

2. COMMITTEE ON APPARITIONS AND HAUNTED HOUSES.

This committee wishes to collect accounts from trustworthy sources, of apparitions of absent or deceased persons, — of premonitions, whether these occur in dreams or in the waking state, by voices heard, or figures seen, or any kind of extraordinary experience, — and also of disturbances in houses described as “haunted.” It is well known that, from time to time, there are related or published accounts of people who are said to have had such experiences, and to have learned, through them, about some otherwise unknown facts, afterwards verified; such, for instance, as death or illness or some other calamity which has actually happened, at or near the time of an apparition, to the distant person whose figure is said to have been seen. The committee will be especially glad to hear directly from the persons themselves, whether connected with the Society or not, who have had any such experiences, and strongly urges upon those who belong to the Society that they should render active assistance to the committee by collecting such accounts, and by obtaining such further information as will enable the committee to verify them in as much detail as possible by the accounts of other witnesses, the use of documents, or other collateral testimony. The names and addresses of the persons concerned should be appended to the accounts as a pledge of good faith; but these will be kept strictly private by the committee, unless special permission is given for their publication. Communications should be addressed to the Secretary, Richard Hodgson, 5 Boylston place, Boston, Mass.

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Chairman.