

CURIOUS WEEKLY FORECASTS.

Fortunate and unfortunate days pointed out by means of Astrology—Prepared by Mr. James Hingston, B.A.,
Oxford University, probably the greatest authority on this science—
Interesting sketch of his career.

A NOVEL feature of to-day's issue of MONTREAL LIFE is the commencement of a series of astrological predictions, showing the fortunate and unfortunate days during the coming week. These forecasts have been prepared by Mr. James Hingston, B. A., Oxon, the well-known star-reader, who is better known by his nom-de-plume "Gabriel," and similar forecasts by him will be published in this paper every week. That there is no one better qualified than he for work of this kind, a brief sketch of his life will show.

Ever since the time of the Stuarts, the Hingstons have been a prominent family in the South of Ireland, and there James Hingston was born in 1856. At an early age he went to Germany, where he studied for some years, after which he returned to Ireland and entered the Queen's University. He obtained a first classical scholarship there, whereupon he went to Oxford University with the intention of taking a degree in the School of Modern History, and, after a residence of four years, he graduated with honors. In 1883 he came to this country and attached himself to a leading New York daily paper, with which he has been connected ever since, and on which he occupied, until recently, the position of literary editor. Astrology attracted his attention some years ago, and he has been studying it deeply ever since. At the request of a New York publisher he recently wrote a popular book on the subject under the title "Gospel of the Stars," the introduction to which was furnished by his friend, Rev. George H. Hepworth, D. D., the well-known author and divine—the writer of The New York Herald's weekly sermon. This book was duly published, and was very favorably reviewed by leading papers throughout the country. Though he never advertises in the daily papers, he is widely known, both in this country and in Europe, as a skilled star-reader, and much of his time is now spent in casting horoscopes and in giving advice to his clients.

As to the value of the predictions published to-day, suffice it to say that they are based on the positions and aspects of the planets, and are in strict accordance with the time-honored rules of astrology, which is the oldest art or science in the world, and the one by which, it is claimed, the fortunes of persons can be most accurately foretold. They may not prove to be entirely true in all cases, for much depends on the time of day when each person is born, but Mr. Hingston insists that they will prove, as a rule, to be wonderfully true.

A decade or two ago no paper in the country would have dreamed of publishing anything relating to astrology, but, to-day, the case is different. "Thousands of persons throughout Europe and the United States," says Mr. Hingston, "now believe that from the planets can be learned many facts about the destiny of human beings, and the only reason why there are not more believers is because there are very few expert star-readers and very many ignorant fortune-tellers, who thrive by gulling the public and thus help to keep alive the popular impression that fortune-telling is altogether a delusion and a snare."

The experience of centuries, we are told, shows that an astrologer can tell persons much about their future. According to Mr. Hingston, he can tell them the fortunate and unfortunate periods of their lives, whether they will be rich or poor, whether they will be happy or unhappy in married life,

whether they will have children or not, whether they will be lucky or unlucky in speculation, whether they will obtain marriage portions or legacies or not, whether they will be endowed with strong or weak constitutions, whether they will suffer from diseases or accidents, and, if so, of what nature, whether they will quarrel or live amicably with their neighbors and relatives, whether they will take many or few journeys and whether they will live to a good old age or not. He can also tell them what trades or professions they are best suited for and how much success they may expect therein; he can furthermore tell what kind of women men will marry, and what kind of men women will marry. He can also clearly depict the character with all its virtues and blemishes and can foretell with unerring accuracy whether the life as a whole will be prosperous or unfortunate. The time when death will occur he can also predict in many cases, but Mr. Hingston has made it a rule never to predict on this point. If he sees that anyone who has consulted him is not likely to live long, he gives all the necessary caution and advice as to health, but he says nothing as to the time of death, for the reason that such a prediction would do little good and might do infinite harm.

Three forecasts are made for each day. The first applies to the world at large; the second shows how persons, born on this day in any year, will fare during the coming year; the third indicates how children, born on this day in the present year, are likely to fare during life.

GABRIEL'S FORECASTS FOR THE WEEK.

Friday, December 1.—An excellent day for financial affairs and business generally. Those who remain idle may miss some golden opportunities. For making purchases and for speculating there will be no other time quite as favorable during the week.

This will be a prosperous year for business, and there is little doubt that the bank accounts of those born on this day in any year will be larger next December than they are now.

Fortunate will be the children born to-day. Success will be the result of all their undertakings, and the outlook is that they will attain to a high position in life.

Saturday, December 2.—A doubtful day this is, neither good nor bad. It is rather favorable for journeys, however, and men who have business or social relations with women may profit thereby.

Much worry about business and other matters is indicated during the year, and there is also danger that there will be some domestic or other changes which will cause anxiety.

Restlessness, a love of Bohemianism, and a decided disinclination to settle down permanently anywhere will be the leading characteristics of children born to-day. When they grow up, such children often become famous travelers, but they are seldom fortunate in any other direction. "A rolling stone gathers no moss."

Sunday, December 3.—A seasonable day for social intercourse, though there is some danger of domestic wrangles. Churchgoers are likely to hear a better sermon than usual, and persons interested in any kind of intellectual work will profit by attending to it.

Some accidents are foreshadowed during this year, as well