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CASE 24. — From additional documents that have just come to hand, it would appear that the dream of Mrs. H. must have occurred a week or ten days *before* the accident which happened to Mr. W. T. H. Mr. H. wrote on Jan. 22, 1889, that he had learned the exact date of his accident, and in a letter of February 10 to Mrs. H., he states this to be Aug. 19, 1869, at 12.40 A.M. In a letter to the secretary, of Feb. 22, 1889, Mr. H. states that "the date of accident is placed beyond doubt by two independent records made by different persons on the day of its occurrence." The original document referred to on p. 401 is dated Aug. 19, 1869, and refers to Mrs. H.'s letter "of the 13th," before which date, therefore, Mrs. H.'s dream must have occurred. The case is instructive, as regards both the weakness of testimony depending on mere memory, and the difficulties that meet us in our inquiries, and we hope to obtain permission to publish all the details in a future number of the Proceedings. What at first sight gave promise of being a well-established case of actual coincidence has its chief importance now as illustrating the dangers against which we have to guard in dealing with the testimony presented to us.

CASE 28. — We learn from one of our members, Mr. George Pellew, that the city surveyor of Camden, N.J., gives 1,880 feet as the distance "by an air line from 805 Broadway to the rear entrance of City Hall." "From 805 Broadway northward to north side Washington street [which ought to have been marked on the plan, see p. 411, between Berkeley and Benson streets], eastward from Broadway to east side Seventh street and northward to rear entrance City Hall (being the route taken by one on foot) is 2,570 feet. By carriage would be a trifle less, owing to corners turned."

CASE 36. — (See, also, pp. 519, 520.) We have just received from Dr. Wm. Noyes a sketch of the room in which his mother died, and also the sketch of another room to which the body was removed. Neither sketch bears any resemblance to the sketch given by Mr. W. S. H.

CASE 56. — The following letter has been received from the son of Dr. S. F. Deane. He corroborates Dr. Deane's account as to the crisis of the wife's illness, but it will be observed that he gives the year as 1870; the year in Dr. Deane's account is 1871 — a difference which can be accounted for without assuming any extraordinary lapse of memory: —

VALPARAISO, NEB., Feb. 21, 1889.

RICHARD HODGSON, ESQ., *Boston, Mass.*: —

DEAR SIR, — Yours of January 21 was duly received, and I have neglected replying chiefly because I am not cognizant of any facts that

appear to me of material importance in the case to which you refer. I can only say that my mother was sick in Wisconsin, either in March or April, 1870, and that at one time we thought she was dying; that she rallied from this "sinking spell," and finally recovered her usual health; and also that at that time my father, Dr. S. F. Deane, was in this State.

Yours very truly,

D. M. DEANE.

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