

**THE COMING CRISIS.**—Genesis i, 14, in speaking of the sun, moon and stars, says: "let them be for signs;" the Hebrew reads "for signs of the future." "Then saith he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven." (Luke xxi, 10, 11.) If these remarkable aspects of our Stellar system be not signs from heaven, then I ask what are to be the "signs from Heaven." The present decade will doubtless usher in events the like of which have not been witnessed for thousands of years. This year has indeed been a very remarkably one so far. Look at the fearful deeds of violence committed in Russia. Her Emperor, who had done almost everything in his power to better the condition of his country, was cruelly assassinated last March. Last April England mourned the loss of her great legislative ruler, the Earl of Beaconsfield. Look at the fearful disaster on the 24th of last May, in which many lost their lives. It is a strange circumstance that just before this event, Mercury was in perihelion to the sun, and Venus on that day was stationary in her own house, Taurus. She is said to rule the sea, now it is acknowledged that she exercises her greatest power when in Taurus; it is a remarkable coincidence. Just a little over a week ago, we were shocked to hear of the terrible misfortune the President of the United States met with, but he is now rapidly recovering, and we hope will soon resume his official duties. Look at the general attitude of the nations, there seems to be a spirit of discontentment and fear; they seem to be on the outlook for some impending event, they know not what. The Hindoos expect their great god to return about 1883 and he will establish his kingdom on this earth, and that he will utterly destroy the works Dujal, whom they recognize as their devil, so say their ancient books. The Christian nations of our globe are all impressed with the feeling that some great event is evidently pending over our globe. As we witness the general lawlessness that abounds, and the fearful condition of the nations, we are led to conclude that the time is but short and that the end of this age is fast drawing to a close. May we be prepared for the terrible summons when it may come.

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which point to the Polar Star is also directed to a point  
south of Cassiopeia's chair.