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THE USE OF THE MAPS;

OR

HOW TO READ A NATIVITY.

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What we consider to be the next point of vital importance, and which claims our most serious attention in studying a person's nativity, is the general health, the constitution, and duration of the person's life.

Now, in directing the attention of students to this most important consideration, we intend adhering to our original promise, that is, first to adopt the system laid down by Raphael in his Guides before we treat on any other of the more complicated methods of judging the state of a person's health, &c., as given by many other authors.

We beg to say we have more than one object in view in doing this. The first is for the sake of its simplicity, which we think in the present state of ignorance on the part of the masses respecting the science, and the great and wide-spread desire that is now abroad and rapidly increasing among men of all classes and all grades of society to obtain at least some idea or knowledge respecting this old, rejected, despised, and insulted truth, we think the simpler our teaching the more readily it will be received, and the better it will be understood and comprehended by students generally.

It is young students, and those who know little or nothing about the matter, that we feel it our duty and privilege to instruct most, seeing that such few books on the subject are available, and what there are most of them can only be had by those who can afford to pay a big price for them. The majority of these works also are altogether useless to the general public, or to the person who possesses but little information, or who has no desire to commence a deep and hard study of the thing. There are vast numbers of highly intelligent persons who are bitterly opposed to it, and who would never consent to devote themselves to the study of works that are of a complicated nature, but at the same time something that is simple and

easily comprehended and understood may strike their attention. They never saw it in that light before they say, and hence they commence to investigate the thing for themselves, and thus become interested in the great and marvellous truths of this noble science. "The Astrologer," to our knowledge, has done a great amount of work in this way, and thus has caused other works on the subject to be more than ever sought after, so much so that we feel encouraged, and not only encouraged, but we feel it our duty to endeavour to bring it before our readers and the public in the simplest manner possible.

There is another very important reason why we prefer to introduce the method of Rapheal in giving judgment on this part of a person's nativity. It is this, viz., he takes the Sun to be representative, or rather giver of life, instead of (as in the works of other authors) the hylegical places, the asc., the M. C., &c. Now this to our mind is extremely simple, reasonable, and most unmistakeably the most natural, for it is a well known scientific fact that the Sun, according to universal law, is the only producer of life and motion; and were it blotted out, or its life-producing, and life-sustaining effects withheld if only for five minutes, all life and motion would cease, while the hylegical places thus spoken of would have but little or no effect. Here, then, are two very essential reasons why we first adopt the theory and teaching of the above author in our present instructions; not that we wish to dictate to anyone, or to say this is right and that is wrong, but to treat all authors and their theories with all due respect, and bring all their various teachings before our readers, and then leave them to decide for themselves which they will adopt.

Let us now return to our object, and in the first place, examine the map, that of General Boulanger. In this figure (as we have before remarked) the Sun, the great natural source of life and motion is near the ascendant, and is heavily afflicted by the opposition of Saturn, and also by the zodiacal square of both Mars and Jupiter.

We ought to have said in our previous remarks that according to the position of the hyleg, and the aspects of other planets (good or evil), and the nature of the planets that are in aspect to it, the houses and signs they occupy, together with the state of the sixth, its lord, and how it is placed, must all be taken into consideration, in giving judgment in this matter.

Now, in this figure the Sun is hyleg, according to all the various systems of judging, for it is practically on the asc.

Now let us bear in mind, if it be a fact that the Sun is the producer of life, it is equally as much a fact that the planet Saturn, is the destroyer of life, although Mars and Uranus are found to contribute a good deal to the destroying power of the

great malific ; yet they are seldom found to produce death when afflicting the hyleg, unless Saturn is afflicting also. In fact this planet, by its baneful magnetic action upon the earth, may be considered the chief destroyer, not only of human life but of all other animal life also. This, like any other part of the astral science, can soon be proved by any intelligent person.

The hyleg (or Sun) in this map is what is astrologically called strong, being as it is placed on the most important angle in the heavens, namely, the ascendant. Then, as the hyleg is so powerfully placed, and Mercury, ruler of sixth, is in a fiery and healthy sign, near a conjunction of Venus and a zodiacal trine of Mars, and no evil planet in the sixth, neither is that house afflicted in any way, we may therefore consider the native's health on the whole to be good, and his constitution strong, and that this will be maintained up to the time of his death.

This is a figure in which but little sickness is shown, although the hyleg is so much afflicted.

Then, it might be asked, what effect may these afflicting positions and aspects be expected to exert upon the life of the person they are presumed to operate upon ? In reply to this, let us again remark — the Sun, producer and sustainer of life, is oriental and strong, while Saturn, the producer of death, is also strong, being angular on the cusp of seventh ; thus life and death are, as it were, face to face with each other, and as the two are such bitter opponents, and as the seventh rules public enemies, we may reasonably conclude that some terrible strife with some powerful public enemy will be brought about, as a natural consequence resulting from the effects of this opposition.

Then, again, we find Mars rules the seventh, and is afflicting zodiacally both life and death, but this planet itself being of an evil nature, and disposing of death (Saturn) and itself in the sign Leo, shows that death will be effected by metals, or metallic instruments of some kind.

Again, Jupiter rules the eighth, the house of death, which is also afflicted by both Sun, Mars, and Saturn. These combined positions, and the fact that Mars, a martial planet, is ruler of all hard metals, sharp instruments, fire arms, battlefields, duels, &c., and being near a conjunction with Jupiter, ruler of the native's death, points most distinctly to a termination of life being brought about by means of some great and deadly conflict, in which instruments of a metallic nature are used.

The events that will be brought about to end this person's mortal career are those of a public character ; and are, or rather will be, on a large scale. This may be learned from the fact of

the planets being in powerful aspects and in fixed signs, a cardinal sign on the tenth, and it ruled by a ponderous planet, which is angular.

Viewing all these from an astrological point of view, it becomes very evident that (as our friend Herschel has remarked) this person will not meet his death through sickness, or disease, nor in what may be termed a natural manner, but that he will meet it through some kind of violence and public antagonism.

(To be continued.)

A REMARKABLE DREAMER.

(Continued from page 138, vol 2.)

As we have already remarked every effect must have a cause, and whether we can account for that cause or not matters but little. We know it must of a natural necessity exist somewhere or other, or the effect could not be produced.

Then if this be so (which we think we have no need make any attempt at proving), this gentleman must have some special cause for his special gift.

Of course one who is ignorant of natural causes, and has no idea of any ruling influences beyond those of one man over another, which idea is connected in some very unintelligible manner with a notion that some great motive power is sitting in an arm chair, or something of that kind, and placed somewhere up above, in order to see all that is going on below, but what that power is and how it operates they have no idea whatever; hence they are in a complete mist in respect to these things, and assume a number of reasons to account for them, which are, as a rule, altogether unscientific, and therefore untruthful and not worthy of notice.

There is no doubt this blind state of Bible students and the theologians of this enlightened age is the chief if not the sole cause of the great confusion that exists among them, respecting those matters that are of such vital importance.

The practical astrologer, however, looks to the heavens for a revelation of all things; it is there he sees and converses with the Great Law Giver on the affairs of his fellow-man; it is there he finds God in his majesty, ever ready and willing to hold consultation. It was there he was found by the ancients, both Jews and Gentiles, and there he is found in all his glory now by the earnest seeker after truth. And there, and only there, can a proper natural cause be found for all the effects we poor little mortals witness as we journey through life.

Now let us have another look at our friend's horoscope.

There we find the Moon is rising in the sign Scorpio.

It is said when the Moon is found in the ascendant at the time of a person's birth, as in this figure, we look for it to impart to the native an unsettled and rambling disposition, a fondness for novelty, fresh scenery, changes, company, a somnambulist, a peculiar and uncommon dreamer. Sometimes the natives of the lunar orb rising are fond of drink and low company, but like all the other effects these are subject to very great variety, according to other causes that may be operating at the same time.

We also find in this figure the Moon is ruler of the ninth mansion, the house of wisdom, knowledge, science, religion, truth, and all that is honourable and good. This mansion was called by the ancients the house of God, and no wonder, for the person who has this house well occupied by the benefics in their dignities—particularly Jupiter is one that it—may be depended upon if he cannot fulfil his promises, or meet his engagements, it is because other causes are operating to hinder him and not through any evil intent. This house also rules dreams. Saturn is placed on the cusp, on the threshold, as it were, of this house, and is in trine aspect with the Lunar orb. From this fact alone it is not at all to be wondered at if the person whose life is governed by influences emanating from positions and aspects like these be a dreamer, and that of no ordinary type, and also that his dreams are very trustworthy is shown by the aspect between Moon and Saturn being a good one.

Then, again, there are other positions and aspects, giving force and truthfulness to the native's dreams. They are these, viz., both Mercury and Jupiter are in favourable aspect with the Moon, while Mercury, ruler of the intellectual faculties is received by Jupiter, and is in beneficial aspect also.

Thus we find in this natus, as well as in all others, that there are abundant evidences to prove that the causes of all terrestrial things which are but secondary only exist in heaven or the heavens, and what we observe manifested in humanity are simply effects.

As to the character and disposition of this native, it may be seen from the figure that it is almost unimpeachable in every respect.

Many persons for want of knowledge on these points may reasonably enough ask the question, How can these things be? How can the other planets at such immense distances from us exert any effect upon us? It seems altogether impossible. So it may; but are there not many things in nature that seem altogether impossible, yet they exist nevertheless; and when

we are made aware of the fact respecting any of them that we had no knowledge of before, how surprised and astonished we become. So it is with the magnetic force, or influence of one planet upon another.

Let us then remember the earth is a huge magnetic and electric battery, also that all the planets in the system are enormous batteries, the greatest of them all being the Sun. By this greater one a thorough communication between them is established and maintained; and so perfect is this communication that it is said by those who are supposed to know that not one of these batteries can be disturbed to any extent without affecting the others to a corresponding extent. These of course must be considered as universal effects, and affects the whole world; and every particle composing the earth, whether animate or inanimate, is affected according to its nature, and its capacity for receiving and assimilating these effects. We are here speaking of uncommon and extraordinary occurrences; it however by no means disproves but rather substantiates the theory that the common effects or the common currents from one planet to another operate in the same way.

THE EMBLEM MOVEMENT.

Owing to stress of business we have not been able to pay that attention to the "pin" or "token" movement that we ought to have done, nor as we desired to. However, we take this opportunity of saying that the pin is by far the most in favour with our readers, and for that reason we have decided to adopt it.

The design we have chosen is one sent by our friend Pershouse, the originator of the movement. This design consists of the emblem of Mercury with Uranus in the centre of bottom space, and the Moon laying across the top. This we think is very suggestive, and will be good to distinguish.

We are expecting quotations from a firm of jewellers, for plated metal, silver, and gold, and hope to have something more to say about the matter next month.

There are also many in favour of friend Lacey's proposal; namely, an Astrological Directory, and we cordially invite those who are wishful to have their names and addresses in a work of this kind to let us know at their earliest convenience.

CHOICE APHORISMS.

19.—Fortunate planets retrograde are unfortunate if cadent from angles or their houses, &c., as one hoping for good but who never realises it.

20.—A fortune retrograde with an infortune strengthens the infortune's nature, but abates the worth of his own.

21.—An infortune in his own house direct, and there joined to a fortune, his malignancy shall turn to good.

22.—A planet in the last degree of a sign is as a man falling from his former estate.

23.—A planet in the first degree of a sign is ever found to be of very weak signification.

24.—From the first degree to the fifteenth a planet is rising, but from the fifteenth to the twenty-fifth he is completed in strength.

25.—A planet in the last five degrees of a sign is as a man-leaving his house.

26.—An earthy planet in the ascendant strong, he argues good in any thing ; that is, a planet ruling the earthy trigon.

27.—A planet not in his own house is as a man knocking at another man's door, and his signification is to be slighted, as having no power in that place.

28.—When planets are with the sun their powers and significations are made-less.

29.—When planets are in the last degree of a sign retrograde their judgments are transmitted, their light lessened, and their strength and glory abated.

30.—A planet seven degrees distant from the Sun, and in his own house retrograde, is as a man in his castle, in the power of his enemies, striving to abandon slavery.

31.—A planet in the house of his enemy is as a man in such a condition, a prisoner in earnest.

32.—A planet in his own house free from affliction, declares the perfection of the question or thing interrogated.

33.—The Moon separating from a planet ever declares what is past, be it good or bad.

34.—But the Moon applying to a planet always pronounceth what is to come, after the same manner.

35.—When the Moon in any question separates from Saturn she declares sorrow, discord, & trouble.

36.—When she is found to separate from Jupiter, she intimates good fortune, mirth, and pleasure.

37.—When she shall separate from Mars, it signifies contention, strife, bloodshed, bonds, false witness, &c.

38.—When the Moon separates from the Sun, she signifies cures, fears, sickness, and imprisonments.

39.—If she separates from Venus, then lust, sport, laughter, dancing, singing, &c., is denoted.

40.—When she separates from Mercury, her significations are to be interpreted according to his position, for Mercury is convertible.

41.—The Moon applying to a planet shows things to come, according to the nature of her application with them: as if with a planet that is a fortune, then it signifies good; to an infortune, then the contrary.

42.—The Moon fortunate in the morning, the querent's business prospers the better all day after; one born when she is so will be fortunate.

43.—The Moon unfortunate in the morning shows corruption of the question, &c., and he that is born dieth quickly, or else is very sickly.

44.—The Moon in conjunction with Saturn is found to be an evil day for every work.

45.—The Moon in conjunction with Jupiter, is found to be a good day in all human affairs.

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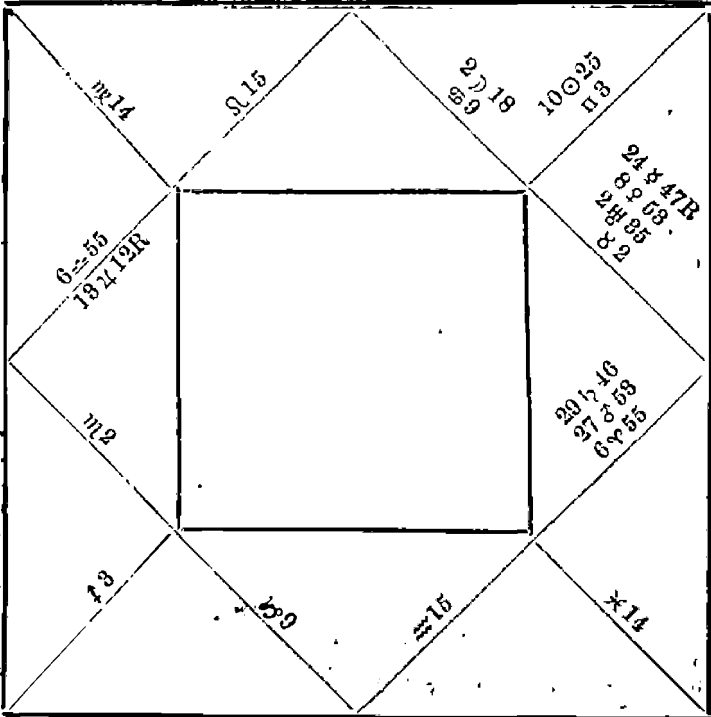
THE NATIVITY OF A MOST LOVELY LADY.

The following is the natus of a lady who was born under exceptional planetary influences for producing a beautiful person; not only beautiful, pleasing and attractive to the eye, but also in manner, conduct, and disposition.

In observing the various effects of the magnetic bodies and the signs in this way, we find as a result that persons of very great variety are produced, and among the number are some extremely disproportionate and awkward made, while others are beautifully proportionate in every way, and of elegant appearance. Some are very even and proportionate in structure, but are far from being pleasing or pretty to look upon. Nature is always bringing forth extremes of all kinds; and while in the human form she is found bringing forth those of extreme disproportionate, and, to use a vulgar phrase, extreme ugliness, she is also found bringing into physical existence those of even extremely proportions and of exquisite beauty.

The lady to whom we have to refer was born, June 1st, 1851, at 2 p.m., latitude 51 north.

The following is the figure of the heavens for the time and place:—



It may be seen from the above figure, that the sign Libra is rising. Now it is an understood fact among students of the astral science that whatever comes into life, or whatever is propagated when this sign is rising, unafflicted by the malific planets, is of a very symmetrical form, very fair, and more or less beautiful in appearance. Even flower or vegetable seeds if put into the ground when this sign is rising, with the Moon in it and increasing in light, will bear out the above statement, as the plants they produce come to maturity. The same thing is also borne out by the lower animals, if we only noted what a tremendous variety and difference is to be found in their general appearance, as well as in their temper and dispositions. We need not confine ourselves to any particular kind, or any particular breed or variety of animal in order to substantiate this, for it can be found existing in them all to just about the same extent as in the human race. This, we think, no person possessing his proper intellectual faculties can fail to observe. Than we might remark, if this variation really does exist, as we say it does, and can be found in the simple manner we say it can, it must be an undeniable fact, and one that no theology, nor any amount of human reasoning can refute.

The question next arising in our mind, and doubtless in the minds of many others, is if this be the natural state of things, if this great variety does exist, it cannot be anything more than the effect of some cause. What is that cause?

Now to answer this question scientifically and truthfully we must keep clear of all theology, and ask the opinions of no man, nor even consult our own, but seek for a reply from another natural scientific fact, which also is known to exist.

We must now call the attention of the contemplative reader to the science, namely—Astrology.

We have already stated in our pages that different zodiacal signs when rising in the east, produce different effects upon the earth, but what we want chiefly to deal with here is the diversity of these effects upon humanity.

By the figure now under consideration let us again remark we find the zodiacal sign Libra is rising. The general description of persons who are born when this sign is rising, as given by the various authors of works on the science, are something after the following :—Somewhat tall and not stout, but evenly and elegantly formed, the face round, the skin fine, soft, and smooth; complexion a lovely red and white, the hair auburn or flaxen colour, and eyes blue, altogether possessing much elegance and beauty. In disposition courteous, gentle, friendly, and truthful. Various authors vary the wording of the descriptions according to their own phraseology, but in the main they all agree.

We must of course make allowance for the position of Venus the ruler, the other magnets that aspect it, the nature of these magnets, and of the aspects they form to it, and also to the degree of the sign that is found on the asc. ; and if any planet be found in the asc. or near it, it must be also taken into consideration, for all these will be found causing a certain amount of variation in the person's general appearance, and also in his or her mental abilities, &c., either for intensifying or diminishing the beauty, &c.

Now here we find Venus strong in its own house, Taurus near a conjunction of Uranus, semisextile of Sun and sextile of Moon. The latter rules the tenth, and has a double exaltation there, being in its own house and near the mid-heaven, while the Sun is near a trine of Jupiter, and it is near the asc.

A great deal might be commented upon here, but we must leave it and hurry on. Suffice it to say, the positions and aspects here noted are well qualified to cause a good deal of variation from the above description, and, if anything, in point of appearance to increase the elegance and beauty, while they will most decidedly improve the disposition, &c.

We have now stated at some length, what the science has to say on this point. It will appear evident to any practical student that the horoscope here given is one that is well qualified to produce a person of extraordinary beauty, and that in more respects than one; and to confirm what the science says on the subject, let us quote what the native herself has to say about it.

She certainly ought to be the best judge. This, then, is what she says:—"I am of medium height, have clear light hazel eyes, fair and very fine skin, showing blue veins under, fair pale complexion, golden auburn hair, and am very lady-like and of a good figure; my form is beautifully shaped, I have got lovely teeth, two rather large ones in the front, with a slight parting between, and have got pretty feet, with rather high instep. The colour of moles are light-brown, I have one on the right breast (Sun in Cancer), two on my right arm (Moon in Gemini in sextile to Jupiter and asc.) I have a clear musical voice; carriage very upright, back long and slender.

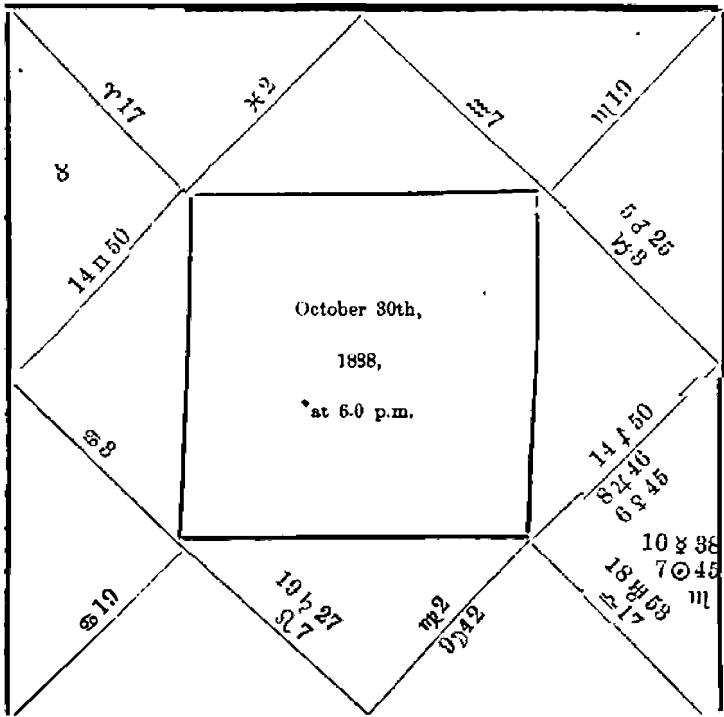
We are sorry we cannot dwell any longer on this most interesting figure, as there is such a great amount of both interesting and instructive matter contained in it, but we must of necessity pass it by, leaving it, with our few remarks thereon, in the hands of students for their contemplation and guidance.

HORARY ASTROLOGY.

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The following figure was erected in order to discover whether a person would get possession of keys that some dispute was then going on about. The gentleman in question had (so far as we could learn) taken some business premises of a certain proprietor while another person had legal possession of them, and on the strength of what was said and done a considerable amount of money was spent on the premises in fitting up, &c., by the anticipated new tenant. However, when all was about ready for him to enter and commence his business the old tenant refused to hand over the keys until his tenancy had expired, which was not for some months to come. On account of this, application was made to us in the emergency, to know whether the keys would be got or not. The following is a copy of the figure we erected for the answer.

Question :—Shall I obtain the key of premises ?



Our reply to the above query, was something after the following :—

You may make yourself quite contented, you will get the keys

in question without any trouble whatever, but not so soon as you expect or would like to. All you need do, however, is to wait patiently, a little time will bring things all right.. Our advice was taken and acted upon, and in a few days the keys were handed over without any further ceremony or nonsense

We might have remarked, however, that a little money would be required to settle the matter amicably, for it was clearly enough shown by the figure, and was actually the case.

This is a very simple figure, and as simple to understand or to read its signification.

For instance, Mercury rules the figure, that is, it is lord of the asc., and therefore represents the querent. Jupiter rules the seventh, and therefore represents the quesited, as he was no relation to the querent. Now both these representatives are cadent, being as they are in the sixth, and Jupiter being strong, shows the quesited in possession which he can keep, if he chooses, for all the querent can do to prevent him. But the two lords are in friendly aspect, and the Moon, ruler of the querent's second (his money) is separating from a square of Jupiter (the quesited), and is applying direct to a sextile of Mercury (the querent). The Moon also has a good aspect with the Sun, which, being lord of the fourth, represents the premises in question. The evil Saturn is in the fourth, but is not afflicted.

Thus the whole thing appeared clear and simple, and as we gave judgment upon it so it happened, and both parties were satisfied. The delay is shown by the significators being cadent. That the result was certain is shown by the Moon leaving one significator and directly applying to the other; and that it would not be long delayed by the Moon in close aspect with the two.

This separation of the Moon from one significator and application to the other is termed translation.

NOTICE.

In our November number appeared an article headed, "Is Marriage a Failure?" It was sent to us by a correspondent, and was evidently a clipping from some newspaper or other, and as our correspondent stated in his letter to us, was presumed to be an abstract partly from the "New York Mercury," and partly from the "English University Magazine," as we stated in our foot note. Since the issue of this number, we have received a note from Mr. A. J. Pearce, author of several very valuable works on the science, among which are "The Text-Book of Astrology," "The Science of the Stars," "The Weather Guide," &c., stating that this article is really and truly an abstract from his monthly work, "Urania," of August, 1880, which work is

copyright. Now we are sorry for this, for of course it seems like an infringement on our part on this gentleman's rights. It was not so, however, for we had no knowledge of its existence in any other shape than that stated, neither do we think our correspondent had any knowledge of this. We, however, beg to offer this our apology to our worthy contemporary, hoping he will receive it in the same friendly and sympathetic spirit in which it is given. [EDITOR.]

We are most happy to state Mr. Pearce has hinted to us that vol. 2 of his "Text Book," is in course of preparation, and will be ready for publication in January or February, 1889. No doubt those of our readers who are somewhat advanced in the science will hail this with gladness, particularly those who are already acquainted with vol. 1, and previous works, by this able author.

Mr. Pearce has not mentioned the price this volume is intended to be sold at, therefore we cannot say, but we have already received orders for it let the price be what it may. This speaks much in its favour. We hope to be able to say something more about it shortly.

ANOTHER ANNOUNCEMENT.

We have also great pleasure in announcing that our friend Mr. J. Story, of Sheffield, is anticipating a reproduction of Simmonite's Arcana in parts, providing a sufficient number of subscribers can be obtained to justify its publication. This, we have no doubt, will be received with much satisfaction and pleasure by vast numbers of our readers, and all who have any knowledge of what this most valuable work is. Mr. Story would be glad to receive the names of all intending subscribers at an early date.

ASTROLOGICAL ADVICE TO GARDENERS, FARMERS, &c.

The best days on which to sow seeds, and propagate vegetables, plants or flowers of any kind, (that is if their nature requires it this month) is the 5th, 6th, and 7th. The best time of day is from 10 to 11. a.m., for the earth's magnetic regulator is then rising in the fruitful sign Pisces. 15th and 16th, from 2-30 to 4-30 p.m., the Moon is then rising in Cancer.

MEDICAL BOTANY ;

OR, EVERY MOTHER HER OWN DOCTOR.

Let all roots, &c., that are required for medical purposes be taken from the soil at the following times, viz., for those of the Sun there are no months favourable except March, April, July, and August, when it is in either Aries or Leo ; those of Mercury should be got on the 12th from 1 to 2 p.m. ; those of Venus on the 25th, from 3 to 4 p.m. ; those of Mars on the 15th, from 2-30 to 3-30 p.m. ; of Jupiter, on the 4th, from 9 to 10 a.m. ; of Saturn, 27th, from 10 to 11 a.m.

REMEDY FOR RINGWORMS, SORE HEADS, &c.

Thoroughly bruise Savin and mix with best lard, when it is ready for application.

FRIARS' BALSAM.

Benzoin	one ounce and a half.
Purified Borax	one ounce.
Balsam of Tolu	half ounce.
Powdered Aloes two drachms.
Rectified spirits	one pint.

Put altogether in a bottle, and cork tight, shake up frequently for fourteen days, then filter.

This is a very valuable preparation.

REMEDY FOR WHOOPING COUGH.

It is said that *Thymis, vulgaris*, Common Thyme, is the best remedy we possess for this most distressing complaint. The method of using it is simply by simmering one ounce of the dried herb in one pint and a half of water down to one pint, then strain and sweeten with honey. A tablespoonful of this may be given to young children every hour or two without the slightest danger. The effects are said to be wonderful.

There are several species of thyme, the whole of which are under Venus, and if gathered when the magnetic effect of that planet is strong, we have no

doubt whatever but what is said of it above will be fully borne out. The best kinds for medicine are the wild and the common garden kinds.

PREPARATION FOR THE SKIN.

A beautiful and valuable preparation for the skin may be made as follows, viz :—

Fresh Lemon Juice	4 ounces.
Glycerine	2
Alcohol	2 "
Rose Water	1½ "

Mix. A little of it may be applied to the face or hands at any time by means of a sponge. It removes freckles, itching, and irritation.

A NOVEL REMEDY FOR WARTS.

An American says :—Place the thumb upon the wart, and press it against the bone, move the wart backwards and forwards upon the bone, until the roots become irritated and sore, when it (the wart, of course) will disappear.

At this we do not wonder for a moment, neither can we blame it for so doing, after being treated in this rough and cruel manner. How could it be expected to stay any longer.

We now have a much milder, kinder, and more friendly way of inviting these little insinuating gentlemen to take their departure, which invitation they accept without the slightest objection or the least nonsense ; in fact, such a little ado do they make about it that very seldom does the person on whose hand or hands they have taken up their abode know they are flown until he witnesses the fact with his own eyes.

Now for how to do it. Let the person who is in possession of one or any number of these stick-fast little visitors watch for the next full Moon, and on the night this occurs, let it reach the mid-heaven, then, without saying a word to anyone about it, go outside and stand opposite the Moon, count the number of warts, and say, " Please, Moon, take them

all away." Go to bed and go to sleep, and your little annoyances will take their flight.

ST. JACOB'S OIL.

It is said a preparation composed as follows very nearly resembles the celebrated St. Jacob's Oil:—Olive oil, oil of Sassafras, Camphor, and Chloroform, of each four ounces, tincture of Capsicum two drachms, spirits of turpentine twenty four ounces, coloured with alkanet.

Whether this be the original formula or not it matters but little, the various parts of its composition cannot help but make it a most valuable article.

CHAPPED HANDS.

A splendid preparation for chapped hands is composed as follows:—

Glycerine	one ounce.
Carbolic Acid	ten grains.
Rose Water	half ounce.

Mix, and apply a little night and morning.

LOTION FOR CHILBLAINS AND FROST BITES.

Glycerine	6 drachms.
Tannen	8 grains.
Rose Water	3 ounces.

Mix, and apply as often as necessary.

REMEDY FOR BURNS, SCALDS, &c.

A Crawshawbooth correspondent sends us the following:—I beg to hand you the following simple botanical receipt, if you think it worth inserting in "The Astrologer." I say it is a simple one; that does not diminish, but rather improves its value. My mother has used it ever since I was three years old; at which time I was burnt very severely all over my body. An old man came to see me, and gave my mother this most precious prescription, for, said he, you are poor, and cannot afford to spend a lot of money on quackery; and according to her statement there was no need to. There are only

three herbs required to make it up, and they are each under the influence of Venus, and these are what they are :—

Groundsel, dry ...	1 ounce.
Plantain Leaves, dry ...	1 „
Wood Sage, dry	1 „

Simmer in two quarts of water, down to one ; then take a little of this water, put it in a saucepan and boil it, to which add meal sufficient to make a porridge, and as soon as cool enough it may be applied to burns, scalds, abscesses, boils, bad breasts, or anything of that kind, for which it is invaluable.

Our correspondent does not say what kind of meal is to be used. We might, however, suggest that either oat meal, linseed, or better still, slippery elm may be used.

LETTERS TO EDITOR.

8, ROSEMOUNT TERRACE, KEIGHLEY,

Oct. 25th, 1888.

DEAR SIR,—The following subscriptions have been received this month for the Astrological Defence Association :—

	£	s.	d.
C. Davis, Bournemouth	5	0	
F. W. Lacey, London	2	6	
Mr. Morley, Halifax	2	6	
Lecture on Astrology, Halifax	16	0	
Lectures at Keighley	6	2½	

yours truly,

J. Blackburn.

We are most happy to congratulate the astrologers in the neighbourhood of Keighley for the manner in which they are rallying round Mr. Lund, since the outrageous and unjust treatment he received at the hands of the magistrates of that place in August last.

Since then a number of extremely interesting articles from various correspondents have appeared in the local papers, "The Keighley Herald" especially. We should advise our readers to procure as many copies of that paper as they can, from the time of the trial up to the present date, feeling sure they will be highly interested therein. The articles thus referred to show in

an unmistakeable manner, that the astrologers, at least, of that district, are men of intelligence, thought, and reason, and not the silly, weakminded, ignorant creatures, many persons, who are of this class themselves, suppose them to be,

We look upon this unjust and tyrannical persecution as being one of the best and most powerful stimulants our friends could possibly have received. It has aroused the indignation of numerous correspondents, it has brought forth the latent and hidden talents of Mr. Luud and his friends, and set on fire their enthusiasm, hence the formation of the Astrological Defence Association, to which we hope all will respond. Then, again, it has inspired our friends with the idea of giving a course of lectures on the subject, in order to enlighten the public mind upon this most valuable and important matter.

And thus we find we have now at least one piece of ordnance ready for the field, and we have no doubt but many more are in course of construction, and will be ready in due time for mounting upon the battlements of truth and justice, to defend this, the grandest, the noblest, and most useful science that man can possibly make himself acquainted with.

We must therefore not be too hard upon those executors of the law if they have gone a little beyond the limits of their boundary line. What they have done they have undoubtedly done in ignorance, and this we all know has ever been a great hinderance to all progress, in all ages; and it not unfrequently happens that those things which appear such great hinderances and stumbling blocks, in the way turn out to be the very means by which predicted or desired events are brought about. This seems most likely to be the case here.

Then let us, who profess a knowledge of good and evil, of the origin of causes and effects, look upon these things from a charitable point of view, and let us one and all humbly and sympathetically breathe forth that same sweet, loving, and all-hallowing prayer, that was once uttered by One under very similar but vastly more trying circumstances, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Tredegar, Mon.,

Nov. 12th, 1888.

DEAR SIR,—I am very pleased to see that the noble science of Astrology is being brought to the front, through the instrumentality of your interesting little journal, "The Astrologer."

It must be gratifying to the Editor to receive such encouraging letters from the many able correspondents. When important testimony is given from outsiders like that from "Pro Bono Publico," in the Sept. number, much will be done to

vindicate the claims of astrology, and will induce those who are prejudiced against the science to examine and investigate it for themselves.

I have thought it not amiss to give an illustration of a case belonging to the Horary branch of Astrology.

A person enquired of me recently whether a certain person would live or die. It must be observed that the quesited was the wife of the querent's employer. I informed the querent that the person he enquired about would probably be dead by the time he received my reply, which was the case, the Moon being in exact opposition at the time. I give the time, so that all interested may examine it for themselves—14th October, 1888, 9. 12 a.m. In this case the first represents the querent, the tenth house shows the employer, and the fourth represents the wife (being the 7th from the 10th).

In this figure we see Saturn in the 6th in exact opposition to the Moon in the 12th. The Sun, lord of the house of sickness, is in close proximity with Uranus. Observe also the Sun in his "fall" Libra, Venus lady of the 4th, which shows the end of all things, is located in her detriment; besides she is in square to the Moon, and applying to square of Saturn. Moreover, Jupiter, lord of the 1st, has the semisquare of Uranus lord of the 12th. Hence I came to a conclusion quickly that the patient could not recover, but was passing away at the very moment I received the query. If it was necessary at any time, the querent himself would come forward and substantiate my every word.

I could bring forward many other cases singularly striking to prove the truth of the remarks given on pages 128 and 126 of "The Astrologer," and which I may do from time to time with the permission of the Editor.

Let the student observe that to erect a figure for some trifling and unimportant affair will only lead to disappointment; but on the other hand, if the mind is really and seriously anxious, the figure will be plain and simple, as I have very frequently proved.

Hoping I have not taken up too much of your valuable time and space,

I remain, faithfully yours,

ROLANDUS.

A STRIKING PROOF OF PLANETARY INFLUENCE.

In "The Week," a Sheffield newspaper, dated November 3rd, there is an account in "News, Views, and Reviews" of a late official of the Midland Railway Co., John Stretland Gratton. In speaking of his life and death the writer says:—"The gap left by Mr. Gratton, will not easily be refilled. As a business

man the commercial world might be scoured to find his equal. He lived at Stretton Hall, near Clay Cross, but he was at Derby Station each morning at a quarter past eight, and had got through an ordinary day's work before most people were out of bed, and was off by train on very important business to Bristol or Carlisle, London or Lynn, before they had thought of breakfast. If you stated an elaborate case to him he discovered the point long before you had arrived at the end of the argument. He crowded into the last few years of his life some very important land purchases; I remember some of them. I think of the widening of the Somerset and Dorset Railway, the Doe Lead Extension, the Birmingham and West Suburban Line, the Ancoats Junction, Ripley and Heanor Extension, and the Skipton and Ilkley Railway. In the present year he purchased the Osmaston Park Estate, and negotiated the land required for the Dore and Chinley Railway. He was secretary of the Way and Works Committee, the spending department of the Midland Co., and secretary also to joint committees like the Otley and Ilkley, the Swinton and Knottingley, and the Ashby and Nuneaton.

“His knowledge of the thirteen hundred miles of Midland line was unique. He knew every level crossing, right of way, boundary fence, and accommodation road as if they were a child's alphabet. If the branches of a tree obscured the engine driver's view of a signal he recognised the exact oak or elm, beech or sycamore, without consulting plan or sketch. He had a reverence for ancient footpaths, and it pained him to cause a tree to be cut down.

“He died in his prime of typhoid fever. He was born September 1st, 1835, and died on the 24th October, 1888. He entered the service of the Midland Railway Company on the 4th January, 1854, and was appointed their land agent February 17th, 1859. He was appointed to the following committees on the dates named:—Midland Way and Works, 22nd Jan., 1861; Ashby and Nuneaton, 5th Oct., 1867; Otley and Ilkley 11th Feb., 1868; and Swinton and Knottingley, 12th July, 1880.”

Now after reading about this wonderful business genius, I turned to the Ephemeris for 1885, for information concerning this truly wonderful man, and the planets places for Sept. 1st, are as follows:—The Sun in Virgo 8. 17. 25, the Moon in Sagittarius 27. 25, Uranus in Aquarius 28. 10, Saturn in Libra 20. 30, Jupiter in Cancer 10. 7, Mars 10-30 Libra, Venus 29. 19 Leo, Mercury in Virgo 9. 32, Moon's node Gemini 3. 26. Now if the student will compute the aspects, he will be compelled to say that this man was a heaven born genius for he will find the Moon sextile to Uranus and trine of Venus, the Sun sextile to Jupiter and Mars in conjunction with Mercury in conjunction with Venus. Of course he has his evil like every other and so

we find Uranus in opposition to Venus and Jupiter square to Mars, but these are in a good measure nullified by the good aspects of Sun and Moon, and in both cases the aspects are leaving and not applying; a believer in Astrology from an examination of these aspects, with no knowledge of the person, would have said that this man could not help but become all that is said of him in the above extracts. It is a pity we do not know the moment of his birth.

Now I dare say a sceptic will say that these positions are only a coincident; but let me remind both sceptic and student that it is by watching such coincident that we find the rule; it is by the accumulation of such coincidents that the fact is established and Astrology proved to a demonstration. It would be well for all students to keep a book to enter such figures in, and they would thus be able to compare the fortunate with the unfortunate, the moral with the immoral, the diseased with the healthy, &c. and thus always have chapter and verse to preach the truths of Astrology to believer or unbeliever.

Cygni,
Sheffield.

Barnsley.

Oct. 11th, 1888.

SIR,—For the benefit of students I enclose the birth of R. A. Proctor, Esq., Baronet, conductor of knowledge, &c., &c., born March 23rd, 1837, in London, at 4 a.m., died last month abroad, said to have died of a fever. Rt. Hon. W. E. Gladstone, born Dec. 29th, 1809, at 10-15 a.m., at Liverpool. A gentleman born Dec. 21st, 1868, at 12-30 a.m., latitude Barnsley, killed in a Railway accident Sept. 28th, 1885, at 8-40 a.m., head smashed by engine buffer, taken to hospital, died in 46 hours after. The time of this young gentleman's birth, was taken by his mother from the family Bible and handed to me. I myself was near the accident, and noted the exact time. The train was the 8-40 a. m. passenger train to Hull. Killed as it departed.

Yours truly,

A Friend.

Bristol.

Sept. 15th, 1888.

SIR,—You have said in "The Astrologer," that you will answer any questions in that paper, which I have been taking from its commencement. I herewith enclose a map of birth, and one of secondary direction. Are they rightly drawn out? I cannot understand by "The Astrologer" how to read events.

of the future. For instance, my wife, whom I love very much, has left me because I have been very unfortunate, and not able to earn much money lately. She is now living with her mother. How can I find out if she will ever live with me again? Will she come back of her own accord, or should I ask her to come back, and when should I ask her? How can you find out this? Will you give me any information how to find out when I shall meet with more success in business, or if I ever shall?

Respecting my nativity, I think I am right in saying that on Oct. 10th, the Sun passes over the place of Mars, the Moon over the place of Venus, Uranus is passing within 7 min. of Mars, Venus is passing over the place of the Sun and Mercury near the place of the Moon.

What effects have these directions? (Do you call them directions?) Perhaps I am very foolish, but from "The Astrologer" I cannot find out the effects they produce. Does Raphael's Guide, vol. 2, explain the effects of planets on the future passing over the place of planets at the time of birth?

Would it not be of the greatest help to students in every issue of "The Astrologer," if you published a map of the nativity of a person, or supposed person born, at a certain time, and then explain what he will have to go through in the future, &c., &c., and explain why he will have to go through such things?

Do the sign in houses show anything if there are no planets in them?

If I shall not be troubling you too much, I should like to ask a few more questions respecting my nativity and how to read it, or any other nativity.

Venus in the ascendant makes a person much beloved by the opposite sex. Have I anything to counteract this? and if so what? Can you form any opinion as to whether my wife loves me? and if so how do you arrive at such opinions? Venus in the ascendant also shows gaining by females. Is this counteracted in my nativity? Does my nativity show long life? How can you find out the length of a person's life?

Have I anything to counteract the effect of Uranus in evil aspect with Venus, as shown in Raphael's Guide, vol. 1. It speaks very bad for me there. Does Jupiter in the 9th show that I should succeed as an Astrologer, or in any other occult science? Have I anything to counteract the effect of Mars in the 10th? if so, what?

Does the Sun in the 11th, show true friends who would help me, or is there a contradiction?

You can let all the above appear in "The Astrologer," if you like, with the answer. I think it would greatly interest students.

You can use my nativity for an example at any time you choose.

Yours truly,

Uranus in the 7th.

[We beg to say, we are very pleased with the above letter, and with the clear and precise manner in which each question is put. This, to our minds, is just the kind of matter that requires expounding, and just the right sort to assist all young students in their studies and researches.

We regret to say, however, that if our friend enclosed his maps as stated, we have lost sight of them. If he will kindly forward another copy, or time of birth, we shall be pleased to reply to his truly interesting and important enquiries.]

CORRESPONDENCE.

NOTICE TO STUDENTS AND CORRESPONDENTS ON THE SCIENCE OF ASTROLOGY.

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We would particularly ask correspondents to forward the exact time of any event, birth, or horary sign they may write upon, that students may be able to verify the same, as without this the subject may lose its interest.

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