

HISTORY OF ASTROLOGY.

WE notice nothing more of any striking importance, mentioned by this ancient *Jewish* author, respecting the science of the stars, although it is very evident that Aaron's breastplate was simply a miniature type of the heavenly Zodiac, and was a fair representation both of the twelve Zodiacal signs, and also of the twelve tribes of Israel; and we have been told that this author affirms that during the sojourn of the Jews in the wilderness, they had the signs of the Zodiac inscribed upon their banners; but whether this be correct or not we are not at present able to say. However, there is an abundance of evidence in the Bible to prove that the science was held in great esteem by the Jews from their predecessor Abraham, to many hundreds of years after the time of Moses. The first reference that is made in the sacred writings to the science of the stars, occurs in the first chapter of Genesis, and at the 14th verse, where it reads as follows:—"And God said, let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night, and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days and years." The modern translators have doubtless been very careful to remove as much astrology out of the way as possible, thinking perhaps (in their ignorance) that it was only a *relic* of ancient superstition, and had no connection with the foundation and ground-work of Bible truths. There are, however, a few very striking references to it still remaining in this book, which goes very much to show the darkness these translators were in respecting this science, and consequently of its truth; for if they had had any knowledge whatever of the science, or superstition, as they would call it, and had been anxious to have cleared their work of all superstitious nonsense, they would never have let those few striking references to have passed their observation without eradicating them altogether, or so much modifying them to their own minds that their true meaning would have been lost entirely. However, let us deal with things as they are, and not as they might have been, nor as we think they ought to have been. We are sorry that those books, which might have been of immense value and importance to mankind, have been so much tampered with by those who were not at all qualified for their work. However, as we said before, let us take the matter as it

is, and I think we shall find the above quotation the first of holy writ that is left to call our attention to this science. The next most striking reference we find is contained in the xliv. chapter of the same book, wherein the circumstances connected with the accounts of Joseph and his brethren, it is said there that Joseph's cup was concealed in Benjamin's sack, and when it was found there, and the brethren of Joseph were brought back, to be accused by him, he made use of the words—"What deed is this that ye have done? wot ye not that such a man as I can certainly divine?"

It seems very clear to our minds from the above that the cup in question, over which so much anxiety and excitement was manifested, was neither more nor less than a divining cup; and we are told that cups of this kind were very much in use at that time both by the Jews and Egyptians. How, and in what manner, those cups were used we have no positive knowledge, but it is evident from the narrative from which we have quoted that this cup was used to drink out of; for Joseph's servants said to his brethren—"Is not this *it* in which my lord drinketh, and whereby he divineth?" And to prove that those cups were in some way connected with the heavenly science, we are told by some writers that they had the whole of the heavenly signs inscribed upon them. Let us now draw the attention of the reader to the book of Deuteronomy, the xxxiii chap. 14th verse. From the language there used by the writer it is evident that Moses was well acquainted with the power and effect of the moon upon vegetation, which we find him here fully recognising. We will now pass by a lot of little minor references that are made to this science, and respectfully invite our readers to follow us to the 19th Psalm. Here we find the Psalmist meditating on the wonders of the heavens in a thoroughly astrological manner, and in such a manner that no person apart from an astrological knowledge can possibly find any reasonable interpretation for; but with the assistance of that knowledge an intelligible interpretation may be obtained.

There are a good many more quotations that might be made from the various books contained in the Bible in defence of our science, but this evidence is considered by many not very trustworthy; for almost every person who wants to defend or to make popular his own notions applies at once to this source for his defence, and thus the Bible is convertible into anything, and made to defend or uphold any theory or notion that men may from time to time conceive.

We therefore want to keep as clear as possible from this common and generally imaginary defender, and seek to establish our science upon the solid rock of demonstrable, existing facts, and facts which any person can put to the test and prove for him or herself if so disposed. We have no intention, however, of abandoning the authority of Scripture altogether, nevertheless. Our

next article will contain an abridged description of the solar system, with remarks on the laws of natural sympathy, antipathy, etc., etc.

(To be continued.)

KILLED BY VACCINATION.

THE following is a clipping from the *Medium and Daybreak* of June 15th, 1888:—

To the Editor,—Sir,—About six weeks since I met a friend, who, in reply to the usual inquiries in regard to health of himself and family, told me that baby was between three and four months old, and they would soon be required to have it vaccinated. I advised him to think well about it before getting it done. The doctor could not tell him the nature of the matter he would use, and its results might be fatal. I met him again the other day, and he told me his child was dead and buried—killed, as he said, by vaccination. There is, unhappily, nothing new in all this. Thousands of parents have the joy of their heart, the treasure of their home, taken from them through the operation of a murderous law. Let this one instance act as a warning to others.—I am, &c.,

THOMAS WELSH.

We can fully agree with the writer of the above letter. There are no doubt thousands of parents' hearts overwhelmed with grief and sorrow through this abominable health and life-destroying custom; but like many more filthy delusive practices, it is upheld by the Government of the country, and therefore we, as subjects, for the present can do nothing but submit. But we are happy to say there is becoming a very widespread antipathetical feeling against this high-banded tyrannical monopoly of the medical faculty.

It appears to us very potently that, unless the public wake up from their slumber soon and behold the encroachments of this horrid system, the country will soon be full of cripples and broken-up, ruined constitutions, for it is becoming a common practice now to amputate a limb for the least trifle, or to tear a poor suffering woman to pieces, as it were, simply because these practitioners have not time or have not sense (the latter, perhaps, is nearer the mark) to wait for the operations of nature, which they seem to have no idea whatever of how to assist. Hence, with a knife they will off with a limb on the slightest pretence, when in numerous cases a handful or two of herbs would doubtless have cured it. Look, for instance, at the case of Mr. Savage, mentioned in our second issue, page 46. We have come across scores of similar cases to this, and so has every practical medical botanist that has been a few years in the profession. We could fill our pamphlet over and over again with testimonials, but we have neither room nor time to insert testimonials at present; but nevertheless we are always very glad to receive them from any of our friends who have received benefit through our instrumentality, or through that of any other person, whether he is in the botanical profession or

not, for it not unfrequently happens that, after all the skill and knowledge of the imaginary doctor is completely exhausted, some neighbour or friend, or perhaps a stranger, has given or recommended some simple preparation that has cured the sufferer, and which have cost perhaps a mere trifle. Such testimonies as these we shall be glad to receive, because we intend to insert a lot of them as soon as we can.

There are those even in the botanical profession who entertain the idea, that if the people were made acquainted with their diseases and how to cure them, their craft would also be at stake; but this, however, is a mistake, and, besides that, those persons who entertain an idea of this kind are as conservative and as tyrannical in principle as those that are now in power.

What is wanted is the breaking up of this horrid encroaching monopoly, and the only way to do it is, by instructing the people in the laws of health and disease, and how, naturally, to cure themselves; they would then see how they are imposed upon, and would of course revolt against it. It is, therefore, the duty of every medical herbalist and reformed doctor to do his utmost to break up this medical ring or monopoly, and instruct the public in the laws of nature and her remedies.

A gentleman said to us yesterday: "A medical man puts me in mind of a man that goes out duck-shooting. This man, he says, puts in a bowl of small shot into his gun, and fires away in anticipation that if one shot does not take effect another will. And so it is, he says, with those medical practitioners—they put into a bottle a little of this and a little of that, with an anticipation that if one drug has no effect another perhaps will." How far this statement is correct we do not know, but doubtless there is much truth in it.

Now, what we should like, is the co-operation of every medical herbalist and reformed practitioner throughout the land (who has any unselfish considerations for the welfare of his fellowman) by which means a vast amount of valuable, healthy knowledge might be distributed far and near, through which this tyrannical system would soon begin to quake.

SOMETHING WORTH KNOWING!

HOW TO REMOVE DIRT OR GRIT FROM THE EYE.

When any foreign substance has taken possession of the eye, for the time being, it is the greatest folly to commence rubbing it, as is usually the case. The best way is to rub the other eye, and let the one that has received the strange visitor entirely alone, when a little brisk rubbing of the other will have a great deal better effect.

We have recommended this remedy in numbers of cases, and have never yet seen it fail.

THE USE OF THE MAPS;
OR,
HOW TO READ A NATIVITY.

The natural inclinations and qualifications of the native's mind.

IN order to determine this, it is necessary to observe the position and aspects of Mercury, for this planet is found to be the chief actor in the formation of the intellectual faculties. It, therefore, becomes necessary, in order to form a correct judgment of the native's natural tastes and mental qualifications, to pay every attention to its position in the figure, although all the planets act their respective parts in the formation of the mind, and all must receive their due consideration, and particularly the Sun, Moon, and Ascendant. When a tropical sign ascends, and Mercury is placed in good aspect thereto, or if the Sun or Moon are in either of the tropics, and in an angle, and Mercury in sextile, or trine thereto, the native is very ingenious, inventive, and active in the pursuit of knowledge, and is of great fortitude and perseverance. If Mercury is found in the double bodied signs, the mind is generally found to be changeable, fond of variety, constantly starting some new venture, conceiving new ideas, and but seldom brings anything to a successful issue. If in the fixed signs the native is one of fixed purpose, prudent, virtuous, very economical, fond of chastity and temperance, then again the part of heaven that Mercury is in must also be taken into consideration, for if he be found in the oriental houses, the mental qualities are of a strong, persevering, free, open, and ingenious nature, quick in comprehension, benevolent, judicious, constant, and chaste. If, however, Mercury be found in the occidental mansion, the native will be more or less of a dissembling turn of mind, inclined to a certain amount of profligacy, instability, intemperance, etc.

But, of course, the effect of Mercury must always be considered in connection with other planets as well as the position he occupies. For instance, if he is in conjunction, or parallel, with the Sun, the mind is sharp, ambitious, comprehensive, and, in a general way of speaking, the native is well adapted for the ordinary pursuits of life. But if the conjunction occurs in Pisces, the native is conceited, self-opinionated, and has a fancy for everything, but really he likes nothing.

If in conjunction or good aspect with Venus, the mind of the native is cheerful, merry, delights in music, the fine arts, jewellery, and all things of a fine showy appearance.

If Mercury be in conjunction or good aspect with the Moon at the time of a person's birth, the native is of a sharp, intelligent nature, his judgment and understanding is good, and, as a rule, he is a fairly good member of society.

If Mercury and the Moon are afflicting each other, the native will be very untidy and careless about his personal appearance. He will also be of an envious, turbulent disposition. His mental abilities will be good, but not well applied.

If Mercury be found in sextile or trine of Mars at the time of birth, the native is found to be of a very quick, piercing, and comprehensive intellect, possessing good mental abilities generally speaking, well adapted for a surgeon, chemist, etc., and generally persons who have this direction are good arithmeticians.

If Mercury be in conjunction or afflicted by Mars, the native is rash and headstrong, of a quarrelsome disposition, fond of the opposite sex, of a quick, comprehensive understanding; but generally this position endows the native with a fancy for telling falsehoods.

When in conjunction or good aspect of Jupiter, the native is fond of literature, and that of the best and most healthy kind. He also possesses an excellent understanding and a good judgment. He is of a sober, steady, thoughtful, and philanthropic disposition.

If, however, Mercury be afflicted by Jupiter, then the native is unsteady, careless, fond of disputes and quarrelling. He mostly sees things on the wrong side, and is always ready to twist the meaning of a word or a sentence into any form in order to cause dispute and contention. He is also a despiser of religion.

Mercury in sextile or trine of Saturn—the native is very sedate, careful and steady, contemplative and reserved, very studious over his own affairs, and particularly fond of the goods of this world.

If in conjunction or evil aspect of Saturn, the native is bitter, malicious, and revengeful.

Mercury in conjunction or good aspect of Uranus.—The native is fond of literature and literary pursuits generally, but more particularly those connected with occultism, or curiosities. These configurations impart much originality and invention to the native's mind.

But evilly situated with Uranus, the native is stubborn, bigoted, and rather unpleasant company.

Of course, in reading a person's character and disposition from the position of the primary causes as they occur in his figure of birth, the whole of the positions must be considered more or less, and particularly those that are placed in the ascendant (if any), or in aspect thereto, or in aspect with Mercury, for each, and all will have a modifying and varied effect accordingly. For instance, if Mercury has a good aspect with Jupiter, and an evil one with Saturn, or any other planet, then the one will modify the other, and the native will exhibit the effects of both; and if the good aspect with Jupiter be nearer complete than the evil one of Saturn, or if Jupiter be better placed than Saturn, the effect of the former will predominate; but if Saturn be thus situated, of course the effect will be accordingly.

The sign on the ascendant also plays an important part in the formation of the mind, character, and disposition. And when any of the scientific signs (Π , ♁ , ♃ , or ♄) are rising at the time of birth the native is ingenious, active, and fond of scientific subjects and objects. If ♁ , ♃ , or ♄ are rising, he is found to be soon offended, passionate, fond of sports and horses, ambitious and aspiring. If ♅ or ♆ , he is fond of politics and all subjects relating thereto, and is of an aspiring disposition. If ♁ ascends the native is fond of chemistry and such like professions. If ♅ or ♆ are rising the native is mostly found to be a person who likes to take all things easy, and cannot bear to put himself out of the way for anything, and is somewhat improvident. If many planets are found in those signs the effect is found to be the same, or very similar.

Thus those who possess their maps may observe the positions here spoken of as they occur therein, and compare these remarks with what they know of their own mental abilities, which will tend to enlighten their minds considerably in this respect. It may also be understood that when Mercury is placed in ♅ or ♆ , the native is found to be unstable and wavering in his designs, always going to do something, but seldom he does anything of any consequence. He starts a great many things, but his continuity being small, he finishes nothing. If it be placed in any of the scientific signs the effect is very similar as when those signs are on the ascendant. The originality organ is well developed, and consequently the native is original in his ideas. His construction, form, size, and, in fact, his organs generally will be well developed, which will adapt him for scientific pursuits generally.

If in ♁ or ♄ he is rather hasty. His caution is small, and he rushes at things without due consideration, and frequently gets into trouble thereby. In ♅ or ♆ the native is more or less of a selfish, envious, malicious disposition. If in ♃ he is honourable and upright. In ♁ , more or less deceptive.

If Mars be in aspect with Mercury, particularly in evil aspect, and holds dominion over Mercury by being better placed in the figure than Mercury is, the native is more or less given to falsehoods and deceptions, and that according to the strength of their respective positions and to the amount of counteraction there may be from other planets. When Saturn aspects Mercury by good aspect the native is firm, steady, careful, and very reticent. If in good aspect with Jupiter it imparts a sound and good judgment, inclines the native to honesty and uprightness.

If Mercury aspects Uranus by good aspect, the native has a fondness for all kinds of curiosities—occultism, mesmerism, spiritualism, etc., etc. Raphael, in his Guide I, page 62, says: "The disposition is shown by the Sun and Moon principally, and when they are aspected by Mars, it is free and generous to excess. Jupiter makes it moderately generous, but Saturn and Uranus inclines it to be close and mean." Again, Mars and Venus strong

in the figure, it is lavish and generous; Mercury and Saturn make it the reverse; and Uranus signifies sudden fits of generosity and meanness. The Sun rising makes a good disposition; but if Saturn be in aspect, the native is very careful over the goods of this world.

We shall have a great deal more to say on this subject from time to time, and much of which we shall have to defer until we have gone through our preliminary lessons; but what we have to say concerning the natural diseases incident to the human mind, we feel it to be our duty to our students and readers to say it at once, not only for their instruction and edification, but that they may be enabled to distinguish between the curable and incurable cases that may come to their notice, and to render the needful assistance where they can, and in so doing we shall not, we think, do far wrong by quoting from the works of E. Sibly, M.D., E.R.H.S., Member of the Royal College of Physicians at Aberdeen.

One would naturally suppose that, if any person knew anything about the diseases of the mind, or any other part of the body, a man with such high-sounding titles as these certainly would. But those titles would have no attraction for us were it not for the fact that Sibly was also a thorough practical student of the laws and operations of nature, as illustrated in causes and effects, by the standard rules of *Astrology*. This, then, is what this highly respectable student of the discarded science says:—"The affections and properties of the mind are of a separate and distinct consideration from the *diseases* of the mind, such as madness, insanity, the falling sickness (*epileptic fits*), and the like, but are equally deducible from the face of the native's geniture. For this purpose we must again refer to the configurations of Mercury and the Moon, and observe how they are posted in respect to each other, and in reference to the angular houses, and also to the malefics. For, if Mercury and the Moon are in an inconjunct position in respect to themselves, or the oriental (western) horizon, and are irradiated by contrary and malefic configurations, whereby superiors rule or oppose, they thus constitute various diseases in the qualities of the mind, the particular species of which is known from the qualities of the stars which possess these places. Hence it is obvious that the more moderate diseases of the mind have their radical cause from an excess or defect of those operations which induce the mental qualities, for the predominancy of such qualities naturally promotes an excess of evil, and constitutes a disease in proportion as the ambient (surrounding encompassing) matter is unmixed, and above or below a proper mediocrity; but the more obvious and fatal diseases of the mind arise from a disproportion or defect of matter infinitely greater, and wholly beside nature."

We do not exactly comprehend the meaning of this last sentence of our author, but he seems to us to have gone a little out of the

path of truth into that of superstition and mysticism, which, however, we will leave our readers to decide for themselves.

“Those who are born when Mercury and the Moon are in conjunct, either in respect to themselves or the oriental (eastern) horizon, Saturn and Mars being angular, and beholding the configuration of Mars by night, and Saturn by day, will be naturally subject to the falling sickness (epilepsy) all their lives; but if Saturn happens to take (be in) this position by night, and Mars by day, the native will be subject to frenzy and madness, more especially if the aspect falls in Cancer, Virgo, or Pisces. Again, if the Moon, being in her phasis, is overcome by malific rays—namely, by the concurrence of Saturn when approaching to a new, or by Mars at her full, either in the sign Sagittarius or Pisces, whoever is born under such configurations will be subject to lunacy. Therefore the malific stars, overcoming or predominating in any configuration, induce a variety of mental diseases which are either remarkably violent, or obscure and latent, according to the nature and energy of each respective planet.”

“If the benevolent planets Jupiter and Venus have familiarity in oriental positions, and angular with the malefics accidentally posted, these mental diseases, though strong and violent, will be curable; if Jupiter presides, they may be moved by medical help; but if Venus, by the natural strength of the mental faculties. But if these positions happen to be reversed, the malefic stars angular, and in oriental situations, and the benefics setting, the diseases will become more manifest, and be wholly incurable. Hence we derive the cause of the ever varying mutation of the animal spirits, which are always more or less affected in proportion as Mercury and the Moon are agitated by the good or evil influences of other concurring and adjuvant causes.”

“Such,” says our author, “are the morbid affections in the active part of the rational soul, produced by the planetary configurations but the great change which arises in the patient—that is, in the irrational part of the soul—is induced chiefly from excess or defect, according to the particular conformation of male or female, in which they either exceed or are deficient in the parts proper to their sex.”

And thus the writer goes on to describe the various excesses and deficiencies of the sex, and how causes produce effects, and accounts for all the diversity of dispositions that exist in a sexual point of view, for which we have not room on this occasion within our pages, but which we intend to quote at length on some future occasion, as these things will be extremely amusing, interesting, and instructive to those who possess a map of their nativity.

Our next article on the Map will be the “Success and Prosperity of the Native.”

BIRTHDAY INFORMATION.

This information is applicable to any person whose birthday falls on any of the days as named below.

JUNE.

11th.—There is a considerable amount of mental activity denoted by the aspects on this day, but the prospects of a successful year are rather small. This is a good day for treating with literary or mercury men generally, but for all else it is doubtful. A child born on this day will be active, sharp, and intelligent, but not very fortunate.

12th.—Those whose birthday this is may expect a fairly good and prosperous year. This is a favourable day for business of almost any kind. The child that is born on this day may anticipate a fortunate, but quiet career.

13th.—Sickness and trouble are threatened to those whose birthday this is, but mixed with a fair amount of business success. This is rather a doubtful day for business generally, therefore be careful. A child born on this day may expect to meet with a fair amount of success in trade, but not to rise in society.

14th.—You whose birthday anniversary this is may anticipate a really fortunate and successful year, and we should advise you to make the best of it. This is a good day for business generally. The child that is born on this day will be fortunate, and will rise in life.

15th.—The influences operating on this day are of an evil tendency; those whom it concerns may expect an unsettled and eventful year. This is far from being a good day for transacting business of any kind. The child that is born on this day will be of an unsettled disposition, and not very fortunate.

16th.—A good deal of mental activity and success in mental occupations, but in other respects an unsettled year may be expected. This is a good day for dealing with printers and all literary men, but not good for females, musicians, actors, etc., nor for the aged. A child born on this day will be very untidy in appearance, but will be very intelligent.

17th.—There are a mixture of influences operating on this day which indicates a fair amount of success in business matters, but mixed with sickness and unsettledness. This is not a good day for asking favours, seeking employment, etc., nor for dealing with cutlers, surgeons, etc., but good for opening shops, starting new undertakings, or dealing with elderly people, builders, miners, etc. A child born on this day will be often in bother with superiors, but will rise in life nevertheless.

18th.—You whose birthday anniversary this is may expect many annoying events and much unsettledness of mind during the next year of your life. This is a bad day for dealing with military men, cutlers, surgeons, and all such like. It is also evil for mesmerists, antiquarians, faith-healers, etc., etc. A child born on this day will be very unsettled, and mostly poor.

19th.—There are a mixture of influences operating on this day, denoting a year of variety and changes—in some things being fortunate, and in others quite the reverse. This is a good day on which to ask favours, seek employment, or to court, marry, and deal with females; but not good for treating with surgeons, cutlers, etc., nor elderly people, farmers, miners, etc. A child born on this day will meet with various successes, but will always do best in the employ of other people.

20th.—You whose birthday anniversary this is may expect a rather quiet, but somewhat unfortunate, year. This is not a good day on which

to seek employment, ask favours, etc., nor for dealing with females, but for all else it is not important. The child that is born on this day will not be very fortunate in its transactions.

21st.—Mental activity, success, and prosperity are denoted by the aspects on this day, and those whose birthday it is may anticipate a prosperous year. This is a good day on which to deal with commercial and literary men, for opening new shops, starting new businesses, or anything of this nature; but for aught else, not important. A child born on this day will be very intelligent, possess a good judgment, a good disposition, and will be fortunate in its transactions.

22nd.—Those whose birthday anniversary this is may expect a very prosperous and successful year. This is not a good day for dealing with lawyers and literary men generally; but for all else it is good. A child born on this day will have a fortunate career.

23rd.—This is an unfortunate birthday, and those whom it may concern will do well to be very cautious in all they do. This is not a good day on which to do business of any kind. A child born on this day will be careless, untidy, and unfortunate.

24th.—Losses and many annoyances are threatened by the aspects on this day; therefore, be careful! Sunday not important for business. A child born on this day will be rather unfortunate, and cannot be expected to make much headway.

25th.—On the whole, this is a good birthday, for the configurations denote a fair amount of success, but, at the same time, some annoyances through letters or something of a literary nature may be expected. This is not a good day on which to do business with literary men; but for tailors, woollen drapers, bishops, parsons, etc., it is good, also for starting new ventures. A child born on this day will be of a turbulent disposition, but fortunate.

26th.—Crosses and annoyances may be expected by those whose birthday this is, but not, however, without some cheering events also. This is a good day on which to treat with literary men, start new undertakings, etc. A child that is born on this day may expect to be somewhat successful.

27th.—This is a rather unfortunate birthday, and those whom it may concern should be very careful during the next year of their lives. This is a good day on which to do business with cutlers, ironmongers, etc., but not for asking favours, opening shops, or removing. A child born on this day will be both careless and unfortunate.

28th.—There is a mixture of influences operating on this day, and a fair amount of success and business prosperity is indicated. This is a good day for seeking situations, employment, for asking favours, etc., also for treating with the fair sex. A child born on this day will succeed fairly well, but best in the employ of others.

29th.—A fair amount of mental and business activity is denoted by the aspects formed on this day, therefore, you whose birthday this is, may expect a moderately fortunate year. This is a good day on which to sign agreements, contracts, write letters of an important nature, advertise business, and to do literary business of any kind. The child that is born on this day will be very intelligent and clever, but will not rise much.

30th.—There is a good amount of business prosperity promised by the lunar aspects on this day; those who are interested may expect a prosperous year. This is a good day for opening shops, travelling for health, or for starting new undertakings. A child born on this day will be careless and untidy, but fortunate in its transactions.

* JULY.

1st.—This is not at all a favourable birthday, and you whom it may concern may expect many unwelcome circumstances during the next year of your life. Sunday—not important for business. A child born on this day will be rather unfortunate.

2nd.—This is also an unfortunate birthday, and those concerned will do well to be careful. This is not a good day for business of any kind. A child born on this day will be very cute, and often in trouble.

3rd.—There is a promise of some amount of prosperity by the configurations on this day, and also some danger of sickness. This is a good day for seeking employment, etc., and for dealing with females, but be cautious of those ruled by Mars and Saturn. A child born on this day will be very neat and tidy in appearance, and also fortunate in the employ of others.

4th.—An active year mentally may be expected, but not much business activity. This is a good day for doing any literary business, but for aught else it is not important. A child born on this day will be of good understanding, but not very fortunate.

5th.—Many little bothers and annoyances are threatened by the configurations on this day to those whose birthday this is. This is a good day for dealing with elderly and all Saturnine people, but for all else be careful. A child born on this day will be far from fortunate.

6th.—The events of the year may be expected to be somewhat favourable to those whose birthday this is, but they should beware of quarrelling. This is a good day for any kind of literary pursuit, new businesses, and for removing, but bad for any business under Mars or Saturn. A child born on this day will be moderately fortunate, but will be frequently in trouble.

7th.—The configurations on this day denote activity of business, and also some sickness during the year. This is a good day for dealing in cutlery, or metal goods, etc., but for all else not important. The child that is born on this day will be quick and clever, also somewhat fortunate.

8th.—This is not a good birthday, and those whom it affects would act wisely by refraining from speculation as much as possible. Sunday, a bad day for travelling, etc. A child born on this day will be of a restless, unsettled disposition, and not very fortunate.

9th.—You whose birthday anniversary this day is may anticipate an active and prosperous year; our advice is, push ahead with all your might. This is a good day for seeking favours of superiors, travelling for health, advertising, signing contracts, or doing any kind of literary business; also, for dealing with females, musicians, etc. A child born on this day may reasonably be expected to have a fortunate career.

10th.—There is some amount of success promised to those whose birthday this is, and also some disappointments. This is a favourable day for all things represented by Jupiter, but bad for those of Saturn. A child born on this day cannot be expected to make much headway in the world.

11th.—A fair amount of success, activity, prosperity, and enjoyment is promised to those whose birthday this is. This is a good day on which to transact business of almost any kind. A child born on this day will be of a cheerful, merry disposition, and fortunate in its dealings.

12th.—Those whose birthday anniversary this day is may expect an active and busy year, but not a very profitable one. This is a favourable day on which to deal with martial men, consulting surgeons, and all persons represented by Mars, but for aught else it is not good. A child born on this day will be extravagant, and mostly poor.

13th.—Many annoyances are threatened by the aspects on this day, and also some share of success. This is a good day on which to do any literary business, but no other. A child born on this day will be very intelligent, but not fortunate.

14th.—A prosperous and fortunate year may be looked for by those whose birthday this is, but not unmixed with disappointments. This is a good day for seeking employment, asking favours, dealing with females, opening new places, or for travelling for health, but not for removing. A child born on this day will be fortunate in all its actions.

15th.—This is a rather unfortunate birthday, and those whom it concerns should keep as quiet as possible. This is not a good day for business of any kind, but, being Sunday, it is of little consequence. A child born on this day will be of a very restless nature, and not very fortunate.

16th.—You whose birthday this is should take every care, avoid quarrelling or disputes, particularly with superiors. This is not a good day on which to transact business of any kind. A child born on this day will not succeed very well in life.

17th.—There is some degree of activity denoted on this day, and also some disappointments. This is a good day on which to deal with lawyers, accountants, auctioneers, printers, publishers, etc., but not good for those represented by Mars and Saturn, such as surgeons, cutlers, dealers in metal goods, old people, miners, farmers, etc. A child born on this day will have a good understanding, but will not be very fortunate.

18th.—A fair amount of good fortune may be expected to occur to those whose birthday this is; they should however, be careful in writing letters, signing contracts, etc., etc., and also of removing. This is a good day on which to seek employment, ask favours, to treat with the fair sex, to pop the question, etc.; not good for any kind of literary business, nor for removing. A child born on this day will be born lucky, which, it is said, is better than being born rich.

19th.—There are troubles and difficulties in the path of those whose birthday this is, and also some gratifying events are denoted. This is a good day on which to do any literary business, open shops, travel for health, deal with elderly persons, or to remove, etc., but not good for seeking employment, asking favours, etc. A child born on this day will be somewhat fortunate, but very restless and changeable.

20th.—This is not an important birthday, but rather unfortunate on the whole. This is not a good day on which to do business of any kind. A child born on this day will not be very fortunate.

21st.—There are many annoying and disagreeable events in front of those whose birthday this is, but there is some success and good fortune nevertheless. This is not a good day on which to do any kind of literary business of importance, nor to open shops, etc. A child born on this day will be of a restless disposition, and not very fortunate.

22nd.—This is a somewhat fortunate birthday, and those whom it affects will have a successful year on the whole; they ought not to remove, however. This is a favourable day for almost any business, except for removing or dealing with those persons represented by Uranus. A child born on this day will be fortunate in more things than one, but will be rather restless.

23rd.—Those whose birthday this is will do well to take every precaution to protect both their money and their health. This is not a good day on which to transact business of any kind. A child born on this day has not a very bright prospect before it.

24th.—Not many events of an important nature need be expected by those whose birthday this is, for, on the whole, they will have a quiet year. This is a good day on which to remove, and to deal with all persons represented by Uranus, but for all else the day is not important. A child born on this day will have a quiet, uneventful career, but will be fond of changes.

25th.—You whose anniversary this is ought to be very careful in speculating, for you have not a good birthday. This is not a good day on which

to transact any business. A child born on this day will be both careless and improvident.

26th.—Mental activity is denoted by the influences of this day, but, we are sorry to say, not much prosperity. This is a favourable day on which to write any important letters, etc., but for all else the day is evil. A child that is born on this day will be clever, but not fortunate.

27th.—There is grief and annoyances threatened to those whose birthday anniversary this is; they may also expect a fair amount of financial success. This is a good day on which to do business with all persons that are represented by Jupiter; for all else, however, it is doubtful. A child that is born on this day will be somewhat fortunate in business and financial affairs, but will meet with many crosses.

28th.—There is much anxiety and worry of mind denoted by the configurations of the magnetic bodies on this day, and a fair amount of business success also. This is a good day on which to seek employment, deal with females or elderly persons, but not for starting any new undertaking, nor for removing. A child that is born on this day will be moderately fortunate, but rather unsettled.

29th.—You whose birthday anniversary this is may expect many things to vex and annoy you. This is a bad day for business, but it is Sunday. A child that is born on this day cannot be expected to make much progress in life.

30th.—A rather unsuccessful year is denoted by the aspects on this day, and those who it may concern should be cautious. This is not a good day for any business whatever. A child that is born on this day will meet with many misfortunes.

31st.—There is not much of an encouraging nature denoted by the configurations on this day. This day is favourable for any literary business, but for nothing else. A child that is born on this day will not be very fortunate.

PLEASE NOTE.—The above information must not be understood as being absolutely correct in all cases; in fact, there may be but few cases in which the above is exactly applicable, for so much depends upon the hour in which the birth occurred, and therefore success or good fortune that falls upon one person in one way will come in quite a different way to another, because, being born at a different time, the good aspects that produce the good fortune falls in another mansion, or other mansions, but all will feel the beneficial effects more or less in their varied forms. Just the same with the evil aspects; they produce evil, and the various individuals they affect are affected in various ways, according to the hour of the day on which they were born.

With respect to children born, the same rule holds good. A good configuration produces good results, but as the earth and all the planets are constantly varying their position, just so are the effects produced constantly varying in a corresponding manner. Thus: If a conjunction of Venus and Jupiter at the time of one person's birth occurred in the first house, at the time of another's birth in the same place, but some time after, the same configuration would occur in the twelfth, and, if later still, in the eleventh, thus the effect is constantly varying; but a good configuration always sheds beneficial influences, while the evil ones produce evil.

With respect to good and evil days, these can only be taken as a whole; but in cases where the figure of birth is at hand, and is taken into consideration, this information is valid, and, whether the times specified are really good or evil for such a person, may be decided from the said figure of birth.

It may be asked by many thoughtful, inquiring, and intelligent persons, How can these things be? what effect can the planets, at their immense distances from our earth, have upon us? In the present state of man's

ignorance respecting the laws of nature, these questions are quite excusable ; but when it is remembered that every planet and every comet in our solar system is but an offspring of the one parent, the Sun, and that each of those great bodies are ruled and held in subjection by the mighty power of that parent, and that each of these bodies possesses an enormous amount of electric, magnetic, and gravitating forces, and that these forces run through all nature, both animate and inanimate, and as the whole heavens are filled with the glorious light of the Sun, just so are the whole heavens (or, in other words, all the immensity of space) filled with those three great natural forces ; so much so, we are told (by those who profess to know), that not a particle of anything can be disturbed without causing a corresponding disturbance throughout the whole. Whether this be correct or not we are not going to attempt to prove, but will leave it to our readers to judge for themselves. There is this fact, however, which must be very apparent to us all, that no member of any human family can be affected without affecting, to some extent, the other members of that family. And our solar system, with all its attendant planets, with all their immensity of size, and of their distances from each other, are only a family on a grand, magnificent scale, each member of which is found (by the science of astrology) to have a very powerful effect upon the other, and all combined, affecting and operating upon each other, while all are receiving their strength and support from their parent or great source, the Sun, and there is not the least doubt but every particle of matter, whether animate or inanimate, terrestrial or celestial, are affected by each other as stated ; but of course the effects of these causes are much more apparent to us in their operation upon the human race than on anything else.

A SIMPLE REMEDY FOR BRONCHITIS.

Take knot grass, dry a handful, pour upon it as much boiling water as will just cover it. Cover up close, and let it stand until cold, then strain (and sweeten, if preferred.) Then take half a teacupful three times a day. At the same time scald more of the herb in the same way, to which add a teaspoonful of cayenne pepper, and, as soon as cool enough, well saturate a piece of flannel in the solution, large enough to fold three or four times. Slightly press out the water, and apply to the throat and chest as hot as it can be borne. This should be repeated as often as necessary.

This is almost an infallible remedy when persevered with for any reasonable length of time—say, for a week or so—and we think that no person would have any reason to complain, if he or she got a cure for nothing from a disease which, in nine cases out of ten, baffles all the elaborate skill of the medical faculty.

This herb is no less effectual for the bleeding piles.

The sufferer should sit in a hot infusion of the herb, and, at the same time, drink a teacupful or two of the infusion of the same, made stronger, which may be sweetened. This will frequently cure, the first time of application, but in severe cases, it requires more or less perseverance.

Knot grass is an herb of Saturn, and is best got when the planets' magnetic power is most in sympathy therewith.

MEDICAL BOTANY ;
OR,
EVERY MOTHER HER OWN DOCTOR.

SOME of the best times for collecting herbs for medicinal purposes during the month of July are as follows, viz. :—For those of the Sun the month is not favourable. For those of Mercury, 26th from 10 to 11 A.M. For those of Venus there is not a good time. Those of the Moon, July 27th, 8 to 9 P.M. Those of Mars, 25th, from 5 to 6 P.M. Those of Jupiter, 18th, from 7 to 8 P.M. Those of Saturn, 5th, from 1.30 to 2.30 P.M.

CAMOMILE UNDER THE RULE OF THE SUN.

This is another very precious herb, and although so well known, yet but very few persons know one thousandth part its value. The flowers of this herb scalded, and hot flannels wrung out of the same, and applied to any swelled or painful place, gives wonderful relief, or if the flowers are pressed out of the water in which they are scalded, they have the same effect. It is also a valuable medicine for internal diseases, such as diseases of the liver and spleen. They are no less effectual for females when irregular in their habits. Culpeper says that a syrup made of the juice of camomile herb and of the flowers thereof is a remedy against either the jaundice or dropsy, and being, as it is, an herb of the Sun, it is difficult to say what it is not good for when rightly collected. *Dose*—of the strong infusion—a small teacupful three times a day.

S A G E.

This is another common herb: so common is it that it is well known in every house, both in town and country, yet scarcely any person has any idea it possesses any medicinal virtue; but if rightly gathered and rightly applied to those diseases for which it is adapted, it would far surpass all the artificial means and medicines used with an idea of relieving the sufferers from those disorders. For instance, strong sage tea made as an ordinary infusion—namely, take a handful of sage tops, dry, put into a basin or pitcher and pour over just sufficient boiling water to cover them, sweeten well with lump sugar, and when cold it is one of the finest remedies for diarrhœa, dysentery, bloody flux, and all relaxed states of the bowels. For disorders of this kind, a wineglassful may be taken every half-hour if necessary.

It is also a remedy for diseases of the *liver*; and as a gargle for sore throats it has no equal—but for this purpose a little cayenne should be added: enough to make it nice and warm. One of the *Ancients* says that three spoonfuls (teaspoonfuls) of the juice of sage, mixed with honey and taken fasting, will arrest spitting or vomiting of blood in cases of consumption. The expressed juice taken a little at a time in a little warm water is a sovereign remedy for hoarseness.

Sage tea is good for the memory, strengthening the brain and imparting vigour to the intellectual organs. It is an herb of Jupiter, and is therefore adapted to a wide range of usefulness.

WOOD SAGE.

This is very similar to the former in appearance, but grows straighter and taller, and smells somewhat stronger. It is usually found in woods.

This is an herb of Venus. A strong infusion of it taken internally in moderate doses—say a teacupful—three or four times a day is a sure remedy for the palsy, if at the same time the parts affected be fermented with an infusion of the same, or the herb pressed out of the water and applied to the affected parts.

ASTROLOGICAL ADVICE TO GARDENERS.

No person who understands the laws of Nature, if even to a small degree, will ever attempt to propagate either flowers, trees, or vegetables at a time when the Moon (the earth's satellite) is in an unfavourable position for the purpose. We know that a great number of persons do not believe in this nonsense; and why? Simply because they do not know any better. A friend of ours (whom we had often advised before in this matter) said the other day,—“I transplanted out (I think he said) two boxes of stocks and they every one died.” “Oh! when did you plant them out?” Fond-like he said, “When there was no Moon.” On closer investigation we found it was on May 30th, when the Moon was near its last quarter and in the sign *Aquarius*. But we do not think, however, that this was sufficient to account for such a wholesale destruction, for so far as our experience has led us, we find that the putting in of the seed is of the most consequence. Get that done at a fruitful time; the planting-out is not of so much matter, although that is best done at a fruitful time also; and we are inclined to think in the above case the seed must have been sown at an improper time, and being drawn up in a frame, they were almost compelled to grow, but when they came to be disturbed, and that at an improper time also, death was the result. But, then, seed and plants do not always die when treated at an

unfruitful or improper time. Oh, no. If one take notice he may see them in all sorts of condition (but in good ones), according to the *electric* life-producing forces distributed by the Moon.

Some of the most suitable times for sowing seeds and propagating during the month of July are as follows:—16th, from 10h. 30m. A.M. to 1h. P.M. The Moon is then in Libra rising. 17th and 18th, from 1h. 15m. to 3h. P.M. The Moon is then rising in Scorpio.

TABLE FOR THE MEASUREMENT OF TIME.

By the following table a judgment may be formed as to when any event promised by a figure may be expected to take place, which may be seen from the signs and houses the promising planets are forming the aspect in, according to the following order:—viz., If the aspect that promises the event occurs in moveable signs ♃, ♄, ♅, or ♆, and those signs occupy the angles, then one degree signifies one day—that is, if, suppose, the aspect is only one degree from being complete, it shows that the event promised will be brought about in one day's time, but if six or more degrees separate the significators, it shows six or more days accordingly. If the same aspect happens in the same signs, but in succeeding houses, then one degree signifies one week, but if in cadent houses it signifies one month.

If an aspect occurs between two significators in common signs ♁, ♂, ♆, or ♃, and in the angles 1st, 4th, 7th, or 10th, then one degree represents a week, if in succeeding houses, months, and if in cadent houses each degree signifies a year.

If the aspect occurs in the fixed signs, ♄, ♁, ♂, or ♆, and in the angles, one degree signifies one month, in the succeeding years, but if such aspect falls in cadent houses in those signs the event promised may not be expected to be brought about for a very long time, if at all.

The above is an extremely useful rule when understood. It is necessary, however, to remember that the planet which is the quickest in motion is the one to be considered as the one applying, and the sign and house it occupies should be the chief consideration. It is still somewhat difficult to arrive at the time exactly when an event will take place, for the time varies from the cusp of one house to that of the other. Suppose, for instance, Mercury and Jupiter were significators, and Mercury five degrees from a complete aspect in a moveable sign and near the cusp of one of the angles, then as Mercury proceeded towards the cusp of the succeeding house the time would get longer; because a moveable sign on the angles means days, but on the cusps of the succeeding weeks.

Letters to Editor.

SPENNYMOOR,

May 29, 1888.

DEAR SIR,—Having been a devoted student of astral science for more than forty years—and knowing from experience that I have been at times stopped for want of data—I was prompted to appeal, through the *Medium and Daybreak* of September 10, 1885, to investigators into the truth of the sublime science, in order that a few persons who were students of the subject and familiar with its rules and methods might agree upon some principle of investigation, and engage in the collection of sufficient data of each head of inquiry undertaken. There could then be a division of labour, with the object of arriving at a valid induction, should the results justify that—or of showing how far the elements of a true science really exist. The result was that an ever-circulator was issued in November, 1885. But in consequence of a party, wishing to become a member, retaining it in March, '86, it was discontinued. When I was told by one, when consulting, that there was a monthly magazine called *The Astrologer*, published at 2d., I said he must be mistaken. However, he sent me No. 7, and now I have all the 11 Nos. out. On the whole, I am well pleased with it. It is written in an easy, flowing style—in some parts quite enchanting. However, I should suggest that, in speaking of the various topics in any nativity, it would be well to give the time of birth, &c., of the native or correspondent. There might also be an open column—say, for notes and queries; and by way of forming an Astrological Society, in the same manner as the Phonetic Society is formed—and one member to correspond with any other member, &c. Wishing *The Astrologer* much success,—I am, yours, &c.

NADIR ZENITH.

SPRING BANK, HULL,

June 4, 1888.

DEAR SIR,—I feel a somewhat pleasing desire to inform you that I am very much interested in your little pamphlet, *The Astrologer*. I must confess, however, that the subject was a sealed one to me, until very recently I was prevailed upon by a friend, after a great deal of persuasion, to go through one of your numbers—which, strange to say, opened the matter out to me in quite a different light to what I had ever seen it before: for, like all the rest of people who are ignorant of the thing, I used to pooch, pooch at it. In fact, to me it was all superstitious humbug and nonsense, and was, as I thought, only entertained by simple and ignorant people. I considered, sir, that my knowledge and education was far above any such trash as that. But I am glad I took your pamphlet, for it set me thinking and searching in another direction for an explanation of some things which to me were profound mysteries, and for which I could find nothing to account. Since that, I have given my mind to the study of it, and I am really astonished at the light it throws upon those very things with which I was so much puzzled for an explanation. And the farther I search into the matter, the more astonished and delighted I am with it. I have spent a deal of money in books,

and an enormous amount of my time in searching for the truth, to which I begin to find *astrology* is the key.

Amongst some of those things that used to puzzle me most was this—I am one that has always been able to make a fair amount of money by trade and speculation. I consider that I am what may be called, on the whole, a fortunate individual. But here is the mystery (or rather it was so to me before I knew anything about this science): I am constantly coming across persons whom I am brought involuntarily into contact with—become friendly and all the rest of it; and if they are not in difficulties or trying circumstances at the time of falling-in with them, they are very soon after, when, through sympathy, I set too and render them all the assistance I possibly can, after which as a rule they turn their backs, and good-bye. Of course, there is nothing extraordinary or uncommon in people turning their backs on their benefactors.

But the great mystery to me is, how am I drawn so unconsciously into contact with so many persons of this class, and apparently in spite of myself, for I have vowed over and over again that I would never do the like again; but I have, and it seemed to me that I could not help it. Now, Sir, I was born on July 16th, 1846, at 6 a.m.; latitude, 53, 25, north, and I find by erecting the figure that ♀ is lord of my 11th; and 2nd, is in ♂ with ♂ lord of the 10th in the A.O., and near an ♂ of ♃, which now appears to me to account for it all. I have ♀ and ♃ in the 11th, which I find typify good and faithful friends, and these I also have. I am happy to say no one need wish for better. There are several other important features in the figure which are very striking, and which very soon rivetted my attention to the science to which I become more and more attached by further investigation.—Yours very respectfully,

G. D. B.

{Our friend G. D. B. is like a great many more persons who have similar evils existing in their horoscopes—they are led, as it were, by the evil at its will, and although there are times when the influences are not so powerful, or when influences of a counteracting tendency are in operation in their horoscope, and thus the person seems otherwise inclined. He is led to say, I will never do so again, and doubtless the person is in earnest, and fully intends to carry out his determination. But let the heavenly bodies change their positions in his horoscope, which will have a corresponding effect upon the magnetic forces that govern that person's life and actions, and let those influences or first causes again act in harmony with the evil that already exists naturally, and he will go and repeat the same thing (and do it willingly) as he has just previously determined never to do again. All men are subject to these variations of mind and dispositions more or less; but it is in the *inebriate* and the *vicious* where those changes of mind and disposition are the most apparent, many of those poor unfortunates in their sober and reflective moments are led to vow by all that made them that they will never do the like again, with a full determination to keep their promise. But how often do we see them discarding all promises, and heedless of all consequences give way to the appetite that nature has implanted within them, and they are as deep in the mire, or perhaps deeper than ever before. Thus it is that nature is continually carrying on her work in a quiet, easy (and to those who know nothing of its secret operations) imperceptible and uncontrollable manner. Just so it is in our friend's case, and in all other cases, the influence comes upon the individual quite in harmony with his nature; they are subject to those planetary variations, which are the

sole cause of the variations, the ups and downs, ins and outs of every person's life, and over which the persons themselves have no control, but simply act in harmony with those motive forces that govern them, and being altogether imperceptible both to the vision and comprehension are passed by the thoughtless without any inquiry. But to the thoughtful, inquiring, philosophical mind, they seem unaccountable and altogether profound mysteries, when at the same time they are nothing of the kind, but only the simple operations of nature.]

23 CORNANCE ROAD, BRIXTON, S.W.,
14th June, 1888.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—Referring to a letter from Mr. Green, in your May issue, I heartily endorse what he suggests, namely, that a natus of an important personage should be given in each issue; but as this would doubtless encroach on its present space, I would suggest that *The Astrologer* be enlarged, say to 32 pages, and its price raised; or, if that is not practicable, a monthly supplement issued containing notable nativities with the Editor's remarks, and correspondents' various ideas on the map given. It would be *most valuable to students* like myself, and also of *great interest to those advanced in the science*. I should like to hear, through your columns, what my fellow-students think of these suggestions.—Yours faithfully,

F. W. LACEY.

DOLLY HILL, WILSDEN,
June 18th, 1888.

DEAR SIR,—By all means, bring this letter before your readers in the next issue, viz.,—July. Thanks to you for inserting my notice to form an Astrological Society, and also for your suggestion not to overlook "medical botany" in our studies.

What I wish you to bring before your readers is this—viz., that I am much surprised in not receiving replies from numerous persons anxious to become members of such society, especially in such a wide area as Bradford, Halifax, Keighley, Bingley, and Shipley. No doubt you will think there is something wrong, for such a state of things ought not to be. I must say that I have a few friends in Keighley who are students of the ASTRAL science; but, with the exception of these (my friends), I have only received one up to the present time. Now this is very discouraging. I trust that your readers in other towns will send in their names, that a good society may be formed.

I have inquired of my stationer how many copies he disposes of the *Astrologer*, and he informs me that he sells about *thirty copies per month*—this is only one seller in Bradford.

Now, if all the persons who buy the *Astrologer* of this one man were to become members, what a nice society it would form. Sir, it is high time that persons who believe in and study astrology should come forward, and at all events let their fellow students know who they are and where they live; also to join the ranks of them in this sublime science that they may overrun and lay low the public opinion which is rejecting and despising the most useful, moral, and godly science that is in existence at the present day. I could say much more, but time is pressing. I have received letters from other places, and I try to infuse new life into this noble work.—I am, dear Sir, yours sincerely,

A. B. BARKER.

48 LEONARD STREET, HULL,
19th June, 1888.

DEAR SIR,—I have great pleasure in reading your magazine from month to month, and shall be very glad to hear that the circulation is increasing. What is wanted, in my opinion, is a directory or guide of astrologers, so that an astrologer visiting any other town may know where to find friends and sympathisers.

If your readers will send me their names and addresses I will get them printed, but to circulate only among ourselves, and not to the general public.

Also, I wish to suggest the formation of an *Advertising Fund* to advertise the *Astrologer*. I have no doubt, if well advertised, four or five times as many would be sold, but I know it is an expensive matter, and therefore venture to hope you will allow your readers to help in this way in return for the services you have rendered to the science of astrology in bringing it before the public in such a cheap and popular manner.

If such a fund is started I shall be glad to become a subscriber.—I am, dear Sir, yours truly,
JNO. STINSON.

Answers to Correspondents.

Please to Note.—Owing to the great number of inquiries we receive on various subjects to be answered in *The Astrologer*, we cannot possibly answer them in the first issue after their reception, for this reason: the space we are enabled to devote to that purpose is so limited that to answer all the inquiries of our dear friends at once would far exceed that space. Owing to this, of course, a considerable amount of delay in the replies to these inquiries is the result, which delay we do not see how we can at present possibly avoid. For instance, the inquiries we are now receiving we do not see how we can reply to them, in the usual way, before next September, owing to the quantity we have already in hand which have been received before them. Those that appear in the present issue are those we received in March last—all others, of course, will follow in due time. Therefore, on account of this unavoidable delay, we have instituted the following method:—In order to meet the wants and wishes of those who require immediate information or advice, we will in future reply to all persons requiring medical advice, medical prescriptions, private information respecting the science, etc., etc., for the sum of one shilling in each case, if accompanied by a stamped directed envelope. Those not accompanied by remittance we shall of course have every pleasure in replying to in their respective turns as usual.

N.B.—The above has no reference whatever to those of our readers who are wishful to communicate with each other respecting the science, medical botany, etc., through the medium of our columns.

EDGAR.—You will do best in the south of England.

ONE BORN AT KEIGHLEY.—You are evidently labouring under some mistake. The book you name is none of our production. If you have Saturn in the 5th, our advice is do not risk your money in lotteries of any kind; but as you have not given us your time of birth, we cannot give you any definite information.

OUR friend "Cygne" sent us a rather lengthy article bearing upon two or three very important points in connection with astrology. This article appeared in our last issue. We should very much have preferred a reply from some other student, but as none is, so far, forthcoming, we, for the benefit and instruction of others, will reply to it ourselves, but owing to the smallness of our space, we must be as brief as we consistently can. With respect to the first question—How are aspects to be reckoned? It is true that nearly all authors treat on complete aspects only. The reason for this is, we presume, because they are the chief or most important points to consider in a figure of birth, from which a conclusion must be drawn respecting all partial aspects; and if an aspect be applying, as in the case of the Δ of φ and Ψ . In the illustration our friend has given, it will be there seen that φ is the planet applying (it being direct in motion and Ψ , retrograde, and being in φ 's house, φ disposes of him). This, now, is a good aspect, for it is found to produce a benevolent, virtuous, pious, and honourable disposition; and also conduces to prosperity and success to the native; but the nearer the aspect to being complete, the more powerful it is, but exactly what degree of power to allow for that, or any other aspect, can only be gathered from the birth figure itself, and that by practice and observation only. No author can possibly describe all the complications that may, and do, occur in a figure, unless he has that figure to investigate, for the simple reason that never two occur alike. The figure referred to on page 284 is, as our friend says, a complicated one, and very difficult for an amateur to understand in detail; and unless a person has a natural talent for comprehending or reading those complications, he never will understand them. With regard to the 150° , there seems to be much controversy among *astrologers* respecting it. For my part I have observed very little effect to result from it, and have consequently never considered it worth any serious consideration, but, like our friend, should be very pleased with the opinions and experiences of others. With respect to birth-day information, etc., this is founded entirely on the lunar aspects, and no other aspect or position is taken into any consideration, which various aspects and positions, as they occur in each individual's horoscope, cause an immense amount of variation, which can only be seen from each figure apart. But an evil aspect of the moon will have an evil effect more or less upon each individual whom it may affect, and that, according to the nature of the planet or planets, it is in evil aspect with, and the house on which it falls. Just the same with the good ones.

- S. T. A. P.—There is no doubt but you will succeed fairly well on the whole, but not without much difficulty at times. You are quite right. you have Jupiter rising in Gemini, but Mercury is lord of the figure Uranus in Gemini describes your wife; you will doubtless succeed very well, but we do not think you will become very wealthy.
- G. L.—The annoyances indicated on your birthday are not of a serious nature, and may be expected chiefly from those in authority, letter writing, or signing papers, and also through persons and things represented by Mars.
- P. E. K. W.—The Moon is ruler of your horoscope, and is placed near the cusp of the 2d in conjunction of Saturn, in square of Mars, and in opposition of Venus. I should not advise you to speculate with others. for you will lose your money; you will do much better by yourself but you need be cautious.
- JOSKEY (Lichfield).—You have Jupiter in the 10th, but is afflicted by Mars. You will doubtless succeed well, but you may expect much opposition.

Your marrying prospects are very doubtful; you will doubtless have many changes, and most likely leave the country.

J. M.—The school business will, we have no doubt, suit you best.

DUDLEY.—You have not said whether male or female, therefore we cannot say.

LYDIA.—You will evidently witness many troubles and disappointments before that desirable end is obtained, and, if it is obtained at all, it will be with great difficulty.

W. T.—We cannot spare sufficient of our time to make the necessary calculations to find the true time of your birth, but, from the description you have given, we think your birth would occur about 9 A.M.

C. S.—We are sorry we do not understand what you mean by the signs, as you make no special reference to any signs whatever. Please explain.

A. A.—You have neither given your wife's nor your own age.

A CONSTANT READER OF "THE ASTROLOGER."—We cannot answer your queries, for you have not given the time of birth.

DUDLEY CASTLE.—You have the Sun lord of both your 1st and 2nd, and is exalted in the sign Aries and in the 9th house. You have therefore a fair chance of a good amount of success, but we fear you will never accumulate much wealth, for you have Saturn in opposition to the Sun, and no other aspect to counteract it.

The following is from a gentleman who seems to be in a mist to account for what appears to him unaccountable occurrences. He gives no name, but the *nom de plume* of "P.T.O.," and this is what he says:—

February 23rd, 1888.

Dear Sir,—With one or two exceptions, all my undertakings as a musical entrepreneur for balls, etc., have been unsuccessful, or otherwise unsatisfactory, since January 16th, 1888, up to the present, notwithstanding that I have had the same men with me, and played the same music, as when I have obtained brilliant successes. Born February 5th, 1852, about 9 P.M.; Latitude 53.—Yours truly,

AN UNLUCKY MAN.

We cannot now go into all the details of this gentleman's figure of birth, but students who wish to investigate the matter will observe that Mercury is ruler of the figure, which is in sextile with Jupiter and Venus; Jupiter is in the 2nd, Mercury in the 4th, and Venus in the 6th, in trine with Jupiter and in Pisces, Jupiter's exaltation. Here is plenty of evidence of musical talent, and also of a fair amount of success generally, but we observe he has the Sun in the 5th, the house of music, etc., with the Moon in direct opposition thereto. We find also, by erecting a map of secondary directions, that the Moon had, at the time named, met a square of Sun and Mercury, and Venus has gone to a conjunction of Saturn, and, although there is no excitement from the transits, yet this square is quite sufficient to cause a temporary relaxation, but it will not last long, for the Sun and Mercury in trine aspect with Jupiter, and both are near the radical place of Venus, and undoubtedly, when the Moon reaches the radical place of Mercury, the native's success will then be greater than ever it has been before, because the Moon will then be on the place of Mercury, in sextile with Jupiter, and in sextile with Sun, Mercury, and the radical place of Venus. There are vast numbers of persons puzzled by similar occurrences as these; they cannot find any reason whatever to account for the fact that they cannot succeed as well at one time as another, but of course these things can only be understood by a knowledge of causes and effects, and these can only be found by astrology.