

### **AN ATMOSPHERIC PHENOMENON.**

As if to turn our thoughts from the turmoil of this mundane sphere to the marvels of the unknown world the heavens are regaling us with new and wondrous creations. Luminous bodies, more or less transient or fiery but none the less amazing, are being reported and excite the imagination as to what these portents mean. Strange and weird lights in the sky are constantly being reported, and recently a new star of extraordinary magnitude has appeared whose coming was not heralded by astronomers. About the same time a brightness rivalling moonlight syn-

chronises with a shock of earthquake felt on the North Coast for the first time since the advent of white men. On Monday night there was a partial eclipse of the moon, and last evening at 8.8 a brilliant meteor appeared in the northern sky. It travelled in a north-westerly direction, its full beauty and brilliancy being lost by the rich effulgence of the moon.

— 'Northern  
Star.'