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brarian engaged a Professor Pepper, inventor and lecturer at the Polytechnic Institute in London, for a series of lectures. Two Louisville men of science, Dr. J. Lawrence Smith and Dr. Charles F. Carpenter, had heard Professor Pepper in London and vouched for his ability. With 50 per cent of gross receipts going to the library, Professor Pepper's three or four lectures were the only ones given in the hall which made money for the library.(7)

Before he left Louisville, Professor Pepper told Towne that his scientific apparatus, including one of the largest and best lantern-slide projectors then in use, had been attached by his creditors in Chicago. The apparatus had cost \$8,000 and could be bought for \$500. Towne, continuing to act on his own initiative, bought it for the library. It arrived in "most wonderfully disordered condition"; but soon after its receipt another scientific lecturer, Prof. Thomas W. Tobin, came to the city to lecture at the Louisville Exposition. He had known Professor Pepper in London, was familiar with the apparatus, and was delighted to find it in Louisville. He readily consented to repair it so it could be used to illustrate a series of lectures.(8)

Several learned Louisvillians were invited to prepare lectures that could be illustrated by the chemical and physical apparatus and on the projection machine, and in all, thirteen lectures were given by Dr. Thomas E. Jenkins, Dr. Theodore S. Bell, William J. Davis, and Dr. Emory A. Grant. The most strenuous efforts were made to insure the success of the series. The newspapers were liberal with publicity,