A BRILLIANT DISPLAY LAST NIGHT.

THE HEAVENS ABLAZE FOR MORE THAN TWO HOURS—EFFECT ON THE TELEGRAPH WIRES—MESSENGERS SENT BY THE AURORA BOREALIS TO PHILADELPHIA, ALBANY, MONTREAL, BOSTON, AND OTHER POINTS.

Such a brilliant display of northern lights was seen in this City last night as the writers of the Press had ever witnessed for several years. There was so aurora at all last year, and not since the wonderful exhibition of May 29, 1877. Never had anything so sublime been observed as the play last night of the fires that spread vividly from horizon to horizon. They burned for about two hours, and lingered until nearly midnight in flickering flames. The lights began to spread out, and in a few minutes as a low arch which suddenly showed itself above the tops of buildings. This arch rose steadily and broadened out until it seemed to change gradually to a vivid green, and widths shot from the crest of this arch to the horizon. This play of the light continued for several minutes, when, suddenly, a number of this, branched lines shot from the arch to the horizon, and the northern lights rain and lighted up the whole of the sky. The aurora was a brilliant display of light, and a very wonderful exhibition of nature. The lights were of a brilliant and startling character, and the whole scene was one of the most wonderful and beautiful sights that the writer ever saw. The aurora was not seen in the northern part of the country, but it was seen in the southern states and in the eastern part of the country. The aurora was a brilliant display of light, and a very wonderful exhibition of nature.