



THE MACKAY STAR MAP.

A word of explanation regarding the Mackay Star Map: To understand the use of the map the student should face the south and hold the map in such a position that the current month (as indicated around the border of the map) shall be directly before his eyes, then the constellations shown in the section which represents that month will be seen directly south, occupying the centre of the visible heavens. The observations are supposed to be made in the early evening hours of the months indicated, say from eight to nine P. M. When actual study of the heavens is commenced, reference to the map will disclose the fact that the author has simply given outlines. For example, the constellation of Scorpio contains but few stars as shown on the map, and it is left for the student to complete the different groups by additions to his map as authorized by actual observations. It is also very interesting and helpful to a better comprehension of the heavens to study the positions of the planets each month and record them in their relative places upon the map.