

association, so as to sustain the mental, as well as to support the animal economy.

A short time after this, some wonderful stories having been related about a so-styled Dr. Scott, of New York city, curing cancer, I was waited on by one of Mr. Hossack's brothers, Dr Frémont being absent, to enquire whether he could be removed to New York without danger, to which I replied in the affirmative, adding, that the removal might be of service by change of air and scene, and by hopeful inspiration; but, that cure was out of the question, whatever might be promised. Mr. Hossack was accordingly removed to New York soon after, and placed under the care of Doctor John Scott, who has converted his residence, No. 36 Bond street, into what he terms a "Magnetic and Healing Institute;" and there a certain and speedy cure was positively and repeatedly promised, to the great satisfaction of the patient, who was, also as well as his relatives, entertained with stories of the many wonderful cures *performed by the Doctor!*

Mr. Hossack resided in this establishment or institute, at the cost of many hundreds of dollars, from that time till the 20th September last at 11 A.M. when he expired, having been constantly assured, until within a very short period of his death, that he was getting better, and would surely recover. A short time before his decease, when ulceration had set in, with sloughing and occasional hæmorrhage, and the alvine dejections were consequently more free, he was assured by "the Doctor" that "the treatment was bringing away the cancer, and he was getting well."

This man, Scott, who is one of the class of impostors called spiritualists, professes by his *hocus-pocus*, and what he calls magnetism, to cure the incurable, and to give the deceiver his due, in common with another personage of greater renown than merit, whose name shall not offend ears polite, the sufferer declared that his manipulations or magnetic means, often, if not always, allayed the pains which he endured.

About three weeks before Mr. H's decease, news having reached his friends in Quebec that he was sinking, Charles R. Hossack, and James Young, Esquires, his brother, and brother-in-law, proceeded to New York, and found him in a very critical condition; and remained with him until his death, which took place as above stated. On the morning of that day, Scott again declared that death was not imminent, notwithstanding which he died at 11 a.m. A *post mortem* examination having been requested by Scott, a telegram was despatched to Quebec for permission to open the body, which was answered in the negative, as the family and relatives were anxious that the medical gentlemen here, who had seen or attended Mr. H. should have an opportunity of examination. Notwithstanding this answer, Mr. C. R. Hossack, with great liberality, permitted Scott and his medical friends (?) to open and examine the body, with the express stipulation, that *the diseased parts should be preserved and given to his relatives* for re-examination. The examination took place accordingly, in the presence of Messrs. C. R. Hossack and Young, and Drs. Scott, Young, Leach, Banks, Barlow, &c.; the three latter of whose names are appended to the following certificate, which I give you *verbatim et literatim*. It was written on a sheet of letter paper with a printed heading, in the usual style of bill heads or advertise-