one more conducive to wedded happiness. Still, strange and unphilosophical as the fact may appear to be, truth compels me to assert, that, in temperament and disposition, they were as unlike as is possible for two beings, bearing the image of their Creator, to be. My father was more than ordinarily positive in disposition and temperament, and he commanded respect by his indomitable force of will. In his domestic relations he was, in every sense, the acknowledged head, and his decisions on all questions of order, was admitted as authority from which there was no appeal. These positive characteristics of my worthy paternal progenitor were, in my childhood days, subjects of considerable speculation. I saw much about him that was entirely beyond my comprehension. In fact I looked upon my father as a sort of domestic tyrant; for it was patent to my childish mind that he was a bitter opposer to innocent amusement, and I considered this an inherent principle of his nature. But as I look back and contemplate his acts of apparent tyranny and domestic severity, I see that these characteristic traits were more assumed than natural, for they were the legitimate results of his peculiar moral and religious training which engendered a truly laudable desire to protect those under his control from the besetting sins of a sin-cursed world. He was, in the broad definition of the term, a Christian, and a thorough disciplinarian; not merely a professor of religion, but an unflinching, practical devotee of the church; who carried his religious ideas