

BRILLIANT SKY LIGHTS

Jupiter and Venus were again companions in the sky last evening, but were hidden by clouds ere the darkness was sufficient to make their display so noticeable as on the previous night.

Mr. W. G. Baker, of Lefroy, writes:—
“On the evening of the 4th inst. a lady called my attention to a strange light in the sky. It was bright, like a large cluster of electric lights. The time was 8.30 p.m., and it was a clear, starlight night. The strange light was situate in the south. It kept ascending and descending, and travelling in the direction of a little east of south. During the hour that I watched it the light made considerable headway, gradually getting smaller. One resident told me that at 11.30 p.m. it had diminished in size to about that of a small loaf of bread.”

Concerning the paragraph on “Lights in the Air,” published in the “Argus” this week, Mr. M. Eyre, of Fitzroy, writes to the above journal:—“On Saturday evening I retired to rest at 10 o'clock. My bedroom faces the east, and I saw what I thought was a star of wonderful brightness. Then it seemed to move and form into two or three. First I thought it was a balloon sent up with lights, and I expected to see it die out. Once it was obscure, as if a cloud was passing it. Then, again, it burst out in brilliant colours. I watched it for half an hour, and when I retired it was still shining. It was moving slowly, but sparkling like diamonds. To the naked eye the lights looked like pendants hanging.”

A report from Sydney, dated Tuesday, states:—Since the appearance of the mysterious moving light in the heavens was reported from New Zealand and Victoria, the people of New South Wales have turned their attention skyward.

have turned their attention skyward, with the result that they determined that neither the Dominion nor the sister state shall have the monopoly of a visitation of this kind. Already lights have been witnessed floating over the Prospect reservoir country, on the southern coast, and over the Mossvale and Goulburn highlands. Those who witnessed it last night at Mossvale described the phenomenon as a large bright light, and came to the conclusion that it was either a balloon or a light-ship. "As big as a carriage lamp" is how the light has been described at Goulburn, with no apparent presence of a supporting body.

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The mysterious lights seen in the sky in other parts of Tasmania were also observed by many residents of Penguin and district last evening. From here they appeared like two stars, one giving a white and the other a yellowish light. Seen through a small telescope, they lost their rays, and appeared like round spots. They gradually disappeared in a north-westerly direction. The appearance is causing considerable interest.

A Ringarooma correspondent writes:—With reference to the mysterious lights seen by some of your correspondents, I would like to mention that about the same period the writer was informed by a relative of a beautiful display of Aurora Australis. Perhaps this will be found to be the mysterious light referred to."
