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THE NATIVITY OF

Gen. George Washington.

First President of the United States.

Planets places for Feb. 22d, 1732, at 0h, 13m, A. M.

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"He was a man, take him for all in all,
I shall not look upon his like again."

SHAKESPEARE.

Having published the Nativity of James Buchanan, in the August No., we have de-
cided to insert the Nativity of Gen. George
Washington in the present Planet Reader,
chiefly to show the contrast of the positions
of the planets, and to point out the beautiful
manner in which the rules of Astrology are
borne out.

General George Washington was born in
the State of Virginia (United States) on the
day of February 1732, at 0 h. 13 min.
of the morning; when the 24th degree of
Scorpio was ascending, and the 6th degree
of Argo was culminating. George Wash-

ington was born under the planet Mars just
rising in the ascendent, in his own house.
(It is the same in that respect to the Nativity
of Lord Nelson, as he had the planet Mars
ascending in the Sign Scorpio when he was
born.) The planet Herschel is likewise in
the ascendent, in good aspect to Mercury
& Saturn. He had the benevolent planet
Jupiter in the tenth house in trine, (good
aspect) to the Moon in the Seventh; and
the Moon is likewise in trine aspect to Mer-
cury, (a sure sign of good abilities.) Beside
several other fortunate aspects which I shall
notice further on.

I must acknowledge that this is the most
fortunate and the most remarkable Nativity
that I have ever examined.

I mentioned in the Nativity of James Bu-
chanan, "that he had the planets Saturn and
Mars near the cusp of the tenth house, and
the Moon, (which denotes the people at
large) was in evil aspect to the above named
planets at the time he was born, which will
show that he will not retain long the sympa-
thies of the American people. But George
Washington has the benevolent planet Ju-
piter in the tenth house (the house of honor),
and in good aspect to the Moon in the
Seventh house, and in the constellation Ger-
mini, and Jupiter is in good aspect to the
planets Mars and Herschel in the ascendent,
which would indicate that he would not only
be remarkably fortunate in all he undertook,
but that he will retain the sympathy and
good will of the people that he fought for,
as long as the nation has an existence, and
if the American people had always chosen
men with such Nativities to fill the Presi-
dential Chair, they would have had no need
of ever being afraid of the nation ever going
to ruin, or like Satan's king dem, of its
being divided against itself.

(To be Continued.)

We intend, in our next, to insert the por-
trait of Mrs. Martha Washington, along with
the Horoscope of Gen. Washington.

Predictions on the CIVIL WAR will be dis-
continued for a few months.

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THE WAR COMET
of 1861.
The Great Comet
of 1858,
And the Brilliant
METEOR OF 1860.

"I consider a comet, or in the language of the vulgar, a blazing star, as a sky-rocket discharged by a hand that is Almighty."

ADDISON'S *Guardian*.

It is fortunate for the science of Astrology and proves the connection between its truth, and the truth of the sacred volume, that in the minds of the great majority of mankind, there is, and for ever will be, an innate evidence in favor of the ancient opinion, that the Signs of Heaven do foreshadow coming events and whatever the pomposity of modern scepticism may say on the subject, it is certainly the most pious.—Daniel (in his 6th chapter) says, that "He (God) worketh signs and wonders in heaven, and in the earth;" and Christ, speaking of the calamities which were to come upon Judea, declared, that "nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences, and fearful signs; and great signs shall there be from heaven.—The history of Josephus (the Jewish historian) proves that all these things were fully accomplished.

Our forefathers were pious, were brave, were religious; they fought, bled, and conquered for the land "of their alters," as well as well as their homes; but they believed in Astrology, they revered the "signs of heaven;" in a word, they were what is now called "superstitious," although, except in the dark ages of popery, (when the mitre and crosier bore cruel sway,) we could challenge the whole of our modern sophists to affix ought like "superstition" or credulity to the memories of our heroic ancestors.

On the appearance of a remarkable comet, a short time before the death of the celebrated emperor Charlemagne, that monarch became extremely anxious upon the sight of this terrible messenger, and interrogated his Astronomers as to what it foretold?—Einhardus, his secretary, a profound philosopher, with whom he then held a conference, answered him from the scriptures—"Be not

dismayed at the signs of heaven." To which the emperor replied, that "he was not dismayed at such signs, but feared and revered the powerful cause, and Divine framer of them, who being incensed with anger against a people or a prince, is wont by these, to admonish them of his wrath, and to call them to repentance that they may avoid it."

The appearance of Comets and Meteors have engaged the attention of the greatest and wisest men of ancient times. Cicero* writes, "that the civil war between Octavius Augustus and Mark Antony, it was observed that comets were the harbingers of the miseries that befel them." He was of opinion, "that such appearances were pronouncements of great events;" and which, he says, "were confirmed by various instances from all antiquity."

Machiavel,† speaking concerning comets, remarks "however it cometh to pass, so it is, that we have it vouched by experience, that some great commotions are the consequences of such signs as these." Milichus,‡ professor of mathematics in Maidenburg, observes, "there is good grounds for the usual behavior of men to comets; for they have reason to gaze at them with so much terror and astonishment as they do, because it hath been proved, by a large induction of experience and observation, that they denounce great slaughter to the world sacking of cities, subversion of kingdoms, and other public disasters."

The learned Grotius§ observes, that "Comets and fiery swords, and such like signs are wont to be forerunners of great changes in the world." Thus also Josephus, who after commenting at large upon the wonderful blindness and wilful obstinacy of his countrymen, (by which their ruin was preceded) remarks, that "when they were at any time premonished from the lips of truth itself, by prodigies, and other premonitory signs of their approaching ruin, they had neither eyes, ears, or understanding, to make a right use of them, but passed them over without heeding, or so much as thinking of them; as for example, what shall I say of the Comet, in the form of a sword that hung over Jerusalem for a whole year together?"

[To be continued.]

*Cicero (*de nat. deor.* l. 2.)

†Machiavel, *Disp.* l. i. c. 56.

‡Vide his Commentary on the second book [Pl

§Grotius, in *Prop. Joel*, c. ii. v. 30.

||Josephus "*Wars of the Jews*," b. vii. c. 1

Written for the Monthly Planet Reader.]

Astrology Triumphant.

By Dr. Manty.

In the year A. D. 1652, a poor student in *Physic and Astrology*, published a little *Astrological Herbal* of 266 pages in 18 ms: So small as the book was, it excited the curious minds of the *Royal Physicians*, and the Author was denounced as an *morant Imposter*: although he had written and translated 96 Books: 95 of which, had been blished to the world, before his little *Herbal* made its appearance.

Notwithstanding the abuse against author and book, and in spite of the "Royal College of Physicians," this little *Astrological Herbal* has maintained its position before the public for more than 200 years, it has passed through more Editions and is better known, than any other English Herbal Extant; whilst the *Scientific Folio Herbs* of Dodvee, Gerarde, Lobee, Turner, Cole, Parkinson, Salmon, Hill, Blackwell and Curtis; are lying almost unread upon the dusty shelves of the library, known only to the book-worms. The English Physician of Nicholas Culpepper, (the Astrologer) is read, admired, and has a better reputation to-day than at any former period, and will remain "The Poorman's Physician, as long as the English language endures.

Yours respectfully,

DR. MANTY.

June 24th. 1861.

In a future number we propose to publish the Nativity of Nicholas Culpepper, and likewise explain Astrologically, how one doctor can succeed in curing diseases with one particular System of Medicine, and most, if not all his patients dies when he attempts to treat them under another system of Medicine. For instance, the Botanical Doctor, with a Nativity fortunate for Herb Medicine, can cure his patients with his particular system, whereas if he had to attempt to treat them under the Old School practice, or Water Cure system, all his patients would either leave him or die; therefore he foolishly comes to the conclusion that the Old School Doctors, and the Water Cure Doctors are all imposters and murderers, as the one poisons his patients with Mercury, &c., and the other drowns them. But we intend to show on scientific principles that they are all good in their place, provided they only know which is their place, just the same as all the different trades that furnished man with his clothing are each and all good in their place, if they only know which are their places; and it would be just as sensible for the Hatter to call the Tailor

an imposter, or the Shoemaker to say that the two fore-mentioned trades are of no manner of use.

Long goes the pitcher to t'well; but it comes home broken at last.

In the April No. 1860, of the Planet Reader, I published a prediction on the prize fight between Heenan and Sayers, and a certain ignorant person calling himself Dr. Mellen, got hold of the Planet Reader for that month, and copied the prediction on the above prize fight, and got it published in other newspapers, as the result of his own calculations. Since then I find that he has been playing the same game with regard to other predictions published in the Planet Reader. Although he does not want to palm them on the reader as the result of his own calculation. But he has of late turned "Spiritualist," and instead of owning up like a man, where he has copied the predictions from, he tells his readers that he has received the predictions from the *Spirit of Roger Bacon*. But "Murder will out," as it appears from the following paragraph (taken from the "Banner of Light" for August, 24th, 1861,) that Dr. Mellen has been detected in his imposition at last.

We published a couple of weeks ago, a prediction concerning the future of America, astrologically drawn from the position of the stars at the time of South Carolina's passing the Secession Act, the prediction purporting to be given by the spirit of Roger Bacon, through the mediumship of Dr. G. Mellen, of Lowell. A friend has since forwarded to us a copy of Broughton's Planet Reader and Astrological Journal, for last January, in which more than half of the prophecy was published, verbatim, as forwarded to us by "Dr. G. Mellen." We detected merit in the communication, and published it, honestly enough attributing it to the source the correspondent indicated: and we are utterly at a loss to account for such a piece of wholesale plagiarism. It was not only exceedingly stupid of "Dr. G. Mellen," but thoughtless and insane, for he must know that the fraud would be detected sometime, and the perpetrator of it receive the contempt he has fairly earned.

ASTROLOGY AND SPIRITUALISM.

From what we can learn, it appears that the "Banner of Light" keeps some "Mediums" connected with their office, to answer questions on all kinds of subjects, who are open to any person that may wish to call on them. At one of their meetings the

subject of Astrology was proposed, and the Medium gave the following communication, and as it agrees very much with our ideas on Astrology, from what experience we have had in that science, we give it room.

From the "*Banner of Light*" for August 17th. 1861.

Astrology may be called the foundation of all the sciences. Astrology may also be called the index of all things found upon the material plane. Astrology is a mystery, and the world knows but little as to what it is. The ancients conceived it to be the foundation of their religion—out of this science grew all the religions of the past. *Mortals know but little as to how much they are controlled, bound, held each in their respective spheres, by the different planets which people the universe.* When man shall more fully understand that science, or fully comprehend it, *the race will seem, as it were, lost upon the sea of non-freeagency.* They will be led to cry out, "*What am I, since I am possessed—held in control by the worlds that swim in air!*"

Each and every planet has its direct and positive influence upon each and every human form. The science of Astrology has much to do with modern Spiritualism—or this new religion, if we may so term it—much to do with it, we say, because the peculiar position of the planets of the nineteenth century have given tone, as it were, to this new thought—this new flood of thought, overwhelming and oversteering old religious creeds, and letting in new currents of thought, the effects of which shall never pass away.

Astrology is, at best, an infant with the races of man. The mighty minds of the past thought they understood the science, but they found they had scarcely taken the first step, and gazed only upon a single manifestation. The mighty minds of the present think their intellect infolds much of it, but they know very little. Who, among all who pretend to understand it, believe there is so much influence being exerted by or through the celestial orbs, upon minds dwelling in material forms? Though they may point out the position of the planets, and show their line of march, as connected with human birth, yet they see not the great chain and the many links that unite every soul in the Universe to every other soul. There is not one single thought floating in the atmosphere of earth, that is not felt by every soul in the Universe; and each and every atom is in perfect rapport with each and every soul, and physical form, also.

You have what you call your four seasons. They come and go in perfect obedience to law, and ever observe a perfect obedience to the planets that march along the heavens; and they roll on ever in perfect obedience to the higher law. *If this be so, we must suppose, yes, and come to a knowledge, also, that each and every form and change is brought about by the movements of the planets that surround your earth, and those changes and phases of the planets affect those who have passed beyond your mortal condition as well as those who dwell with you.*

Astrology! what a mighty subject!—so mighty that the few brief remarks we have given you are not to a ten-thousandth degree fitted to touch upon a single point of the subject. But we leave it, hoping to resume it again when our medium shall be in better condition.

Fate of the Nation

FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1861

The Full Moon from which we make the predictions for September, took place on the 20th of August, at 6 h. 50 min. A. M., Philadelphia time. When the 16th. degree of Virgo was ascending, and 10 degrees of Gemini was culminating. Mercury is lord of the Scheme in the eleventh house, and the planets Saturn and Jupiter are near the cusp of the ascendant in square to Herschel in the tenth house.

These are particularly gloomy omens, and I look for some remarkable warlike movements taking place before the end of the month. Perhaps some regular battle will occur between the two armies in the latter part of September, or if not then, before the middle of October.

In the forepart of the month, things looks more prosperous for Lincoln and his Cabinet, but there will be much clamor among the lower classes against them, but things begin to brighten up a little for the working people before the month goes out.

At the commencement of the month there are no less than five planets in the Sign-Virgo, all applying to a square of Herschel in the Sign Gemini, which Sign rules the U. S. I look for great excitement among the working classes, and this will be increased by public writers, who will display much asperity, and some of them will be arrested for their remarks against the Government.

I look for large meetings taking place in Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, and Boston, but more especially in the last named city. Boston and the New England States will be afflicted with some remarkable calamity. Perhaps it may be heavy storms sweeping along the eastern coast, destroying shipping, &c., or it might be falling of buildings, or large fires, &c.

There will be some slight improvement in business affairs, but it will only last for a short time.

Baltimore will suffer particularly about the latter part of September, or the beginning of October, and I am afraid there will be scenes of bloodshed, rapine and everything that is bad before the middle of September, in that city.

The State of the public health will be below par, and I afraid that some epidemic will afflict grown-up or old people this Fall.

I look for news of a very exciting nature from abroad, much angry discussions prevail in London and Paris on American affairs.