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THE MERRILL CASE.

Dr. Allen's Reply to Dr. Willson.

To the Editor of the Intelligencer.

DEAR SIR:—Dr. Willson is certainly (as he states) in a very uncomfortable position, and by the way he is trying to squirm out of it, is plain evidence, it is not the first time he has been there.

After seeing those statements yesterday, I called upon three or four persons who were there at the time Dr. Willson pronounced her dead, and they all say he did not put his ear to her chest, and did not feel her pulse, as he states, but put his hand on her forehead, pulled open her eyes (which he states were open) and asked if the red spots present then were natural! That was all the examination. He did not even tie a string around her finger, which he informs us is a sure test of life. He does not attempt to explain, by the assistance of "Taylor's Medical Jurisprudence" or by his many friends in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, why the moisture was on the glass, why the pulse beat 37 to the minute, why the temperature was 72 degrees, why the eyes were not glazed, why the skin was elastic, why the discoloration changed on moving the body, why that rigidity, of the muscles, why warm applications will raise the temperature from 63 to 72 degrees, why hot water spilled on the leg caused a blister. All these symptoms can be sworn to by several parties 34 hours after he pronounced her dead.

Also please tell us the difference between Tonic Spasms and Rigor Mortis.

This being the first time I have seen Dr. Curlett's teeth I will let it pass by saying Mrs. Rowe is alive and well, quite able to speak for herself and needs no assistance here, but remember "The dead tell no tales."

Respectfully yours &c.,
T. E. ALLEN, M. D.

Belleville, April 14, 1880.

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