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Mr. Edward Alexander (Aleister) Crowley, who died yester-day at Hastings, at one time showed great promise as an author, but the mystical quality of his early writings was not sustained and his life became increasingly shadowed. In 1933, in a series of autobiographical articles, he said he had been accused of everything from murder to drug-peddling. He lived in France for seven years, but was then refused permission to remain in the country, although he denied practising "black magic." In 1935 he was made bankrupt with liabilities of £5,000, and a first and final dividend of twopence in the pound was declared in 1939.