

crisis in the world's history. The indications of such a crisis are to numerous to treat in a work of this size. However, we will mention a few of the celestial signs that are now engaging the attention of the most eminent men of the age:

THE COMING PLANETARY PERIHELION.—The perihelion of Jupiter occurred on the 25th of September 1880, in 16° of Aries, the constellation of the ram. There is no perihelion of any of the superior planets takes place during the present year, but in 1882 there will be two perihelions. Uranus will be in perihelion to the sun in August 1882, in about the 17° of Virgo, the constellation of the Virgin. There is an important fact with relation to this perihelion of Uranus that cannot be overlooked. In Rev. xi. 2 it says: "But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles, and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months." A prophetic year is 360 days and a prophetic month is 30 days. Now, 42 prophetic months would be $(42 \times 30 = 1260)$, equal to 1260 days. In verse 3 of the same chapter we read: "And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth." This is the same period that is alluded to in Dan. vii. 25. as a "time and times and the dividing of a time" also in Dan. xii. 7, and Rev. xii. 10-14. Sir Isaac Newton and many other scriptural expositors accept the term day in prophecy to represent a year; see Ezek. iv. 6 and 2 Pet. iii. 8. 1260 lunar years from the Era of Nabonassar the Western Roman Empire fell; 1260th year of the Christian Era the Greek Empire was restored; 1260 solar years from Emperor Justinian's Decree, A.D. 533-542 the papal power fell, and the French Revolution broke out A.D. 1793-1815; 1260 lunar years from Era of Hegira the decree of toleration was given by Turkish Empire on demand of the British Government; 1260 lunar years from the death of Phocas was the time of the uprising of infidelity in France; 1260 solar years from decree of Phocas, A.D. 607, bring us to A.D. 1867-1870 the fall of the Roman temporal power; 1260 calendar years from A.D. 607, was the French Revolution; and so on throughout history 1260 years has generally ushered in a new epoch. On July 16, 1882, it will be exactly 1260 years from the era of Hegira which occurred on new moon of July 16th, 622. Mohammedanism dates from this time. About the middle of July 1882 Uranus will be