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AN EXTRAORDINARY METEORIC DISPLAY

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ON the evening of Sunday, February 9, 1913, the inhabitants of an extended portion of the United States and Canada witnessed a meteoric display which, as far as I can learn, is quite without a parallel. It was not my good fortune to be an eye-witness of the phenomenon, but when, a few minutes after it had passed, telephone messages were received describing it, I realised that there had been a very exceptional occurrence. Yet it was only on the following day, after interviewing various observers and reading the reports in the newspapers, that the truly extraordinary nature of the display was recognised.

I then decided to investigate the matter. In response to a request for reports of observations, courteously published in the daily newspapers of Toronto and repeated in some of the papers in others places, many letters and verbal communications were received. By reading the vivid descriptions and examining the illustrative sketches supplied by my correspondents, I have been enabled, in imagination, to view the wonderful spectacle again and again. The information supplied has also permitted me to

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