

(REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE.)

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This is to certify that I have carefully and impartially reported and revised sixteen addresses, eight by Mr. H. McDiarmid, and eight by Dr. L. D. Watson, which were delivered in the Christian Chapel, Tonawanda, N.Y., and which are now printed in this volume, together with an address delivered by Mr. McDiarmid on the first evening; but which last speech referred to, was neither reported nor revised by me.

The above-mentioned revisor being merely an effort to insure verbal correctness, and a clear and concise rendering of the addresses, without in the least changing the sense or substance of the same. I do hereby affirm that the book, so far as the sixteen addresses are concerned, will give the reader a full and complete report of the discussion.

GEORGE B. HASTINGS.

Tonawanda, N. Y.

[The reporter was not employed till the *second* night. The first address is therefore printed from the speaker's own manuscript.]

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BUFFALO, August 24th, 1882.

Mr. Geo. B. Hastings is an unusually good reporter, and comes nearer to *verbal accuracy* than any other that I have ever known. I shall endeavour to secure his services whenever I have an important address to make without a manuscript before me.

A. CLEVELAND COXE, Bishop, &c.

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STATE OF NEW YORK SENATE CHAMBER,

Albany, August 28th, 1882.

I have known George B. Hastings a number of years as an accomplished and reliable stenographer. I have the utmost confidence in his integrity and ability.

HUDSON C. TANNER.

Stenographer to the N. Y. State Senate.

(*The testimony of the Episcopal Bishop of Western New York and that of the leading reporter in the State, will leave no doubt in the minds of the readers as to the accuracy of the report of the discussion printed in this book.*)