

THE SOLAR SYSTEM.

WE have promised in some of our former issues of this work to give an abridged description of the solar system, which we now take the opportunity of doing; but as we say, we only intend to give a very brief description of that system on this occasion; nevertheless we want to sufficiently describe it that our readers generally may conceive, at least, some faint idea of its apparent immensity, and that they may also conceive, to some extent, how reasonable it is to seek in the motions of these mighty worlds that are floating about in space, for the causes of all things with which we are conversant. Some people consider us silly, childish, ignorant, superstitious, and weak-minded creatures. I am strongly of opinion, however, that when the truth comes to be properly tested, that the saddle will be found upon the other horse.

The first of the heavenly bodies to which we beg to direct the attention of our readers, is the Sun, one of the commonest objects, and the most useful one, with which we are acquainted; for notwithstanding its glorious face of late having been very much veiled from general view, at least in this latitude, yet every morning at the appointed time the dispersion of darkness and the introduction of light has given most unmistakable evidence of its presence. And not only by this have we been made aware of the presence of this great universal illuminator, but the very fact that we continue in existence, also proves beyond all doubt, that this common light-producer is still performing its accustomed duties whether visible to the eye or not.

But like all other common objects, the Sun becomes of little interest to us, and so long as it continues to fulfil its mission, we take but little notice of it, and thus but very few of us ever think of making any inquiry as to what it is, where it is, and what it is for. Many will say, when asked these questions—Why, it is to give light during the day of course; does not the Bible say that God made the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser one to rule the night? and beyond this we know nothing; to tell them that it is placed at a mean distance of about ninety-five millions of miles from us, and that other two worlds similar to our own are placed between us and it, they would scarcely give credence to your statements. This, however is a very small

fraction of the astounding facts connected with this common visitor.

In the first place, we might state that it is placed in the centre of a system of circles, around which are running at lightning speed and at various distances a number of planets, or worlds, all of which are more or less after the construction of our own. Many of these worlds are, comparatively speaking, very small and insignificant.

Of all the combined bodies that thus travel round the Sun there are said to be now known to exist more than a hundred in number; but all of these are of a very small and minor form, except those eight (the earth included) that are commonly called the planets. Some of these are somewhat smaller than our earth—namely, Mercury, Venus, and Mars; but Jupiter is said to be 1300 times larger than this earth, and is attended by four moons which are constantly revolving round the planet at various distances from it, the same as our Moon is found to revolve round us. Saturn is said to be about 800 times larger than this earth, and it has no less than eight satellites or moons revolving round it. Then there is the planet Uranus, computed to be some 80 times larger than our earth. With respect to its moons, however, there seems to be some discrepancies—some astronomers stating that there are four, others five, and others eight. Anyway, there are quite a number of them.

Then there is the planet Neptune. Its diameter is said to be 472 times greater than that of the earth. Now it seems altogether incomprehensible to the human mind how these bodies of such enormous size and weight can be made to float through space like a bird, and always be kept in the same track.

It must be considered, however, that the Sun is their prime mover, and is placed near a central position of them all; then by its mighty electric, magnetic, and gravitating forces, it becomes the centre and source of their motion.

It may be asked by some—How can the Sun control such ponderous orbs as these? Is it possible for any created thing to be vested with power sufficient to command and govern the motions of such immensities as these?

I can understand, or, at least, form some idea of a God ruling the Universe, and commanding all things to move at his bidding; but how any of his creatures can contain such enormities of strength, I am at a loss to comprehend. Such, however, is the fact, and even this again, in its turn, sinks into nothingness when the *whole* truth becomes clear.

For instance, it is said that if the *Sun* could be put into one celestial balance, and all the known planets of our system, with all their attendant moons, and all the comets that have ever been seen, were put into the other, it would then require seven hundred times as many more to bring up the Sun to an equal level.

If this be a fact, which we have no doubt it is; and if the

power of this mighty orb is as comparatively great as its size, it may then be imagined how it acts as the motive power of all the rest.

This may, perhaps, be a question of some doubt on the minds of some of our readers; but if, however, we bring the matter home to our own planet (the earth), and, so far as our little, narrow intellectual abilities will allow us, to consider its vastness, its enormous weight, and the motion at which it travels, bowling along, as it is, through space, carrying with it all that exists upon it (as well as the moon, which is at a distance of 238,793 miles), at the terrible break-neck speed of sixty-eight thousand miles per hour, when the Sun, in order to produce this great velocity, year after year, century after century, millenium after millenium, and also to support all life, both animal and vegetable, only exerts the two thousand three hundred millionth part of its magnetic force. This may appear to some, perhaps, altogether inconceivable, but let us draw an illustration in order to somewhat simplify it, to some extent; and in order to do so, let us imagine a steam engine, two thousand three hundred million *horse power*; then, to represent the earth, let us conceive a machine of some kind attached to this engine, that only requires one horse power to drive it. What a trifle such a machine would be to such an overwhelming power of steam! Why, it is still altogether beyond conception. But let us attach a hundred of those machines to this mighty motive force; even then we have an enormous surplus of power, enough to drive millions more machines of a similar construction as those already spoken of. This is what we consider a fair representation of our solar system.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE HULL ASTROLOGICAL SOCIETY.

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ON Thursday, June 14th, 1888, 8.45 p.m., at a meeting of the above society, a member proposed that a map of the heavens for that moment be taken as the horoscope of a male child, and be submitted for examination and discussion at the next meeting.

Another member kindly offered to draw a number of maps for the time, and to supply all members who called at the office of the *Astrologer* for a copy.

On Thursday, June 28th, there was a good attendance. In addition to the small maps that had been in the hands of the members for a week, a large copy was placed on the blackboard, and various members took turns in reading and expounding the same. Much amusement and instruction was given by the questions that were asked by some, and answered by others.

On Thursday, July 12th, Mr. Cutts submitted on the black-board the horoscope of a gentleman well known to himself, but unknown to the rest of the company. He did not expound it, but pelted us with questions concerning the life of the person whose nativity was before us. Such questions as the following were answered, much to the gratification of the questioner :—

Will he live long ?

Will he be fortunate ?

Give description of his wife ?

Are there any peculiarities respecting his married life, and, if so, what are they ?

What profession should he follow ?

Is he liable to accidents ?

What disease is he most liable to ?

These and a number more to about fifty Mr. Cutts was prepared with, but time forbade us getting through them all. Altogether, it was a most enjoyable and instructive evening.

On Thursday, July 26th, a member has promised to submit the horoscope of a notorious woman. He will give us the horoscope without her name, from which we are expected to read her history.

On Thursday, August 9th, we expect a treat. A member, whose particular *forte* is horary astrology, purposes bringing a number of horal figures that have some peculiar histories attached to them.

If astrologers knew the advantages of such societies as ours they would form one in every town.

[We are quite ready to endorse this remark of friend Kippax. There is no doubt but great and universal good might be done by the instrumentality of societies, and professors should not be discouraged if their efforts to establish them do not meet with the success that might be desired at first. A little perseverance will ultimately bring it about. It is really astonishing what progress the science is making in Hull and neighbourhood among persons of a studious, contemplative turn of mind. There is a general impression abroad that astrology is only entertained by the ignorant, the superstitious, and deluded ; but experience teaches us quite the reverse. This idea has most probably got afloat owing to the great ignorance that exists concerning the truth of it. In all our experience we can say we have never yet known one of these thoughtless, ignorant persons to give their minds to the study of the subject ; but, on the other hand, we know of many thoughtful, intelligent, inquiring, and searching individuals who have taken up the matter and become diligent students ; and of such is the association of Hull composed.—Ed.]

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

THE next important feature in connection with a person's figure of birth is the significations of that person's success and prosperity, or, in other words, his natural ability to acquire wealth. For it must be understood that unless a person possess a natural gift or ability for accumulating riches he will never do so, and if there are any of those natural blessings bestowed upon him by the overruling powers, he will succeed in accumulating wealth or riches just in proportion to these natural gifts or abilities. This will seem strange language, we have no doubt, in the estimation of at least some of our readers; but it is no more strange than true. Of course, it upsets a good many people's theories, but what are theories in comparison to scientific facts? There is no such thing as proving a scientific fact to be a falsehood by our theories, no matter how feasible these theories may appear. For instance, who can make a fluent speaker but the person who has the gift of language? Who can make a sweet and melodious singer but the person who possesses the natural ability to be so? Again, who can enjoy good health, a sound and strong constitution, but those to whom it is given? And if these are gifts that can only be bestowed by Nature or Nature's God, is it in any way unreasonable to suppose that all other gifts are bestowed in the same way and by the same means? In this, however, we go altogether beyond the bounds of any theory or supposition, and prove by demonstrable facts that these things are so; and to find an unfortunate, poverty-stricken individual who has a fortunate and successful horoscope is altogether contrary to the order and laws of Nature, therefore quite impossible. Just so in the opposite direction; to find a person who has succeeded well in life, and to have risen to a higher sphere than that in which he was born with a horoscope declaring to the contrary, is an utter impossibility, for such a thing is altogether opposite to the laws of God and Nature.

We have already considered to some extent the native's mental qualifications—his adaptability or non-adaptability for the ordinary pursuits of life—and in this chapter we will endeavour to point out, at least some of the most common and most distinguishable causes, of the enormous variety of successes and failures that are manifested by various individuals; and in considering this natural propensity, we must view it as another part or branch of a person's attributes, apart from that of the mental abilities, etc.: for we frequently find persons possessed of a good understanding, a brilliant wit, full of life and energy, but very unfortunate in his transactions, while,

on the other hand, it is not an uncommon thing to see a person possessed of little ability, succeed and prosper in almost everything he takes in hand, which proves conclusively that neither a good intellect, energy, nor education can make a man successful or otherwise, contrary to the ordinary order of his nature.

Then, in order to ascertain what amount of success and prosperity a person inherits from his birth, it is only necessary to consider the nature and qualities of the fountains or sources from which the causes flow—which, we maintain, is nothing more nor less than the varied and combined magnetic effects of the other members of our solar family (or system) upon ours, and consequently upon every particle of matter that our earth contains, and at the same time effects every particle according to its own peculiar nature. Therefore, whenever the lord of a person's ascendant is found to be a benefic planet, well posited in the figure by being in its dignities or in the angles—particularly in the first or tenth—direct and swift in motion, and holding a good aspect with the majority of the other planets, it is a sure sign of success and advancement, the extent of which may be observed from the positions and aspects of the other members of the solar family.

For instance, if the ruler of the figure be thus placed, and the cardinal signs occupy the angles, if several of the planets are in their own houses or exaltations, all or most of the planets above the earth direct and swift in motion—all or any of these positions will greatly augment the power and effect of the former. So, also, if Jupiter be found in the second or tenth and not afflicted, or the lord of the first not afflicted nor retrograde, is a good signification of success. But if Jupiter be thus found posited in a person's horoscope, and at the same time the Sun, Moon, Saturn, Uranus, or Venus holds a sextile or trine aspect to him, the abilities of the native to succeed and acquire property or wealth is much increased. The more of those planets that are thus placed in friendly, or in other words, sympathetic positions one with the other, the greater will be the native's ability, and the more natural affinity will he or she possess for succeeding in whatever business they may follow. As is often seen by some persons, everything they take in hand succeeds, while numbers of others are trying the same thing and cannot succeed at all. Then, again, if Jupiter be found in any house or sign (except Gemini or Virgo), and in good aspect with the Sun, Moon, Venus, Saturn, or Uranus (without any evil aspects to hinder), the native will meet with success and prosperity in his passage through life, the amount of which must be judged from the various configurations, and the ways and means by which he obtains it, may be noted by the houses in which the aspects fall.

On the other hand, however, if the lord of the ascendant be retrograde, slow in motion, or much afflicted in other ways, the native will have a hard struggle to make headway against the

current of adverse influences that are naturally operating against him. Saturn afflicted in the second house is an evil position, the native meeting with losses and disappointments in almost every financial transaction he takes in hand—of course, to what amount greatly depends upon other influences or causes that are operating upon this position of the great unfortunate. Again, if all, or most of the planets are retrograde, in their detriment, or fall, the native does not rise above the sphere in which he was born; but unless there are good aspects, or remarkably good positions also at the same time, he will be found digressing from that sphere, let that sphere be what it may. The Sun or Moon in evil aspect with Jupiter is not good for the native's prosperity, or if the luminaries are in square or opposition of each other; but if they are afflicting each other and Jupiter also at the same time, it is much worse. All the planets in the west, or under the earth, is not a good indication of success, unless their aspects with each other are good, and at least some of them in their dignities.

Favourable signs of success are, Jupiter in the second mansion—of course the stronger the better, or in good aspect with either or both the lights. The Moon in sextile or trine of the Sun, increasing in light and swift in motion, under such configurations as these, the native is sure to meet with more or less good fortune, varied, of course, by the other configurations.

We have here the nativity of a male, born March 9th, 1854, at 8 a.m.; latitude, 53.25 north. Here we find ♃ in the 10th, in ♋, in * with the ☉, △ with ♁, which is in the ascendant. The ♃ is in △ of the ☉, * of ♁, but in ♉ of ♃. ♀ rules his 1st, and ♂ his 7th, which are in ♉ to each other from the cusps of the 6th and 12th. This gentleman is very fortunate in some respects—first, he is never in want of a situation, and a good one too, ♃ in 10th, *, ☉, △, ♁. He has sustained several losses through his wife speculating in businesses; she being of an ambitious, aspiring disposition, she launches into speculations with the idea of adding to their income, and of preparing for a rainy day, but those speculations prove failures, and consequently incur losses, lords of 1st and 7th in ♉. He has also had several contests at the law courts, with persons who have done their best to crush him. We believe, however, without any exception, he has obtained, if not peace with honour, he has come off with flying colours, and without a single stain upon his character. ♃ in 10th, *, ☉, △, ♁. The ♉ of ♃, ♃, and ♀ brings him into the scrapes, and prevents him from acquiring any important position, when at the same time the influences and effects of the good aspects and positions keep him in a respectable position, and enables him to effectually overcome all opponents.

Here is another specimen. Male, born February 26, 1847, at 3.30 a.m.; latitude, 53.25 north. This person has ♁ rising, therefore ♃ is ruler, ♁ is in ♉, with the ☉ in the 2nd in the sign ♋, and in □, with ♃ in ♀, ♀ in * to ♃, and △ with the

♃. This man has a splendid intellect, ♀, ♂, ☉, ✳, ♂, and ♃, ♃. These same aspects has also endowed him with an active, pushing, energetic disposition. He started life well, that is, to all appearance, he had what is generally called a splendid prospect before him—born, as the saying is, with a silver spoon in his mouth—and when he became of age was put into one of the most fashionable and profitable businesses of the day, namely, the public (he has ☉, ♀, ♀ and ♃) in the watery sign ♋, the ♃ in the watery sign ♁, and the watery sign ♎ on the M.C. Everybody that knew him thought what a grand prospect he had. But after a time things began to go wrong, and in spite of his struggles they went from bad to worse; finally he lost his business, and took a smaller; that soon proved a failure also, after which he reformed somewhat, or at least he thought he did, and doubtless did so for a time, and endeavoured to recover himself by better conduct, which he did to some extent while it lasted, but even during this time misfortunes did not neglect to visit him, for he joined himself to a certain religious sect, with whom he engaged himself as an officer; he sold off what he possessed, left his business which he had established, and which was bringing him in at that time a comfortable living, but soon he returned thoroughly disappointed and disgusted. Here we observe ♀ rules the 9th, the house of religion, and is in ☐ with ♃, lord of the 1st, and thus the poor man was defeated in almost everything he took in hand, whether good, bad, or indifferent. ♃ in 2nd, in ☐ with ♃ and ♂ ☉. The last we heard of him, he had left the town in disgrace, a ruined man.

There is no doubt if these two persons had been acquainted with the simple rules of astrology, that each might have benefitted more or less thereby; for, if it does not tell us how to prevent a storm from overtaking us, it tells us when it is coming on, and from what quarter to look for it, and therefore enables us to prepare ourselves to meet it to the best of our ability.

But a man without astrology is blind, as it were, he knows nothing of the storm that is rising, he goes heedlessly on, and when he meets it he is altogether unprepared for it—he knows nothing of his inability to contend with it, therefore, instead of taking shelter until it passes off he commences to battle with it. Instead, however, of gaining any advantage by so doing, he only exhausts himself all the sooner, by heedlessly rushing into speculations at a time when he really ought to refuse to do any such thing. But, on the other hand, a person in possession of astral knowledge is enabled to discover in the distance the favourable periods for pushing ahead his affairs, and as we often hear it said, make hay while the sun is shining; while the person without this knowledge knows nothing of these things. He therefore allows opportunities to pass on quite unobserved, and when once gone, in many cases they are gone for ever.

Thus our friends who possess their maps may observe how and

where each of the magnetic bodies were situated at the time of their birth, what aspects they formed with each other, and what effects to expect to result therefrom. But, however, what is much better for a person who has reached a mature age is to compare those positions and aspects as described by the general rules of the science, with his or her past experiences, and compare also their nativity with some other person who is more or less fortunate than themselves. They will then be able to observe the different effects produced by those varied positions and aspects of these fountains or causes as they are illustrated in these various naticities. It is almost a certain sign of a native's success in some form or other, when all or the greater part of them are above the earth—that is when shown in the map, in the 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 1st, or even 2nd or 3rd. So also if the Sun is in good aspect and in any of those mansions; but, on the other hand, if the planets are found in the opposite mansions, the effect produced is the reverse. Of course, there are many exceptions to this rule, which may be observed by the good or ill aspects that are formed in each individual horoscope.

H O R A R Y A S T R O L O G Y .

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QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE EIGHTH HOUSE.

This house, in the science, is considered to be the house of death, because the amount of affliction or non-affliction going on in this house, or of the lord thereof, shows the probability of the life or death of the person inquired after. It also represents the possession of the querant's wife, husband, or partner, because it is the second from the seventh. This house also solves all questions respecting wills, legacies, etc.

Therefore, the generality of questions to be submitted to this house for inquiry are as follow, viz. :—Am I likely to die, and when? Shall I have any money or property left me or not? Shall I benefit by my wife (or husband)? Has my partner the money he professes to have? Or any other question of a kindred nature.

The first question, then, is,

Am I likely to die, and when?

And as this question has been already treated in connection with the first and sixth house questions, we need say but little more about it. We might, however, say that if the lords of the ascendant, the Sun and Moon, are in good aspect with each other, there is not much to fear, at least for the present; but if the lord of the ascendant and the lights are afflicting each other, and any of them be in the fourth or eighth, and the lord of the eighth afflicting also, or if the evil planets hold the chief angles of the figure, and

afflict the lord of the first, they show a speedy termination of the existence; the time when this shall be brought about may be seen from the number of degrees the afflicting planets are apart, and reckoned according to the table for judging time.

Shall I have any money or property left me?

If, on erecting a figure on this question, you find the lord of this house in the house, and in good aspect with the lord of first or second, or if a benefic be strong in the eighth and in good aspect to the lord of first or second, or if Jupiter be there strong and in good aspect with Saturn or Uranus, you may conclude you will. But if an evil planet occupies the eighth house, or if the lord of that house be ill-placed or afflicted, you may conclude to the contrary.

Shall I benefit by my wife (or husband)?

This question may be judged in a very similar manner to the former. If the lords of second and eighth are in good aspect with each other, and there is no serious counteraction from any other quarter, there is great probability that you will; but if the lord of eighth be afflicting the lord of first or second, or if the lord of eighth be weak or afflicted, you will not.

The next question is of a very similar kind, and, therefore, may be judged in a very similar manner. Hence, if the lord of the eighth is found to be strong and well aspected, it may safely be judged he has; but if to the contrary, this lord is found to be weak and afflicted, he has not.

QUESTIONS TO BE SOLVED BY THE NINTH HOUSE.

From this house are considered all questions relating to voyages, long journeys, all kinds of scientific subjects, also religious; all printing, publishing, advertising; in fact, all inquiries whatever respecting business or transactions of the above kinds, should be consulted by this house.

And among the vast number that may be thus investigated we might name the following:—viz., Shall I, or shall I not, go abroad? Shall I benefit by going to a foreign land? Will the journey be prosperous, or otherwise? Shall I benefit by study (this may be referred to science, law, physic, religion, etc.)? If I publish my work, will it prove a success? If I insure, will the company act honestly with me? Will it pay me to advertise?

First—Shall I, or shall I not, go abroad?

It should be borne in mind that no question whatever should be submitted to horary astrology unless the mind is really anxious about the matter inquired after; for, if not so, nothing satisfactory can be obtained. How can it be otherwise? for we cannot in the slightest degree influence the heavenly bodies so as to have any control whatever over them, any more than they can control the

Sun, their great ruler and prime mover. Therefore, we being immensely their inferior in magnetic power, we can only act when acted upon by them, and that perfectly in harmony with the magnetic influences they transmit to us. Hence, it follows that unless the mind is really in earnest respecting the subject inquired after, no satisfactory conclusion can be arrived at. Just so with respect to this business. Then if, on erecting the figure for the time, movable or watery signs are found on the cusps of the first and seventh, or third and ninth, the Moon in the ninth in good aspect with the lord of first signifies that you will, unless another planet meets the lord of first either by body or aspect before the Moon does; so if the lords of first and ninth are in movable signs, and in good aspect with each other, without any evil directions from other bodies, it is a testimony in the affirmative. But if these lords are afflicting each other, are in fixed signs—fixed signs on the ninth and first—or if the moon be afflicting the first or ninth, or if it be cadent, except in the ninth, they are evidences to the contrary.

Shall I benefit by going abroad?

If the lord of the first be found in the seventh, ninth, or tenth, in a moveable sign, and in sextile or trine to the lord of ninth, you will—so also if Jupiter, Venus, or the Moon, are in the ninth, and in good aspect with the lord of first; or if most of the planets are occidental in moveable signs and in good aspect with each other, it shows that you would do best in some other country.

But if the ninth house be occupied by the malefics, or if the lord of the first and ninth are afflicting each other; or if the lord of the ninth is slow in motion and just about to turn retrograde, or is seriously afflicted, it is better to abandon all idea of going abroad. So, also, if the lord of first be in the first or fourth and well aspected, the native place, is the best.

Will the journey be prosperous or not?

This is a question of very great importance, and one that ought to be well consulted before any steps are taken in the matter of emigration or voyaging of any kind, for by so doing a great many valuable lives might be spared, and many homes saved from bitter grief. But man is so foolish that if he is strongly impressed with an idea, and he can possibly carry that idea into execution, he will, regardless of consequences; and neither astrology nor anything else can persuade him off his intentions, but when he has proved his folly by bitter experience, he then says, I wish I had taken your advice. We are frequently coming across persons of this sort. We might, however, just mention one as a case in point. A friend of ours some time ago caught the emigration fever—he became almost mad with the excitement. He had friends in Australia who had sent him a splendid offer if he would only go out. He had also other friends here who would render

him very great and valuable assistance. So that, altogether, the man had presented to his imagination a grand prospect in a foreign land. However, he thought he would hear what we had to say on the matter, expecting (of course) nothing but the best of encouragement; and when we were obliged to tell him the truth, that he would never go, and if even he did, he would be worse off there than here, the man could scarcely contain himself, and to believe in what we said was altogether out of the question. Thus, he left our company, for the time being, very much annoyed, with a full determination to set out for his desired heaven. He therefore set to, and sold most of his goods at a great sacrifice. But, before he had got all cleared off, things turned out quite different to his expectations, which caused him to abandon the thought entirely. Then came the pitiful remark, "I wish I had taken your advice." Thus it is with the generality of persons; they will not be persuaded to guard against the thief, as it were, but are very careful to lock the stable door after the horse is stolen. There are others who actually set out on the journey to other fields of labour and meet with adverse circumstances on the way, and if they reach the other side at all they are in a worse condition than they were at home. Of course, all are not thus unfortunate in their undertakings, nor had they need be; but in all cases a person should by all means obtain all the information, and that of the best he possibly can, respecting undertakings of such an important nature as these. Then, in order to obtain this information, it is only necessary to observe on erecting the horary figure how the lord of the ninth or the ninth house is situated; for if this lord be direct in motion, strong and in good aspect with the benefic, the voyage will be a fortunate one, more especially if the lord of the first is in good aspect with the lord of ninth, and a benefic placed in that house.

Raphael says:—"If a fortune be in the tenth he (that is the querent) will meet success on the voyage; if in the seventh, a good reception to where he is going."

If, however, the evil planets are found in possession of the ninth mansion, or if the lord of this house be much afflicted, it may be taken as a red light to indicate danger ahead. The precise nature or quality of the danger may also be learnt from the various positions and aspects, by a little practical observation.

Shall I benefit by study?

One able writer says:—"If the lord of the ascendant and lord of the ninth are in conjunction, sextile, or trine with each other, either from the angles or succedent houses, it is a good evidence of gain, profit, and delight in the subject he is about to study. If the benefics possess the first or ninth, and are in good aspect with the Moon or Mercury, or both, it argues that the querent will profit by the study he intends to undertake. Also, if the Moon be posited in the ninth, in sextile to the lord of the ascendant or

that of the ninth, and either of these lords are placed in the eleventh, particularly if there be a reception also, there, then, is no doubt but the querent will gain by the science or subject, and that he will become proficient therein. If, however, none of these things occur, but on the contrary there occurs a quartile (□) or opposition between the significators, the party will not benefit by his studies."

If I publish my work, will it prove a success?

This question may be solved by the same general rules as the last. If good planets are found in the ninth in good aspect with the lord of first, or if Mercury be there, strong and well aspected, or if the Moon be in the ninth or tenth, in good aspect with lord of ninth, or if Mercury be well posted in the ninth, there is benefit denoted. But if lord of ninth be found in its detriment or fall, retrograde or much afflicted, there will not be any benefits obtained from the publication.

All questions respecting advertisements of any business or businesses of any kind may be answered in precisely the same way as the above.

LETTUCE.

This plant, we think, is so well known that we need give no description of it here. It is an herb of the Moon, and under Cancer. It is said that the juice of lettuce, mixed with oil of roses and applied to the forehead, will cure the headache and procure sleep. If the leaves are boiled and eaten, they act as a gentle purge, promote digestion, quench thirst, ease griping pains in the stomach or bowels. It is not good, however, for those who suffer from any difficulty in breathing or any affection of the lungs.

HOW TO MAKE THE CELEBRATED COMPOSITION POWDER.

Beyberry, in fine powder,	8 ounces.
Ginger, do. do.	4 ounces.
Poplar Bark (white),	4 ounces.
Pinus Canadensis, in fine powder,	2 ounces.
Cayenne, in fine powder, -	2 drachms.

A little cinnamon, or cloves, in powder, may be added to give it a flavour, if preferred.

The powders should be all put together into a bowel or basin, and stirred about till they are all thoroughly incorporated, then put into a wide mouthed bottle, and corked tight.

This is becoming an almost universal remedy for colds and sudden disturbances of the physical organisation.

The usual dose is from half to a teaspoonful, in a teacupful of hot water, sweetened, either at bed-time, or any other time, when thought necessary.

BIRTHDAY INFORMATION.

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

AUGUST.

1st—Sickness and losses are threatened to those whose birthday this is. This is not a good day for business of any kind. The child that is born on this day will be careless and extravagant, but not very fortunate.

2nd—A successful and prosperous year is before those whose birthday anniversary this is. This is a fairly good day for asking favours, seeking employment, opening new shops, starting new enterprises, for dealing with females and elderly persons, also for removing, etc. A child born on this day will be fortunate nearly all through life.

3rd—This is a somewhat unfortunate birthday, and those whom it may concern may expect many annoyances during the next year of their lives. This is a good day on which to deal with females, musicians, actors, jewellers, dealers in the fine arts, and the like, but for anything else it is not good. A child born on this day will be modest, but not very fortunate.

4th—A somewhat active year may be expected by those whose birthday this is. This is a good day on which to deal with literary and military men, also surgeons, cutlers, and ironmongers, but for aught else it is not good. A child born on this day will be moderately fortunate, but very ambitious and restless.

5th—There are losses and changes of an unfavourable nature promised to those whose birthday this is. This is Sunday; not important for business. The child that is born on this day will be both unsteady and unfortunate.

6th—This is a fortunate birthday anniversary, and those whom it concerns may expect a fortunate and successful year. This is a favourable day for business of any kind, more especially for dealing with literary persons, signing writings, advertising, opening new premises, starting new undertakings, etc. A child born on this day will be successful in most of its transactions.

7th—This is an unfortunate birthday anniversary, and those whom it concerns should be very careful in all they do. This is a fairly good day on which to open shops, new businesses, and the like, also for removing, but for aught else the day is evil. A child born on this day will meet with many reverses.

8th—The aspects formed on this day threatens both sickness and losses to those whose birthday this is. This is a favourable day for dealing with females, actors, musicians, and the like, but not good for any other business. A child born on this day may not be expected to rise much in life.

9th—A fair amount of prosperity is promised by the configurations that are formed on this day to those whose birthday this is. This is a good day for dealing in cutlery, iron, or metal goods of any kind, but for aught else not important. The child that is born on this day will be of a resolute, determined disposition, and moderately successful.

10th—There is some degree of good fortune promised to those whose birthday this is, but not without a mixture of vexations and annoyances.

This is a good day for dealing with parsons, bishops, councillors, magistrates, opening of shops, etc. A child born on this day may anticipate a somewhat successful career.

11th—There is a fair amount of activity promised to those whose birthday this is, and also many little petty griefs and annoyances. This is a good day for any literary undertaking, or for dealing with elderly persons, but for anything else the day is not good. A child born on this day will possess a good intellect, will be very industrious, and will make fair headway in the world.

12th—Those whose birthday this is may expect a fairly prosperous year. This is a good day for asking favours, etc., but, being Sunday, it is not important. A child born on this day will be of a restless disposition, but fortunate, especially if in the employ of others.

13th—Many troubles and reverses are threatened to befall those whose birthday this is; they will do well to be careful. This is not a good day for business of any kind, except with females, musicians, etc. A child born on this day will be mostly in trouble.

14th—This also is an evil birthday, and those whom it concerns should use every precaution during the next year of their lives. This is a bad day for business of any kind. The child that is born on this day will be evilly disposed.

15th—The magnetic influences are of a mixed nature, promising a fair amount of success and business prosperity, mixed with a fair amount of disappointments and annoyances. This is a good day for doing any literary business, commencing new undertakings, etc., but for anything else it is not good. The child that is born on this day will be of a sharp, active, intelligent nature, and moderately successful.

16th—A prosperous and fortunate year is now before those whose birthday anniversary this is; they will succeed in nearly all they take in hand. This is a good day on which to transact business of almost any kind. A child born on this day will be very cute and clever, and will have a most successful career.

17th—A chequered and eventful year may be expected to result from the influences operating on this day. This is an evil day on which to do any literary business, or to deal with elderly or Saturnine persons generally; for all else, not important. The child that is born on this day will only meet with moderate success in life.

18th—This is an unfortunate birthday, and those whom it may concern will meet with many crosses and disappointments during the next year of their lives. This is an evil day on which to transact business of any kind. A child that is born on this day will be constantly on the move, and not very fortunate.

19th—This is a fortunate birthday, and those whom it concerns may anticipate a fortunate year. This is a good day on which to transact business of almost any kind, but, being Sunday, it is not important. The child that is born on this day will meet with success at almost every turn.

20th—Some troubles and vexations are denoted by the ruling powers, and those whose birthday this is will do well to be careful. This is a favourable day on which to open new shops, start new buildings, new undertakings, or to remove, but for doing business with persons represented by Mars or Saturn the day is evil. A child born on this day will have many changes, and be mostly unfortunate.

21st—This is not a fortunate birthday by any means, and those whom it affects will do well to guard against losses to the very utmost of their ability. This is an evil day on which to do any business whatever of an important nature. A child born on this day will be anything but fortunate.

22nd—A quiet and uneventful year is denoted by the configurations on this day, and nothing of any serious consequence is likely to occur during the year. This is not a good day on which to do business generally. A child born on this day will be of a careless, improvident disposition, and mostly unfortunate.

23rd—A fair amount of business activity and prosperity is promised to attend the steps of those whose birthday anniversary this day is. This is a good day for dealing with the fair sex, martial men, surgeons, cutlers, iron and metal dealers, also for starting new undertakings, etc. A child that is born on this day will be of an ambitious, aspiring disposition, and mostly successful in its undertakings.

24th—A quiet and uneventful year is denoted by the configurations on this day. This is an unfavourable day for dealing with cutlers, etc., but for all else not important. A child born on this day will have a quiet career.

25th—This is an evil birthday, and those who are interested therein should be very careful in what they do. This is a favourable day on which to deal with elderly persons, builders, miners, farmers, etc., but for all else it is unfavourable. A child that is born on this day will be fond of changes, and not very fortunate.

26th—This is a somewhat favourable birthday, and those who are interested may expect to succeed accordingly. This is a good day on which to ask favours, but, being Sunday, for business it is not important. A child born on this day will do best under the command of others.

27th—Some mental activity is denoted by the configurations on this day, but not much financial success. This is a good day for transacting any kind of literary business, but evil for dealing with minors, farmers, builders, aged people, etc. A child born on this day will not make much headway in the world.

28th—The aspects on this day are of an evil nature, indicating losses and troubles; let those whom it affects be careful. This is a favourable day for females and all things ruled by Venus; for all else, however, it is evil. A child born on this day will be lavish, careless, and prodigal.

29th—Changes and ill-health are threatened to those whose birthday this is. This is a very unfavourable day for asking favours and for removing. A child born on this day will have a quiet and not very fortunate career.

30th—A somewhat fortunate and prosperous year may be anticipated by those whose birthday this is, but not without trouble and annoyances. This is a good day for removing, dealing with elderly persons, farmers, etc., also for opening new shops, etc.; evil for literary businesses, and for dealing with the fair sex. A child born on this day will see many ups and downs in life.

31st—Those whose birthday this is will experience a very quiet and uneventful year. This is not an important day for business of any kind. The child that is born on this day will live quietly, and will see but few ups and downs.

ADVICE TO GARDENERS, FARMERS, ETC.

THE best and most appropriate times during the month of August for all propagating purposes are as follows:—11th and 12th. The Moon is then in Libra, and rising, from 9 A.M. till 12 noon. 13th and 14th. The Moon is in Scorpio, and rising, from 11.20 A.M. to 2 P.M.

A lady friend of ours, who has had a good amount of farming experience both in this country and America, recently assured us that she could always make sure of a large majority of male birds from the setting of a hen, by giving her the eggs on a Sunday morning.

We do not give this as an *established* fact, but simply as a candid statement from one whom we can speak after with every confidence. We, however, never heard of such a thing before, but of course that is no argument against the lady's statement; and whether setting a hen on a Sunday morning would have the same effect when done by other persons, we are not prepared to say, but it has opened out to our minds a field for experiment and observation. Our friend has not told us in what hour she used to set her hens. We should presume, however, it would be either the first, third, fifth, or sixth from sunrise, for this reason—viz., these hours are masculine, that is, they are ruled by the masculine planets—☉, ♀, ♃, and ♄, the other two are ruled by ♁ and ♀ respectively, which are feminine. Now, it is well worth an experiment by some of our readers who are in the country and keep fowls, to see if by setting them in the feminine hours they bring off females. We have frequently heard it remarked, and made a source of much wonderment, how it could be that sometimes a hen will come off with nearly all male, and at another time nearly all female young. This bit of information, however, seems to us, so far, to account for it. We should be very glad if some of our friends, who have the opportunity, would try the experiment, and let us know the result. We might also add, if it proves a success, it will also prove successful any other morning by adopting the same means. For instance, on a Monday morning, the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th, are masculine hours. Tuesdays—1st, 2nd, 4th, and 6th. Wednesdays—1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th. Thursdays—1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th. Fridays—2nd, 4th, 5th, and 6th. Saturdays—1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 6th. All those named are masculine hours, while all those not named are feminine.

It is highly necessary also, in setting fowls, to select a time so calculated that the young will come off during the increase of the Moon. For this, see "Raphael's Prophetic Messenger." 6d.

MEDICAL BOTANY ;
OR,
EVERY MOTHER HER OWN DOCTOR.

THE days and hours on which to gather the various medical plants are as follows :—Those of the Sun, on the 12th and 16th, at noon. For those of Mercury the month is not favourable. Neither is it favourable for those of Venus. Mars, on the 9th and 23rd, from 4.30 to 5.30 P.M. Of Jupiter, 6th, from 6 to 7 P.M. For those of Saturn the month is not favourable. Those of the Moon, 23rd, from 6 to 7 P.M.

MOTHERWORT.

This herb is not so well known as some others we have already introduced, therefore a short simple description of it will not be out of place. It is a rather tall plant, growing as it does from two to four feet high, very straight and upright. The stalk is square and hard, rough, and of a brown colour. The leaves grow on each side of the stalks at the joints thereof. At the foot of the leaves come the flowers, something like horehound flowers, but of a red or purple colour.

This herb is only found (in this country) in gardens, and if persons who have gardens only knew half its value, and such persons had any care for themselves, their wives, or families, no garden would be without it.

It is an herb of Venus, and under Leo. Let that sign be rising, and Venus strong and well aspected at the time of cutting it down. Dry it carefully in the sun if possible, but do not let it get damp after it is cut. When thoroughly dry, rap up in paper and keep in a dry place, and you have one of the best remedies that nature produces, and altogether superior to any artificial stuff that man can make for bracing up the nervous system, removing melancholy, and reviving the spirits when cast down either by grief or otherwise. It is a most valuable medicine for females, particularly at the times of parturition. It alleviates the pains and sufferings at these times to a very great extent. It also corrects and replaces all parts that have been disturbed during that process, and many thousand times better than inhuman instruments, cold wet towels, and the like. It is also very valuable in all faintings, swoonings, palpitations, tremblings, and for any kind of nervous irritation. This is extremely useful. The manner of preparing it is by simple infusion, as follows. Put a handful of the dry herb into a bowl or basin, and pour sufficient boiling water over it, to just cover it, cover up close, let it stand for twelve hours, then strain, and take a small teacupful three or four times a day. It may be sweetened if preferred.

At the times before named, it should be taken hot in teacupful doses, made rather warm with cayenne pepper.

DIAPHORETIC POWDER.

Camphor, in fine powder,	2 drachms.
Ipecac, do. do.,	1 drachm.
Bitartarate of Potass,	1 ounce.
Opium, in fine powder,	$\frac{1}{2}$ drachm.

Mix, and thoroughly incorporate by well stirring about in a basin or mortar.

Dose—From five to ten grains—this in cases of cold, fevers, inflammations, sleeplessness, nervous excitement, and the like. This is very valuable; it opens the pores of the skin, and excites perspiration without exciting the system. Dr. King says, "It is of great efficacy in all febril and inflammatory diseases, diarrhœa, dysentery, gout, cholera morbus, rheumatism, after-pains, all cases of nervous irritability or excitement."

Thus we see this simple preparation is a very valuable one. It is seldom, indeed, that we are without it in our own house, nor have we been for several years. We use it in our own family, we have given quantities of it to others, and wherever it goes it gives the best of satisfaction. In a house where there is a family its value cannot be estimated. We cannot sell it on account of the opium it contains; but any chemist will make up the above quantity for a few pence.

SOME THOUGHTS ON ASTROLOGY.

BY A STUDENT.

THERE is no science so little understood, and therefore so heartily abused at the present day, as that of the influence of the planets over the physical and moral world. Many people have a short and ready method of disposing of a subject of which they are totally ignorant, and that is to cry it down as absurd, and few subjects are so open to the criticism of the unthinking and the pretenders to knowledge as astrology; because, though the oldest science in the world, and, therefore, at least, entitled to respect, it has most unjustly become associated with necromancy and other superstitions, and thus been discarded of late years by the scientific world generally, which is too wise in its own conceit to take up a study at once unpopular and unfashionable. It is, however, to be remarked, that when any one of a cultivated mind gives the subject a moment's serious consideration, prejudices begin to melt away, and it soon becomes evident that want of knowledge alone stands in the way of its due appreciation. Even Proctor, who has written several interesting works on astronomy, but who shows the ignorance of most scientific men of the present day respecting astrology, speaks of it as "by far the most respectable of superstitions," and admits that it is based on reasonable grounds

—(“Our place among Infinities”). But if all the astronomers of the day were to cry out against it, their opinion of what they know nothing about could not weigh against such advocates as Kepler, a great philosopher; Lord Bacon, who considered there was much truth in a well-regulated astrology, besides other authorities whose opinions are worthy of the greatest respect.

On what, it may be asked, is a science based which appears to be rejected by the *savans* of the day because they don't think it worth while to investigate it? Simply on the order of nature. For the universe is governed by certain fixed laws, all in harmony with one another, so that, to quote Mr. Proctor again, “Not an atom in the remotest orb can move a hair's-breadth without producing in every other atom throughout the universe an effect infinitely minute to our perceptions, but as manifest to the Almighty as the noon-day sun to us.” And as with the physical world, so with the moral; and many great writers who have been ignorant of astrology have invisibly borne witness to the truth of its principles.

The advocates of astrology simply assert what no thinking person can gainsay, that the world is governed by a fixed order of rules, which are in accordance with the motions of the heavenly bodies, thus declaring the will of the Almighty. To those who object that it is a denial of the principle of man's free-will to assert that the moral world is ruled by fixed laws (though they may admit as much for the physical), it can only be said that free-will is a mystery, that to reconcile it with God's omnipotence is beyond man's powers of comprehension.

What the advocates of astrology assert is, that when a man comes into the world his bodily and mental organisation, his tastes and pursuits, and the principal events of his life can be discovered by a careful study of the figure of the heavens erected for the hour of his birth, and that experience has clearly shown the character of the influence of each planet, and of the aspects they form with one another. The strongest advocates for free-will must admit that it is dependent in a great measure on our organisation. Astrology has also this in its favour, it is a mathematical science, and one that anyone of average intellect can learn who chooses to apply himself to it with diligence; and thus it stands on an entirely different footing to any pretended supernatural gift by which one person is endowed with a power which another cannot have. Astrology requires but accuracy, discernment, and judgment, and any man possessed of common sense and perseverance may become proficient. And it is an art that does not deceive its votaries, for it opens a store of boundless inquiry, which, while it dazzles the imagination, strengthens and enlarges the intellect and manifests the power of God in all His wondrous works, “be the nations never so unquiet.”—H. A. B.

[The above is an extract from Zadkiel's Almanac for 1877, which we think is well worthy of a reproduction in our little pamphlet, as it bears

out in a striking manner the remarks that we are often led to make, namely, that every intelligent person who is not afraid to shake the prejudices and suppositions of his mind by coming in contact with the truth of this science, is bound to accept its principles. This we find to be the case all the world over, and through all time. Thus again, we challenge the world to produce the individual who knows anything about the laws and teachings of astrology, and condemns it. This, we think, ought to be a sufficient evidence to prove, at least to any thoughtful person, that there is something in it that is deserving our attention.—ED.]

Answers to Correspondents.

NOM DE PLUME.—MERCURY LORD OF A.C.—We do not know exactly what you mean, as we have not a copy of Lilly's by us, and it is some time since we saw one. We presume, however, that the converse motion to which you allude is in common with all other converse motions, and should be treated in the same way, that is, by directing the promittor to the significator, instead of the significator to the promittor, as in direct motions. Then the same rule should be followed out, only the semi-diurnal and the semi-nocturnal arches of the said promittor must be taken first instead of those of the significator. Then follow out all the other operations in the ordinary way, but treat the promittor as significator.

SUN IN LEO.—The lord of the tenth, if well posted, gives honour through a partner, the public, or something that is ruled by that house. If in the eighth, by the partner's or wife's money, or if will and legacies are denoted, by that means the native may obtain honour.

ALBERT D.—In carefully considering the position of the moles upon the person you name, I do really think the birth took place some 20 or 30 minutes earlier, which would then give Gemini just leaving the ascendant and Cancer just coming on. Then those upon the extremities of the arm—namely, the hand—would be fairly represented by Gemini, while those upon the breast would be represented by the first degree of Cancer. At the same time, we observe the Moon is in the west, and in a masculine sign, in aspect with the Sun, Jupiter, and Saturn, all masculine planets, which most probably accounts for them being on the right instead of the left side.

G.G.—A will was made (in 1885) leaving property to A for life, and go to B after his death. Query—will B acquire the property; and if so, when? 2nd. Will A marry; if so, when? Also, will he have children? In order to give a satisfactory reply to the first of these questions, it is necessary that we are in possession of the nativity of B or we cannot form any idea of how he will be affected, although there is great probability that A will not survive long, but whether B will benefit thereby we cannot say without a copy of his natus. With respect to question 2nd, we might say we do not see any likelihood of marriage, and, therefore, of no children.

W.S.B.—You say that you have been very unfortunate during the present year. This we do not wonder at, seeing that your Mars, Sun, and Moon are crossing an opposition of Jupiter, and Saturn is near a square of the Sun's radical place. I should advise you, when opportunity serves, to move south-west, but not very far.

Letters to Editor.

257 MORE STREET, HACKNEY, LONDON, E.

SIR,—Following in the footsteps of Messrs. Green and Lacy, your esteemed correspondents, I think you might with advantage to yourself, charge, say, at least, fourpence for the *Astrologer*.

And, as there is said to be wisdom in a multitude of councillors, and our friend Lacy advises enlargement to 32 pages, I may, for the under-mentioned reasons, respectfully ask leave to suggest that the lengthy article on "Birthday Information" give place to something of more general interest to young students of occultism. For I think it is safe and reasonable to say that every reader of the *Astrologer* is also a possessor of *Raphael's Almanac*, wherein appears as much birthday information as we want, considering the rapid process of the ascendant round the *Zodiac*, and the swift motion of *Lunar* is every minute upsetting all calculations made for anything other than the hour and minute, rather than the day of birth.

Life is short, deep calleth unto deep, the great deep of a past, and more than horary eternity calleth unto the greater deep of the future, and we humble students of Nature, standing with uncertain poise on this point, in this light of time, desire to utilise our brief span of mundane existence by dropping our plummetts into the *abyss* of occultism, and looking up through Nature, the earth and the air, unto the heavens, to Nature's God.

You may help us to do this, by opening the golden gates of knowledge and revealing unto us the wonders of that sympathy which pervades all Nature, from angels down through suns and planets, to our own insignificant selves.

Give us then, in place of "Birthday Information," detached articles on *Divination, Amulets, Talismans, Oracles, White Magic*; extracts from Barret's *Magus*, or other similar works dealing with curious "arts" and the deep and hidden things of Nature.—Yours, dear sir,
J. T. CAMPBELL.

[We beg to say that we are extremely obliged to our dear friend, Mr. Campbell, and to others who have thrown out some very valuable hints from time to time, some of which we have found very useful indeed. With respect to friend Campbell's on the present occasion, we might say that we do not think any advance in the price of the *Astrologer* would be practicable, but we should very much like to enlarge to 32 pages at the present price, but that we cannot do at present. We should also be glad to be able to give an illustration or two in every issue; our present circulation, however, will not allow it, so we must wait patiently "till the clouds roll bye." With respect to "Birthday Information," we should be very glad to dispense with it in order to make room for something more substantial, but a great number of our readers at present are very much interested with it. This, we presume, is owing to their inability to grasp the higher attainments in the science. We therefore think it would not be

altogether advisable to discontinue them yet for a time, until our friends generally have made themselves somewhat better acquainted with the subject, and with the general order of Nature. Still, at the same time, we are open to receive any communication or article from any of our numerous friends on any of those subjects friend Campbell has alluded to.—ED.]

WEST VIEW, HALFWAY HOUSE,
NEAR ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE,
June 22nd, 1888.

SIR,—I have got your journal, *The Astrologer*, from June, '87, to April, '88, and want you to send me the Nos. for May and June, '88. I also take the opportunity of saying, that since I have studied Astrology, and have perused nearly all the occult sciences for more than seventeen years, I have not seen a journal to compete with it. The information it contains is just suited for the student, and old scholars also. It is Bible teaching, and nothing else; and any person who will give a few years, or even a few months of study, with a pure unbiassed mind, will see the truth of the science.

Some say Christians should not learn it; but I have been one for thirty years, and I am sure it has drawn me much nearer the throne of heavenly grace. I would to God that more would try it. I can speak in the highest praise—not because you have paid me to do it, but because I love the truth as it is in Jesus. I shall do all I can to push the journal as long as it is published, which I hope will be for many years. Your "Twenty reasons why everybody should study Astrology," should be distributed freely among the public, that readers and thinkers might judge for themselves.—Yours truly, in Astrology,

JAMES NEWSOME, *Teacher of Philosophy.*

The following is from a gentleman who signs himself "Zendavester":—

DEAR SIR,—I have here an exceptional *natus*, the annexed is the figure I have set down to save you the extra trouble. If it be correct for the latitude have the goodness to let it come out in your next if possible. I have been an astrologer myself for many years, but at present I am unable to practise it, but should much like to have your candid opinion on this figure as to what lies before the native this year. I fear there are troubles, but being laid I cannot judge it. I have long sought to write you, and many times also to assist in bringing this science more before the public, although I have induced many to seek into its truths. I have also suffered much from the displeasure and ignorance of supposed high learnt men, but it is really astonishing how blind and short of common sense these men are.

This native has suffered fearfully since August last, both in pocket and health, and this I consider is a good specimen of the hidden truths of astrology. The world is ruled by the will of the Supreme Being, our God.—Yours faithfully, etc.

[We do not know what is the idea and object of our friend in keeping back his name and address, but doubtless, like a great many

more, he does not like to publicly identify himself with anything that is unpopular. We have no doubt, however, that the day is not far distant when this kind of timidity will be a thing of the past. It is what has been experienced by most of the present popular sects; one of the greatest difficulties they have had to contend with, and that which has required their greatest efforts has been to induce their converts to confess openly that they have joined the ranks of the rebels. Wesleyism, quakerism, primitive methodism, teetotalism, and more recently, Salvation Armyism, have all had a terrible struggle to overcome this backwardness and fear of ridicule. Then, of course, astrology must expect to encounter the same, or similar difficulties. But let us hope that our friends will use every effort to shake off this little bit of cowardice and face the superstitions tyrant boldly and manfully. We have nothing to fear. We have truth on our side that will stand investigation; they have nothing but suppositions and delusions which melts away before the truth like snow before the summer sun.]

The figure in question is of a male born June 23rd, 1834, at 3h. 20m. a.m.—Latitude 50°, 49' North; Longitude 9°, 37' East. Here we find \square 24° 51' is on the ascendant, while \odot 19° is transiting the M.C. or mid-heaven; ζ is lord of the figure, and is placed in the 2nd house in ♌ , in ♁ to the ♄ , and near a \times of ♃ . This does not speak very well for success in business and financial affairs, for ♃ , lord of the 1st, and ♄ , ruler of the 2nd, are afflicting each other by ♁ , and both heavily afflicted by sign, and we should say the native has a very hard struggle against fate generally. Then, as if to confirm this, and to make sure doubly sure, the \odot is near the cusp of the 2nd, and in \square with ♄ , which will also have an effect upon the health, as well as upon the financial affairs. ♁ is lord of the 10th, and is exalted therein, but is in \square with ♃ . This position of ♁ would give the native some degree of honour, credit, and esteem, but ♃ being lord of the 7th and 11th, in an evil house and in evil aspect to the lord of 10th, it will effectually prevent anything of the kind occurring; but we are sorry to say, on the other hand, this position of the benefic ♃ only adds to the former-mentioned evil. ♃ has a \times with both ♄ and ♁ , which at times will have the effect of counteracting to some extent those evils.

So far as the present year of the native's life is concerned, we find that the \odot has reached, by secondary motion, to within 2° of an ♁ of ♁ , and to a \angle of ♄ , while the ♄ in the 8th is returning to its own radical place, and consequently to the ♁ it held at birth. We do not wish to comment on the prospects of this native, as there is nothing of a very gratifying nature denoted; but, simply to confirm our friend's idea, we might say that a rather troublesome year is notified.