

stationary in the very centre of Virgo. Uranus has been usually looked upon by astrologers as a most malignant planet. It is said to always bring evil, especially in its perihelion. Now, what is still more remarkable, the constellation of Virgo is said to rule Turkey. The malignant planet Mars will be in conjunction with Uranus when at its perihelion in August, and even Jupiter will be in the middle of the sign of Gemini on a direct square with both Uranus and Mars. This, according to the teaching of the Egyptian astrologers, is considered a very malignant position. The coincidence is, when taken altogether, a very remarkable one, it being the 1260th solar year from the era of the Hégira. I think that Turkey, as a nation, will not outlive the coming year. Neptune in the month of December, '82, which will be in perihelion to the sun in the sign of *Taurus*. *Taurus* is said to rule the east. *Taurus* rules Asia Minor according to the astrology of the Egyptians. Notwithstanding the fact that there are two perihelions in 1882, I think that the spring of that year will be a mild and seasonable one. The coming winter, I think, will not be so severe as the past one has been. It is likely enough that the latter part of 1882 may close with disastrous wars in the east, though the year may open peaceably. In September 1885 Saturn will be in perihelion in about 4° or 5° of *CANCER*. It is between two and three thousand years since the perihelion of these four superior planets occurred within the space of five years. The nearest date that can be found was a period of ten years—1708 to 1718. These were years of fearful pestilence. The death rate was extraordinary high. However, I anticipate that future events will scarcely be as fearful as they are represented in the columns of the public press. Whatever may happen will affect the east, and since light and civilization progress from east to west, so it is very probable that the influence of these events will spread westward.

OUR PRESENT COMETS.—Comets have from time immemorable, been held as the precursor of great events. Josephus avers that a Comet shaped like a sword, hung over Jerusalem, for the space of one year before the terrible disasters that befell that unfortunate city, which has been besieged over 28 times. A comet appeared about the time of the birth of our Saviour. The Peloponnesian war A.D. 431. The death of Cæsar, A.D. 43; Constantine, A.D. 327; Philip Augustus, A.D. 1233; King of Naples, A.D. 1265; their death were all preceded by a comet. The comet of 1811, preceded the