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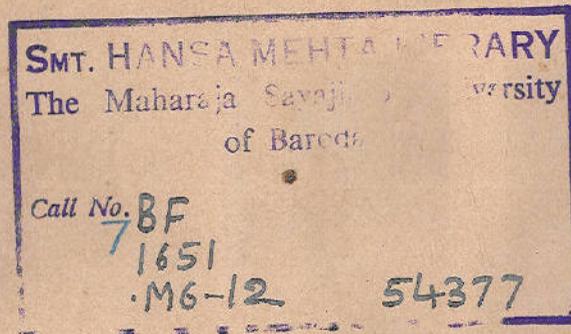
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The Editor's Observatory

AN ASTROLOGICAL SURVEY

I.—THE PAST

THE majority of publications issued about this time of the year will be mainly concerned with a review of the events for the fatal year 1914 and many opinions will be expressed from various points of view. There will be the religious, political, and social standpoints as well as others, from which the problems of life will be seen as so many isolated positions, mostly coloured by personal or party bias and by the prejudice of received opinions.

The viewpoint of the astrological student must be more or less abstract and raised above the concrete, since the cause for every event is traced to natural laws through celestial influences.

We see in the events of the year 1914 the fatal outcome of forces liberated through human temperaments, and changed and modified through the warring wills of men, which are the channels through which the primary forces have been flowing.

We have already referred to the year 1914 as being under the cyclic influence of the MARTIAL planetary sphere, and have noted in

previous issues that this stream of Martial influence has been quickened and made more actively potent through the influence of eclipses and the great conjunctions affecting the sign AQUARIUS, the sign of the MAN and the first born of the New Era.

We have been brooding over this sign of spiral motions for many years and have known as astrological students that the day of chaos was ending and the period of a new order beginning.

For years the world has been passing through the great conflict of opposing forces symbolised to us by the opposition of the mysterious planets Neptune and Uranus in the signs Cancer and Capricorn. In the spring of the year 1906 Uranus and Neptune came into direct opposition in these signs. At that period there commenced a conflict between two extreme forces setting in motion the great unrest which spread all over the world. Although these two distant planets act as transmitter and receiver for nature's finer forces, they liberate or distribute a series of vibrations that may easily take the form of the dark and light forces of nature, and *in this sense* their opposition coincides with a series of disturbing and fatalistic influences.

It was not until the year 1914 that the declinations of these synthesising planets were out of orbs—and then the strain that had been set up by the opposition burst with all its fury under the great conjunction of Uranus and Jupiter, followed by the fatal eclipse of the Sun near the fixed star Regulus.

Just as we view a crisis or the culmination of events through a train of evil influences in a natal chart, so all the various combinations of planetary influences, commencing with the opposition of Uranus and Neptune ended in the solar eclipse of August 21, 1914. Nearly every ruler of the warring nations was, through his horoscope, affected by this peculiar eclipse, which was warlike in the extreme. This eclipse, taking place in the third decanate of the sign Leo, the Lion, whose strength is reputed to be the greatest of all the beasts, has vindicated the aphorism of the ancient astrologers concerning this decanate, who held that it signified the destruction of sacred edifices, captivity and the besieging of towns and cities, together with the profanation of holy places. It was this influence which coincided with the death of the Pope and the destruction of Louvain, and of Rheims Cathedral, etc.

In view of the far-reaching results of the great opposition between the planetary spheres of Uranus and Neptune, it may be profitable to pause and consider the underlying meaning we are inclined to attach to it.

The planet NEPTUNE signifies universal chaos, out of which eventually order is to be produced. Neptune is the planet for which the Moon has always been a substitute in exoteric astrology. The Moon, through its many moods and phases, symbolises the forming personality, the mask or *persona* for the current life; while Neptune is the symbol of the concrete personality summed up in what we term the subconscious mind. In the Greek mythology Neptune is symbolised in Endymion. It is the great *I* of illusion, the symbol of the concrete lower self formed by the foam of the sea—chaos.

Nationally considered, Neptune sums up the sleeping masses or the populace who cannot be awakened from their apathy and indifference save through the influence of the awakener Uranus. In this sense Neptune represents the democracy, or any form of democratic government.

The sign Cancer represents the fluidic beginnings of everything the first forms of protection, the cradle of humanity, and the *ideal* of all that can be made manifest in the concrete sign Capricorn.

Each sign of the zodiac from Aries to Virgo has the mission within it to evolve its opposite, that opposite finding its limit or high-water mark in the opposing or complementary sign. The sign Cancer, therefore, possesses all the latency of the evolving Capricorn. This idea is concealed in all the various symbols of Cancer and Capricorn, such as the crab, the goat, the lotus, the sea-goat, etc.

It is esoterically symbolised in the one word *possessions*, graphically described in The Temptation: "And the Devil taking Him up into a high mountain, shewed unto Him all the Kingdoms of the world," etc. It is the mission of the sign Capricorn to harden and separate all things, to isolate and individualise everything and is therefore the apex sign of the zodiac at our present stage of evolution.

The cycle of Cancer-Capricorn is running down, or slowing up, so to speak. It has for the last two thousand years witnessed the great individualising process of Christianity; and its cycle is running out, and the SECOND COMING, or a new cycle period, is beginning.

The new era is that of Leo-Aquarius, the symbol of which is the Sphinx, the Lion with the face of a MAN.

In Leo, the ruling instinct is dominant; in this sign there is latent all that is to be evolved in Aquarius. Leo is the royal sign in which resides the power to rule others. Aquarius is the individual sign in which there resides the power to rule one's self, for none who cannot rule himself can hope to rule others successfully.

The old order changes and we are witnessing the birth of the new. In the past the rulers of nations have not ruled wisely, neither have the people sought sufficiently to rule themselves. Hence the test, under the strain of two influences complementary to each other,—which have been accentuated as oppositions instead of harmonised as complementary or uniting forces.

Those who reflect, believe the strain to have been too great for humanity at its present stage of development; the Rulers being incompetent to govern, and the ruled insufficiently restrained to rule themselves.

At present we are in the midst of chaos and everything is being thrown into the melting pot. It is a sad state of affairs when nations are compelled to maintain despotic rulers, because this indicates the inability of nations to rule themselves.

The end of despotic rule began in the year 1914. The schemers, with abnormal ambition, have plotted to their own destruction.

"The stars incline, they do not compel"; and at no time are the stars the compelling influence. It is man who draws from the celestial sphere the potent influence which for his own individual use he abuses by employing it for selfish and evil purposes.

Let us review the past in whatever way we will, we shall never understand why we are fated to pass through calamities and suffer the discomforts of material life, hedged around with all its miseries, until we raise our thoughts out of the concrete and seek to learn more about the laws of God through his celestial messengers. We know that the great secrets of nature are revealed in the Book of Life, portrayed in the heavens; and we can only point to those silent witnesses as eternal evidence of the truth that the wise man rules his stars while the fool obeys them.

II.—THE FUTURE

Many attempts will be made to forecast the future of the warring nations by all classes and conditions of men from the religious and political and social points of view, and many of the opinions expressed will be worthy of respect, especially those of a psychological character. From the astrological view point we are not so much concerned with the series of concrete events inevitably arising out of the Great War, as with the response that should be made to the higher laws which govern human progress.

Enlightenment comes slowly to the masses of men and women, in the ordinary course of events, and those who do not require shocks and calamities to make them aware that evolution is progress can hardly realise how very dense and limited are the minds of the majority. For it is unfortunately true that as regards a vast number of the social, moral, and religious teachers it is a case of the "blind leading the blind." The system of education at present adopted is inadequate to teach the young; and their heads are crammed with ordinary things, instead of the teachings as to the beginnings and the endings of things. A child's mind is as plastic and receptive as clay, so that first impressions have a lasting effect, but unfortunately we begin to educate the child when it is rather the mother who requires the first education. Children are brought into this world indiscriminately, and the irresponsibility of parents is appalling to those who know the wilful waste of the life forces that takes place in irresponsible parentage. Marriages for the most part are hopeless muddles, breeding hatred and jealousy, often lust and adultery, all because blind passion or convenience is the main attraction.

Again, criminals are encouraged to become more criminal by the harsh and foolish system of imprisonment without the very necessary moral education each requires. Criminals are for the most part baby souls and no manner of coercion will avail to teach them that their actions are the result of ignorance, that such actions on their part are of no permanent value to themselves, apart from being injurious to others.

Then as to occupation. Avocations are followed by persons totally

unfit for them, and no attempts are made to test ability before thousands of youths are yoked to callings for which they have not the least inclination and in which they have no interest save a mercenary one.

What is the matter with the world? Sheer ignorance of Nature's laws and a disbelief in the spiritual forces which are ever seeking to build, while men are wilfully or negligently working to destroy.

The Spiritual Intelligence at the centre of our universe has given humanity a certain amount of free will, but instead of using it wisely egotism causes men to deny their own inheritance.

WHAT CAN WE SAY OF THE FUTURE IN THE FACE OF THESE CONDITIONS?

We can only repeat the past and follow the old dictum that history repeats itself, unless—unless a thorough and complete change takes place in the immediate future we shall be as we were before.

SHALL WE REMAIN AS WE WERE BEFORE?

This is where we can deal with the future with an assurance that no other science allows. We know that the whole world will be changed. If we study closely the history of Astrology we shall find that the greatest changes the earth has known have always been preceded by a great war, in which *brothers of the same race have fought on opposite sides.*

Why should this be so? It is because a man turns against his own flesh and blood in his final struggles before he begins to fight *himself.*

Most men feel justified in fighting strangers or foreigners, but they try hard to keep peace with their *own* families, and it is therefore a healthy sign from a spiritual standpoint when he brings his quarrels home, for he is then getting very near to himself.

The German and British nations are of the same Teutonic stock, whether they be Aries and Scorpio divisions of it or not. They have been keen rivals in the commercial world and have adopted business methods peculiar to each. This rivalry has resulted in such keen competition that jealousy and envy have arisen in the minds of both, with the result that an accumulation of bad feeling has formed a gigantic vortex into which many cesspools of noxious planetary influence have been poured, which only required a little mixture of

adverse aspects to cause an explosion. The explosion has come, and it has blown away many of the restrictions formerly existing between classes, and this will allow a greater freedom for effort in the direction of reforms. Whatever may be said for or against the commencement of the Aquarian age, we are at all events very strongly inclined to the belief that the Aquarian age began when the opposition of Uranus and Neptune from Cancer and Capricorn ended. It was then that Uranus, the awakener, entered the sign Aquarius, the Man. We have in the past dealt with this influence and our ideas will be familiar to those who are students.

The Aquarian age now dawning involves the Airy triplicity of the zodiac, the signs GEMINI, LIBRA and AQUARIUS.

The Airy triplicity is related more directly to etheric states than the purely concrete or solid conditions, and much of its influence has been anticipated in the past by inventors, scientists and philosophers. The etheric states affect the subconscious mind more than the brain, and the subtler forms of manifestation more than the concrete. Wireless telegraphy, the flying train, the telegraphic transmission of photography and other recent inventions, are anticipations of the Aquarian age. We may predict some very important and far-reaching reforms in the social world under this Aquarian influence affecting the three Airy signs involved.

(i) GEMINI.—Great reforms in education, a better treatment of the young, improved means of transit, a better understanding with our neighbours, and a sincere effort to treat our neighbours as ourselves; an improvement in literature, a higher tone in writing and a great advancement of ethical teaching.

(ii) LIBRA.—Reform in the marriage laws. A better understanding of the sacredness of marriage, greater ideals of sex purity, an attempt to know more about the mysteries of generation, and a far greater responsibility with regard to parentage. A higher standard of union between the sexes, and a more open expression concerning sex matters, including the general recognition of the *equality* of women with men.

(iii) AQUARIUS.—The lessening of individual interests, a steady increase of communities, co-operations, trusts, companies and united interests, in which the individual is more co-operative and less isolated.

Great federations; a federated Europe. The advent of more genius, remarkable inventions, increase of art, literature and music. The emancipation of science from material limitations; great advance in psychology; the more frequent awakening of clairvoyant vision, and a more general cultivation of the mind with increased thought power.

These are but a few of the changes that will take place in the immediate future, for after the Great War there will be a very persistent and decided effort by spiritually minded persons who will realise that the time has come to make manifest on earth the ideal which may have hitherto been forced by a materialistic age to keep in the background.

Needless to say that Astrology will take its place in the planning of the future and many of the secrets and mysteries of the most ancient of all the sciences will be revealed. One of the chief uses of Astrology, in showing the times that should be eliminated where the generative forces are concerned, will be appreciated by those who realise the responsibility of parentage. It will also be used more extensively in the comparison of horoscopes of intended marriage partners, and again in the training and education of children, etc., etc. This view of the future is neither utopian nor too hopeful, it is a forecast of what is to be in the near future when Uranus, the awakener, is felt by those who are able to respond to the Uranian influence.

As the Star of the Magi was seen by the astrologers of old we too have seen the Star of the Aquarian age.

A strong man will arise whose powers of organisation and government will win him the confidence of all who desire these reforms. There will also arise a Teacher of Men who will sound the note of the new religion, the Wisdom religion, in which men will be taught that each man should love his brother as himself, not for sentimental reasons, but because there is only One Self, and that the self of the Great Architect of the Universe.

"Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light [eclipses], and the stars shall fall from heaven [from their exaltations], and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken [readjusted]:

"And then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven [Aquarius]: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they

shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven [Aquarius] with power and great glory [Uranus].

"And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." (*Matt. xxiv, 29-31.*)

III.—PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

We often hear the phrase "History repeats itself," and this implies that if we could see the past we should probably know the future.

Removed from the shadow of the earth, we should remain in an everlasting day. Dawn appears when night is past, and day melts into night when the Sun appears to set. From these facts we know that Time is the great illusion and the great separator.

The scientific aspect of Astrology deals with this time element in all its details, dividing and subdividing the great circle which includes night and day.

The circle of the zodiac, the apparent pathway of the Sun and Moon and planets, is the time measurer for the astrologer and it contains for him all that was, is, and is to be; each part of that circle influencing every other part so that both past and future depend upon the past active in the present. If we could view the zodiacal circle as the Ever Present we should have a better understanding of what we term 'past' and 'future,' and we should also have a much clearer perception of the meaning of the terms fate and freewill.

The initial difficulty in understanding the mysteries of Astrology arises from the notion we have of separateness, instead of realising that all is unity and that separateness is the illusion. We divide the circle into parts, and in the multiplicity of divisions lose ourselves while analysing these separate parts. During the process of analysis the zodiacal circle appears to some as a great bee-hive, filled with active workers, and some drones; while to others it is a great drama or world play which is being enacted on the vast stage of life.

No matter how high and lofty our vision of the zodiac may be,

we shall never succeed with a mortal mind and brain in seeing the whole of the drama there depicted. Primarily it represents the Plan and the Will of the Great Being who is ruler of the Universe, and it is truly in Him we live and move and have our being. Below the Wise Intelligence who conceived the plan, there are myriads of influences taking part in the play, and engaged in carrying out parts of the plan in denser forms of manifestation. The wills of human beings also co-mingle and disturb the even flow of the original plan.

In the spiritual *essence* or Monad of every human being there is a clear picture of the original plan, which is more or less refracted in the soul as it hangs by the finest thread of immortal life to that spiritual essence; to be again refracted by the brain of the personality in which the soul is masked.

On the great stage of life there comes the vast army of actors and players, each apparently choosing the part to be played, which is more or less in harmony with the Divine Plan.

Looked at from above more than from below, it is the Soul which in the majority of cases makes the choice of action within the field of existing possibilities; the personality being the mask which the soul wears as actor in the world of action. To the Soul, time is the great illusion, which it sees as the separator in an apparent series of events; but to the personality time is a great reality and separateness a necessity. The soul is therefore more free and less bound than the personality, which is mixed up with the part it is playing.

It is true that the Great Architect of the Universe has imposed certain limitations, or time measures, upon his system, and these we know as cycles of time. The planetary spirits, knowing the original plan, have also narrowed those limitations and imposed smaller time measures, which astrologers study in the movements of the Moon and the planets. Space with its limiting areas, and time with its movements of the heavenly bodies, are the outward and visible markings of what we term fate; and within those limitations we have the choice we term FREE-will. This can be proved by those who compare their abstract and subjective states of consciousness with the concrete and objective states. The higher and more refined our consciousness the more quickly time flies.

Time past and time future are divided by the *between-time*

which we name the present. A thought precedes an action, and between the thought and the object or action there is our relation or attitude of desire or aversion to both. The three factors are really one divided into three modes of expression; or, to put the idea differently, there is a beginning and an end to everything, and there is also that which is between the beginning and the end.

Astrology is a guide in life to every earnest student who can see a part of the Divine plan in the zodiac and in the planetary spheres, although the influence of the plan is refracted in its essential nature while passing through the zodiacal circle.

The whole of evolution is a succession in apparent time and space of the fundamental plan, working through various grades of manifestation in the complete circle. The spiritual *essence* of every individual is a thought form, created from, and therefore one with, the One Supreme Intelligence, and endowed with all the freedom of choice that could be desired. The innumerable possibilities that are open to each son of God afford more scope and freedom of action than can ever be utilised.

There are certain main streams of evolution and certain well defined paths, but the ways and the roads are infinite. It is between the beginning and the ending, or between the unity of the One life and the complete diversity of that One life in the Many, that the great play of human evolution takes place. In the beginning, no human being is sufficiently *self-conscious* to see and understand; but at the end, all human beings will be super-conscious, and will see the whole as complete and one.

The human stage of consciousness is that of self-consciousness, the present stage. Now that the whole plan of Divine manifestation is fixed it cannot be changed or altered, and human beings either work *with* the plan or *against* it, consciously or unconsciously. Self-consciousness grows and expands with effort in either of these directions. Neither the beginning nor the end of the plan can be beyond, but between there is ample scope for initiative and individual work toward the end; and this seems to be summed up in that what is to be can be, often unconsciously expressed in non saying "what is to be will be." It is the variety of the adopted by individuals that gives scope for all the free will

to be desired. Providence is that which *shapes* all things to a perfect end.

Life is a great web full of innumerable strands all seeming to lead nowhere, yet each one connected with the whole.

The great and almost unsolvable problem for astrologers is not Astrology, which reveals the events past, present and future, for that depends on ability to interpret the handwriting on the wall of heaven; it is the question WHO are to be the great players on the world stage? We know the part they are likely to play when born under certain arrangements of the zodiacal kaleidoscope, but we do not know from any study of exoteric astrology the *identity of the soul behind the mask* of the personality expressed in any particular horoscope. Viewed from the past or the beginning, and the future which is the ending, we should know who is behind each individual horoscope; but what man can tell the name-soul of the personality who is using it at the present time?

In the succession of events from the past to the present there was every possibility of the great European war which is now the chief event on the world's stage. For this great event is after all only the 'between' of a far greater past and future.

Every nation passes through a series of events, and the birth influences of a nation have all the elements of its death or ending. This is but a reflection of the zodiacal plan, for we see in the signs Aries and Scorpio the beginnings and ending of Animal-Man. Very little insight is required to see the relationship between the influence of Mars the War Lord and the great war of the present day; but to understand it in all its bearings is a very different matter, for a consideration of which we shall have to postpone further observations until another issue. In the meantime the Kaiser is, on earth, by his own choosing the Supreme War Lord at the head of the Prussian Militarism; and his personality, or so to speak astrologically his horoscope, sums up the past, and future, of the Prussian War party, in the present.

"The whole essence of truth cannot be described by any ^{our} even that of the recording angel, unless man finds its respon-
sanctuary of his own breast, in the innermost depths of h^{is} ^{time} intuition."

The Horoscope of General Joffre

THE time of General Joffre's birth is unknown at present though we have hopes that it may eventually be obtained.

This horoscope of General Joffre has been carefully rectified, and from this rectification, based upon a number of events, we bring the time of birth to 2.42 a.m., local time, on the 12th January 1852 at Rivesaltes, Pyrenees, Orientales, 42°35'N, 2°57'E. The scheme of rectification is given at the end of this article.

The map shows the second decanate of the sign Scorpio upon the ascendant, and the benefic planet Jupiter rising very close to the ascendant. The ruling planet Mars is in the sign Leo in parallel with the Sun, and it will be noticed that the star *Regulus* (in Ω 27½°) is just on the Midheaven. It will also be noticed that the rising Jupiter is midway between the luminaries.

At the Guildhall Banquet 9th November Lord Kitchener described General Joffre as "a great military leader and a great man," and this horoscope of the General certainly endorses that statement. When asked by an old friend "how things were going," he replied *Laissez-moi faire, je les grignote* (Leave me alone, I'm nibbling them), a characteristic reply for a man having his principal planets in signs of fixed-earth.

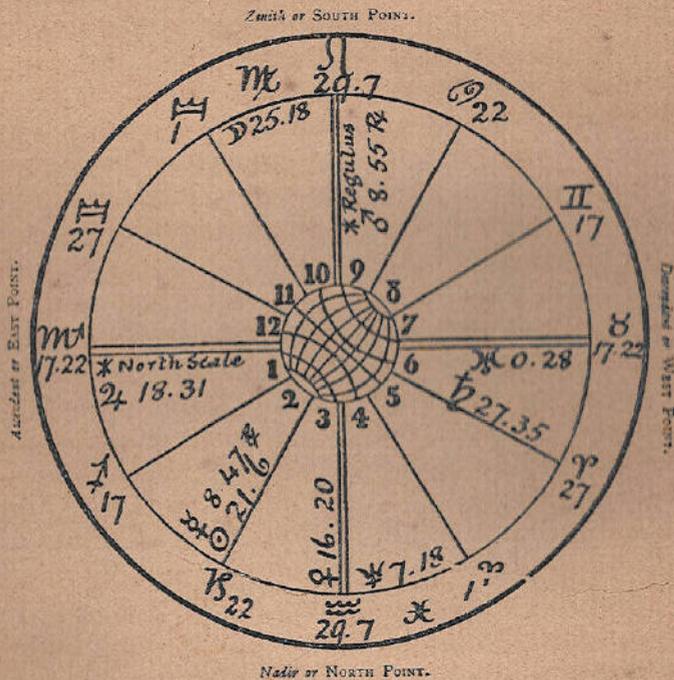
It is said that Joffre is rarely seen on horseback. He spends a part of each day in a long low rapid motor car, visiting the lines. He is thoroughly acquainted with the country, all rivers, mountains and valleys being deeply engraved upon his brain.

As a General he is trusted by the whole of his staff and is supported by the best military brains in France. He is above and beyond all politics as a military leader, and is thus able to employ the best men for military purposes.

The horoscope shows General Joffre to be a reticent man; firm, purpose, and fearless. It is the horoscope of a soldier who knows how to be silent and yet effective, as is seen by his Order of the

Day at the battle of the Marne—"You must be prepared to die rather than yield ground. Weakness will not be tolerated."

General Joffre is a self-made man; he has risen with the rapidity of an efficient man who sees the goal before him and steadily perseveres toward it. He was a Bachelor of Science at sixteen and entered the Polytechnic at seventeen. In the war of 1870 he distinguished himself as second lieutenant, and through his able work on fortifications became a Captain at twenty-two. He objects to all parade or pose and is just a plain soldier, modern and scientific, and seems to have the happy gift of blending the theoretical with the practical.



The Moon trine Sun from the earthy triplicity is a valuable asset in his nativity, as is also Jupiter rising midway between the Sun and Moon. His martial influence is clean and soldierly; and it is particularly interesting to find that the careful rectification of this shows the fixed and martial star Regulus upon the meridian. He was not known to the world at large until 1911, when

placed in charge of the French Army. But great will be his glory at the close of his life, and France is singularly fortunate in having such a wise and silent General.

GENERAL JOFFRE'S DIRECTIONS FOR THE YEAR 1915

It is not at all remarkable from an astrological standpoint that General Joffre should have been under the primary influence of ♁ □ ☉ zod 61° 59' during the year 1914. The square aspect of Mars seems to have been the predominating influence in the progressed horoscopes of all the principals involved in the great war, and it is one that coincides with the violence which the afflictions of Mars denote. Just before the war cloud burst, the planet Mercury in the General's progressed horoscope had met the trine (120°) aspect of Jupiter, but it quickly passed to an affliction (135°) of Mars in October; the Sun was also in the same aspect to Mars (135°) in the spring of 1914.

SPECULUM

	Lat	Decl	RA	MD	SA	Mundane Position
☉	. . .	21 48S	292 50	38 25	111 34	1 14 out of 3rd cusp
☽	4 56N	6 24N	177 40	26 25	95 55	5 33 " 11th "
♃	3 21N	19 49S	279 20	51 55	109 20	20 58 from 2nd "
♄	1 39S	17 31S	319 19	11 56	106 52	23 41 " 3rd "
♅	4 14N	22 8N	132 34	18 41	111 57	18 38 " 9th "
♆	1 4N	16 21N	226 21	104 54	105 38	9 44 " 1st "
♇	2 29S	8 18N	26 30	55 15	82 18	0 23 " 6th "
♈	0 31S	11 10N	28 32	57 17	79 33	4 15 " 6th "
♉	0 50S	9 37S	339 20	8 5	98 57	8 5 " 4th "
Asc	. . .	17 2S
MC	. . .	11 48N	151 15

The major influences for the year 1915 are as follows:—

Solar	Mutual
☉ ♄ r	♃ ♄ r
☉ ♄ r	♄ ♄ r
☉ ♄ r	♅ ♄ r
	♆ ♄ r
	♇ ♄ r
	♈ ♄ r
	♉ ♄ r
	♊ ♄ r
	♋ ♄ r
	♌ ♄ r
	♍ ♄ r
	♎ ♄ r
	♏ ♄ r
	♐ ♄ r
	♑ ♄ r
	♒ ♄ r
	♓ ♄ r

Lunar Directions

☽ ♄ r	Feb	☽ ♄ r	Jun
☽ ♄ r	Mar	☽ ♄ r	Jul
☽ ♄ r	Apr	☽ ♄ r	Oct
☽ ♄ r	May	☽ ♄ r	Nov

Transits 1915.—New Moon on Jan. 15th ♃ ♄ p; ☉ eclipse on Aug. 10th ♄ ♄ r.

The progressed horoscope brings ♁ 7° on the meridian and ♃ $10^\circ 34'$ on the ascendant. Jupiter is in the midheaven in ♁ $23^\circ 7'$, and Mars is setting in ♁ $25^\circ 17'$. The Sun has progressed to ♃ 25° and is now between the trine aspect of Jupiter in radix and Jupiter progressed. The Sun reaches the trine aspect of Mars in the summer of 1915 which should bring victory to the arms of France.

It is a curious feature of General Joffre's horoscope that the great eclipse of August last took place very near to the meridian of his nativity; also that Mars in his nativity is on the place of Saturn and in opposition to the Sun in the Kaiser's horoscope. We are now so familiar with these correspondences in the horoscopes of the principal actors in the great war drama that we think they must be more than coincidences and sufficiently striking to convince even the sceptics.

SCHEME OF RECTIFICATION

There are three events where exact dates are given, we will deal with them first.

1. Made sub-lieutenant, 21/9/1870: *Arc = $78^\circ 41'$* . Then was in Paris during siege. Promotion: but a most exciting experience for a young officer. French Empire overthrown, and Republic proclaimed, September 1870. Siege of Paris, ending in surrender, January to February, 1871.

The arcs are martian. The M. C. directed to ♂ , if ruler, may well give elevation, and also trouble.

Asc Δ ♁ mund	18 38	$\text{♁} \Delta \text{♁} \text{r}$	Sep 1870
MC ♁ ♁ conv	18 41	$\text{♁} 0^\circ 6'$ from $\text{♁} \odot \text{r}$	

Transits.— $\text{♁} \text{♁}$ on $\text{♁} \text{r}$, Sep 21.

2. Made General, 12/10/1901: *Arc = $49^\circ 45'$*

Asc Δ ♁ zod	49 35	$\text{♁} \Delta \odot \text{p}$	Sep 1901
Asc ♁ ♁ zod con	49 49	$\text{♁} 72^\circ \text{♁} \text{r}$	Oct "
$\odot \Delta \text{♁}$ zod	50 38	$\text{♁} 72^\circ \text{♁} \text{p}$	" "

3. Appointed Staff-General, 24/3/1905: *Arc = $53^\circ 12'$*

Asc Δ ♁ zod	52 45	$\text{♁} \Delta \text{♁} \text{p}$	Mar 1905
$\odot \text{♁} \odot$ zod	52 42	$\text{♁} \Delta \text{♁} \text{p}$	" "
MC $\Delta \Psi$ zod con	53 18		
♁ rapt par ♁	53 27		

Now come events of which only the year is given, but no date.

1. Became captain in army, 1876: *Arc = 24° or over.*

MC ♁ ♁ zod $24^\circ 27'$	Jun 1876	$\text{♁} \text{♁} \text{r}$	Mar 187
		$\odot \text{♁} \text{r}$	Nov "

2. Given "Legion of Honour," 1885 or thereabouts.

$\text{♁} \text{♁} \odot \text{p}$	Oct 1885
<i>Transit.</i> — ♁ on MC,	Jun 1885.

3. Promoted to be Commander, 1888.

MC $\Delta \odot$ mundo	$35^\circ 30'$ Jan 1888
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4. Made professor, "Ecole d'Applications," 1891.

$\odot \text{♁} \text{♁} \text{p}$, $\text{♁} \odot \text{♁} \text{r}$	1891
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5. Sent to supervise railway laying in Soudan, 1892.

$\text{♁} \Delta \text{♁} \text{r}$ and $\text{p} \text{♁} \odot \text{r}$	1892
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6. Made Colonel, 1897. Voyage to Madagascar.

$\odot \text{♁} \Psi \text{r}$, $\text{♁} \Delta \odot \text{r}$	1897
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7. Took command of 2nd Army Corps, 1909: *Arc = 57° or over.*

Asc ♁ ♁	57 25 Jun 1909	$\odot \Delta \text{♁} \text{r}$	Nov 1908
$\text{♁} \Delta \text{♁}$ mundo	57 43 Oct "		

8. Commander-in-Chief, 1911: *Arc = 59° or more.*

MC Δ ♁ mundo $59^\circ 19'$	May 1911	$\odot \text{♁} \odot \text{r}$	May 1911
$\text{♁} \Delta$ MC Radix	" "	$\text{♁} \Delta \text{♁} \text{r}$	" "

The validity of the rectification may be tested by any student interested, by means of the Speculum printed on p. 15.

"THE ROMANCE OF THE STARS," by Bessie Leo (office of MODERN ASTROLOGY, 25, 6d. net), is an attractive collection of eleven short stories dealing with astrology and occultism. They are skilfully told, and in several the interest is heightened by an accompanying portrait and horoscope of the chief character. They are not entirely fictitious, as some of the horoscopes are said to be actual ones, and the incidents to be real experiences. There are hints of reincarnation and karma, and the relation of astrology to the deeper truths of life. The book will doubtless appeal to the student of esoteric teaching as well as the general reader.—*Light* 14/10/14.

An American Astrologer on the War

CAN GERMANY WIN?

As foreseen by a few genuine students of Astrology, the Great European War has been instrumental in bringing astrological predictions to a climax. During the first three months of the War, astrologers of repute and reliance were unanimous in their tone and in the direction of their predictions: so much was this the case that a large number of the daily newspapers commented upon the fact, to which a great number of press cuttings sent to MODERN ASTROLOGY Office bear witness.

Most of these predictions came from British astrologers; but towards the end of October the Americans began their predictions. It is quite natural to assume that a certain amount of national bias would colour the predictions of British astrologers, although on the whole the judgments appear to have been based upon well-known rules, and were thus open to correction by any student who could claim freedom from prejudice.

Comparing the many notices given of the astrological predictions or statements, there is every reason to be satisfied with the results so far as the British astrologers are concerned. It is however quite different when we come to analyse the statements made by certain American students whose opinions seem to be strongly tinged by German predilections.

Now it is manifest that if we are quite honest with ourselves there should be no disagreement with regard to the ultimate end of this great war; for, allowing for difference of temperament, the interpretation of one astrologer should *in the main* be the same as another's, provided the premisses are the same. And in our opinion it is therefore a serious matter to find an astrologer who publishes predictions fundamentally differing from the majority.

We propose making such enquiry into the matter as is consistent with our authority to do so, for we hold that the rules by which the

astrologer works should be the same for all, if Astrology is to be considered a *science*. Error of judgment, inability to take in all the details, lack of focussing power, are faults to which the astrologer is as liable as the medical practitioner or the lawyer; but two directly conflicting judgments based on the well-known laws of Astrology cannot be admitted.

Let us examine the whole question upon its merits.

The British astrologers have one and all emphatically stated that the Kaiser will not win victory in this great War. They have *all* agreed that the Kaiser's horoscope is a fatal one, that he is doomed to failure. Some of the American astrologers on the other hand have stated that the German Emperor will emerge victorious from the struggle, Mrs Catherine Thompson, late Editor of *The Sphinx* and a writer in a paper called *The Adept*, being emphatic in this opinion.

Her views are embodied in an article published in the *Boston Sunday Globe*, October 25, 1914, printed in the usual American style of big headlines and dealing with the European War. The *Boston Globe* summarises the article as follows:

MRS. THOMPSON'S PROPHECIES

- 1.—*America is to be forced into this world-wide slaughter.*
- 2.—*The financial outlook promises to be very serious, especially about April, 1915.*
- 3.—*England's navy will sink.*
- 4.—*This world-wide war will last three years.*
- 5.—*The Germans are the most advanced of the nations of the earth and the German Kaiser, which means Caesar, is really the promoter of this new age, and therefore God-sent, and his name will go down in history when the other Kings are forgotten.*
- 6.—*The prophecies of the ultimate ascendancy of the Anglo-Saxon English speaking race will be fulfilled.*
- 7.—*Cholera, pestilence and disease will reach our shores, being brought over in clothing and merchandise, millions of despairing souls will escape to these shores, chiefly women, from the hotbed of Europe until immigration will be forbidden.*
- 8.—*Kings, the power of gold or commercialism, pride, pomp, and even our religion must fall; a new order of man will soon evolve so far in advance of the man to-day that we cannot even conceive what he will be like, but we shall all be happy and humane, peace will arise and war and poverty will be a thing of the past.*
- 9.—*Europe stands to-day on the brink of a precipice, without hope of salvation, torn by two great forces.*
- 10.—*The eclipse of the Moon last March portends a serious famine next year.*

We have not the space at our disposal at present to publish the whole article, which is nevertheless too startling to ignore; for we

cannot allow the science of Astrology to be saddled with what we consider erroneous interpretations. There is much truth in the astronomical statements, but the construction placed upon them is not in keeping with our judgment. The article, which takes up the best part of a large page of the *Boston Globe*, is headed "New Age to replace Our Civilisation" and treats of the two eclipses of March and August, 1914. Of the first we read:

On March 12 1914 occurred an eclipse of the moon in 21 degrees of Virgo, and on August 1 1914 when Mars reached the place of the eclipse the "moon was turned into blood" and Germany declared war against Russia. Virgo is in the wheat or September sign and the eclipse falling in this sign, portends next year a serious famine.

and the second she deals with as follows:

We now come to the eclipse of the sun on August 21 1914. It occurred about noon and fell in the last degrees of Leo, which signifies "great movements of armies and the death and ruin of kings."

The three Decans, or Constellations, that accompany Leo, are also very significant. They are Hydra, Crater and Corvus; Hydra, the Serpent, or Satan, that enemy of righteousness, that has to be bound for 1000 years; Crater, the "Cup of Indignation that has to be poured forth upon the Nations," and Corvus, the Raven, which is a bird that breaks things up and tears them to pieces, and signifies the destruction of all things such as governments, the money system, and religions.

So that beside the thrones of Europe being doomed, the Palace of the Vatican and St. Peter's cannot escape. This will be Germany's punishment of Italy for her desertion of her friends of the Triple Alliance, at a time when she was expected to stand fast; and as Belgium has been chastised for her reasonable refusals, how can Italy expect to escape?

Then will be seen the new "Sun of Righteousness rising with healing" in his Aquarian wings, and then will come the fulfilment of those wonderful prophecies which assure us of the ultimate ascendancy, not of the Slav, but of the Anglo-Saxon, English-speaking race.

And those Nations who have "washed their robes, and made them white" during this period of the lamb and the fishes, and have embraced the English language, will be chosen to receive "the mark in their foreheads," which will be a higher order of intelligence, a spiritualised man.

We agree with Mrs Thompson that we are now entering an Aquarian Cycle and the substance of her remarks on this head is worth reproduction:—

WAY FOR A NEW ORDER OF THINGS

Two thousand years ago, a new sun had arisen in Pisces, the fishes, the zodiac sign of the Zodiac, and a new Gospel or Mythos was then said to have been promulgated by fishermen, and water became the genius or God of that sign, and we have been born, baptised, sprinkled and saved with water for 2000 years, Christ even being represented as a "fountain of living water," and our most ancient and sacred symbol is the Nilometer or cross, which measured the rising of the waters of the Nile, bringing life, health and prosperity to the people.

The ancient astrologers considered this sign of Pisces to be a dark and

unfortunate one, and we still speak of it as the "waters of affliction," and call this period the "Dark Age."

During the past 2000 years, man has conquered this kingdom of water, has descended to its depths to lay cables, and has evolved steam, another form of water, and steam has ushered in machinery preparatory to ushering in this New Aquarian Age, an age not of water, but of air, electricity, science, and spiritual unfoldment, and as you cannot hide anything in the air, many lost arts, treasures, sciences and secrets will be rediscovered, even Lord Bacon's lost books.

We shall completely master this kingdom of the air, as we have the kingdoms of earth and water, because the stars of the fishes have fallen, with its ruling planet Jupiter, representing finance, and Mercury, commercialism, and the stars of Aquarius have already taken their proper place in the new heavens.

Just as one President with his Cabinet steps out of office and another walks in, so the new rulers, Mars, the God of War, and Saturn, who will later unfold this new order of man, is even now making his presence felt. "New wine must be put into new bottles," and this old civilisation of the Fishes has to be destroyed to make way for a new order of things, a new civilisation.

The writer then goes on to say that owing to the Sun's fall in the sign Aquarius it signifies the fall and humiliation of all things ruled by the Sun; kings, the power of gold, or commercialism, pride, pomp, and even our religion; and then quotes a number of verses from the Bible, at the conclusion of which she says:—"The Germans are the most advanced of the Nations of the earth, and the German Kaiser, which means Cæsar, is really the promoter of this New Age, and therefore is God-sent, and his name will go down in history when the other Kings are forgotten."

The conclusion of the article, in which the comet of 1911 is brought in, is not very convincing. But we will let her tell the story in her own words:—

And now we come to the comets. Shakspeare and the ancient astrologers have much to say about the disastrous omens of comets, portending the downfall, death or assassination of Kings and great men.

When Julius Cæsar was assassinated a comet like a sword hung over Rome for six months, also when Jerusalem was besieged and sacked.

In the Summer of 1911 could be seen every evening at about 9 o'clock an immense comet and it lasted for months. When Germany declared war on Russia, and England on Germany, Delavan's Comet was in the heavens near the Dipper and can still be seen. We must, therefore, expect changes and warlike proceedings. Shakspeare says:

Comets, importing change of times and States,
Brandish your crystal tresses in the sky.

Henry VI 1: 1.

In conclusion, Austria struck the match that fills Europe with fire and bloodshed; and the powers-that-be have already decided that America is to be forced to participate in this world-wide necessary slaughter, and the match is to be struck in 1915 after Jupiter leaves Aquarius; and neither President Wilson nor the American people will be allowed to have anything to say about it, because it is to be.

THE MAIN QUESTION

Let us return to the main question: Will Germany be victorious?

In a question like this, all astrologers must base their judgment upon the Kaiser's horoscope.

What does this horoscope denote?

The sign Cancer rises, and the Moon, its ruler, is in the sign of its fall, Scorpio, and below the earth, in opposition to Uranus.

It is quite true that the Moon is in good aspect with Mars and Neptune, but it is also true that the Moon has neither strength nor dignity in the sign of its fall.

The Sun also is in the sign of its detriment, and is moreover opposed by Saturn.

Saturn is the ruler of the seventh house in the Kaiser's nativity the house of open enemies, and his enemies are now stronger than his friends. The honour and success of an individual is shown by the meridian of his nativity, and in the Kaiser's horoscope Jupiter, the ruler of the mid-heaven, is also in the sign of its detriment, and near the cusp of the twelfth house, the house of confinement and imprisonment.

Mars conjunction Neptune is a doubtful element so far as success is concerned, for much depends upon what in his case is considered "success." It certainly favours espionage and deception, and is generally judged to bring scandal and ill-repute; and the square aspect of Venus to this conjunction shows that his friends do not favour his honour.

Now if the German Emperor is victorious and wins this great war, then there is no more reliance to be placed upon the predictive side of Astrology, and the sooner we admit it the better for ourselves, as well as for those who look to us for the truth concerning Astrology.¹

¹ It is a little difficult to understand the attitude of mind of the German astrologer who in a pamphlet entitled "Astrologische Mutmassungen über den Krieg der Deutschen 1914 seine Ursachen und Folgen," gives a horoscope of the Kaiser in which the positions of the fixed stars Pollux and Scheat are inserted, and inferences drawn therefrom, whereas Uranus which afflicts the Moon by opposition and Neptune which afflicts Mars by conjunction are omitted, nor is any reference made to either.

Mr. Becker in his able letter in our December issue also ignored δ δ Ψ as a factor in the Kaiser's horoscope. Yet to many minds it will seem the outstanding feature of the whole map.

Up to the present, the character of the Kaiser has been manifesting all the indications shown in his horoscope; and although we do not believe any system of directing to be *perfect*, nevertheless the "Directions" that have been published in this magazine have proved true and reliable.

WILL AMERICA BE DRAWN IN?

Now as regards America. We have carefully examined the mundane maps for New York during the present year 1915, but we fail to see any very martial influence prevailing, and conclude that war for the United States of America is NOT INEVITABLE. If America does decide to enter the fray, the event will most probably happen under the map for the Sun's entry into Capricorn December 22 1914 when the conjunction of the Sun and Mars takes place in the Midheaven at New York. It may be from this elevation and exaltation of the planet Mars that Mrs. Thompson judges that "America is to be forced into this world-wide slaughter." The eclipse of the Sun on February 14 1915 is a somewhat war-like figure for America, but we do not think that for the Americans war is inevitable: it can be avoided.

Mrs. Thompson says that "England's Navy will sink." We cannot believe it; neither do we believe that the Germans are the most advanced of the nations of the earth.

The conjunction of Neptune with Mars in the Kaiser's horoscope may have glamoured the animal part of his nature into thinking that he is God-sent, but we think that his name will go down to posterity as the monarch most be-fooled of the Astral Gods.

In the ultimate ascendancy of the English-speaking race we firmly believe, but the Germans are not an English-speaking race and so far as we can learn they prefer their own language to the English except when using it for the sake of gaining an advantage.

That "Europe stands to-day on the brink of a precipice" we are assured; we do not think, however, that the German Kaiser is the promoter of the New Age. He is, to all intents and purposes, the agent by which the Dark Powers are seeking to destroy the world; but in the end the Light will prevail and men's eyes will be opened to realise the evils of despotic powers who use men as though they were soulless machines to murder one another.

Mrs. Thompson believes that the age of woman is coming, and she says: "The time will come when men in their despair and misery will say: 'O that we had been born women!' Even now woman is gathering in the harvest, entering the business places, running the street cars and trying to gather up and save all that man is scattering and smashing up."

We also believe in the coming age of women, but it will be a wiser woman than she of the past, a woman who will teach her sons that Right is might, and not that Might is right.

Women have all the power in their hands to teach the future men through love and wisdom how to be true and noble. Men and women in the past have sent their sons away from them, glad in many cases to get rid of them, to be taught by others.

Yes, we believe in the new age now dawning when men will be *men* and women *women*, in the true sense of those words, and not as in the past—animal men and women.

"The time will come when winter will ask us: 'what were you doing all the summer?'"—*Bohemian Proverb*.

"THOSE WHO KNOW DO NOT SPEAK: THOSE WHO SPEAK DO NOT KNOW"

To return to the topic with which we set out—the multitude of 'astrological' predictions freely quoted in the newspapers.

It is a lamentable fact that there are many smatterers and dabblers in Astrology who, directly they can find a means of voicing their opinions, make all kinds of statements—talk through their hat, to use a vulgar phrase; and for this THE WHOLE SCIENCE OF ASTROLOGY HAS TO SUFFER.

Fortunately genuine students know what reliance to place upon their opinions, and therefore in the main totally ignore them; but it is not so with the novice who is caught by their assertions and who has not sufficient experience to distinguish between the true and the false prophets.

In the November issue of MODERN ASTROLOGY (supplement p. i) the following press-cutting was reproduced from the *Daily News and Leader*:

SIR,

Quite recently you published a prediction signed by Alan Leo respecting the issues of the present war; the concluding paragraph ran, "Mars, the true War Lord, goes before the sun until the last day of December, therefore the war will not end this year." Prophets, like doctors, may have a reliable science and yet may differ.

A friend of mine, a very accomplished astrologer, has sent me the following prophecy, which your readers will doubtless like to see. We may only hope that it is all true:—

"Peace and victory on Friday, 9th October, 1914. (September 29th, I believe, the German Emperor, if alive, makes overture of peace).

"Tuesday, October 13th, a possible, less probable day, perhaps a Royal message to the nation.

"Tuesday, October 6th, a great day. Sun trine Jupiter. October, 1st, 2nd, pacific. Sunday, October 18th, National Te Deum."

This prophecy is dated 2nd August, 1914. I may add this crisis and the downfall of the German Emperor have been prophesied by my friend for some years past, and the prophecy has been handed to no fewer than 2,000 persons.

85, Fleet Street, E.C.

ALFRED HUBERT.

The accomplished astrologer here referred to is well-known to us, and to a narrow circle of friends and clients, but outside these he is no more well-known than a small local bookseller is well-known beyond his immediate neighbourhood. Though a hard-working and conscientious man his powers of judgment are not equal to his ambitions, and this is unfortunate, as he has a habit of circularising large numbers of people with "predictions" every now and then with the hope apparently of bringing off a good *coup*. As an example may be mentioned the fact that during the life-time of King Edward he predicted that war between England and Germany would occur in November, 1905.

What is really wanted is a wider knowledge of astrology before predictions are made, and no one should attempt to make public predictions until he is able at the same time to state the laws and rules upon which he bases his predictions. The prudent astrologer is chary in his predictions; the dabbler is known by his readiness to predict on every possible occasion. Fortunately astrology is not dependent upon predictions to establish its truth, especially while we believe that CHARACTER IS DESTINY and that the stars *incline* but do not *compel*.

Who Named the Constellations? ¹

FROM the Introduction: "Much that appears in these pages has been published from time to time in books on popular astronomy of comparatively recent date, but to the writer's knowledge no comprehensive story has as yet been presented of the constellations, and of the stars they contain.

"In the compilation of this volume the purpose has been to include all matter pertinent to the subject, in order that the history of the constellations, as known and as written by all nations in every age, might be arranged in convenient form for the benefit of those who only know the stars by sight.

"A further aim has been to revive an interest in the mythology that twines about the stars. It has seemed but right that this wealth of star lore, buried deep in the treasury of the past, should once more see the light, and add its increased charm and interest to those who scan the skies."

It is to the aim mentioned in this last paragraph, and the unexceptionable manner in which it has been carried out, that the book owes its notice in these pages. Books on the stars there are in plenty, and not a few which treat of stellar mythology, but so far this is the first the writer has come across which is both trustworthy and agreeable, and at the same time void of offence to the student of astrology who has *some* inkling, however slight, of the deep knowledge and philosophy enshrined in myth and handed down through tradition from a past which was hoary with wisdom as well as years. Not that the writer is likely to encounter criticism from the sceptical on the ground of rating the value of myth too high. He has expertly steered a middle course, and contented himself merely with relating myth and

¹ STAR LORE OF ALL AGES: a collection of Myths, Legends, and Facts concerning the Constellations of the Northern Hemisphere. By William Tyler Olcott, author of "A Field Book of the Stars," "In Starland with a Three-inch Telescope," etc. (G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York and London. The Knickerbocker Press; cloth, gilt top, 9 x 6, pp 450, with 50 illustrations in the text and 64 full page illustrations: price 10s. 6d. net.)

legend without seeking either to interpret or to explain away, justly contending that the inherent vitality and poetic value of the legend provides a valid passport to our interest and attention: and the volume thus becomes a useful repository of stellar lore to which the student of astrology may confidently turn, without fearing to excite ridicule or provoke adverse comment from the non-astrologically minded.

THE STORY OF PHÆTON

But first let us give some indication of the very real danger thus escaped. While reading this book for review there came into the writer's hands a sixpenny book on "Star Legends," published not so very long ago, from which the following story of Phæton is taken:—

"In olden days the great sun-god Phœbus, or Apollo, was supposed to drive round the world in a car drawn by two spirited horses. From high in the heavens he shed a warmth and light upon the earth, and day and night, summer and winter followed each other in regular succession.

"But one day Phœbus yielded to the entreaties of his son Phæton to be allowed to drive the chariot of the sun for just one day², and the ambitious youth proudly took his seat in the car and started on his journey. But he soon found that he had undertaken more than he could manage, for the fiery steeds missed the firm hand of their master, and, in spite of Phæton's efforts to restrain them, dashed out of their course and came so near the earth as almost to set it on fire. On and on they dashed, following a zig-zag path right across the heavens, and leaving a trail of light to mark their course. Again and again they came so near the earth that the inhabitants were in danger of being injured by the great heat, and at last when the journey was almost completed, the chariot was overturned.

"Terrible mischief was thus caused upon the earth, especially in Africa, where the chariot fell. The surface of the country was charred and burnt, till it became a vast sandy desert, while the inhabitants were all scorched black. Phæton himself fell into a swiftly flowing

² This is incorrect, as may be seen from the instructions given to drive "between the horns of the Bull, through the mouth of the Lion," etc., plainly indicating the yearly course of the Sun.

river and was drowned, while the horses, freed from the car, continued their wild career through the heavens, until they once more reached the palace of the sun-god. *Thus did the ancients account for this mysterious stream of light, but we are WISER now and know that the "milky way" is formed by the light of thousands and thousands of stars, shining upon us out of infinite space.*

This little book was written for children, and its simple diction is well suited to the purpose: indeed, the stories are beautifully told. It is the italicised sentence which betrays the spirit of the nineteenth century, the spirit which so damagingly because so unconsciously *belittled* the ancients, the spirit breathed in the utterances of that proverbial trio, Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophan: to whom Job, "No doubt but ye are the people, and wisdom shall die with you." That the ancients could have any meaning in their tales beyond what was noon-clear to *their* be-telescoped intelligence, did not enter the imagination of nineteenth century hearts. To the Nineteenth Century all the ancients, as to the Eighteenth all foreigners, were fools.

It is this spirit, not always clearly voiced, but none the less wrought into each letter of every page, which renders dull and useless many volumes of encyclopedic bulk.

It is this spirit which in the book now under review is pleasantly conspicuous through its absence.

To hark back for a moment to Phaeton and our italicised sentence. *Did* the ancients thus 'account' for the Milky Way? And *are* we 'wiser' now?

The Nineteenth Century would have maintained it, at the cannon's mouth, with unflinching conviction. But we are now in the Twentieth Century and our attitude towards the ancients, in more than one or two respects, has been very greatly modified—largely through the labours of that doughty champion of Ancient Wisdom, H. P. Blavatsky, whose *Secret Doctrine* is a mine of information as well as an armoury of weapons, if weapons still be needed, against intellectual materialism.

"STAR LORE OF ALL AGES"

That the work before us has been a labour of love on the part of the compiler, is seen not only in the successful manner in which it has

been accomplished, but in the generous way in which its results have been set forth. The constellations are taken in order, each forming as it were a chapter to itself; and each such chapter is prefaced by a full-page drawing, on a left-hand page, showing at the top of the page the principal stars in diagrammatic form so as to assist in tracing their position in the sky, while in the lower half of the page is given a drawing of the *figure* of the constellation, copied from some trustworthy source. The assistance thus afforded to eye and memory will only be properly appreciated by those who have seen the book. Each chapter is given a title-page to itself, and thus the faintest approach to "jostling" is avoided,—a spacious fashion of treatment which in happiness of effect well repays for the extra cost entailed.

Apart from and beyond these claims on the reader's gratitude, the book is liberally appurtenanced with full-page photographic illustrations adding both interest and beauty, and of which the excellence is as greatly to the credit of the publisher as the author—which indeed may be said of the book as a whole. As instances may be mentioned Ptolemy (National Museum, Naples), Ganymede (Museum of Vatican, Rome), the Temple of Khonsu, Karnak (from Peir's *Inscriptions of the Nile Monuments*), the Dance of the Pleiades (painting by Elihu Vedder), etc., etc.

Indeed, so pleasantly is the book written, so well arranged, and so beautifully executed, that hardly indeed can one hit upon a suggestion for improvement. A detailed index would however add to its value, and this suggestion we respectfully commend to author and publisher in view of the likelihood of a second edition being called for. It is true that owing to clearness of arrangement the chief references to any particular star may be readily found by looking up its constellation in the Table of Contents. But there are occasional indirect or passing references to stars, occurring in chapters devoted to other constellations than those in which the stars are situated,³ and in a book of this kind one would wish to have the means of putting one's finger on *all* matter relating to any star, without fear of missing valuable references; and this end can only be secured by means of a

³ To take one example at random, Aldebaran, Antares, Regulus and Fomalhaut are all mentioned on p. 15, as well as in their respective constellations, pp. 39, 234, 328, 340.

good index. To issue the Index separately at a charge, say, of two shillings would be to confer a boon on present possessors of the book.

CUSTOMS REGULATED BY THE PLEIADES

The following extract, interesting for its own sake, affords moreover a fair example of the agreeable style of the author. "Blake tells us that the 1st of November was with the ancient Druids of Britain a night full of mystery, in which they annually celebrated the reconstruction of the world. Although Druidism is now extinct the relics of it remain to this day, for in one calendar we still find November 1st marked as 'All Saints' Day,' and in the pre-Reformation calendar the last day of October was marked 'All Hallow Eve,' and the 2nd of November as 'All Souls,' indicating clearly a three days' festival of the dead, commencing in the evening, and originally regulated by the Pleiades.⁴

"In France, the Parisians at this festival repair to the cemeteries and lunch at the graves of their ancestors. Prescott in his *History of the Conquest of Mexico*, states that the great festival of the Mexican cycle was held in November at the time of the midnight culmination of the Pleiades, and the Spanish conquerors found in Mexico a tradition that the world was once destroyed when the Pleiades culminated at midnight, the identical tradition that we find in the far east, a myth so universal as to suggest a foundation of fact.

"The actual observance at the present day of this festival is to be found among the Australian savages.⁵ At the midnight culmination of the Pleiades, in November, they still hold a New Year's corroboree in honour of this group of stars, which they say are "very good to the black fellows." The corroborees are connected with a worship of the dead. Still another custom associated with the Pleiades which has come down to us is the November date of our elections;⁶ the convocation of the tribal meeting at this time, because of the significant position of the Pleiades, being a very ancient custom.

⁴ [Whose mid-night culmination *now* takes place on November 17th, the change of date being due to precession.]

⁵ [Puzzle: How did the tradition make the passage from prehistoric Mexico to prehistoric Australia?]

⁶ [The writer, it must be remembered, is an American: but compare our Lord Mayor's election in November.]

"Many Masonic organisations of the present day have memorial services to the dead about the middle of November, a survival of the universal recognition of the season of the year as commemorating the destruction of the world, when the Pleiades culminated at midnight."

It is interesting to note that a namesake of our author in 1875 founded, with H. P. Blavatsky, a Society the workers in which have been largely instrumental in promoting a reconstruction of the world's thought, in the evening of November 17th—*on which date the Pleiades culminate at midnight.*

A GIFT BOOK OR PRIZE

From the Extract just given the reader can form some idea of the store of information which the book contains, and also of the happy avoidance on the part of the author of any suggestion of 'scrappiness.' It gives but three paragraphs from the chapter on the Pleiades, which is the longest in the book and covers twenty pages, incidentally giving a list of no less than thirty-nine different names by which this star group has been known.

A bibliography, sensibly placed at the beginning instead of as usual at the end of the book, tells us of the forty or fifty volumes that have been mined to store the pages of this one among which Rosa Baughan's *Influence of the Stars* finds a place. An Appendix gives interesting notes on the distances and movements of certain stars.

In especial, this publication fulfils one requirement often desired but less frequently found in a book. It is emphatically suitable for a birthday present. It is hard indeed to imagine anyone who would not be pleased to receive as a gift this handsome volume in its clean card case, and just as hard to imagine one who, having received, would not be tempted—however little interested in any aspect of astronomy—to turn over its pages and, having turned, to read. So strongly does the writer feel this, that he trusts to be allowed to offer a copy for presentation as a prize in any Competition the Editor may care to initiate.

HOW CAME THE CONSTELLATIONS BY THEIR NAMES?

It has been said that the book is happily free from the 19th century "silly-old-ancients" spirit, although it is not implied that the

author shares our own views that the constellations and allegories and traditions associated therewith, are portions—detached portions, truly, occasionally disfigured or even mutilated, yet still authentic fragments of an ancient arcane and *sacred* knowledge, handed down from age to age by the appointed custodians of secret lore, men who KNEW. This being so, it is natural to find, among the information set down, passages quoted with approval which would not perhaps have been cited without remark had the author held our views; and it is upon one or two of these that the writer craves space to comment.

On p. 54 we read: "It is *easy to see*, as Brown⁷ avers, that the comparison of the sun to a ram or bull is a line of thought which naturally and *spontaneously* arises in the mind of archaic man" [*italics mine*].

This sort of writing is—happily may one say, was—very common in archeological dissertations on Constellations, Solar Myths, etc. It is really a "bluff." Suppose one were to deny that it is "easy to see"?

Let some bold spirit make this denial, and one may very fairly ask what can be brought forward in the way of evidence to show that such a line of symbology should naturally and spontaneously arise in the mind of archaic man? Naturally and spontaneously, remember, and not as revival or perpetuation of tradition.

THE ARCHAIC MIND

Unless one is content with the rather small jest that a F.S.A. himself offers a sufficient example of the natural and spontaneous working of the archaic mind, which should therefore render his *ipse dixit* sufficient, one might profitably seek to ascertain whether there are any facts tending to show that primeval man exhibits this tendency to personify the Sun under the name of some animal associated with his daily or yearly task of food-getting. Primeval or archaic man, in the sense intended by archeologists, we cannot of course now find; but we may seek for indications of his tendencies in two directions—(i) the behaviour of "Hodge," as inferential of the effect of continuous

⁷ [Robert Brown, Jr., F.S.A., etc., author of *Stellar Theology, Primitive Constellations*, etc.]

contact with nature upon uncultivated and unstimulated minds, and (ii) the behaviour of very young children under circumstances of entire freedom from restraint. This second direction at least should surely furnish evidence of Brown's view, if it be in accordance with truth, for all evidence goes to show that the child does in fact recapitulate during early years the stages passed through by primeval man, just as does the foetus during the nine months of ante-natal life recapitulate the whole course of organic evolution from mineral to mammal. Therefore, if it is true that the comparison of the sun to a ram or bull, is a line of thought which "naturally and spontaneously arises" in the untutored mind, in a state of primitive consciousness, we should expect to find the infant child personifying the sun not indeed as a ram or a bull but as a rocking horse or puff-puff or something equally familiar in its everyday life—and equally unsuitable, not to say ridiculously unlike, for purposes of comparison or analogy.

If those who have attentively studied the dawning intelligence of children will inform us on this point, and if their testimony is generally affirmative, then we may reasonably admit Mr Brown's "easy to see." If, further, a tendency is found in the average—*average* mind!—tiller of the soil to regard with homage and veneration that glorious orb whose ray brings life as well as light, and to typify him as ram or ox or horse or traction-engine, and to weave about him legends of his doings in these guises, then, and not till then, may we legitimately consider these explanations of archeologists sound and trustworthy. So far as the present writer is concerned, his experience neither with children nor with agriculturists inclines him to view it with the smallest favour. As for his own early ideas—or present ones for that matter—the likeliest images that would occur to his mind as natural to figure the sun are a brass knob, or a fire!

DATE OF THE ZODIAC

We are therefore faced with this position, that unless some new and indeed unexpected evidence is forthcoming, we are as far as ever from finding an explanation, along naturalistic lines, for the origin of the constellations. This evidence, it is needful to remind ourselves, must be entirely free from any influence of tradition or any form of

"impact" knowledge; it must show the existence of *self-initiated* imagination and fancy, not repetitive.

Will it be forthcoming? We think not.

Granted provisionally that it is not, and that we have to seek afresh for the origin of the constellations. For simplicity's sake we will take the zodiacal constellations only. Each fresh investigator pushes the date assigned to the origin of these twelve star-groups farther back. In *Ancient Calendars and Constellations* 6,000 B.C. is claimed, and this date—further back by some 2,000 years than the earliest previously assigned—has been tacitly agreed to or at least passed without grave demur by authorities generally. How much further back still will succeeding investigators carry it? H. P. B. dates the Zodiac—not its invention but its bestowal upon mankind—at a period vastly anterior. The continued expansion of the assigned date, therefore, which originally was fixed at so recent an Epoch as 400 A.D., when Aries grazed the Equinox, looks as though the final result might be complete accordance with her statement.

MYSTERY OF ITS ORIGIN

The foregoing argument has been purely along the lines of ordinary archeological reasoning. As a student of practical Astrology, one gains of course an entirely different point of view. One knows, for example, that the sign⁸ Aries and the sign Taurus are not named after ram and bull at haphazard. This one knows, not as a matter of surmise, of authoritative opinion, of generally accepted theory, but as a matter of personal first-hand knowledge in just the same way that one knows that acids turn litmus paper red, or that German is a guttural language. And therefore one's attitude is fundamentally altered. When one has been made aware that a connection exists between the sign Aries and that manifestation of animal life which we recognise under the genus ram, between the sign Taurus and bull-life, between the sign Leo and the nature of the lion—then the whole question is at once removed from an interesting archeological speculation to a Natural Mystery. The mystery having two aspects, respectively attractive to two different types of mind, (i) how is this relationship

⁸ Sign here, not constellation: distinction later.

brought about and kept in active being by Nature [God], and (ii) how and when did awareness of this relationship become the heritage of man?

The reader to whom the conception outlined in the foregoing paragraph happens to be new, may find his sense of humour prompting the question "Am I to understand, then, that the sign Libra is intimately connected with the 'life' of the *Balance*?" To this jesting query it is not easy to give an answer that shall be at once concise and conclusive, but perhaps it will be sufficient to say that the swaying balance is found to be a very true symbol of the life-experiences of *human* beings who in an astrological sense come especially under the influence of this sign. How true, only a Libran can appreciate, and not even he or she express.

SIGNS VERSUS CONSTELLATIONS

The signs here spoken of are counted from the vernal equinox along the ecliptic, and are therefore not identical with the constellations of the same name. If that fact be held to invalidate the argument, it may at least be said that the association of the Constellation-Zodiac with cosmic history and cosmic life, in a fashion analogous to that in which experience shows the Sign-Zodiac to be associated with human and animal life, is a line of thought which 'naturally and spontaneously arises' in the mind of the student of practical Astrology.

The ordinary Ephemeris giving the zodiacal position of Sun and Moon and planets, does it is true supply all his immediate necessities so far as the study of human nature, as represented in his friends and acquaintances and public people of note, is concerned. And therefore in a sense the splendid book before us might be written off as a useless or at least a purely ornamental accessory of which he stands in no real need. But beyond the circle of one's daily needs there always stretches the wider horizon of the imagination, beyond the home the city, wider than the city the nation, wider than all the world—still ruled by laws which had their first expression in the family; and thus beyond our own earth's atmosphere whirl her brother and her sister planets clustering round their parent, once again a family. Beyond that home, what city? Beyond that city, what state?

National Astrology

FORECAST FOR THE YEAR 1915

THE present account is intended as a short review of the events of the year as indicated in the quarterly Ingresses and the New Moons. A fuller and more detailed delineation will be given month by month under the appropriate dates as heretofore, but the following is a brief introduction and summary, more especially from the point of view of the question:—War or Peace?

THE WINTER QUARTER

An account of the map for the moment of the Sun's entry into the sign Capricorn on December 22, 1914, which has a general rule for three months, has already been given in MODERN ASTROLOGY and need not be repeated here. Briefly put, it shows the continuation of the war; the martial influence very strong; popular support of the ruling powers and confidence in them; some danger of attempted invasion of this country; increasing success of our arms abroad; no peace yet.

New Moon, January 15, 1915.—The war continues and the martial spirit will be very strong; success at sea; trouble felt through money and the business world; privation among the poorer classes; a heavy death rate, with the death of some person eminent in the state; danger from spies and treachery; the government not very fortunate just now; fighting in Germany and Austria.

Eclipse of the Sun, February 14, 1915.—Secret attacks by the enemy, spies and treachery, but they will not gain any marked success. The war will drag on and may even spread over a wider area; aerial warfare on the increase; explosions, accidents and many deaths. Questions relating to business and money matters will come strongly to the front; new loans and financial arrangements here or on the continent; especially in Germany and Austria, in which countries peace suggestions will begin to spread and will gain the

support of some minds even among statesmen; but Mars conjunction Uranus is strong to the contrary.

New Moon, March 15, 1915.—Activity of the fleet, warfare on the sea, in all probability a great naval struggle. Monarchs and governments not very fortunate during either last month or this; many pitfalls; Neptune culminates at Berlin. Heavy expenditure on armies and navies. The lunation falls on the Kaiser's Neptune and Mars.

THE SPRING QUARTER

Trouble to the monarch and government both here and in other countries; secret and subtle attacks on persons in high places; death or downfall of some very eminent personage; Parliament enfeebled; probable reversal of power at the forthcoming general election. Peace ideas will spread but are unlikely to take effect until later in the year. Much naval activity. Discontent among the workers and the people, likelihood of strikes. Saturn culminates in Berlin and is near the tenth cusp at Vienna; serious trouble to the Emperor and statesmen.

N.B.—The indications of this map are spread over the WHOLE YEAR, more or less, and are not confined within three months.

New Moon, April 14, 1915.—The country, the monarch and the government will all be stronger for the time being in spite of the unfavourable quarterly map, but there will be danger from secret enemies, treachery and crime. Affairs drag on slowly in Parliament and not much is accomplished; likelihood of disaffection and party splits, violent disputes, death or downfall of some Member, bye-elections. Naval activity continues. Efforts towards peace on the part of some foreign country, but Uranus in the seventh has a contrary effect.

New Moon, May 14, 1915.—Much talk of peace, and efforts to bring about a better understanding between the different nations will be made, probably unofficially and beneath the surface. This country will be strong and successful, but things will not go well in Parliament. Socialistic and democratic movements will demand attention and make themselves felt, especially in Germany and Austria, where Neptune will be very close to the fourth cusp, but the ruling powers of those countries will be strong enough to override them.

New Moon, June 12, 1915.—The Government not fortunate; foreign affairs intricate and difficult; trade good but questions of taxation serious; the navy popular, new vessels undertaken or launched; many deaths; some well-known literary man will die and some high state official; bankruptcies, stock exchange failures.

THE SUMMER QUARTER

Trouble for Parliament and the Government, changes, waning power and popularity; danger of reversal if a dissolution occurs now. Money troubles and heavy financial problems all round; many failures; death of wealthy persons; some serious crimes, murders and suicides. Increase of the navy; questions relating to it arise in Parliament. Troubles arise in Ireland.

New Moon, July 12, 1915.—Serious troubles in Parliament, changes, threatened failure of legislation, alteration of plans, dissolution probable, Government in trouble; deaths of persons eminent in the state. Success through foreign affairs; peace prospects now become more definite; relations between the different countries are more friendly and diplomacy is active in discussing affairs. Jupiter will be setting at Berlin and Vienna, so that these countries will be less hostile to the rest of Europe. The prospect in Russia will be rather less favourable, for Saturn will be culminating there.

Eclipse of the Sun, August 10, 1915.—Very unfavourable for rulers, Governments, statesmen and Parliaments throughout nearly the whole of Europe; but it is worse for Central Europe, Germany and Austria, than elsewhere; instability, reversals, overthrow. Heavy expenditure, financial problems very serious and occupying the attention of Cabinets. The maps are not adverse to peace, but the square of Mars to Jupiter will delay matters. International relations will be under discussion.

New Moon, September 9, 1915.—The influence of this map is decidedly favourable for improved relations between European nations and for peace; rulers and Governments will be stronger and more pacific in their attitude. Sun, Moon and Venus will culminate at Berlin and Vienna. Serious accidents and loss of life at sea. A marriage in royal or noble circles.

THE AUTUMN QUARTER

Favourable for business and money matters but with a heavy expenditure. Parliamentary affairs will cause much discussion and excitement; death of some noted member; if not a General Election then bye-elections will take place. Jupiter will be setting in Central and East Europe and its influence will be decidedly in favour of peace, although difficult points may arise between allies and otherwise friendly nations.

New Moon, October 8, 1915.—The influence of Jupiter in the mid-heaven is benefic and pacific, but difficult problems, probably financial, bearing upon foreign affairs will be to the fore in spite of this, and national affairs will drag rather slowly. Heavy expenditure and a high death rate; deaths in high circles.

New Moon, November 7, 1915.—Venus rises in Scorpio with no serious affliction, showing a peaceful and prosperous influence in the country. Trade and money matters will prosper. The ninth and third houses are heavily afflicted, showing serious accidents by sea, land and aviation; trouble arising in connection with the colonies; religious movements, education, and occultism unfortunate. There are very strong aspects in this map.

New Moon, December 6, 1915.—The tone of the map is quiet and peaceful; the Government will be strong and the country successful. There will be complaints of want, privation and unemployment and some sickness in the country. Foreign affairs will provide difficult problems for solution. Jupiter will culminate in Belgium and Holland, which countries will benefit considerably.

THE WINTER QUARTER

Jupiter will be setting in $\approx 21^{\circ} 0'$ free from bad aspects, in trine to the Moon and Saturn and in sextile to Venus. It will be very close indeed to the seventh cusp at Berlin and Vienna. The influence therefore will be very strongly peaceful, and peace will come during this quarter if the previous ingresses have not proved sufficiently strong to bring it into effect.

GENERAL SUMMARY

From the standpoint of peace and war in Europe it may be said that the first six months of 1915 are on the whole more warlike than peaceful. Here and there are indications that suggestions towards peace may be made, friendly offers from foreign countries and so on, but none of the maps seem sufficiently pacific to justify a definite prediction of peace.

During the second six months of the year the peace influence grows much stronger and that of war decidedly less. There are indications to this effect at the lunations of July, September, October, November, and December, in the map for the autumn quarter, and very decidedly so in that for the winter quarter, December 22. Peace should therefore come during the latter quarter if the earlier indications are not strong enough to effect it.

We have not yet carried our study of National Astrology further than this, and we leave for a future occasion the question of the nature of the maps that will follow that for the winter quarter of 1915.

MUNDANE MAPS FOR 1915

HOUSE CUSPS

		x	xi	xii	i	ii	iii
A	(1)	II 12	♄ 19	♃ 21	♃ 16½	♄ 9	♃ 7
	(2)	II 25	♃ 2	♃ 2	♃ 26	♄ 19	♃ 19
	(3)	♄ 10	♃ 18	♃ 16	♄ 7	♄ 30	♃ 30
B	(1)	♄ 6	♃ 12	♃ 12	♄ 5	♄ 29	♃ 29
	(2)	♄ 19	♃ 24	♃ 22	♄ 14	♃ 9	♃ 11
	(3)	♃ 5	♃ 10	♄ 5	♄ 23	♃ 19	♃ 23
C	(1)	♃ 25	♄ 4	♃ 7	♃ 4	♃ 24	♄ 21
	(2)	II 8	♄ 16	♃ 18	♃ 13	♄ 5	♃ 3
	(3)	II 24	♃ 3	♃ 4	♃ 26	♄ 17	♃ 16
D	(1)	II 6	♄ 14	♃ 16	♃ 12	♄ 4	♃ 1
	(2)	II 19	♄ 26	♃ 27	♃ 22	♄ 14	♃ 13
	(3)	♃ 4	♃ 13	♃ 11	♄ 3	♄ 25	♃ 25

PLANETS' PLACES

	☉	☽	♃	♄	♅	♆	♁	♃	
A	♃ 0.0	II 5.23	♃ 2.20	♄ 17.17	♃ 9.34	♃ 10.56	II 25.53	♄ 14.14	♄ 27.45
B	♄ 0.0	♄ 24.53	♄ 7.6	II 7.53	♃ 20.10	♃ 27.22	♄ 5.0	♄ 15.16	♄ 29.2
C	♄ 0.0	♃ 8.50	♄ 25.36	♄ 3.3	♄ 22.10	♃ 22.37	♄ 15.21	♄ 12.4	♃ 2.10
D	♄ 0.0	♄ 15.5	♃ 3.55	♃ 25.7	♃ 29.19	♃ 21.0	♄ 14.4	♄ 13.15	♃ 2.6

In this list A stands for the map of the Spring Quarter, the Sun entering Aries; B for the map of the Summer Quarter, the

Sun entering Cancer; C for the map of the Autumn Quarter, the Sun entering Libra; and D for the map of the Winter Quarter, the Sun entering Capricorn.

(1) indicates the cusps at London, (2) the cusps at Berlin, and (3) the cusps at Petrograd. The cusps at Paris differ from those at London by only about 2° in most cases; and the cusps at Vienna are very close to those at Berlin.

THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE

NEW MOON: January 15, 1915, 2.42 p.m. London

PLANETS' PLACES

☉	☽	♃	♄	♅	♆	♁	♃
II 24.23	♄ 0.43	♃ 9.54	♃ 18.39	♄ 25.31	II 26.54	♄ 10.39	♄ 29.12

HOUSE CUSPS

	x	xi	xii	i	ii	iii
(1)	♃ 5	♃ 10	♃ 27	♄ 9	♄ 25	♃ 12
(2)	♃ 8	♃ 13	♃ 28	♄ 8	♄ 25	♃ 14
(3)	♃ 10	♃ 15	II 2	♄ 12	♄ 26	♃ 16
(4)	♃ 20	♃ 28	II 14	♄ 19	♃ 5	♃ 24
(5)	♃ 23	♃ 30	II 13	♄ 19	♃ 6	♃ 26
(6)	♃ 8	♃ 21	♄ 7	♃ 9	♃ 22	♃ 10

(1) is London; (2) Paris; (3) Brussels; (4) Berlin; (5) Vienna; and (6) Petrograd

Mars is setting in Capricorn in all the maps except at Petrograd, and it is within orbs of a conjunction of the two luminaries. This shows the strength of the war spirit and the improbability of any efforts towards peace being successful at present. It will be noticed that Mars is closer to the cusp of the seventh house at Berlin and Vienna than elsewhere, and this indicates that the determination for war will be keener there and that the contest is likely to be waged upon the territory of Germany and Austria. At Petrograd Mercury and Uranus will be setting.

The Sun and Moon will be on the cusp of the eighth house applying to the opposition of Neptune in the second, in Great Britain, France and Belgium, showing many deaths, some in high positions in the state, and amongst statesmen. Financial problems will begin to grow very serious over the whole of Europe; there will be a good deal of want and privation, and many cases of bankruptcy will occur. In Germany and eastward, where Neptune will no longer be in the second house, the Sun will be ruler of that house and will afford

similar testimony; the conjunction of the luminaries with Mars showing heavy expenditure everywhere through the war.

Development of aerial activities is likely to continue and new inventions and methods will be heard of in this connection. The trine of Jupiter in the ninth to Saturn may originate attempts at peaceful intervention on the part of the churches and friendly offers from distant nations, but the rest of the map makes it very improbable that anything of the kind can meet with success.

The Government will be well supported in the country but not very strong in Parliament, and the proceedings will be very contentious with Mars ruling the eleventh house; the war, the army and navy will occupy much attention. Some noted writer is likely to die. India, parts of the Balkans, Mexico and other districts ruled by Capricorn are likely to be disturbed by the transit of Mars through the sign. Saturn retrograding in Gemini is evil for Belgium.

The opposition of the Sun to Neptune on January 20, and of Mars to Neptune on January 28, are both evil for things ruled by the second and eighth houses, money matters and deaths.

The lunation falls in exact square to King George's Saturn, which shows trouble through foreign affairs; it is in square to Mr. Asquith's Mars; in square to Mercury with Sir Edward Grey; on the place of the Sun and square Jupiter with Mr Lloyd George; in square to Jupiter with Mr Winston Churchill; on the place of Neptune and opposite Venus with the Emperor of Austria; in the ascendant near Mars and opposite Venus with President Poincaré; in the seventh house (Mars near the cusp) with the German Emperor; and opposite to Mars with the German Crown Prince. To astrologers these positions speak for themselves; none are fortunate.

THE PLANETS DURING 1915

NEPTUNE

Neptune is retrograding in the last degree of Cancer when the year opens; it will be stationary at $\ominus 27^{\circ} 39'$ on April 9, after which it will be direct in motion. It re-enters Leo on July 19, and becomes stationary on November 6 at $\Omega 2^{\circ} 41'$, after which it will be retrograde for the rest of the year.

When reviewing the positions of the planets for 1914 it was pointed out that Leo governs France, Italy, and Roumania, to which may be added the City of Rome; and it was remarked that these places "will certainly feel its (Neptune's) unstable and mutable influence. The changes it brings about are generally for good in the long run but they often entail great disturbances."

Since then France has suffered disastrously as the result of the war; and in connection with this it may be pointed out that the Boer war was raging when Neptune entered Cancer, the sign ruling Africa. Italy has not joined in the war up to the time of writing these notes, although it has been disturbed politically by the great event; but Rome and Catholicism have witnessed the deaths of Pope Pius X, of the Head of the Jesuits, and of Cardinal Ferrata, the Papal Secretary of State, all within two months. In Roumania King Carol died.

The nearest Neptune and Uranus approach to opposition this year is at the end of October, when they will be nine degrees apart and therefore definitely beyond orbs; but the Sun translates light between them by means of squares from October 27 to November 5, which will be an unfortunate period for persons and places ruled by these two planets and by the signs they occupy. Mars will be in opposition to Neptune on January 28 from $\mathcal{B} 28^{\circ} 50'$, in square to it from $\Upsilon 28^{\circ} 11'$ on May 23, and in conjunction with it at $\Omega 2^{\circ} 30'$ on October 12; all unfortunate periods for things signified by the planet. Jupiter is stationary at $\times 28^{\circ} 31'$ near the trine of Neptune on July 19, and the Sun translates light between the two July 22 and 24, the effect of which is benefic.

The following are a few noteworthy transits of Neptune in well-known horoscopes.

Transits

KING GEORGE	$\Psi \delta \text{ p Jan; } \delta \odot \text{ p July 26.}$
QUEEN ALEXANDRA	$\Psi \text{ stat } \mathcal{B} \text{ } \mathcal{H} \text{ Nov 5.}$
CZAR	$\Psi \text{ stat } \mathcal{B} \text{ } \mathcal{B} \text{ p Apr 9; } \mathcal{B} \text{ } \mathcal{H} \text{ p Aug 10.}$
CROWN PRINCE OF GERMANY	$\Psi \delta \mathcal{B} \text{ Jan 16 and June 26.}$
MR. LLOYD GEORGE	$\Psi \text{ stat } \mathcal{B} \odot \text{ Apr 10.}$

URANUS

Uranus will be at $\approx 9^{\circ} 53'$ direct in motion when the year opens. It is stationary at $\approx 15^{\circ} 40'$ on May 21, and then retrograde until

the second time, at $\approx 18^{\circ} 37'$; after which it will be direct in motion for the rest of the year. It will be in conjunction with Mars at $\approx 11^{\circ} 31'$ on March 24, and will receive the square of the red planet from $\approx 27^{\circ} 21'$ on August 15. Aspects between these two planets excite people's minds, and call forth enthusiasm and fiery impulse which may be applied wisely or unwisely according to circumstances. They were in opposition shortly before the assassination of the Austrian Archduke Franz-Ferdinand, which was the nominal cause of the war; they were in 150° aspect on July 28, 1914, the day on which Austria formally declared war against Serbia; and they were in trine on September 5, two days before which date the new pope Benedict XV was elected, and about the same time began the successful turning movement by which the Allies were able to drive the German forces back from Paris.

The presence of both Uranus and Jupiter in Aquarius during 1914 affected Russia, Prussia, and other places, as previously stated. In nearly all cases the presence of two or more of the larger planets in a sign, concentrates in one centre a large amount of energy, to be used for the purposes of the sign; but unless the combination is extremely harmonious the result is apt to prove that too much tension has been produced, and then disruption occurs, and destructive effects follow. In the present case the energy has resulted in a great war; and while the countries named have both gained various successes they cannot fail to suffer greatly also.

Whatever benefic influence has been exerted by Jupiter in Aquarius will come to an end when the planet leaves that sign on February 4, and thereafter persons and places ruled by Aquarius will be left under the influence of Uranus alone in the sign, and Jupiter in Pisces will benefit Portugal. The effect of the strong satellitium in Aquarius will last for a considerable time, however; for when a great disturbance is caused the results do not die away immediately but only by slow degrees. At the New Moon of January 26 1914 no fewer than six heavenly bodies were in close conjunction in Aquarius, Jupiter, Venus, Sun, Moon, Mercury and Uranus; and it was pointed out at the time that this made it of much greater importance than an ordinary New Moon and far more lasting. From January 30 to February 1, 1915, five heavenly bodies will again be in Aquarius, Mars, the Sun, Uranus, Mercury and Jupiter; but this

time they are not quite so important, for they are not in such close conjunction and all but one of them leave the sign soon afterwards, and it falls at a Full Moon, not a New Moon.

Jupiter will not reach the sign Taurus until the summer of 1916, by which time the Home Rule Controversy will be settled in its essentials and Ireland will benefit during that and the following year from the presence of the greater benefic in its ruling sign.

Transits

KING GEORGE	\approx stat just above cusp Asc July 19.
QUEEN MARY	\approx δ \approx Mar 1; δ \approx Mar 11.
PRINCE OF WALES	\approx δ \approx Feb 20; δ Asc p Mar 25.
EARL OF ROSEBERY	\approx δ Asc June 25, Aug 12.
QUEEN ALEXANDRA	\approx δ \approx May 27, Sep 11.
PRESIDENT POINCARÉ	\approx δ \approx July.
CZAR	\approx cusp 7th Mar 11.
GERMAN EMPEROR	\approx δ MC Apr 27, Nov 1 and 28; δ \approx May 18, Sep 21;
GERMAN CROWN PRINCE	\approx δ \approx May 1, Sep 7. [δ δ June 16, Aug 21.
EMPEROR OF AUSTRIA	\approx δ \approx Mar 8.
QUEEN OF HOLLAND	\approx cusp Asc Feb 11; several oppositions during the year.
KING OF SWEDEN	\approx cusp 7th Mar 7.
QUEEN OF SPAIN	\approx δ Asc Apr 14.
MR. H. H. ASQUITH	\approx δ \approx δ \approx Mar; δ \odot May, Oct, Dec.

ECLIPSES

There will be only two eclipses during 1915, both of the Sun. (i) February 14, 4.31 a.m., an annular eclipse of the Sun invisible in England, Europe and North America; visible in Australia, East Indies, Madagascar, East coast of South Africa, and the Pacific and Indian Oceans. It falls at $\approx 24^{\circ} 25'$ in the second house at London, and it affects the following horoscopes as stated.

EMPEROR OF AUSTRIA, δ \odot exact.	KING OF ITALY, δ \approx .
QUEEN OF NORWAY, δ \approx exact.	QUEEN ALEXANDRA, δ \approx \odot p.
PRESIDENT POINCARÉ, δ \odot .	QUEEN OF HOLLAND, δ \approx .
	H. H. ASQUITH, δ \approx .

(ii) August 10, 10.52 p.m., an annular eclipse of the Sun invisible in England, Europe and America; visible in the Pacific Ocean, New Guinea and adjacent islands, Japan, and North East China. It falls at $\approx 17^{\circ} 12'$ in opposition to Uranus and in the fourth house at London; and it affects the following horoscopes:

QUEEN MARY, δ \approx .	KING OF NORWAY, δ \approx p.
QUEEN ALEXANDRA, δ \approx .	KING OF SWEDEN, δ \odot p.
GERMAN EMPEROR, δ \approx p.	KING MANUEL, δ \approx .
	GERMAN CROWN PRINCE, δ \approx p.

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the disasters that have befallen the country; and both were operative along with lunar directions to Saturn, Mars and the Sun in the summer of 1914 immediately before the war began: strong lunar directions last more than one month, it will be remembered. Moreover Saturn transited the opposition of Mars a few days before the war actually began; and the solar eclipse of August 21st 1914 fell in opposition to the radical and progressed Saturn and in square to the progressed Sun.

DIRECTIONS 1914-15

Basic Directions

☉ ☉ ♄	Dec 1913	♄ ☉ ♄	Sep 1913
☉ ☉ ♄ r	May 1914	♄ ☉ ♄ r	Nov 1914
☉ P ☉ r	June "	♄ ♄ ♄	Jan 1915
☉ P ♄ r	Feb 1916	♄ * ♄ r	Mar "
☉ ☉ ♄ r	Mar "	♄ ☉ ♄ r	June "
☉ ☉ ♄	Nov "	♄ ☉ ♄	Aug "
Asc ☉ ♄	Aug 1913	♄ P ♄	1916
MC P ♄ r	Mar 1915	♄ stat	Jan "
" P ♄ r	Nov "	♄ P ♄ r	May "
" * ♄	Jan 1916	♄ ♄ ♄	Dec "
" ☉ ♄ r	May "	♄ * ♄ r	

Lunar Directions

♄ ☉ ♄ r	June 1914	♄ ♄ r	May 1915
♄ ♄ r	Aug "	♄ ☉ ♄ r	June "
♄ ♄ r	Nov "	♄ ☉ ♄ r	Sep "
♄ ♄ r	Dec "	♄ ☉ ♄ r	Oct "
	1915	♄ MC	Nov "
♄ P ♄	Jan "	♄ Asc P ♄ r	Dec "
♄ * ♄ P ♄ r	Mar "		

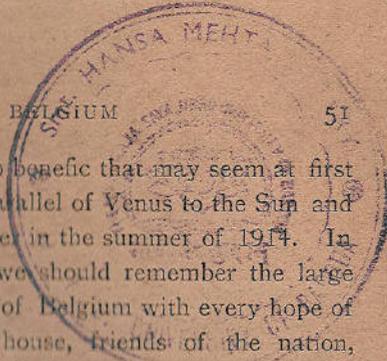
Transits 1914.—♄ ♄ ♄ July 18; ♄ ♄ ♄ Aug 2; ☉ ecl ♄ ♄ Aug 21; ♄ ecl ☉ MC Sep 4; ♄ ♄ ☉ Sep 11; ♄ ♄ ♄ Sep 26; ♄ ♄ ♄ Sep 29; ♄ ♄ ♄ Oct 25; ♄ ♄ ♄ Dec 17.

Transits 1915.—♄ ♄ ♄ Jan 5; ♄ ♄ ♄ Jan 25; ♄ ♄ ♄ Jan 27; ☉ ecl ♄ ♄ Feb 14; ♄ ♄ ♄ Mar 3; ♄ ♄ MC Mar 27; ♄ ♄ ♄ Mar 27; ♄ ♄ ♄ May 16; ♄ ♄ ♄ p June 18; ♄ ♄ asc Sep 1; ♄ ♄ ♄ Sep 25; ♄ ♄ asc Dec 29.

Progressed Positions for May 15th 1915

x	xi	xii	i	ii	iii
♄ 25.7	♄ 5	♄ 13	♄ 12.50	♄ 1	♄ 24
☉ 27.6	♄ 6.49	♄ 8.0	♄ 23.52	♄ 4.33	♄ 23.12
				♄ 25.48	♄ 11.33
					♄ 1.30

The lunar directions just mentioned to Saturn and Mars it will be noticed were benefic, and this may cause surprise to some; but when benefic lunar directions coincide with similar malefic solar directions, they serve the purpose of reinforcing and stimulating the latter, and very little is felt of their benefic effect. In this case the benefic aspects may be compared with the splendid and temporarily successful resistance offered by Belgium at the beginning of the war.



There are two other directions also benefic that may seem at first sight a little out of place, namely the parallel of Venus to the Sun and the conjunction of the Moon with Jupiter in the summer of 1914. In addition to what has just been said, we should remember the large number of allies fighting on the side of Belgium with every hope of success. (Venus rules the eleventh house, friends of the nation, allies). Also if the directions were wholly malefic the question might well be asked why the King's health has not suffered seriously; and the benefic aspects noted supply an answer to this.

The New Moon preceding the outbreak of the war fell at ☉ 28.26 in square to King Albert's Jupiter. The transit of Mars in the fourth over the opposition of Mercury in the mid-heaven on August 2nd was immediately followed by the fighting before Liege. The eclipse of the Moon of September 4th at ♄ 11.11, a watery sign, was followed the very next day by the cutting of Antwerp dykes in order to flood the neighbourhood and drown the enemy. The New Moon of September 19th fell at ♄ 26.5 in opposition to Mercury in the King's mid-heaven and in square to his Mars, and during this lunation Antwerp was taken by the Germans.

The effects of the lunar direction, opposition Neptune, at the end of 1914 have not been manifested up to the time of writing these notes.

There are no solar directions for 1915, but the Moon meets the parallel of Saturn early in the year and the semi-square of Mars in September, and these will have the effect of temporarily reviving the two unfortunate solar directions to these planets; the autumn in particular shows danger of martial and financial troubles. The sextile of Venus to Saturn at the beginning of the year shows benefit and help from friendly nations; and the two lunar good aspects to Mars and Venus in March and May hold out some promise of relief and success in the misfortunes that have overwhelmed the country; and this is supported by the transit of Jupiter in Pisces over Venus, the meridian and Mercury on the various dates given above, which should produce a distinct lessening of the troubles of the nation.

Unfortunately Saturn, which has been transiting through Gemini, the ruling sign of Belgium, does not finally leave that sign until May 11th, and then it enters the King's ascendant, transiting the cusp in

September and December. In addition to this the progressed Mars by direction will be stationary in 1916 at 294.33, and Saturn transits the opposition of this point in June 1915, a dangerous and unfortunate combination both by sea and land.

It will be noticed that the progressed ascendant reached the conjunction with Uranus within a year of the war, and that the great conjunction of Jupiter and Uranus in Aquarius in 1914 fell in opposition to this Uranus and consequently on the cusp of the seventh house in the progressed horoscope.

The Sun will reach the parallel of the Moon early in 1916. This will be supported by a similar lunar direction in the spring of that year and should bring strength, good fortune, assistance from friendly nations, and some success in the attempt to reverse the disasters of the war. Jupiter will transit the Sun in Aries about the same time, and the Moon and progressed Sun in Taurus in 1917. These are favourable influences, and the most important point is that the indications of this horoscope agree with those of other royalties in leading us to expect a more pacific and much improved state of affairs in 1916.

Rebulet

THE BOOK OF TALISMANS, AMULETS AND ZODIACAL GEMS.
By William Thomas Pavitt and Kate Pavitt; published by Wm. Rider & Son, Ltd., 7s. 6d. nett.

THIS large volume of 292 pp., nicely bound in green cloth with gold lettering, is a timely book and one that all students of Astrology will appreciate. The work is what it claims to be, "the outcome of many years' study of occultism, ancient and modern, and covers a wide area, beginning with prehistoric talismans, and ranging through Egyptian, Chinese, Japanese, Thibetan, Indian, Etruscan, Greek, Roman, early Christian and mediæval civilisations. The subject is rich in romantic interest, and is calculated to make a very wide appeal. The illustrations form an important feature of the book, being drawn from authentic examples by a skilled artist, and reproduced with exceptional care and accuracy."

We hope to give a detailed review later, and in the meantime recommend the book to all interested in the subject.

ALAN LEO.

[Letters, Questions, etc., unavoidably held over.]

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THE AWAKENING INTEREST IN ASTROLOGY

AT no time during the quarter of a century in which we have been actively engaged in astrological propoganda has there been such an earnest enquiry into the principles and practice of Astrology as at present.

"Who are the principal exponents of Astrology at the present day," asks one enquirer whose sympathies we should be glad to enlist.

Another asks if there is "any organised body engaged in scientific astrological research work."

Yet another desires to know the "moral and social status of those responsible for the promulgation of Astrology."

PRINCIPAL EXPONENTS

Some of the enquiries have given us very serious food for thought regarding the condition of astrological practice and teaching so far as its present-day exponents are concerned, and it seems only fair that all believers in Astrology should know through the medium of this journal the replies that have been given to these enquirers.

To the first, we have pointed to the actual response received when we reached a crisis in our affairs, and were privately and publicly examined as to our credentials as an exponent of astrological teachings, and how we then drew attention to the names of those persons we thought entitled to be called astrologers amongst the professionals. In the July 1914 issue will be found the letters from those astrologers who were the only persons to respond to a request that they should defend Astrology upon its merits, apart from ourselves, in order that the cause might be fairly represented. We wrote to *every professional astrologer*, and we consider those who replied to be alone worthy of the name, for they were prepared to sink their own personality for the cause they professed to serve.

THE ASTROLOGICAL SOCIETY

With regard to the organised body, we mentioned the Astrological Society. The members of that Society are all engaged in absorbing as much as they possibly can of astrological thought. The object of that Society is simple, yet all-embracing: it exists to promote the study of Astrology.

In this Society, whose meetings are regularly held on the third Saturday in each month, free and open discussion is allowed, subjects are chosen for lectures or discussion by the members, and it is open to any member to criticise, object or call for proofs of any statement made.

At the Society's meetings the horoscopes of famous men have been openly examined, papers have been read on the signs of the zodiac, by different members, and the arguments for or against certain ideas have been freely ventilated. In many respects this Astrological Society founded in London is unique, since it deals with every phase of Astrology from the most materially scientific to the highest abstract ideas as yet associated with the subject. Every meeting is open free to the general public, and the inclusive subscription for membership is only 5s.

MORAL AND SOCIAL STATUS

With regard to the moral and social status of those responsible for the promulgation of Astrology, we have referred enquirers to the

published works of several writers, and have vouched for the respectability of the few we have known personally. We have also pointed out the fact that many able and competent students of Astrology have in the past been forced to hide their light under a bushel, dreading the ridicule and opposition of those who were eager to laugh at, or condemn, things they did not understand. Happily this condition has almost passed away, and very few students of Astrology are now afraid to own up to their convictions; for, as one of those who were formerly timid in this respect recently remarked, it is no longer necessary to be fearful in mentioning Astrology now that we have so much good literature on the subject.

PROFESSIONAL WORK

So far as our experience goes we know of no subject that has passed through more criticism, scepticism and censure than Astrology, not only from its opponents, but also from those who believe and know Astrology to be true. We ourselves have been most severely criticised for the professional side of our work, some persons who claim to have spiritualised themselves condemning us in most emphatic terms for doing astrological work for which we accept payment. In this respect we are pleased to note that so able and conscientious an astrologer as Mr Frank Theodore Allen, Director of the Astrological Research Society, Lakewood, New Jersey, has taken up this question in reply to Mr Max Heindel, the pen name of the founder of the Rosicrucian Fellowship, California, who is also the publisher of several works some of them on Astrology, namely "The Message of the Stars," and "Simplified Scientific Astrology." In a disagreement with Mr Heindel, Mr Allen writes to him as follows:

Another thing which you emphasise and which I feel impelled to take issue with is your discrimination against astrologers who charge a fee for their services. I believe I understand the sincerity and faith underlying this feature which I am sure is the result of most pure and admirable principles, because years ago I seriously contemplated taking some such stand myself. With Saturn in Libra so near my Ascendant and with Jupiter and Mercury also in Libra you will no doubt give me credit for being inherently conscientious. I cannot attempt at this writing to give a detailed account of the reasoning and logical process by which I came to this conviction that there

is no inherent virtue in the stand you have taken. While I am sure that your motives are pure, yet I am confident that your stand is illogical and fraught with grave danger, the chief of which is that an inevitable result of taking such a stand puts you in a relatively isolated class whose attitude is that of superior virtue which is the quintessence of Phariseism. Mind you I do not believe that you have as yet evolved to the state where one would be justified in calling you a Pharisee, but so long as you set up a standard and abide by a code which judges and condemns the methods of others and excludes them from equal fellowship in and enjoyment upon equal terms of whatever of God's truth it may be your privilege to interpret and divine, you are indeed facing in the direction of, if not actually upon the way which leads to Phariseism. I speak as one who in my time has been a veritable Pharisee, and it is because I know the danger that I am taking this occasion to write to one who while personally unknown to me, yet through his writings strikes a sympathetic chord.

Mr Heindel has had many tilts at Astrology, and many of his criticisms are quite justifiable as far as those who claim to be astrologers and know nothing whatever of the subject are concerned, but we must agree with Mr Allen that Mr Heindel makes no discrimination between the genuine astrologer who chooses Astrology as his line of occult study and those who are mere charlatans. For instance, although our motives are well known we are classed by Mr Heindel as though on the same level with these pretenders.

We have been privileged to see the correspondence between Mr Allen and Mr Heindel, and we agree with the former that his correspondence has been misinterpreted; for apparently Mr Heindel has taken no responsibility for the replies sent to Mr Allen as the following letter from the Rosicrucian Fellowship will show:

November 4th, 1914.

MR FRANK THEODORE ALLEN, D.A.S.,
Lakewood, N. J.

DEAR FRIEND,

The correspondence between yourself and Mr Heindel has been carefully perused by the writer, who has been delegated to take charge of the correspondence department of the Fellowship, and it is with great pleasure that he has read, and re-read the many passages in both your own and the Secretary's letters.

Mr Heindel would be rejoiced to reply in person to all who write, but

his multifarious duties prevent this, as he is at once the overseer, engineer, chief-mechanic, etc., as well as printer and teacher of classes. We are in the "Pioneer" stage of our community existence and each and every one of us manages to find much to keep our hands and minds busy during waking hours.

It has never been the intention of Mr Heindel, or any of those who teach our Philosophy, to condemn or adversely criticise any who, like yourself, devote their time to the teaching of the higher philosophies, such as you do in your astrological classes, etc., nor do we condemn any who make charges therefor under the proper conditions; Mr Heindel however has received, from his teachers, a distinctly clear and peremptory order that HE himself shall not make any specific charge for any of the teachings he is given to disseminate to mankind, and his warnings, you yourself acknowledge, upon mature reflection, are timely, in view of the many "fakers" and so-called "public astrologers" who have a smattering of the science; enough to give them power over their victims, as instanced in the letter of the secretary to you, which case is an authentic one and only one of many which are known to have occurred.

Surely we should not waste our energies or our time in criticism of each other's methods and you may rest assured that in no manner is the "warning" mentioned directed against any honest person or persons who may be properly using the science for the uplifting of their fellows. No such intention was ever in the mind of Mr. Heindel or his co-workers.

Let us therefore have between us "no dissention, save that noble dissention, or rather emulation, of who best can work and best agree." We shall be glad to continue the correspondence, which we feel certain is none other than friendly upon your part, and which we assure you is so on ours, and with best wishes and aspirations for your good work in the world, believe that we are,

Most sincerely yours,

The R. C. FELLOWSHIP, per H. A. G. ☉☿

Mount Ecclesia,
Oceanside, California.

Mr Frank Allen is however not satisfied with this reply for he writes again under date November 20 1914 as follows:

I believe that I have already expressed my sincere respect for Mr Heindel and have never for a moment doubted the purity and sincerity of his motives, in fact it is because of my regard for him that I have considered it worth while to write at such length as I have.

You say that Mr Heindel never intended to condemn those who make charges for their services as astrologers, but whatever Mr Heindel's inten-

tions may have been the actual fact is that he has emphasised as strongly as it is possible for him to do his condemnation of such practice both by refusing to serve those who like myself are making such charges and by requiring all applicants for instruction to pledge themselves never to make charge for serving others with their astrological knowledge. I know quite as well and probably much more painfully than does Mr Heindel of the foul practices of some professional astrologers and I have also known of some very saintly hypocrites that discovered how to work more money out of their credulous followers by professing to make no charge for their services than they could have done by charging definite fees in a business-like manner, but the fact that a certain class of rascals had pursued the methods employed by Mr Heindel would never justify me in any kind of implied condemnation of either the practice or the motives of all who followed that system, but such is plainly implied in the printed books issued by Mr Heindel and is so understood by numbers of correspondents who have commented on them to me.

So that despite the recognised sincerity and honest motives of Mr Heindel, I am convinced that he has made a great mistake in the attitude he has assumed and in the statements he has so prominently incorporated in his books.

HOW DO WE RULE OUR STARS

The whole correspondence, from which the above extracts have been made, reveals the activity that is now taking place in all parts of the world, and the stir that astrological thought is now making in every direction.

Amidst the whole controversy on the part of Mr Allen with regard to Mr Heindel's works, we note one argument on which we should gladly join issue with the author, and that is the question of response to planetary influence. We heartily agree with the remarks of Mr Allen now reproduced:

On page 7 of Mr Heindel's "Simplified Scientific Astrology" in the first paragraph the statement is made that "The lower in the scale of evolution a being is placed, the more potent are the effects of the planetary influences; the higher, the wiser and the more individualised a being is, the more it is able to shape its own course and the less it will be actuated by the stellar vibrations." This statement is certainly erroneous, in fact the evidence against it is so universal and abundant that it seems scarcely worth while thinking up arguments to refute it. The true fact is that the higher in the scale of evolution a person has attained the more susceptible is he to the

planetary vibrations. In the years of my itinerant knocking about when I was glad of an opportunity to eke out a bare existence by giving brief readings to the multitude in public amusement parlors and other resorts, my invariable experience was that the coarse, uncouth and animal-like persons who applied for readings were the most difficult to satisfy, for the reason that they were so low in the order of evolution that they were scarcely responsive to any of the ordinary planetary vibrations. Consequently I could neither discover important periods in their past, nor make forecasts with regard to the future, with anything like the degree of success that was easily possible with the more highly refined and spiritually evolved persons who applied for readings; and this is quite in accord with the philosophy of Jesus who said, "Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth" and in my personal experience I find that I am steadily becoming more and more responsive to and affected by the finer planetary vibrations. But while the more highly evolved certainly do suffer the most seriously throughout their lives because of their responsiveness to the so-called evil influences, they are, in proportion to their sincerity and purity of motive enabled to learn and profit by every experience and turn the so-called evils into stepping stones to aid their advancement and progress, whereas those on the lower planes make a much smaller variety of mistakes and are incapable of the excruciating suffering of the more highly evolved. They persist in the repetition of the same few mistakes which finally destroy their physical and mental organisation, in not being so capable of learning by experience as are those who are more susceptible to the stellar [planetary] vibrations.

"ASTROLOGICAL PREDICTIONS DEFINED"

As we have quoted extracts from Mr Frank Allen's letters we may add to our remarks by saying that we consider him one of the very few genuine astrologers in America, a country that seems to abound in quacks, charlatans, and bogus astrological societies, heliocentric methods to cover up defects of ordinary judgment, and all kinds of nonsense labelled "astrological" to lend an air of learning and superiority. In a leaflet with the above title, Mr Allen gives his definition of Astrology so ably that we reproduce it in full:

"The elements, as the mothers of all creatures, are of an invisible, spiritual nature, and have souls."
—FRANZ HARTMAN, "Paracelsus," p. 43.

Astrologers do not "see things," nor do they receive revelations by any occult or mysterious processes. Their forecasts are not dependent upon

impressions, feelings, inspiration, psychic vision, incantations, dreams, or any queer, unusual or spiritual means. An astrological "Reading" is but a statement of an astrologer's judgment or opinion which has been reached by a process of deductive reasoning from known factors or elements whose combinations and proportions are determined by strictly mathematical means.

An astrologer is, in reality, a sort of cosmic chemist. He perceives the ambient and astral bodies to be the reservoirs, generators and transmitters of definite and distinctive elements or vibrations in the ether, which in turn produce corresponding effects upon the atmosphere and thence successively upon all the organisms and substances existing upon and of which the earth is composed.

The stellar bodies, stars, planets, constellations, signs, etc., have certain well defined locations, bounds, qualities, measurements, rates of motion, etc., whereby they are continually changing their relations to each other and to the earth, every such change producing corresponding alterations in the ratio, intensity and proportion of their respective vibratory influences at and upon the different parts of the earth's surface, their resultant effects being dependent upon the exact angles at which their rays converge at any particular moment of time and place, and upon the nature of the things or organisms acted upon and their capacity to respond.

The process by which an astrologer arrives at his conclusions is first to carefully calculate the positions, aspects, rates of motion, periods of rise and fall, etc., of the celestial factors. He next proceeds to estimate the proportionate ratios and angular positions of each and the periods when any of them will commingle with others, or when any of them will become dominant and replace others whose potency he figures will alter or diminish. Then in proportion to his ability to correctly judge the human response to the calculated factors he will be able to successfully estimate the manner in which the alchemic essences, or astral vibrations, will be transmitted into human character and action. From Dr. Broughton's Monthly Planet Reader of April 1860 we quote the following remarks because they so aptly supplement our statements:

*"When attempts are made to parallel Astrology with other sciences its magnitude and complexity appear so immensely overwhelming that the wonder turns not upon the failures of its adherents, but rather upon their frequent successes. If the shoemaker be sometimes deceived in the quality of a handful of leather, why should we marvel at the Astrologer's occasional misjudgments, when his materials are WORLDS, SUNS and SYSTEMS? If the shoemaker sometimes misfit the customer, after careful measurement, of so small an object as the human foot, why be surprised at the errors of the Astrologer, who has to GAUGE THE HEAVENS? * * * If therefore, the occasional errors of Astrologers be admitted conclusive against*

Astrology as a science, all other sciences, so called, are equally open to the same objection."

There seems no room for doubt that the aspects or angular distances at which astrologers find the planetary influences manifest distinctive activity, correspond to, if indeed they are not identical with, the angles at which various substances crystallize. And the material scientists and experimenters are rapidly approaching the border-line at which they will be compelled to bridge the chasm which has so long separated the material and physical from the so-called occult and spiritual worlds. This fact is suggested in the following lines which we quote from Funk & Wagnalls New Standard Dictionary:

"A belief prevails with some, especially since the recent developments in radio-activity, that all these (elemental substances) are modifications of a single primal hypothetical substance called 'protyle.'"

It is characteristic of the strictly scientific temperament to be cautious sceptical and wary, hence, "Science moves but slowly, slowly, creeping on from point to point."

The factors entering into the composition of the horoscope may be likened to the letters of the alphabet in that they are capable of such an infinite variety of combinations that all the hundreds of thousands of words in the language may be formed by them without beginning to exhaust their possible combinations. In fact, the actual origin of the ancient alphabets is traceable to the symbols that represent the signs and planets. The twelve signs of the Zodiac, the Sun, Moon, and five originally known planets, the Part of Fortune, the Dragon's Head and the Dragon's Tail being equal to and symbolic of the original twenty-two letters of the Hebrew Alphabet.

MISCHIEF WROUGHT BY QUACKS

The irresponsibility of certain persons in America who style themselves astrologers is plainly manifest in the wild and wholly prejudiced articles published from time to time, with horoscopes of persons holding exalted positions, and so-called astrological delineations that are no more astrological than is the press on which the newspapers are printed. It is true that the editors know nothing about Astrology, or they would not be published, but it is quite plain to any student of Astrology that the articles are written round Astrology to sustain some political or personal bias.

We are repeatedly asked to take the matter in hand and the suggestion has often been made that we should either publish a list

of genuine astrologers or take some steps to warn the public against these quack astrologers who profane the science by their irresponsible actions.

GENUINE PRACTITIONERS

We have provided the means by which every genuine student may obtain a guarantee that he is fully qualified to practise Astrology and it is the most satisfactory means we can think of adopting. Every student who wishes can give proofs to the world that he knows what he is talking about concerning Astrology by qualifying for the Certificates of Merit offered by the Secretary of the Astrological Correspondence Lessons, a Course of which has been prepared expressly to meet this very requirement. The cost is no more than—not so much in fact, as the subscription would be to any well-known Institute, membership of which carries with it certain authority.

HOW TO JUDGE THE COMPETENT

It is doubtful whether there are at the present moment a dozen persons in England entitled to pose before the world as thoroughly competent astrologers. There may be some qualified persons abroad, but we have never seen any evidence sufficient to credit them with sufficient astrological knowledge to warrant their becoming public practitioners; if there are any such the public interested in Astrology may judge of their ability by the articles they have written and published either in this magazine or in any other journal, and by their comments upon the Great War now proceeding. We have often been urged to speak out and tell the world that astrologers are few and charlatans many, and hitherto we have refrained from what we have thought to be invidious comment, but the recent awakening of astrological thought has brought forth these comments in this month's "Observatory."

The reason why we deal with the matter now, is because we *know* that Astrology as it has been presented by its exponents during the present century is now on trial and will either go forward or have another set back according to the sincerity and competency of its students.

SELF-STYLED AND SELF-GIFTED

The American newspapers publish in large headlines "A well-known astrologist says, etc.," or "the gifted astrologer — sends us the horoscope of so and so," etc., etc. Now it should be impossible for a smatterer and a dabbler in Astrology to obtain such titles without being qualified to hold them.

We recently had an enquiry from a gentleman abroad regarding the qualifications necessary to call himself an astrologer. We pointed out the line of study he should take so far as books were concerned, and recommended him to take the course of Correspondence Lessons. So-called Correspondence Lessons, he said in his reply, he had already obtained from a school of Astrology in America, and found them to consist simply of a re-hash of other people's work on the subject, written more to make money than to teach Astrology.

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ASTROLOGER

Astrology is a science requiring exceptional ability to master, and before any student makes irresponsible statements as the outcome of his inexperience, he should think of the effect it will have on the minds of those who *suppose* him to be an experienced and responsible person qualified to make those statements; else he is likely to make the science of Astrology go surety for his blunders.

Astrology is also a philosophy, and as such requires a philosophical treatment calling for the most balanced reason.

Astrology is also a religion, whether we treat it so or not, and whether we believe or not that the planetary spheres of influence are filled with something more than a mechanical influence.

Astrology is now on trial as to its future influence upon the *minds* of the *thinking* portion of humanity, and this question presents itself to every student: What are YOU doing to help toward its recognition, as a perfect system of revelation of the truth that CHARACTER DESTINY?

AN ASTROLOGICAL INSTITUTE

We publish a letter in this issue from Miss Mary Head which we hope will not pass unnoticed by students; especially as an opportunity has arisen for securing suitable headquarters for an Astrological Institute on very favourable terms, also as there are now sufficient funds in hand to cover the *first year's* expenses. Many old friends of this magazine will remember No. 9 Lyncroft Gardens, West Hampstead, which for several years served as a meeting house, also as an office for MODERN ASTROLOGY while seeking suitable offices in the City. This house has now been lent to the Emanuel Belgian Families Fund as the following letter will show:

October 21st, 1914.

To A. Leo, Esq.

EMANUEL BELGIAN FAMILIES FUND.

DEAR SIR,

I am requested by the Committee of the above Fund to write and thank you very warmly indeed for your most generous offer of No. 9 Lyncroft Gardens, as a temporary home, rent free, for such of the Belgian Families as the Emanuel Fund may be able to provide for.

The Committee accept your kind offer with a deep sense of its value.

Assuring you that the greatest care will be taken to protect your property,

I remain yours faithfully,

HENRY E. MADDOX, *Secretary*, B.F.F. (E.)

16, Fortune Green Road,
West Hampstead, N.W.

There are now four families very comfortably settled in this large roomy house, and when vacant it will make an excellent home for an Astrological Institute. Many students have expressed their desire that this house should be used for such a purpose. It is most conveniently situated close to Hampstead Heath, within seven minutes' walk of the Midland and L.&N.W. Railway stations, and ten minutes of the Metropolitan Railway and a minute's walk from two direct lines of motor omnibuses. Lyncroft Gardens joins the well-known Finchley Road at the top and the famous West End Lane at the bottom. No. 9 has a long garden at the back, with summer house,

and is very pleasantly placed in a healthy neighbourhood. It is proposed, therefore, to use the whole of the top floor for sleeping accommodation for those who wish to stay one or more nights in London, either to attend the lectures or for other purposes; to use one of the large rooms as a club sitting-room, and to provide light refreshments to those who desire them on very reasonable terms.

The large room on the ground floor which will accommodate an audience of sixty, will be used for a weekly lecture, special magic lantern lectures, and astrological classes. The study formerly used for editorial purposes will be made into an up-to-date astrological Library to which over a hundred volumes have already been promised.

Some of the rooms will be used for the purpose of giving private lessons in Astrology, and the whole house will in this way become a recognised centre of astrological thought.

This Institute can be opened during the present year if a certain amount of support is secured, and therefore exceptional terms are now offered to all who join before the close of the present year.

TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Astrological Institute, including all privileges, will be secured by an annual subscription of £2 2s., payable in advance on January 1st in each year. All persons who join between now and next Christmas, however, will be asked to subscribe £1 1s. only, this to remain their annual subscription, to be known as "founders' subscriptions," and no matter how high the subscription may become as the Institute grows and expands the founders shall always be privileged as pioneers; but all joining after December 31st 1915 will pay the full annual subscription of £2 2s. Compared with other clubs and institutions this is a very reasonable subscription.

What is urgently wanted is immediate support so that the Institute may be well furnished and permanently opened during the present year. Donations of money, books, or furniture will be much appreciated and all who believe with us that astrological thought will advance rapidly after the war are asked to send donations or to subscribe as quickly as possible.

THE NEED FOR AN ASTROLOGICAL INSTITUTE

There are to our certain knowledge *over twenty thousand English-speaking students of Astrology*, and as many more on the continent and elsewhere—to say nothing of the great number of students in the East who are not strictly speaking followers of the Western methods.

The majority of these students are isolated and rarely come into touch with other students, and for them a Central Institute in the great city of London will eventually become a priceless boon.

The many students now attending the Astrological Society's meetings find one lecture a month all too little for them, and would gladly welcome a course of lectures on a given subject especially in a building used exclusively for that purpose, where meetings can be held as frequently as desired and lectures given on various branches of Astrology. There is also a need for social introductions between students, which can only be successfully carried out in such an Institute.

The greatest need of all, however, is a home or *permanent* meeting place for astrologers where they can meet at all times freely and exchange views in congenial surroundings.

It is only a question of RESPONSE from those who desire such an Institution. The time is ripe, and the opportunity offers, and it may never come again under such favourable circumstances. All who can afford to subscribe £1 1s. at any time during the present year are therefore asked to send that amount now or their promise to subscribe without delay, and for that purpose a special subscription form is appended on p. ii. of supplement.

The Furniture required is 100 comfortable chairs, 50 or more sectional bookcases, 20 class room desks, 5 large blackboards or slates for class room walls and various other study fittings. All kinds of astrological books, ancient and modern, etc., etc.

ASTROLOGICAL INSTITUTE FUND.—Amount previously acknowledged £66 19s. 8d.: Two Students £1 10s. 6d., P. S. and B. B. £1 10s. 8d., A. B. 2s. 6d., Collecting Box 10s. 4d.; Total £70 13s. 8d.—A. L. B.

Nemesis and the Kaiser

MARS CONJUNCTION NEPTUNE

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth unto his own flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth unto the spirit shall of the spirit reap eternal life."

ANY person of ordinary intelligence may convince himself that the Kaiser was born at the time when the planets NEPTUNE and MARS were culminating in the sign Pisces. He may also on inquiry discover that Neptune rules the seas, and Mars the warlike machinery of battles; but he will require to know a little more concerning the laws of Astrology to understand why the particular conjunction of Mars and Neptune is Nemesis in the Kaiser's horoscope.

There are certain qualities in the blood of every man, drawn from the celestial elements, which are more or less seriously affected by adulteration. The art of Astrology lies in the ability of the astrologer to judge the effects of certain compounds which affect individuals in different ways according to their peculiar temperament.

The horoscope of a king, ruler, or great statesman differs from that of an ordinary person in proportion to the grasp of essentials, or the general survey of details affecting the environment or surroundings in which his sphere of influence is exercised. We should not expect a newsboy to have the same knowledge or interest in the National Budget as the Chancellor of the Exchequer, for although there are the same essentials in everyone, they are expressed differently according to circumstances and environment.

Dealing with this feature of the Kaiser's horoscope a very careful Spanish student of Astrology sends us the following deduction: He says, "I consider Mars conjunction Neptune the sign of infinite expansion of some ideal; in the Kaiser's case, Pan-Germanism. Another similar expansion was the case of Napoleon, and his horoscope is characterised by the same conjunction, Mars conjunction

Neptune, in Virgo in the eleventh. The French expansion under Napoleon did not pretend to bring an imposition of might over right, but on the contrary it professed to awaken the European conscience to the right of nations versus the monarchical tyranny; it was a case of pan-criticism or pan-rationalism political (taking of course Napoleon as the result of the French Revolution)."

He goes on to draw the distinction between the German and the French ideals as seen by the difference in the houses, and points out that the French motto was "LA FORCE PRIME LE DROIT," as an autocratic reaction against the old French ideal. The contrast is also shown by the opposition of the signs,—in the French case Virgo and in the German Pisces. Our Spanish astrologer sums up the difference in the Mercurial conjunction implying the ideal of liberty, and the Jupiterian the ideal of law.

He deals with the idea that in the case of Philip II. of Spain and the Armada it was a quixotic conjunction, and considers that the ideal was pan-catholicism.

With regard to the horoscope of the Czar of Russia, he says that the same conjunction is there, not yet so close but in the process of formation; it is in Aries, the sign of the personal self, first steps of the growing consciousness, and this he sums up as denoting the budding but as yet unripe Pan-Slavism, just at the moment when it has to play its part in the European game.

Some portion of his letter is well worth publication. He says:—"The War Number of MODERN ASTROLOGY suggests to me the following remarks: On page 507 it is said: 'The problem in the Kaiser's horoscope is the conjunction of Mars and Neptune in M.C.' In my own conclusions, Neptune, which has been taken to mean the Universal Soul, is always related in the individual to that part of the soul which is not yet fully individualised and has a tendency to lose itself in the absolute. Want of relativity, unbounded dreaminess, indetermination is its peculiar trait, and when in conjunction with Mars, there is a singular blending of concrete earthly desire and absolute aspiration. Here the desire for something definite becomes in itself indefinite, unbounded, dreamy. That conjunction is indeed the true sign of the Spanish 'Don Quixote.'

"Although not in conjunction, I have them near one another in

my eleventh house, and they accounted for my dreaminess on ideal friendship which left me practically friendless.

"The Kaiser is indeed a German Don Quixote, and that conjunction in the tenth house colours his autocratic ambition which recognises no limit; here it is the true sign of pan-germanism. The conjunction of Neptune affects not only Mars, but the very close trine of Mars to the Moon, which shows the complete harmony which exists between unlimited ambition and the personal soul of the Kaiser and of his own people. I wonder which is the sign of Prussia, but I have my reasons for believing that Scorpio must be that sign, and the Kaiser has the Moon in Scorpio. Such an ambition (pan-germanism) showing in the tenth house, was bound to manifest itself fully in the Kaiser's life, but then the conjunction is in square to Venus, which means inharmony with the true human soul, the soul of humanity at large, and Mars in Pisces has much of the self-undoing element. In the M.C. it means self-undoing action. . . ."

These suggestions are very interesting and deserve further attention. Whether Mars conjunction Neptune in the Kaiser's horoscope denotes pan-germanism or not, it certainly signifies enormous egotism and an obsession of militarism that is unique. It is the Kaiser's Nemesis. He has been influenced to stake his all, and that all will be lost. He has expanded his ideal beyond the limits prescribed by a higher law which has always said "thus far shalt thou go, and no farther."

There are no limits to individual expansion for those who seek the way within, for spirit yields to spirit, and for spiritual unfoldment there are no limits; but to those who seek the way without, matter has its limitations and inevitable restrictions. The German nation is in a circle surrounded by limitations subject to time and other factors beyond the power of a despotic ruler to control.

The Kaiser has been the agent for that which is destined to take place, through his actions in conjunction with those who have used him to throw the die. He has prepared the way for a German Republic which will follow on the heels of his egotistical illusions, as surely as he has been the German Emperor. We should feel sorry for one so great who is doomed to fall so low.

A very admirable criticism by Marie Corelli on the Prophecy of

Brother Johannes appeared in the *Daily Call* of November 30, 1914, in which this gifted authoress deals with the notion of the Kaiser being the Antichrist. She says:—

One can hardly associate the wretched Kaiser, drenched in the blood of his own suffering countrymen, with the powerful "Antichrist" who is to "show signs and wonders, and deceive the very elect." The miserable and half-demented monarch deceives nobody but himself, and walks the world in a thick darkness of his own creating, making of himself a lasting curse in the history of his own Fatherland. His very appeals to God help to drag destruction down upon him, for it is written: "Whosoever shall blaspheme the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him either in this world or the world to come." The plainest commonsense points out that any human unit calling upon the Almighty Power to bless and approve the needless slaughter of thousands of innocent men must perforce attract to its own person the lightnings of inevitable disaster.

No, the Kaiser is not Antichrist! He is too openly the mere barbarian, lustful of power. He can be seen and known at once for what he is—a pitiable object, swept by the winds of destiny to his final doom. Who can picture him as powerful or defiant? Blood rises in red waves around his temporary throne; the groans of wounded and dying men are his choral music; his crown is one of fire that burns into his own brain the brand of inextinguishable crime; and on all sides Death waits for him—eagerly, slyly, expectantly! Armoured and bomb-proof shelter shall not avail him! The old shrouded Spectre dodges him everywhere, with eyes more piercing than any searchlight, watching him with grim and dreadful patience, waiting for "The Day!"

That the actions of the Kaiser are condemned on every side is now quite apparent, notwithstanding the "appeal to the civilised world" written by ninety-three of the most prominent men of Germany, distinguished in various branches of science, art, education and literature. In replying to that appeal, which was circulated broadcast throughout America, Mr Church, president of the Carnegie Institute, and author of *The Life of Oliver Cromwell* sums up the whole case against the Kaiser in a letter to Dr Fritz Schaper of Berlin, as follows:

GERMAN MILITARISM

Your reference to German militarism brings up in my mind the conviction that this war began potentially twenty-five years ago when Emperor William II ascended the Throne, declared himself Supreme War Lord, and proceeded to prepare his nation for war. His own children were raised from their babyhood to consider themselves soldiers and to look forward to a destiny of slaughter; and here in America we know even his daughter only by her photograph in a colonel's uniform. And as with his own children, so all the youth of his empire were brought up.

Going far away from your great philosopher Kant, who, in his Categorical Imperative, has taught us all a new golden rule, the national spirit of Germany has been fed on the sensual materialism of Nietzsche, on

the undisguised bloodthirst of General von Bernhardt, on the wicked war dreams of Treitschke, and on the weak morality of von Bülow; and we behold in every scrap of evidence that we can gather from your Emperor, his children, his soldiers, his statesmen, and his professors that Germany held herself a nation apart from the rest of the world and superior to it, and predestined to maintain that superiority by war. In contrast to this narrow and destructive spirit of nationalism we in America have learned the value of humanity above the race so that we cherish all mankind in the bosom of our country. Therefore we can do nothing but execrate the conduct of your Emperor, who has driven his troops to slaughter their brethren and be slaughtered by them in this bloody and unspeakable conflict.

And so, at last, my dear Dr. Schaper, we find ourselves shocked, ashamed, and outraged that a Christian nation should be guilty of this criminal war. There was no justification for it. Armed and defended as you were, the whole world could never have broken into your borders. And while German culture still has something to gain from her neighbours, yet the intellectual progress which Germany was making seemed to be lifting up her own people to better things for themselves and to an altruistic service to mankind. Your great nation floated its ships in every ocean, sold its wares in the uttermost parts of the earth, and enjoyed the good favour of humanity, because it was trusted as a humane State. But now all this achievement has vanished, all this good opinion has been destroyed. You cannot in half a century regain the spiritual and material benefits which you have lost. Oh, that we might have again a Germany that we could respect, a Germany of true peace, of true progress, of true culture, modest and not boastful, for ever rid of her war lords and her armed hosts, and turning once more to the uplifting influence of such leaders as Luther, Goethe, Beethoven, and Kant! But Germany, whether you win or lose in this war, has fallen, and the once glorious nation must continue to pursue its course in darkness and murder until conscience at last bids it withdraw its armies back to its own boundaries, there to hope for the world's pardon upon this inexpiable damnation.

The *Times* of December 1st, 1914, published a summary of the "Yellow Book" issued by the French Government which proves that Germany had deliberately prepared for the war. The French Yellow Book "shows Germany throughout as the enemy of European peace, determined to 'finish with' France, to fasten a quarrel upon Russia, to treat the neutrality of Belgium and of other small States as might suit her military convenience, and to pursue her inordinate ambitions reckless of all but the law of the strongest. It shows, not less clearly, the earnestness with which France and Russia, as well as England, strove to the last to prevent a European war. It shows how very near their efforts came to success, how Austria-Hungary seemed to draw back, how she had re-opened 'conversations' with Petrograd, how she appeared to have conceded the main point in her controversy with Russia, how just was Sir Edward Grey's view that peace was possible if 'only a little respite in time could be gained,' and how Germany took care that it should not be gained. It brings into strong relief the

hesitation and the indecision of Austria, when she saw, too late, that her ambition had overleaped itself, the duplicity and the mendacity of German diplomacy until Germany's military preparations were complete, and the inexorable resolve with which, when she had stolen an advance upon her adversaries, she cut the ground for further negotiations from under the halting feet of her dependent ally."

The idea that Mars conjunction Neptune in the Kaiser's horoscope denotes pan-germanism is clearly indicated by the publication of this French Yellow Book which according to the *Times* furnishes "a remarkable series of disclosures as to Germany's responsibility for the war and the silent preparations for a conflict which she deliberately intended to provoke. The documents are of the highest importance. They include a copy of a secret report to the Government in Berlin showing the steps to be taken to prepare for the war by the mobilisation of German patriotism, the strengthening of her army and armaments, and the fomenting of disturbances in Egypt, Russia, and North Africa. In this document the aim of the struggle is said to be 'to extend Germanism throughout the entire world.'"

Experience has taught us that the two most distant planets, Neptune and Uranus, are *extreme* in the nature of their vibrations with regard to natal influences. Alone and unassociated with any other influence, Uranus is positive and repelling and therefore the most difficult to adulterate, while Neptune is attractive and the most easily adulterated.

Neptune's influence is paramount over the sea in the material world, and has a corresponding influence over the astral world, the world of sensation, desire, emotion and feeling. Neptune is the planet whose influence is mainly concerned with the synthesis of the senses. It does not affect one sense more than another, but influences them *all*, collectively. In this respect Neptune is a symbol of the personality as a whole, in the next condition of existence beyond the physical. In the majority of persons, from the mediocre to the talented, Neptune's influence is more or less chaotic, but in kings, rulers, and statesmen it has a more decided and potent influence, and gives to them what may be termed the national sense or the power to feel nationally.

There seems to be no doubt about the subtle influence of Neptune which is mystical, transcendental and psychic. Psychic, Neptune's

influence surely is, and as a psychic force it is considerably affected by the other influences with which it comes into contact. Alone, and free from other influences, especially those of a disturbing nature, it has a refining and beautifying effect upon persons who can respond to it. Its relation to what we may term the soul, or the psychic part of man's nature, is that of a storehouse of psychic force waiting to be liberated at what would be termed the psychological moment. Neptune is therefore in this sense the Nemesis of the Soul.

We believe, as we have often stated, that the soul of each man who takes any prominent part in the world drama has been made ready for the part he is about to play by a long series of preparations, by individually and personally choosing minor parts in the past which eventually lead up to the culminating point in one supreme act at a certain destined period on the world's stage.

To follow this idea, it must be clearly understood that the horoscope does not make the man any more than the suit of clothes which he wears. It is the soul that tries on the horoscope, allowing for individual and personal expression, and marking the time when the supreme act shall be played.

Neptune in the Kaiser's horoscope culminates in the twenty-third degree of the sign Pisces. Charubel, the astrological seer, in his *Degrees of the Zodiac Symbolised* gives the following symbol for this degree:

PISCES 23°:—*A column of smoke ascending on a gigantic scale, followed by a terrible burst of flame. The phenomenon partakes of the nature of an explosion.*

The symbols of the degrees of the zodiac as given by Charubel were actually seen by him in what is called the astral light. Of this there is little doubt. We were allowed to apply tests to Charubel's seership and always found him reliable where astrology and clairvoyance were concerned. The interpretations given to these symbols are, however, not always applicable, for Charubel was not always sure in what manner he should *interpret* what he saw. His method was quite simple, and he took no credit for his work, but simply related what he saw when concentrating his attention upon any degree of the zodiacal circle. He set out to examine the zodiac from an astral

point of view, and concentrated his clear-vision upon each degree of the zodiac in succession. It was left to the scientific student to apply his pictures of the degrees to whatever part of a nativity he thought the most applicable.

We think that the most potent influence of these sensitive points of the circle is active or latent according to the exciting cause. Whether it be the Ascendant, the Luminaries, or the Planets, depends upon the stage of evolution at which the individual has arrived; for instance, the rectified horoscope of the Kaiser shows for the ascendant Cancer $19^{\circ}55'$, and Charubel gives the following symbol for the twentieth degree:

CANCER 20° :—*A large building with walls of granite, having a dull or sombre appearance—*

which Charubel interprets as firmness.

The interpretation placed upon symbol for the 23rd degree of Pisces already quoted, is as follows: "This degree is subtle, its events are sudden, always falling out unexpectedly and generally disastrously . . . and a sad death." But while admitting the value of the symbols as seen by Charubel, we are not prepared to admit the invariable correctness of his interpretation, and in the case of important, powerful, and prominent persons the influence of these sensitive points of the zodiac will be accentuated or modified by the planets exciting these degrees.

In the horoscope of the Kaiser we judge the influence of Neptune as especially potent owing to its position and, as esoteric students will understand, its relation to the past through the decanate of Pisces which it occupies. Mars, the iron planet, whose influence is almost wholly material and realistic, where force, strength and energy are concerned, was actually in conjunction with Neptune and made potent by the close aspect of the Moon, from the martial sign Scorpio and the fifth house.

The influence of Mars conjunction Neptune is always psychic, even in an ordinary nativity, but in this case it denotes obsession and the baneful effects of being possessed by one idea and that a martial one.

In all interpretations of natal influences it is not the simple

influence of planets in signs that alone have to be considered, but the various compounds which make up special characteristics. Neptune has no particular sign to express the purity of its influence, although in a general sense, it may be said to govern the negative half of the zodiac rather than the positive half. Mars has, however, definite rule over the first and eighth houses—life and death. The life and death influence which Mars governs is of the animal nature, and not of the spiritual, which is neither born nor does it die.

If we consider Neptune as a pure psychic force, we can readily understand how very considerably the influence of Mars, ruling the animal nature, will adulterate the psychic side of Neptune; and when we find the conjunction taking place in the sign Pisces we may gauge how far-reaching the obsession of the animal may become when this conjunction is culminating.

Whatever destructive power this psychic animal force may have, it contains the elements within itself of self-destruction. We consider that the keynote of the Kaiser's nativity lies in this conjunction of Mars and Neptune, strong by its elevation over all the planets, but mysteriously self-destructive by its third decanate influence of Pisces.

The aspects to this conjunction are potent in the support they give to its destructive influence. The Moon is in an exact trine aspect from the watery fixed sign Scorpio, Venus is in square aspect from the fiery mutable sign Sagittarius, and Uranus is in sextile aspect from the fixed earth sign Taurus, three potent aspects supported by the elementals of fire, earth and water.

The tendency of the martial influence is to expand everything it touches, even to the explosive point.

Summing up the influence of MARS CONJUNCTION NEPTUNE in the Kaiser's horoscope we are led to the serious conclusion that the animal-man whom the world knows as the Kaiser, has been wholly obsessed by the spirit of evil, and made the tool for the dark forces of nature to expend themselves in the destructive influence of a world war. Around the Kaiser we can see the dark clouds of night falling. Under the hypocrisy and deceptiveness of a malefic Scorpio influence he has been treacherous, and secretly wicked enough to sell his nation's future welfare in the vain hope of becoming a World

Emperor. That which has joined the Universal Soul has not been the Kaiser's good spirit, and the finer part of his nature, but the lustful, greedy and wrathful side of the martial or animal nature; this has let loose upon the world those deadly sins of anger, lust and greed, and thus the Kaiser has been the Judas who has betrayed the world.

We are sorry for him, for, as we have said, we believe him to be but the *tool* for those who represent the evil forces in the world, and through him has been liberated the collective evil that has been hanging over the world for many centuries. He has been the one man whose egotism has been exaggerated out of all human proportion, and through him and his illusions the world's evil, represented by MARS CONJUNCTION NEPTUNE IN THE SIGN PISCES, has been liberated.

We do not think that the Kaiser is "Anti-Christ" but we do think that he has been instrumental in gathering into that mystic sign Pisces all the evil of the Martial forces which has culminated in the great European War, and by clearing the astral sea (which is what the sign Pisces and the planet Neptune symbolises) of that collective martial wickedness, he has unconsciously prepared the way for the second coming of the Christ, and has amply fulfilled the biblical prophecy as to the state of the world prior to that second coming.

Nemesis will surely overtake the Kaiser and bring him a realisation of the part he has so skilfully been made to play in the great world drama, and unfortunately for him that realisation will cause him to lose his reason. In the last scene of the great and final act he will find himself not the great World Emperor but a soul in awful isolation.

ALAN LEO.

FROM A CAIRO NEWSPAPER.—Dr. Cockin, who is helping Dr. Branthwaite at St. Mary's (Cairo), is attracting a good many tourists to that church, his simple style of preaching being combined with no mean erudition. On Sunday, Dr. Cockin, preaching on the Epiphany, said that symbolism was the language universally understood in the East and nowhere was it more prominent than in the journey of the wise men. Astronomy and astrology represented the science of those days, and thus science was the first to recognise the advent of the founder of the new religion.

Behind War?

It is the custom in modern days so to praise Peace, and to be so horrified at the ghastly physical concomitants of War, that it does not seem to strike people to look quietly into the question, and to ask themselves why a thing so obviously hideous and brutal should have gone on from time immemorial with the persistence of a natural phenomenon. . . . None the less, as we look backwards over history, we see that invasions of one people by another have spread the knowledge and the arts of the more civilised nation throughout the less civilised: Alexander came and went, but he left behind him in Indian sculpture the serene beauty of Greek Art . . .

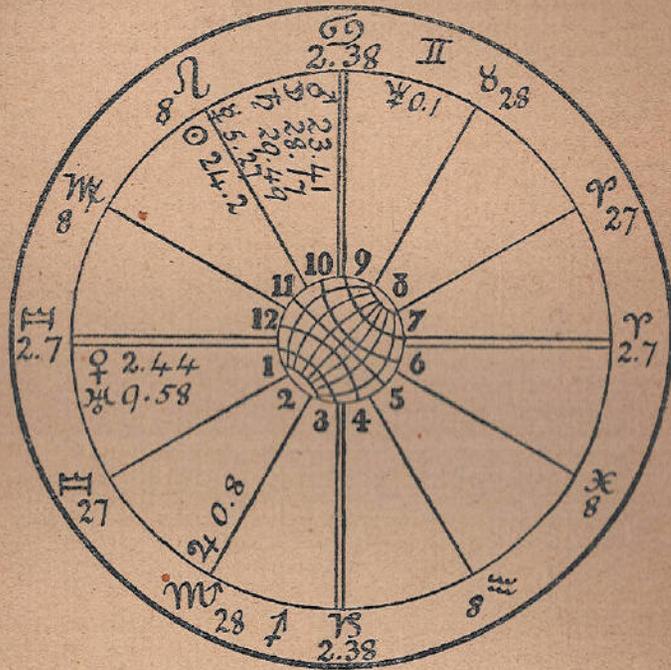
But what of individuals? If people see in man only the creature of a few years of mortal life, born out of nothingness, to sink into nothingness again in dying; then indeed should all lovers of man raise the cry of "Peace at any price," for War means death, and death is the end of all hope of joyous life. . . . But if man be an eternal spiritual intelligence, evolving through many lives into a nobler and loftier existence; if the fruits of each life be garnered and ripen into seeds for planting in another, and so on, and on, as the Hindu believes, until the Self which was but as a seed has grown into a mighty tree, then War, like all other happenings in a world "that exists for the sake of the Self," has under the rough husk of evil the sweet kernel of lasting good. For though the body be slain or mutilated, the *man* is living still; he has learned to offer life and limb on the altar of a great Ideal that otherwise he would not have known; he dies for King and Country—a King he may never have seen, a Country which is not of plains and hills and cities, but of splendours and radiances and beauties of ideal Might and Loveliness, that else he had not dreamed. And he does not only die; he lives through hardship and pain; the scented darling of a luxurious drawing-room and the village ruffian of the pot-house march side by side through freezing torrent, across sun-parched desert; they starve, they are fevered and chilled, they joke as they go to cheer each other, they learn to know each other as men, they suffer for the country's "honour," they die for the country's "flag"; what is "honour," what is "flag"? Mere empty breath of a poet? Nay, they are the mighty forces which evolve the hero from the Sybarite and the drunkard, and turn the brute into the man. . . .

India and England stand or fall together, and as the future of the world for centuries to come depends on their union, and on their remaining the centre of a World Empire, there need be no anxiety for those who believe in the World-Will that makes for evolution, and who watch the steady current of that Will under the surface play of ripples and wavelets, eddies and twistings, which is all the casual observers of events can perceive in the lower world.

England has inspired India with the modern love of Freedom, though she has not yet fed her with its bread, and it is the passion of strong hearts panting for Freedom, and feeling that they can reach it best with England's help within the Empire, that is behind the joyous springing forward of India to-day.

ANNIE BESANT in the *Herald of the Star*.

The Horoscope of the Austrian Heir



OUR correspondent Mr W. Becker has procured for us the time of birth of the Archduke Karl Franz Josef, who became the heir to the throne of Austria-Hungary by the death of the Archduke Franz Ferdinand who was shot dead by political assassins on June 28 1914.

The Archduke Karl Franz Josef was born on August 17 1887, between 8 and 9 a.m. at Castle Parsenburg, Austria, 48°N. and 15°E. As the standard time for Austria is 1 hour from Greenwich, we have calculated the horoscope for 8.30 a.m. local mean time (7.30 a.m. G.M.T.), and a glance at the map will show the positions of the heavenly bodies for this moment at the birthplace and

will convince most students that the estimate time must be very nearly correct.

The horoscope of the Archduke Karl is somewhat similar to that of the Austrian Emperor. The sign Libra ascends and Venus is the ruling planet. In this case Venus rises with the ascendant, in that of the Austrian Emperor Venus was culminating. This horoscope is a singularly tragic one, like that of the Emperor Joseph. The Moon is *between* the planets Mars and Saturn and elevated over all the other planets. This influence alone coincides with a public calamity, and threatens the Nation. It also threatens the Archduke with a public and violent end of a remarkably notorious character.

The ruling planet Venus applies to the planet Uranus by conjunction but this conjunction is never reached during his lifetime.

The planet Jupiter at birth was placed in the tragic and so-called "accursed" sign Scorpio, and this planet had just separated from the square aspect of Saturn and the Moon. This is therefore beyond all question a fatal horoscope.

At the time when the war began, at the end of July, the New Moon formed on the twenty-third of that month was in conjunction with Saturn in the Archduke's horoscope, and the planet Mars by transit was in conjunction with the Sun on July 29; and in August Mars had passed to the conjunction of the ascendant.

Some very critical influences are *now* forming in the Archduke's progressed horoscope. In March the Moon returns to her own place, and in April passes to the conjunction of Saturn, the square aspect of Jupiter, and the parallel of Mars. The progressed ascendant is applying to the square aspect (90°) of Mars at birth, and the progressed midheaven to the conjunction of the Moon and Saturn at birth.

All these influences are very significant, and will coincide with the conditions affecting Austria at this time.

Although we are not fatalists and believe largely in the right use of the WILL, we cannot fail to note that calamitous events surround the life of the Archduke Karl Franz Josef.

The transit of Saturn over the midheaven of this horoscope cannot bring him any good fortune during the present year, especially as the ascendant is involved in this transit also. To those who believe in chance, we may suggest that his 'chances' of becoming Emperor are

less by many points than those of the Crown Prince of Germany. To those who believe in Law, we may state that the law which governs nations is against his ever being crowned as Emperor of Austria.

The following detailed judgment of this nativity, and of the current directions, will afford food for thought.

The map should be compared carefully with that of the present Emperor of Austria, which was given in our War number for last October. The beginning of the cardinal airy sign Libra rises in both maps, and its ruler Venus is angular in both, rising with the Archduke and culminating with the Emperor. In both maps the sun is in the twenty-fifth degree of the sign Leo, its own sign, and in the eleventh house; the Moon is in conjunction with Saturn; and Mars is angular.

In the Archduke's horoscope Venus and Uranus are rising in Libra, not seriously afflicted although Uranus is in exact semi-square with the Sun. This is a testimony to a refined and artistic nature, loving the beautiful, but strong-willed, ambitious and proud. This latter trait is accentuated by the position of the Sun, showing that he chooses his friends among dignitaries and persons of position, but also that he will suffer seriously through them and they will bring misfortune upon him (☉/♄). A similar conclusion may be drawn from the Emperor's map (☉♃♃♃) where Saturn and the Moon ruling the fourth and tenth houses and in conjunction threaten public reverses, loss and downfall through the unfortunate influence of friends. Of these three heavenly bodies the Moon is the ruler of Cancer, the ascendant of the German Emperor, whose evil influence upon Austria in bringing about this war has been very evident.

In the case of the Archduke, the combination of Mars, the Moon and Saturn in conjunction in the mid-heaven in Cancer, near the cusp of the ascendant of the German Emperor, is much worse. Had the Moon been here alone it would have signified popularity with the people and fame; but Mars is ruler of the seventh house, 'war' in mundane astrology, and of the second house, 'money,' while Saturn rules the fourth and fifth houses, the end of life and children. It would be difficult to have a worse satellitium than this, both the malefics out of their dignities, and Mars elevated over all the planets. Here is everything that a monarch should fear and very little that he can desire; war, rebellion, downfall, the disfavour of the people, loss

of power as well as of territory and reputation, and a life unfortunate to the close, with a disastrous end.

The Emperor of Austria has Uranus in the fifth house, that of children, and Saturn, its ruler, in conjunction with the Moon; and in connection with these influences we recall the tragic deaths, first of his son Prince Rudolph in 1889, and then of the next heir to the throne, the late Archduke. The positions in the present horoscope suggest that similar results will follow in this case, and that his son will not rule; for although there is nothing in the fifth house, the Moon, which has chief influence over children, is afflicted by Saturn as lord of the fifth, and by Mars.

The Archduke was married October 21 1911 under the direction Sun parallel Venus, and he has a son. The tardy influence of Saturn is seen in delaying the marriage until the twenty-fifth year; had it not been for the proximity of Mars, ruler of the seventh house, it would have been delayed much longer.

The serious nature of the afflictions of both the Moon and Mercury suggest that his mind may become afflicted. The benefic influences, especially the sextile to Venus, may avert the worst consequences, but the danger is real.

THE ARCHDUKE'S DIRECTIONS

As will be seen on consulting the list given overleaf, the first four basic directions are all critical and unfortunate. Reading the horoscope as more national than personal, the first direction disturbs social conditions and money; the second is favourable for that increase and power of dignity which has occurred to the Archduke, although it brings danger with it; but the third, the parallel of Mars to the Moon, is the most characteristic of the war, for Mars was nearest to the meridian at birth, and was ruler of the seventh house, and the place of the Moon is now culminating in the progressed horoscope.

The progressed Moon met the conjunction with Mars in the late autumn when Austria was meeting with reverses at the hands of Russia. War began at the end of July, and the New Moon of July 23 fell on the place of Saturn in the mid-heaven; and within a few days after this, Uranus transited the opposition of the progressed Mars, Mars the conjunction of the progressed Sun, and Neptune the

place of the Moon. The eclipse of August 21 fell near the place of the Sun, and about the same time Mars transited the ascendant.

<i>Basic</i>		<i>Mutual</i>	
☉ ♃	Dec 1913	♃ * ♄ r	June 1913
☉ ♀	Apr 1914	♄ ♃ r	Sept "
♄ ♀ r	Oct "	♄ ♀ r	Jan 1914
☉ ♃ r	Jan 1915	♄ * ♄ r	June 1915
♄ ♃ r	Aug "	♄ ♄ r	" "
☉ ♀	Dec "	♄ * ♀	Oct "
MC ♄ ♀ r	" "	♄ ♀	Jan 1916
☉ ♀ r	May 1916		

Lunar

1914		1915	
♃ * ☉	Aug	♃ ♀ r p ♀	Apr
♃ * ♄	Oct	♃ ♀ r	June
♃ ♃ r ♄ ♄ r	Nov	♃ ♄ * ♄ r p	July
		♃ ♀	Aug
♃ ♀ r	Mar	♃ ♃ r ♄ r	Sept
♃ * ♀ r p ♄ ♄ r ♃ ♀ r	Apr	♃ ♄	Dec

Progressed Positions as at 10 December 1914

x	xi	xii	i	ii	iii
♃ 27.35	♄ 2	♄ 0	♃ 21.46	♃ 19	♄ 21
☉ 20.21	♃ 25.4	♄ 22.45	♄ 2.59	♃ 10.59	♃ 4.36
			♄ 2.53	♃ 11.27	♄ 0.4

Transits 1915. — ♃ ♄ Jan 8; ♄ ♄ ♀ ♀ Jan 22-30; ☉ eclipse ♄ Feb 14; ♀ ♄ Feb 15, May 27; ♃ ♄ MC June 3; ♀ ♄ ♀ ♀ July 14; ♄ ♄ ♄ ♀ Sept 26 to Oct 7; ♀ ♄ ♀ Nov 5; ♄ ♄ Nov 29.

The Moon is progressing through the tenth house of the horoscope, which accords with the increase of dignity and the coming of public affairs more prominently into the life. During 1915 the Moon will pass over its own place and also the places of Saturn and Mercury as well as the square of Jupiter, bringing many changes and much public trouble, loss and disappointment in its train. Saturn will transit the mid-heaven, being on the cusp in June; Neptune will transit both the radical and progressed Moons, thus accentuating the unfortunate lunar directions; and the solar eclipse of February 14 will fall in exact opposition to the degree that contained the Sun in the horoscopes of the Archduke and the Emperor, a phenomenon dangerous to the aged Emperor and unfortunate for both.

The parallel of Mars to the Moon is not yet exhausted and its effects will continue to be felt, especially under similar lunar directions during the spring of 1915 and under the transits of Mars noted in the list. The effect will be very war-like and antagonistic, but the mutual directions will be seen to be not adverse, and there seems a possibility of peace influences prevailing in the summer, judging from this map.

National Astrology

THE SOLAR ECLIPSE February 14 1915 4.31 a.m.

THIS eclipse is invisible in Europe but is visible with more or less obscuration in Australia, the East Indies, Madagascar, the east coast of South Africa, and in the Pacific and Indian oceans.

Planetary Positions

☉	♃	♄	♄	♃	♃	♃	♄
♃ 24.25	♄ 7.55	♃ 7.46	♄ 11.40	♃ 2.25	♃ 25.30	♄ 12.22	♄ 28.23

House Cusps

	x	xi	xii	i	ii	iii
(1)	♃ 3	♃ 25	♄ 12	♄ 28	♄ 13	♄ 1
(2)	♃ 5	♃ 27	♄ 15	♃ 3	♄ 18	♄ 4
(3)	♃ 7	♃ 28	♄ 16	♃ 3	♄ 20	♄ 7
(4)	♃ 17	♄ 6	♄ 22	♃ 9	♄ 3	♄ 19
(5)	♃ 20	♄ 10	♄ 28	♃ 18	♄ 10	♄ 12
(6)	♄ 3	♄ 17	♃ 1	♃ 15	♄ 2	♄ 13

(1) London (2) Paris (3) Brussels (4) Berlin (5) Vienna (6) Petrograd

The position of Venus rising is seen in all the maps from London to Berlin, at which latter town the planet is very close to the cusp. Eastward of this, Venus is in the twelfth house. The rising position will exercise over the countries concerned an influence somewhat more peaceful than hitherto, and it probably indicates an attempt on the part of friendly neutrals to bring about peace, and that this will not seem quite so unacceptable to the nations concerned as a few months ago, but it is not likely to have immediate success. The rule of Venus over the ninth house indicates the churches and a country across the sea. Benevolent movements and philanthropic attempts to relieve the condition of the people will flourish and increase, and governments will do their utmost to protect and maintain trade.

The condition of the second house at London is remarkable and very complicated; Mars and Uranus are in conjunction on the cusp, the Moon eclipses the Sun within the house, and Mercury is in conjunction with Jupiter also within it; extremes of good and evil fortune in money matters. There will be some surprises which may

amount to a revolution in financial affairs; some failure on a large scale is to be feared; expenditure will be very heavy. Taking the eleventh sign and the second house together, Parliament will soon be employed again upon financial problems in spite of the large budget passed in November; there will be a re-adjustment of income and expenditure, and the state will be greatly concerned over money matters. The strong position of Jupiter as lord of the ascendant, however, shows that all will be well in the end and that the sums required will be forthcoming; the conjunction with Mercury, lord of the seventh, shows our financial affairs closely bound up with our allies.

A railway accident is threatened. Aerial warfare will increase in importance and the number of deaths in connection with it and the destruction it will involve will also increase. Plots against persons highly placed in the state and attempts at political murder and similar crimes will occur and will involve very real danger; for Mars rules the tenth and in part the eleventh; but this applies to a large part of the continent and not merely to this country.

The proceedings in Parliament will not be very harmonious and the Government will not be strong, but money matters and the war will dominate everything else. The question of conscription will very likely be brought forward. Some minister or private member will be strongly attacked and the turbulent energies of Mars and Uranus will be manifested and will cause much unpleasant feeling.

From Paris to Petrograd, Capricorn will rise. At Berlin, Mars, Uranus and the luminaries are in the ascendant, threatening the nation as a whole and its rulers, but money matters will not be affected here by the difficult positions in Aquarius as they will be in Great Britain. Saturn in the sixth house, however, will cause discontent, suffering and privation in the army and navy; whereas Mercury ruling the sixth at London and conjunction Jupiter shows our forces to be well cared for and fresh supplies to be sent forward.

At Petrograd, Mars, Uranus, the luminaries, Jupiter and Mercury are all in the first house, a complicated group of influences not easy to disentangle. The ruling power will be strong but money matters will press heavily upon the country.

At New York, Mars, Uranus and the eclipse near the lower meridian is unfortunate for the President and the Government, who will

meet with disaster. Strikes will occur and there will be dissatisfaction and discontent. There will be earthquake shocks felt in or near the American continent.

The eclipse is in exact opposition to the degree containing the Sun in the horoscopes of the Emperor of Austria and the Archduke Karl, and is a serious danger to both, but especially to the aged Emperor. It is close to Saturn with the King of Belgium. The other positions have been given in our review of the planets for the year. The effects of eclipses in fixed and in airy signs will be found stated in the *Manual Mundane Astrology*, Chapter XIV.

Taking $\approx 18^\circ$ as about a middle point between the place of Mars and that of the eclipsed Sun, this will be:—*rising* in parts of Russia, Turkey, N.E. Africa, E. Europe and W. Asia; *culminating* about 110° E. longitude, China and the East Indies; *setting* in the Pacific Ocean; and on the *nadir* about 70° W. longitude, the east of N. America and the west of S. America.

Falling in the third or Libra decanate of Aquarius, the eclipse disturbs international relations everywhere and is unfortunate for Parliament and legislative assemblies.

Sir Oliver Lodge and the After-Life

SIR OLIVER LODGE has committed himself to the statement that there is a survival after death, and his statement has been challenged. In reply to his challenger, Mr Donkin, he says that "people cannot receive proof so long as they shut their minds to the evidence."

Sir Oliver Lodge claims to have obtained that evidence. But, he says, as always happens when a truth is coming to the surface and something is being discovered which was there all the time, the real proofs lie all about one, and are not dependent on records of the past. The facts may be more or less unpalatable, but there they are; they can hardly be apprehended, still less assimilated, without a mind sufficiently open to permit the beginning of an unusual course of study.

Many persons now drawn toward astrological thought are surprised to learn that the stars have been around them all the time, shedding their beneficent influence over the world, while they have merely shut their minds to all such ideas as those associated with planetary influence.

All this, as Sir Oliver Lodge well says, is quite in accordance with ordinary scientific tradition; many new subjects have had to run the gauntlet of orthodox hostility. Admittedly only a minority of scientific men are willing to declare that a new class of facts needs investigation and is apparently a prelude to a whole new region of knowledge inaccessible by exclusively material methods.

Since the outbreak of the Great War a large number of persons have been astonished by the accuracy of the astrological judgments upon the horoscopes of the European Rulers, especially those connected with the Kaiser's nativity, and in many cases the first glimpse of the real power behind the throne has been obtained.

Astrology fortunately does not depend upon the same evidence as that required for Psychical Research, and although its study may not bring direct personal knowledge of the soul's survival it does clearly illuminate the mind of the student; and if it goes no further than this illumination, in which the influences of the celestial spheres are revealed, it is sufficient proof that the universe is one of which we form an integral part.

Students of Astrology at any rate can fully sympathise with Sir Oliver Lodge in the following statement: "In any public utterance of mine I am careful to say some words to the effect that I am expressing my own conviction based upon many years of sceptical inquiry, and that while a few scientific men more or less agree—having gone through a similar training—the majority do not consider that such a region exists, save in imagination. I do not expect a favourable scientific atmosphere in my life-time; I anticipate a continuance of strong hostile prejudice; nevertheless, I feel entitled to state the results of my experience for what they are worth, and leave judgment to posterity."

THAT we have but little faith is not sad, but that we have little faithfulness. By faithfulness faith is earned.—THOREAU.

SOME NOTES ON THE EVENTS OF THE PAST SIX MONTHS

THE rising position of Saturn in the map for the Sun's entry into Libra at the equinox of September 23 last year showed its influence over the war area in Europe. The heavy slow-moving character of the planet in square to the Sun disproved the predictions of those who anticipated a speedy conclusion one way or the other and peace in October. Incidentally it also upset the German plan of a quick march to Paris. The forces on land both in the east and west have been alternately advancing a little and retreating a little and neither taking nor yielding very much territory all through the quarter. Saturn is slow, steady and tamasic and does not adapt itself to sudden changes. That its rulership over the eighth house has been followed by many deaths as predicted (see October *M.A.* p. 480) does not need to be dwelt upon; and the prediction of no peace during 1914 has been fulfilled.

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Not only were the deaths of eminent persons indicated in and predicted from the map for the equinox, but also when writing upon the solar eclipse of August 21st (p. 479) we pointed out that the eclipse—"is visible in Europe, which fact is sufficient in itself to indicate serious trouble to governments and statesmen and *the death of royalty* . . . some eminent people are likely to die."

King Carol of Roumania died on October 10th, and Cardinal Ferrata, papal Secretary of State, on the same day. The number of highly placed persons who have died during the autumn is too numerous to mention. King Carol was born 20/4/1839 and was under the directions ☉ □ 4, ♃ 8 4 at death. He is succeeded by his nephew Prince Ferdinand, born 24/8/1865.

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The town of Antwerp is said to be governed by Libra. It was taken by the Germans on October 9th, when the Sun was in Libra;

and Mars had been in that sign at the equinox. Louvain and Bruges, both of which have suffered severely, are under Gemini, which contained Saturn at the outbreak of the war. Metz, close to the scene of fighting, and Versailles are also under Gemini. Brussels belongs to Capricorn. If the rulership of more towns were known, it would be possible to follow the effects of the transits of heavenly bodies through their ruling signs.

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In the remarks upon the map for the October New Moon (p. 481), it was pointed out that the culmination of Neptune resembled its position at the time of some of the troublous events of the Boer war. The reference was to the eclipse of 3/12/99, when Neptune culminated seriously afflicted at London. This turned out to be a very appropriate comparison, for during the month General de Wet and one or two other Generals with a small following arose in rebellion in South Africa. But, as was predicted from the strong position of the rising luminaries, the ruling authorities proved quite competent to deal with the situation.

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The Kaiser's illness apparently arose out of a neglected cold, and is variously described as bronchial catarrh and as pneumonia, and began to be serious early in December. Those who have followed his directions for 1914, given in this magazine in January last year, will have noticed ♃ in ♄ 2 ♃ in ♀, from the sixth to the twelfth houses, measuring to December. As the sixth house rules sickness, and Jupiter in Gemini indicates the lungs, this is very significant. Mars transited the opposition of Jupiter and the conjunction with the progressed Moon at the end of November, while the full Moon at the beginning of December fell only two degrees from these two points. It has been pointed out more than once that his directions have been unfavourable for health, especially at those times when the Sun and Moon are both afflicted.

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The bombardment of the East Coast towns of England by the German war ships in the middle of December, the bombs dropped in Kent a week later, and the attempt by an aviator to reach London,

bear out the prediction on p. 519 of the November issue that there would be an *attempt* at invasion.

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How many readers have noticed that one of Anna Kingsford's astronomical predictions is now fulfilled? In one of her visions in the year 1877, she found herself travelling in spirit through the solar system, and amongst other interesting statements she affirmed that she saw nine moons, some of them very small, revolving round the planet Jupiter. At that time only four satellites of Jupiter were known to astronomers, discovered as far back as 1610. Fifteen years after Anna Kingsford's vision, namely in 1892, a fifth was discovered; then, during the present century, followed the sixth, seventh and eighth. It is now announced that a ninth moon was detected, photographically, last year; which completes the fulfilment of the prediction. All the later discovered Moons are very small, and all were seen at the Lick Observatory, California.

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"I am a Belgian subscriber to MODERN ASTROLOGY, and a great lover of this fascinating science," writes a correspondent; "I am also a Theosophist. The war drove me out of my country, and at present I enjoy the hospitality of a very kind family in Nottinghamshire, but I am of the opinion that I could spend my time in a better way. Would not some kind astrologer in the neighbourhood of London be willing to take me in his home for some months? In exchange for the hospitality I could teach him, and his family as well, the French and also the Dutch languages which I know pretty well; and for myself I should have the chance to study more thoroughly the beautiful science of Astrology, of which if occasion ever offers I would make a life-work. I enclose my horoscope. . . ."

The writer's address is in the hands of the Hon. Sec. of the Astrological Society, to whom any communications for him should be sent.

CORRESPONDENCE LESSONS IN ASTROLOGY.—Miss E. E. Dickinson and Miss M. Whittle have been awarded CERTIFICATES OF MERIT. Certificates of Merit have also been awarded to the following students:—Mr. Charles Ladner Curnow, Scone, N.S. Wales, Australia; Mrs. Edith Johnson, S. Croydon, London; Mr. Theodore L. A. Vieusseux, Marrickville, N.S. Wales, Australia.

Obiter Dicta

"An *obiter dictum*, in the language of the law, is a gratuitous opinion, an individual impertinence, which, whether it be wise or foolish, right or wrong, bindeth none—not even the lips that utter it."

OLD JUDGE.

MUNDANE CUSPS

THE war offers a good opportunity for students to observe the mundane cusps of European capitals calculated as instructed and exemplified in recent issues of this magazine.¹ The following table will save them some labour.

Place	x	xi	xii	i	ii	iii
London	♄ 9.19	♁ 16.41	♁ 18.46	♃ 14.13	♁ 6.03	♃ 4.07
Paris	♄ 11.38	♁ 17.56	♁ 19.41	♃ 15.09	♁ 8.12	♃ 6.51
Brussels	♄ 13.31	♁ 20.23	♁ 22.02	♃ 17.17	♁ 9.40	♃ 8.14
Berlin	♄ 21.52	♁ 28.47	♁ 29.39	♃ 23.49	♁ 16.24	♃ 15.46
Vienna	♄ 24.32	♁ 0.05	♃ 0.44	♃ 25.40	♁ 19.41	♃ 19.29
Budapest	♄ 27.03	♁ 2.37	♃ 2.45	♃ 27.37	♁ 22.00	♃ 22.04
Belgrade	♄ 28.22	♁ 2.52	♃ 3.18	♃ 28.39	♁ 23.44	♃ 23.58
Warsaw	♄ 28.58	♁ 5.26	♃ 5.35	♃ 29.11	♁ 22.38	♃ 22.36
St. Petersburg	♁ 7.25	♁ 16.12	♃ 14.26	♁ 5.00	♁ 26.56	♃ 27.10
Tokio	♁ 29.34	♃ 25.01	♃ 16.52	♃ 8.52	♁ 17.13	♁ 26.57

These are for 1914. They increase with the precession about a degree in 72 years.

In the event of wars, the figures for the capitals alone are to be considered, because of diplomatic exchanges therefrom. But if the diplomatic breach arise over a third or outside nation or territory, then the figure for such place must be included. When nations are in a state of actual war the cusps for the scene of conflict should be studied. From the above table, or the rule given in an earlier issue, any place on the continent can be easily worked out or approximated as desired.

Referring to a 1914 ephemeris we may make the following comparisons.

(1) Assassination of Franz-Ferdinand at Serajevo, June 28th, finds Mars conjunction with the twelfth house of the place, and Saturn square Berlin's first, applying conjunction with Vienna's M.C. (2) Austria demands reparation and submits ultimatum to Servia, July 22-23, finds Mars passing the first of London and Paris; Saturn passing from M.C. of Vienna to M.C. of Belgrade (just half way between the two). (3) Austria declares war on

¹ See Note on p. 137 last March issue, where Mr Johndro explains the principle on which they are calculated (also p. 430 September): in the list here given ≈ 6.03 in top line means $\approx 6^{\circ}3'$, and similarly elsewhere.

Servia, July 28th, with Mars conjunction first of western Germany and Saturn conjunction with the M.C. of Budapest. (4) Germany declares war on Russia, August 1st, with Mars square the M.C. of Berlin (and Rome) and Saturn conjunction first of Budapest.

(5) Germany and France declare war on each other, and England's ultimatum to Germany, August 4th, finds Mars conjunction with the Berlin first, etc. (6) Austria declares war on Russia, August 6th, with Mars conjunction with Vienna's first house.

The square of Mars to Saturn fell on the Ascendant and M.C. of all Europe, being central August 12th over the meridian and ascendant of Belgrade and Warsaw; that is, over western Russia, eastern Germany, and central over Austria-Hungary and Servia—the nations and countries earliest to fan the conflagration on the continent.

It is to be observed that practically all these aspects agree exact with the date, being actual arcs with the cusps and not merely transits through the house spaces. The configuration of Mars with western Germany when Austria declared war on Servia shows clearly the hand of Germany behind this move on the part of Austria. That Mars rayed Berlin and not St. Petersburg when Germany declared war on Russia, places the blame on Germany, and shows astrologically that Russia had no aggressive designs on Germany at the time.

Students should compare the foregoing with the positions of progressed Mars in the chart of Franz Josef, Neptune and Mars in the chart of the Kaiser, and Uranus and Jove in the chart of King George—all in the last decanate of the common signs.

A PLANETARY COINCIDENCE

In the map for Summer quarter on June 22nd, Mars was in $\Omega 27.44$, close to Regulus in the royal sign of Kings, Emperors, Monarchies. The eclipse of August 21st fell in $\Omega 27.35$, or on the place of Mars at the Summer quarter; the eclipse being total over eastern Europe. This phenomenon joins the twelfth cusp of eastern France and Belgium and western Germany. The twelfth house stands for the carnage of war, and here seems to presage the downfall of empire. France being a Republic, this leaves Germany in a bad way at the close of the war. I believe Leo symbolises the British Empire, and Regulus particularly so, but I do not read the eclipse as of bad omen for her.

Saturn in Gemini (the dual empire Austria-Hungary) and on the zenith of eastern Europe can surely mean nothing but "Goodbye Hapsburgs," and the rise of a Republic on the ashes of the empire. Prussia may hold her own while Jove remains in Aquarius, or even prosper in arms, but there is

able aspects between Mars and Jupiter (as for instance at the beginning of September); such an aspect occurs in the beginning of December, which is still in the future at the moment of writing. How far it will affect the football players it is difficult to say: war is, however, in its essentials, a "game" and the spirit of combat quite apart from patriotism should appeal strongly to footballers—unless professionalism has cankered the sport more than has been supposed.

A COURAGEOUS COUPLE.—I have been looking up horoscopes 320 and 321 in "Notable Nativities." I should like to ask (a) as both horoscopes show an unhappy marriage would it have been advisable for this courageous couple to listen to the warning of the stars and break off their marriage. (b) Would they not have been unhappy, no matter whom they married? (c) I notice in the lady's horoscope a great many planets in the seventh house. Does not that mean that marriage, or some kind of partnership, would inevitably enter very much into her life? (d) Would it therefore have been advisable for her to try to elude her fate by abstaining from marriage altogether? (275)

(a) Had they asked an astrologer before marriage if the horoscopes compared favourably he would have advised them not to marry, as separation after marriage is very plainly shown. (b) Probably, although they could have found their complements had they desired. (c) Yes, she would be drawn toward marriage to fulfil her destiny. (d) No. She had her warning before marriage; she should have sought for a temperament *stronger* than her own.

Since the above was type the following has been received from Mrs R., the lady to whom the comments refer:

"I do not at all feel that unhappiness and sorrow foretold by the stars under certain circumstances *ought* to be avoided. The facing of them and going through with it may indeed mean ruling the stars in learning to triumph over or manage amid the conditions that are antagonistic. Once this has been achieved their conditions can no more affect the native, and these adverse stars are ruled. Difficulties are not overcome by avoiding them, but this is working with—not against one's Karma.

"For my own experience once I have learned to live calmly and happily amid my difficulties and so carry out my aims in spite of them then I shall have ruled these adverse stars. I am not beaten, I am not shirking, I am in the trenches and I shall win, whether I die or live I must overcome. I will be glad if you will use this statement of mine for the same paper in which my husband's appeared. I do

not admit any defeat by the stars of the native, who must learn and is determined to overcome adverse conditions. It is far more a defeat to run away from an unhappiness, for only by defeating unhappiness in life and in marriage particularly can marriage be secured against unhappiness, the greater the unhappiness the greater the victory, the greater the knowledge carried by the native through all incarnations" [*here follows signature*].

MARRIAGE.—It is universally stated that the Sun's applications to planets in a girl's chart will denote her love affairs or marriages, and the Moon with a man. However, as the Sun can never apply to Venus for example, can this planet ever denote her husband? If Venus were 18° in a sign, with the Sun 25° in the same sign, would Venus applying to the Sun signify an attraction,—the same rule reversed? (276)

Venus has less effect in stimulating the affectional side of a woman's nature than in the case of the male; it does however awaken a pleasurable emotion. The influence of the Sun and Venus in a woman's horoscope is not the same as that of Venus and Mars. We have coloured our ideas of marriage too much in the West by associating it with the sensational and passional element or on the other hand with selfish motives, and therefore judge attractions from the horoscope alone, without comparing the nature of the attractive force sufficiently and thereby estimating the horoscope that would be most complementary to it, or likely to afford the best union for other than generative purposes.

✓ When a female has chosen her lover (for she *should* be the chooser), then a comparison of the lover's horoscope should be made with her own, and if the merits and demerits are studied then advice may be given, or the discovery made by the native, as to the best means of procuring harmony from the joint horoscopes.

To judge by the ordinary rules alone, such as the application of the luminaries, etc., is only a part of the judgment, and as a suggestive indication it may be useful, but marriage is far too serious a matter for superficial judgment and without a comparison of the joint nativities no advice can be complete.

✓ The reason why Venus is not a good significator of the marriage partner in a female horoscope, arises from the fact that it usually signifies effeminate men.

RULING PLANET.—In the following horoscope which planet is ruler? Mars is exactly conjunct the Sun, also par. Is Mars influence entirely annulled,

or how would it act? In which sign would the Sun be considered, Scorpio or Libra? Which Venus? Which is stronger, the Personality or the Individuality? Is this an entirely evil horoscope? Is a violent end indicated?

Horoscope:—x m29, xi f21, xii W11, i z28, ii K25, iii 83; ☉ m2.46.
 ♃ 27.48, ♄ m24.44, ♀ f0.4, ♂ m2.48, ♃ ♃12.10, ♃ ♃24.56r, ♃ m12.28,
 ♃ 8 13.12. (277)

The question although a personal one may be of general interest in the form in which it is answered. In all questions of this kind a process of analysis is helpful. In Esoteric Astrology the ruler of the ascending sign is representative of the brain and body, and for the purpose of study that planet may be thought of as the physical elemental. The Moon is representative of the astral elemental, and the Sun of the mind, or mental elemental. Roughly this gives an idea of nature's forces working through all horoscopes on the formative side of evolution, and the three centres of enormous possibilities.

In this particular horoscope Saturn is ruler. The martial influence is more mental than physical. The ☉ is in m; ♀ is in f; and, the individuality is the stronger and mainly martial. No horoscope can be entirely evil although it may show evil tendencies. A violent end is not indicated although the evil tendencies may easily find termination in an explosive force, and precipitate the martial influence on this earth in a physical disruption. Look for the saving grace.

PLANETARY FRIENDSHIPS.—Is there any friendship and enmity among the planets as is recognised in Hindu Astrology; and if there is, how do such relationships affect our judgments in Natal Astrology? (278)

For convenience of expression the terms "friendship" and "enmity" have been used respecting the influence which exists among the planets. Mars and Saturn as planets representing expansion and contraction denote extremes and cannot therefore be friendly, so far as human ideas of friendship are concerned; in the Cosmos, however, there is neither friendship nor enmity, simply obedience to cosmic laws. Our judgments are affected in Natal Astrology by the experience we have obtained that these planets are operative on totally different planes of nature—for instance Mars excites the passions, inclines toward impulsive action and increases energy, its influence is ever toward an uncontrolled expansion. Saturn on the other hand restricts impulse and tends to slow down all normal vibrations. It is through lack of a wider understanding that we think Mars and Saturn are enemies.

A Non-Fatalistic Astrologer of the 16th Century

A SHORT time ago I was searching for mediæval astrological literature in the Bodleian Library at Oxford University. One little volume published in London in 1598 professed to give "Briefe introductions, both naturall, pleasant and delectable, unto the arte of Cheiromancy, or manuell divination, and phisiognomy . . . where unto is also annexed as well the artificiall, as naturall Astrologie, with the nature of the planetts . . . written in latine by John Indagine, priest . . . translated by Fabian Withers." The introduction "to the Gentle Reader" contained much sound common sense, and I quote the following passages therefrom:—

" . . . The orderlye comming into Astrology, we have described unto you as well by the artificiall Horoscope, as also by the naturall entring of the Sunne into any of the xii celestial signs: the whole effect and power that any of the Planetts and eraticall starrs may by anye means worrke in us. Whereby having recourse first unto the hande, and marking and noting such signes and tokens as therein shall appeare, then beholding the proportion and lineaments of the whole body, and according to the prescript rules to way and consider the equalitie and agreableness betweene them, with like respect had unto the nativity, judging either by the artificiall Horoscope or by the Naturall course of the Sunne: thou shalt not only see and perceive a great necessity and affinitie between our terrestiall and the celestiall bodies, but also foresee and knowe . . . accidents eyther to good or evyll provided unto us, and hanging over our head.

"But least that any manne should thinke that hereby wee attribute so muche unto naturall providence, as though it were inevitable, and thereby use it as a refuge or Sanctuary, for all their evill actions and doings. Unto such we will object the answer of Crisippus, writing in this manner. Although (saith he) that nature hath provided all things from the beginning, and that by her providence all things are moved and stirred up by a certaine necessary reason and motion; yet notwithstanding our dispositions and minds are no further

subject or in danger thereof, than their proprietie and qualitie is cōcordant and agreable unto the same.

"For if that by nature our wittes be first made wholesome and good, and after endued with reason and understanding; either they do utterly put off and avoyd all evill influences and accidents, or else receive and beare them the more easily without hurt or damage. If, contrariwise our dispositions of themselves be rude and grosse, not endued with anye kind of letters or good learning to assist and helpe them withall: with everye light conflict or assault of our naturall inclination; we run headlong into all kinds of errors and vice; even followinge the ensample of the Cilinder stone, which by nature beyng apt to roule and tumble, and being caste or throwen downe into hollowe or steepe places: doth runne without ceasing, not so much because it is cast or throwen, as for his owne Nature and aptnes thereunto, and not having in it selfe anye thinge to withstand the same. The author himselfe in like manner foreseeing the cavillations of certain evill disposed persons which would make all things subject unto the influences of the heavenly bodies: before hee entreth to speke of the judgements of nativities writeth in this sort.

"We ought (sayth hee) first to knowe and understande that the starres do not provoke or force us to any thinge, but onely maketh us apt and prone: and being so disposed doth as it were allure and drawe us forward to our Naturall inclination. In the which we followe the rule of reason, takinge it to bee our onely guide and governour: they loose all their force, power and effect, which they by any means have in and upon us. Contrariwise, if wee give ourselves over to follow our own sensualitie and Naturall disposition, they woorke even the same effecte in us that they do in brute beasts. And this shall bee sufficient at this time to answeere the vaine objection of naturall providence, whereby the fruite of this work might by any meane seeme to be cōverted into any vice or error, the which in deede of itself is very necessarye and profitable Notwithstanding, I woulde wishe and desire that all menne which shall reade and take anye fruite of this smal treatise, to use such moderation in perusing of the same, that they doe not by and by take in hande to give judgment, eyther of their owne, or of other mens estates or Nativities, without diligent circumspection and taking heed. Waying and considering how many

ways a man maye be deceived, as by the providence and discretion of the man in whome thou givest judgement. Also the dispensation of God, and our fallible and uncertaine speculation.

"Wherefore let all men in seeking hereby to forseee their own fortune, take heed that by the promise of good they be not so elate or high minded, giving themselves over to osivitie or idlenes, trusting altogether to the natural influences, neyther yet by anye signe or tokens of adversitie to be direct or cast downe: but to take and way all things with such equalitie and moderation, directing their state of life and living to all perfectnes and goodnes, that they may be ready to embrace and followe all that is good and profitable, and also not only to eschew and avoide: but to withstand and set at naught all evil and adverse fortune, whensoever it may happen or chance unto them."

Apart from the strange inconsistency of the spelling, the most striking feature of the above passages, to my mind, is the non-fatalistic philosophy preached by the author. One of the modern astrologer's chief grumbles against the mediæval exponents of the science is with regard to their almost complete negation of free-will, a course which brought upon themselves some not entirely undeserved persecution at the hands of the Church. John Indagine evidently was no fatalist, and, apart from the quaintly attractive phraseology of the the translator the metaphysics he preaches seem so sane and healthy, that astrologers of the twentieth century could probably do very much worse than follow his precepts.

R. J. M.

THE POPE'S BIRTH DATA.—A correspondent writes that the Pope's birth date is not November 21 (as quoted from the *Times* on p. 534 of our November issue) but December 21, 1854, the time of birth being given as 10.30 a.m. Genoa, Italy.

Can any other student confirm or confute these statements? *Whittaker's Almanac* for 1915 gives the November date.

A CORRESPONDENCE STUDENT has kindly drawn our attention to an oversight in the map printed on p. viii of *Casting the Horoscope*. At right-hand side, near foot, for "Dec. 22nd, '08," read "Nov. 13th, '08."

CORRIGENDUM.—On p. 562 December issue, Basic Directions, second column, for ♀ P ⊙ r Dec 1916, read ♂ P ⊙ r.

"The Oracle"

(a) *Is the native of this horoscope threatened with any tragedy in life, either an early tragic death or some other tragic event? (b) If so, can anything be done to avoid it. (c) What is the principal effect of these violent cross aspects from common signs on the native's character?*—E. S. L. (a) While I certainly think he will have an end that will draw public attention I think the position of Venus so close to the cusp of the fourth in trine to Mars, and the fact that Jupiter is between the Sun and Venus, show that preserving influences will be around him. The squares of Mars and Jupiter occur from mutable signs, as does the opposition of Saturn, and therefore I should not judge any tragedy in the life, nor a tragic end. Probably some indiscreet or unwise events will arise out of Mars square Saturn and Jupiter but if his moral training is attended to many of the evils indicated by these squares may be avoided. (b) Thoroughly training his moral character and also helping him to lift his mind above the senses will do much to assist him. (c) The violent cross aspects from common signs would have no very detrimental effect upon the character, but might affect the nervous system and thus cause irritability and a rebellious tendency. The great fault in reality would arise out of carelessness and irresponsibility.

What effect will the following combination of influences have in my progressed directions: (☉ p. ♄ M.C. r, separating, etc., etc.)—R. I. C. Owing to the majority of planets being in common signs, over which the planet Mercury rules, nothing of an extraordinary character is shown by the influences you mention. They may disturb your general health owing to your liability to this kind of disturbance through the very sensitive state of your nervous and sympathetic system.

What will be the probable effects in enclosed nativity of this direction; Mars conjunction Sun, Saturn sextile Moon trine Jupiter?—P. Z. X. As there are no baneful influences to Mars at birth affecting the positions arrived at by progression, no ill effect should be anticipated.

(a) *What profession should I follow for success? (b) Should I do well on my own account? (c) Have I a good horoscope for marriage?*—T. G. S. (a) You would do well to follow agency business, or matters where you are an intermediary and not a direct or responsible partner for the undertakings in which you are involved. You would have done well as a chemist or in any position of trust, as secretary, cashier or in a position where you are middle man or intermediary. (b) With regard to doing well on your own account: Under a train of good influences, yes; but the conjunction of Mars and Jupiter makes you liable to commit errors or make mistakes which would involve you in loss. (c) On the whole you have a good horoscope for marriage.

(a) *Can native, who has already lost a wife, marry again; if so, when. He thinks conjugal happiness is denied him: Is this correct? (b) What will be the actual effect of the direction ☉ □ ♁ r.p. as regards the enclosed horoscope?*—N. V. M. (a) Yes, he can marry again, but he would be unwise to do so for conjugal happiness does appear to be denied to him, owing to the affliction between his ruler and his partner's. (b) The ☉ □ ♁ will cause an estrangement between himself and his household: it may coincide with death of a parent. He cannot avoid it, since it is not affected by his own will.

[N.B.—This feature of the Magazine is now closed.]

Rebrius

ASTROLOGY: HOW TO READ YOUR FORTUNE IN THE STARS. By "Sagittarian." London; C. Arthur Pearson, Ltd., Henrietta St., W.C., cloth, 7½ by 4¾, 1s. nett.

THIS is a re-issue of a book first published in 1905, but the whole is re-written, and, if we mistake not, by a new author. The book is simply and agreeably written and is likely to meet a large circle who have not before come into touch with Modern Astrology. The following final paragraph gives an idea of the tone of the book:

"In conclusion, most of us are more or less conscious of the fact that we are too generally mere creatures of fate; but we are so because, in our ignorance of self, we take no steps to modify characteristics which, in themselves perhaps not very alarming, and indeed upon which we may even pride ourselves, may not only be the sole hindrances to the realisation of our highest ideals and ambitions, but perchance might prove to be the cause of our sorest trials. Were sufficient space at our disposal it would be possible to give interesting and instructive illustrations of this truth in the lives of well-known public men, both of our own and other times; we must, however, leave the subject at the point to which we have so far brought it, in the earnest hope that sufficient interest therein may have been aroused in the minds of our readers to induce the continuance of the study of a subject which we believe to be absolutely limitless so far as the powers of infinite man are concerned."

THE PHILOSOPHY OF WAR. By H. A. Curtiss. (Price 25 cents. The Curtiss Book Co., Los Angeles and San Francisco: London, L.N. Fowler & Co.)

We have received many books dealing with the present war, but of all of them none equal in our estimation to this little work. It is philosophy indeed, and worth reading many times until the ideas it contains are fully assimilated. It shows very plainly how helpful the symbology of Astrology may become when the War in heaven is understood.

We have also received *The Soundless Sound* and other books from the Curtiss Book Co.

WHERE IGNORANCE IS BLISS 'TIS FOLLY TO BE WISE.—"The astrologer no longer inspires awe; he is a jest; and it was not worth while to devote to his 'science' a solemn course of FitzPatrick lectures before the Royal College of Physicians of London. Yet Dr Mercier did this last year, and has now published them in a volume entitled *Astrology in Medicine*. If it is intended to be taken as a joke, as may be concluded from a chapter on saints and signs added to the lectures, it is too laboured. The book, we fear, is an addition to library lumber."—From the *British Medical Journal* 3/10/14.

Letters to the Editor

HINTS TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Letters of general interest only are inserted. Writers of signed articles are alone responsible for the opinions contained therein. Correspondents desiring acknowledgment or reply will please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

Letters are inserted at the earliest possible opportunity, but are sometimes unavoidably held over through lack of space. Correspondents will please remember (i) that all communications should be written upon one side of the paper only; (ii) that planetary positions, as well as birth data, should be given where possible; (iii) that information should be put as concisely as is compatible with clearness.

Neglect of these considerations may cause otherwise valuable letters to be excluded from these pages.

AN ASTROLOGICAL INSTITUTE

To the Editor of "Modern Astrology"

DEAR SIR,

Your admirable scheme for the founding of an Astrological Institute in London where instruction in Astrology will be given, has interested me greatly. Unfortunately I am not in a position financially to send you a large donation as I should like to do, but I have thought of another way in which I may both help the funds of the Institute and further astrological propaganda at the same time. I intend to give a series of short addresses to a private audience which they will attend free of charge, but a collection will be made at the end of each address for the funds of the Astrological Institute. In this way I hope to interest many in Modern Astrology as expounded by you, and gain adherents if not serious students. I hope to repeat these addresses later to drawing-room audiences.

May I venture to suggest that other lovers of Astrology should do the same sort of thing. I think this is a very good time, now that such great spiritual changes are taking place in the minds of us all, to spread a knowledge of our divine science. Such little lectures may be of help in forming a nucleus of future pupils at the Astrological Institute and will popularise the science amongst those who are willing to hear.

The following is my programme, the addresses will be elementary and clear and naturally according to your teachings.

- 1ST ASTROLOGY AND ASTRONOMY
- 2ND THE HOROSCOPE IN DETAIL
- 3RD PLANETARY INFLUENCES
- 4TH ZODIACAL INFLUENCES
- 5TH A FEW NOTABLE HOROSCOPES
- 6TH ASTROLOGY AND THE WAR

At the end of each address I propose to sell your 1s. manuals, also *Practical Astrology*, and copies of the current issue of *MODERN ASTROLOGY*.

Trusting the idea will meet with your approval and be largely followed by other readers, and with the best of good wishes for the success of the Astrological Institute Fund,

Ladies' Athenæum Club,
31 & 32, Dover Street, W.
November 5th, 1914.

I remain,
Yours sincerely,
MARY HEAD.

URANUS IN THE SEVENTH

In our highly-prized magazine, *MODERN ASTROLOGY*, I have seen mention made of the effects upon marriage of Uranus when in the seventh house. As I have had experience in this respect I am sending you the horoscopes of myself and wife, as she has Uranus in the seventh which by progression has now practically come to the exact opposition of the Sun; and my Uranus, by progression, is now in the seventh and recently has been in opposition to my Moon.

What the end may be I do not know, but it is clear to me that the attraction once existing, which I fear was chiefly physical, has all died out. As the forty years of our married life has fled down the stream of time sympathy has gradually died away; the outward shell of the marriage union still remains but I look forward to the future with fear and dread.

It is not a pleasure to make this disclosure but if devotees of the science will not make a sacrifice for the benefit of students we cannot expect the indifferent to do so. It will be seen that Uranus by going retrograde years ago in No. 2 has been enabled to work his tricks upon us for a very long time. I append our horoscopes.

	x	xi	xii	i	ii	iii
Mrs	♈ 19	♉ 22	♊ 17	♋ 6½	♌ 4	♍ 10
Mr	♈ 14	♉ 21	♊ 23	♋ 18	♌ 10	♍ 8
	☉	☽	♃	♄	♅	♆
Mrs	♈ 7	♉ 11	♊ 19	♋ 23½	♌ 29	♍ 21½
Mr	♈ 14	♉ 27	♊ 25½	♋ 1	♌ 5	♍ 29½
	♁	♂	♆	♄	♃	♂
	♁ 10	♂ 14½	♆ 8	♄ 6r	♃ 23r	♂ 9rd

Should these horoscopes prove of interest and further information be desired, I am willing to supply it.

A LOVER OF "MODERN ASTROLOGY."

THE EQUATORIAL METHOD OF HOUSE DIVISION

DEAR SIR,

I venture once more to urge that students of Astrology should grapple with the vexed question of House-Division. It cannot be said that this question is by any means settled yet, and Astrology lacks a firm foundation as a science, until it is settled. It seems curious that no final solution of a problem so fundamental as this can

apparently be reached.¹ To my mind it is of increasing importance, owing to the spread of civilisation northwards to latitudes where horoscopes cast in the usual way must often give such highly irregular house-divisions.

Students of the subject are fairly well agreed that the only systems deserving of serious attention are the ordinary semi-arc system, and those of Regiomontanus and Campanus. But it is acknowledged that all of them have theoretical as well as practical objections.

There is one method that has a supporter here and there—the Equatorial method—which is certainly very simple, and this appears to be one of the objections to it. It seems *too* simple! In this system every house contains exactly thirty degrees of Right Ascension, the start being made from the M.C. Whether the extreme simplicity of it is a sufficient reason to dismiss it as “rough-and-ready” and “unscientific” is open to question.

An obvious objection to it, which suggests itself immediately, is that as a general rule the cusp of the first house and the ascending degree will not coincide. But is there any perfectly good and sufficient reason why they should?

A writer in MODERN ASTROLOGY some time ago (p. 462, November, 1912) expressed himself somewhat in favour of this system, and mentioned this objection, but cast some doubt on the astrological value of the ascending degree. To do this is surely to make doubtful all astrological values whatever. Nor does the equatorial division eliminate the ascending degree, it merely separates it from the cusp of the first house.

I suggest that the most appropriate symbol for this important centre would be \oplus , and that it should be treated in all respects as if it were a planet. Representing as it does the degree of the ecliptic intersected by the eastern half of the horizon circle at the birthplace, and coinciding, as some say it does, with the longitude of the Moon at “epoch,” it may be regarded as representing our own planet, the Earth. Thus the “three centres” in the horoscope will very appropriately be the Sun, the Moon, and the Earth.

As to the house division, just as a “sign” is always and everywhere one-twelfth part of the Zodiac, a circle traced by the annual revolution of the earth round the sun, so a “house” will be always and everywhere one-twelfth part of the equator, a circle traced by the diurnal rotation of the earth on its axis.

The real questions at issue are (i) Is there any insurmountable theoretical or practical objection to this system? (ii) Has it been given a fair trial?

Shubenacadie,
Nova Scotia, Canada.

Yours truly,
WILMER PEARSON.

¹ [For a discussion of the subject the student is referred to Chapter XII. of *Casting the Horoscope*, in which the four systems mentioned below are described and illustrated.—ED.]

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The Editor's Observatory

ROYAL HOROSCOPES AND NATIONAL ASTROLOGY

WE quite expected our idea that a King's horoscope is a fair representation of the nation over which he rules, would sooner or later be questioned, and even hoped that it might stimulate some astrological mind to find the National Horoscope upon which all judgments regarding that nation could be based. We have received several communications from students, some agreeing with our views and others disagreeing, but so far none have supplied sufficient reasons to cause us to change our opinion. Here is one.

To the Editor of "Modern Astrology"

DEAR SIR,

I imagine that all your readers have been mildly disconcerted on occasions by the bland wizard who extracts three rabbits from a simple glass of water. It is with an analogous purpose that I take up my pen. I should like, by your courtesy, to draw three questions out of a sentence in MODERN ASTROLOGY for January.

You say on page 22 that “all astrologers” who wish to decide whether Germany will be victorious in the present war “must base their judgments on the Kaiser's horoscope.” This apparently unoffending statement implies

the accepted theory that a country's destiny may be read from the horoscope of its ruler. Is the assumption justified?

In the first place, why should we consider the horoscope of a monarch in preference to that of a Prime Minister? Did Edward the Sixth epitomise England better than the Earl of Warwick? Why should the fate of the British Empire lie locked in King George's horoscope rather than in Mr Asquith's? Perhaps I shall be answered that the latter is merely our temporary representative. But the answer has no kernel: for, if it were sound, what pathetic figures we all cut when we rush to our horoscopes of President Poincaré in order to settle the fate of France!

In the second place, have these unfortunate Kings and Emperors no private horoscopes, no events in their lives but such as have counterparts in the life of the nation? In what way was England suffering during the long years of George the Third's insanity? Or consider the horoscope of Topknot, King of the Cannibal Islands. Since Mars and Uranus are now making discord in his 6th house, are we to assume not only that he is in bed with influenza but that his dusky army has been "annihilated" and his fragile navy sunk?

And then in the third place, at what period does a ruler's horoscope begin to illustrate a nation's history? Hardly from birth, I presume. There were Roman Emperors who for most of their lives were common citizens. From the moment of coronation, perhaps? Am I to understand that although his horoscope has hitherto been personal, it then becomes national?

I think we should be more reasonable if we were to work from a theory which I have not encountered in any astrological treatise. I suggest that we should leave King George and President Poincaré in possession of their horoscopes. I suggest that if we desire to construct a national horoscope for France or England we should calculate it from the moment of coronation or election. That is the moment at which a presidency or a kingship is reborn. I believe that from that moment we ought to deduce the radical figure of a nation. If we try to see the fate of Germany through the keyhole of the Kaiser's radical horoscope, we may easily confound his attack of toothache with some final rout of the Austrian army.

I think that more readers than one would be obliged to you if you would publish the times at which the representatives of the various belligerent nations acceded to their present positions. We could then begin a new set of prophecies on a clean new sheet. Is it national bias that causes an English astrologer to read disaster from the Kaiser's horoscope while a German *confrère* is pointing proudly to victory? Or do they differ because they have started from a false base?

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Yours truly,
CLIFFORD BAX.

Mr Clifford Bax, who is well known to many readers of MODERN ASTROLOGY, has we believe a sound astrological mind, and has given the subject sufficient study to entitle him to a hearing. We have therefore given his letter prominence.

For some years we have been bestowing the same amount of concentration upon National Astrology as we had formerly given to individual or Natal Astrology. We experimented with Quarterly Figures, New Moons, Eclipses, Conjunctions, etc., etc.; but there was in all these methods one link missing,—the *National Horoscope*.

ROYAL NATIVITIES

It was not until the Royal Number of MODERN ASTROLOGY had been issued in 1910 that we discovered that the Royal Nativities there published were more potent than we had hitherto supposed, either in their influence over the nations they represented or as symbols of the Nation's growth and place in evolution; and this discovery came about mainly through the fact that we had previously discounted the Kaiser's horoscope as a potent factor in European politics. We could not at that time understand the meaning of Mars conjunction Neptune, nor did we realise the pan-Germanism that it indicated; and for the time we were disposed to think the Kaiser a harmless factor in European affairs and not inclined to be too much swayed by the Prussian Militarism.

We judged that the Austrian Emperor's horoscope threatened the British Nation, and would probably coincide with British intervention whenever the European War began; hence the very definite statement that owing to the planet Mars in the Emperor's horoscope falling on the ascendant of King George's nativity, "Austria would be the direct cause of drawing England into the struggle."

We also judged that the fate of the European Nations hung by the thread of the Emperor Francis Joseph's nativity. Why? Because Mars the War Lord was *setting* and *in square aspect to Jupiter*. There was nothing extraordinary in this judgment seeing that Mars is the God of War, and Jupiter the planet of peace and harmony. What was extraordinary perhaps was the literal way in which it was

fulfilled, for the European conflagration was DIRECTLY due to the action of Austria.

It has therefore been borne in upon our astrological mind that Kings and Emperors have more power than we had originally supposed, and it is not at all surprising that the martial Moon of the Kaiser's horoscope should disturb the peaceful Venus of the Emperor Francis Joseph. If the Kaiser did not influence the Austrian Emperor over the Serbian affair then "White Books" and "Yellow Books" are very misleading. Of course we all believe the Kaiser to have pulled the strings which drew down the thunderbolts from heaven, and there seems very little doubt that the Kaiser stood behind the Austrian throne with deeper menace than the world thought him to be capable of. When the War actually broke out there were very few sensitive persons who did not feel a great psychic wave of misery which could hardly be accounted for; and there were some, whose sincerity in psychic matters we do not doubt, who gave a very fair indication of what was about to happen in the world by stating that the forces of darkness and evil were engaged in mortal combat with the forces of light and goodness. It then dawned upon our astrological consciousness that all who responded to these two forces would be ranged on one side or the other; and we then set to work to examine various horoscopes for further enlightenment. Looking carefully at the Kaiser's horoscope, and beginning with the hypothesis that he is the first man in Germany, we sought to know how far his horoscope could be taken as representing the Composite Horoscope of the German Nation. It is here unnecessary to enter into all the details concerning Mercury in Capricorn, and commerce; Mars culminating in Pisces, and naval development, etc. The fact that we consider the Kaiser's nativity to represent the German Nation is the main point, and we are practically asked to justify our statement. The reason why we should consider the horoscope of a monarch in preference to that of a Prime Minister, is that the Monarch is simply a figure or symbol *where a nation is concerned*. The Prime Minister although an active agent in controlling national affairs is a secondary consideration, not the primary.

The Monarch is, as it were, an abstract entity and his horoscope is an epitome of the Nation in much the same sense as that in which the Sun may be said to be the epitome of the Solar System. The mind

of the Monarch is not exercised in a nation's affairs in the same way as the mind of a Prime Minister; neither is he swayed by party feeling or political considerations in the same manner as a Minister.

We hold that a Monarch is responsible for his Nation in the same manner as a Sun is responsible for a Solar System. In a solar system the planets are subservient to the sun, and in a civilised nation under a monarchical government His Majesty's Ministers are subservient to His Majesty.

In a Republican Government, such as France, the President is the first man and in himself sums up the tone or note of the Nation. President Poincaré is, in our opinion, a very fair representative of the French Republic; that is, supposing that Leo is the ruling sign of France, and we have always been led to think that it is so.

With regard to the "private horoscopes of these unfortunate Kings and Emperors," we believe that royal horoscopes are uniform with what we should imagine a composite horoscope of the nation to be, and that the main events of their lives are coincident with national events, more or less.

A ruler's horoscope begins to coincide with national affairs *when he becomes ruler*, neither before nor after. During the reign of Queen Victoria Great Britain passed through conditions quite different from those when King Edward the Peacemaker ascended the throne. Witness King Edward's change also. Those in a position to know said he was a changed man.

From those who are very near the throne we have been told that a miracle did indeed happen when King Edward became Britain's King. The events that occurred at his accession were remarkable, and he lived to prove himself a worthy King, and his death marked an epoch in British History, as foreshadowed by our remarks at the time we published our Royal Number in July 1910.

Then, again, note the position of Uranus in King George's horoscope—at the very end of the sign Gemini. When the Sun enters the sign Cancer each year is it not revolutionary?

The suggestion of Mr Clifford Bax is a good one, and time will soon prove its value. The hint that the Kaiser's toothache may coincide with some final rout of the Austrian Army reminds us of the scientist's suggestion that sun-spots account for the disease in pota-

toes, although we believe that it is possible to carry correspondences too far.

THE NATIONAL HOROSCOPE

If from theoretical considerations, for and against, we turn to practical, it is a fact that it answers fairly well in practice to look for national changes in the horoscope and directions of the monarch. In every horoscope we have examined, including that of President Poincaré, indications of the present state of affairs are to be found. This was also the case with Queen Victoria's horoscope at the time of the Boer War, and we quite expect that the rule will hold good when peace is proclaimed.

In the case of the Prime Minister, leading statesmen, and the heads of army and navy, the chief difficulty lies in the fact that their times of birth are in nearly every case unknown. Were they before us we can see no difficulty in supposing that their horoscopes would show the varying successes and failures which they would have to share with other members of their party and their occupation. We see nothing unreasonable in the idea that Admiral von Spee's map should show his defeat, or that Lord Kitchener's horoscope, if it were correctly known, would exhibit his successes in Egypt and South Africa.

Probably the objection is really based upon a conviction that a nation must have a horoscope of its own, independent of that of its nominal head, whether king or president, no matter how strong that head may be. We fully agree with this, and we recall Mme Blavatsky's teaching of the cyclic periods affecting the life of a nation as a whole, the knowledge of which, as she pointed out, is now lost to astrologers. We also recall later teaching that the life of a nation is summed up in a great Deva or Angel who really presides over the nation—apparently under the direction of the Manu. But what do we know at present of the planets (Planetary Logoi) and signs (Creative Orders) under which these great Beings are to be classed? Practically nothing; and yet the true occult horoscope of a country lies in this direction.

With regard to the suggestion that a map should be calculated for

the moment of coronation of a monarch, King George was crowned on June 22, 1911, at 0.34 p.m. by Big Ben, at which time Mars was in the seventh house in Aries.

But is this the true moment to take for astrological purposes? Some monarchs have never been crowned—is not the German Emperor one of them? Coronation is not a legal necessity, for a monarch succeeds to the throne at the moment of death of his predecessor. King George's reign dates from the moment of the death of King Edward VII., an event which took place 6/5/1910, 11.45 p.m. at Buckingham Palace; at which time the seventh degree of Capricorn was rising with Uranus in the ascendant; Mars and Neptune were both setting in Cancer, the red planet being in square to Jupiter in Libra, just past the upper meridian. He was proclaimed King on 9/5/1910, "punctually at 9 o'clock" a.m., at Buckingham Palace, London.

For the sake of those interested the three maps are here appended, in chronological sequence:

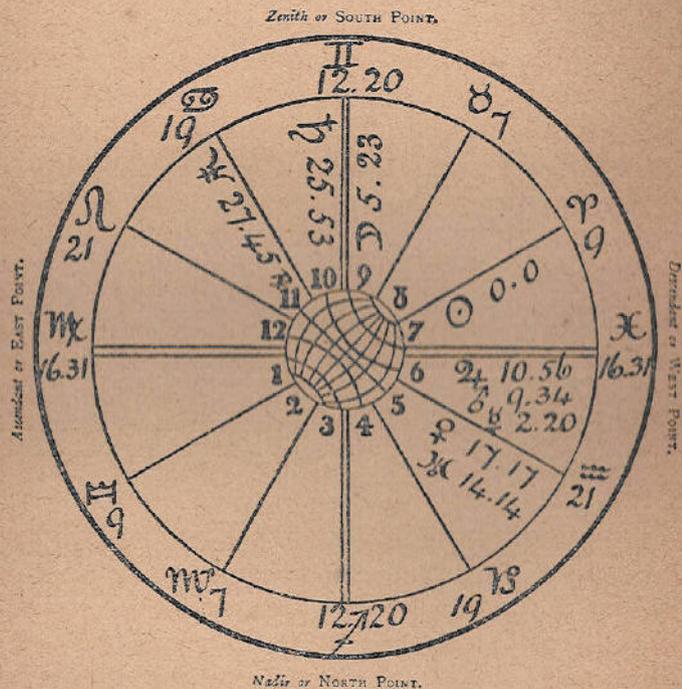
	x	xi	xii	i	ii	iii
	♄ 12	♃ 3	♂ 20	♃ 6½	♃ 27	♄ 14
	♄ 1.18	♃ 10	♄ 23	♃ 27.29	♃ 13	♃ 3
	♃ 7	♃ 13	♃ 12	♃ 5½	♄ 0	♃ 1
☉	♄	♃	♂	♂	♄	♄
8 15.32	♄ 13.49	♄ 5.33	♃ 29.54	♃ 3.11	♃ 5.37r	♄ 25.13r
8 17.51	♃ 19.54	♄ 6.44	♄ 2.24	♃ 4.40	♃ 5.26r	♄ 25.3r
♄ 29.57	♃ 3.44	♄ 16.36	♃ 14.42	♄ 14.6	♄ 6.50r	♃ 16.3
						♄ 28.28r
						♄ 20.29

Those who wish to follow up the idea of calculating a map for the time of accession of a monarch may like to know that the Emperor Frederick of Germany, father of the present Kaiser, died June 15, 1888, 11.15 a.m. at Berlin; and that the Czar Alexander III., father of the present Czar, was reported in the newspapers to have died November 1, 1894, 2.15 p.m. at Livadia. A monarch succeeds to the throne at the moment of death of his predecessor; and if there is any truth in the idea that a map for the accession is important, these times should be worth examining. Queen Victoria died January 22nd, 1901, 6.30 p.m. at Osborne. Proclamation of King Edward VII. 24/1/1901, 9 a.m. St. James's Palace; coronation, 9/8/1902, 0.39 p.m. Westminster Abbey.

These maps deserve closer investigation by students.

National Astrology

THE SPRING QUARTER



FOREIGN CUSPS

	x	xi	xii	i	ii	iii
(1)	♈ 14	♉ 21	♊ 22	♋ 18	♌ 11	♍ 10
(2)	♈ 16	♉ 23	♊ 24	♋ 19	♌ 12	♍ 11
(3)	♈ 25	♉ 2	♊ 2	♋ 26	♌ 19	♍ 19
(4)	♈ 27	♉ 3	♊ 3	♋ 28	♌ 22	♍ 22
(5)	♈ 10	♉ 18	♊ 16	♋ 7	♌ 30	♍ 30
(6)	♈ 27	♉ 3	♊ 12	♋ 16	♌ 6	♍ 29

(1) Paris; (2) Brussels; (3) Berlin; (4) Vienna; (5) Petrograd; (6) New York.

Sun enters Aries 21st March, 1915, 4.51 p.m. London

At London the second decanate of Virgo rises, with Mercury its ruler applying to the conjunction with Mars, and Saturn, ruler of the decanate, in the midheaven in square to the Sun setting. The luminaries are applying to malefics; the Sun to the square of Saturn, and the Moon to the square of Mars; making the map a particularly unfortunate one. There are very few benefic aspects.

Monarchs and governments will be very unfortunate and will have to face many troubles as the result of this war; enemies, both open and secret will abound, and will be sufficiently strong to do harm; the death or downfall of some eminent personage is threatened; national honour is endangered; the war is likely to take on a new phase of greater activity and violence for the time being, and there will be a very heavy death rate and huge slaughter. This applies to the whole of western and central Europe, but as Saturn is nearer the meridian at Berlin the danger is greater there than elsewhere, although it is also close at Rome and Vienna.

Jupiter is only a short distance below the cusp of the seventh house at London (8° 42' oblique descension), and is strong in its own sign Pisces, and lord of the seventh. If this stood alone it would be decidedly favourable for peace before very long, but the conjunction with Mars, the square of the Moon, the sesquiquadrate of Neptune, and the complete absence of good aspects spoil it. Moreover, it is well into the sixth house and away from the seventh cusp at Berlin and Vienna. Nevertheless, its position should be noted, because some of the afflictions will pass away in the course of time, whereas Jupiter remains in Pisces for the whole of the year; and although in the sixth it is lord of the seventh house even at Berlin and Vienna. Its pacific influence will be felt more during the second half of the year; but the beginning of the end seems to be shown here, and the events of this quarter will decide the issue.

Mars transits the cusp of the seventh at London on March 30; the square of Saturn on April 11; and the place of the Sun on April 16. Unfortunate and warlike dates.

Venus and Jupiter will be in conjunction, both of them on the

seventh cusp at London, on April 15. This influence will be decidedly benefic and pacific in its nature, and it seems likely that some well meant attempt may be made to induce the belligerents to come to terms then or soon after, although it cannot have immediate success. Venus will transit the place of the Sun on April 27, and Saturn the square of the Sun on May 11.

Friendly visits between this country and our allies will be paid, and our forces will meet with success, especially by sea.

Parliament and the government will not be strong and will not accomplish much; changes will take place in the Cabinet and as a result of a General Election which will not be wholly in favour of the government. The square of the Moon, so near the mid-heaven, to its dispositor Mercury shows criticism of the ruling powers, some hostility from the people and discontent on the part of the workers.

There will be much naval activity and our vessels will gain success although some losses must also be expected; aerial warfare also will be active.

Jupiter will transit the seventh cusp at Paris and Brussels in the latter part of April; at Berlin in the middle of June; and will be stationary near there at Vienna in July; all favourable and pacific influences for the respective countries.

Jupiter and Mars will be in the seventh house in Portugal and the Moon in the tenth at the ingress; the ruling power will not be fortunate and the country may be involved in the war through its navy or colonies.

The financial problem will be a difficult one over nearly the whole of Europe as well as in Great Britain; there will be a heavy expenditure; and the conjunction of Venus, ruler of the second house, with Uranus indicates changes, new developments and surprises.

The culmination of the Sun at New York indicates a strong government with business affairs prosperous, although the square of Saturn, lord of the seventh in the twelfth, shows much trouble, mostly beneath the surface, as a result of foreign affairs.

NEW MOON, *March 15, 1915, 7.42 p.m., London.*

This is the New Moon immediately preceding the Sun's ingress into Aries; it falls in Pisces in the sixth house at London, in square

to Saturn in Gemini in the ninth, and in trine to Neptune in the mid-heaven. Five heavenly bodies are in watery signs and the remainder in signs of air; neither fire nor earth contains anything. The war will be waged actively by water and aircraft. Mars ruling the seventh and second and in conjunction with Jupiter shows great activity in pursuing the struggle and the expenditure of huge sums of money; every resource known to military science will be tried; naval and air raids are likely to be attempted in more than one quarter. The square of Saturn shows the likelihood of interference by some country at a distance, possibly the U.S.A. ruled by Gemini; and a good deal of trouble following from it. The trine of Mercury to Saturn, the two

PLANETS' PLACES

☉	☽	♁	♂	♃	♅	♁	♃
♁ 24.9	♁ 27.0	♁ 10.31	♁ 4.56	♁ 9.33	♁ 25.40	♁ 13.57	♁ 27.49

HOUSE CUSPS

	x	xi	xii	i	ii	iii
(1)	♁ 16½	♁ 22	♁ 20	♁ 12½	♁ 8	♁ 9
(2)	♁ 19	♁ 23	♁ 22	♁ 15	♁ 11	♁ 12
(3)	♁ 20	♁ 25	♁ 24	♁ 16	♁ 11	♁ 13
(4)	♁ 28	♁ 2	♁ 0	♁ 24	♁ 21	♁ 23
(5)	♁ 29	♁ 4	♁ 1	♁ 22	♁ 18	♁ 21
(6)	♁ 2	♁ 6	♁ 4	♁ 25	♁ 22	♁ 25
(7)	♁ 16	♁ 20	♁ 14	♁ 0	♁ 27	♁ 23
(8)	♁ 6	♁ 12	♁ 16	♁ 16	♁ 7	♁ 4

(1) London; (2) Paris; (3) Brussels; (4) Rome; (5) Berlin; (6) Vienna;
(7) Petrograd; (8) New York.

being in mutual reception (and from the eleventh to the seventh at New York) shows the extreme probability of an attempted intervention in the interests of commerce and of peace; there will be much well-meant activity in diplomatic channels and even some degree of success; but in spite of the trine there are too many afflictions in the maps both in Europe and at New York (where Uranus is on the cusp of the seventh house) to promise peace yet.

Spies, secret activities and underhand proceedings will be more active than ever.

The elevation of Neptune with the square of Saturn to the luminaries shows serious trouble to monarchs and governments in various parts. Neptune is very near the cusp of the tenth house at

Berlin, Vienna, and Rome, and its unstable unsettling influence will be felt politically. Cancer, the German Emperor's sign, culminates, and the place of the lunation falls on his Neptune and Mars; he will make a strong effort for victory this spring.

Venus as ruler of the map in conjunction with Uranus will provide some strange and unexpected events. Affairs will not go smoothly in Parliament; the death of a Member is indicated and a bye-election. Death will be busy in high places. There is likely to be a good deal of sickness in the country.

The following shows how the place of the lunation falls in various horoscopes.

KING GEORGE	□ ♃	KING OF SWEDEN	♄ ♀ □ ○
QUEEN ALEXANDRA	♄ ♃	KING OF BELGIUM	♄ ♀ □ ♄
PRESIDENT POINCARÉ	♄ ♀	MR. ASQUITH	♄ ○
GERMAN EMPEROR	♄ ♀ ♄	LORD KITCHENER	□ ♃
GERMAN CROWN PRINCE	□ ♃	GENERAL JOFFRE	♄ ♃
QUEEN WILHELMINA	♄ ♀ ♄	SIR EDWARD GREY	♄ ♃ ♀
KING ALPHONSO	♄ ♃	ADMIRAL JELlicoe	♄ ♀

A HELPER

I invite attention to the work that Miss E. L. Foyster has been doing, impelled by devotion and a desire to spread the knowledge of Astrology. Some months ago Miss Foyster asked to be allowed to index the Series of Astrological Text Books, seeing that they were without indexes, and since then she has completed indexes for no less than four books, the last being the *Key to Your Own Nativity*, and these indexes will be included in all future editions.

Yet it is not for indexes alone that I here publicly thank Miss Foyster, for I recognise gratefully her desire to serve Astrology in no matter what capacity and her wish to help the work so that those who come after her may find some of the rough places made plain. There is plenty of work for more helpers of this kind.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES (see p. 417, September).—We are glad to see that our hint is bearing fruit, as witness the following from the *Daily Express*:—
THORESBY.—On the 1st February, 1915, at 2.39 p.m., at The Cottage, Felpham, Sussex, the wife of Frederick Thoresby, of a son.

Future parents, please copy!

Are Our War-Judgments Biassed?

EXCEPTION TAKEN TO OUR VIEWS

IT is not only a natural instinct but also the right attitude of mind for everyone to be patriotic and fond of the country into which he was born, for we all owe a debt to the nation to which by birth we belong. That nation has given us protection, with a certain colouring necessary for our evolution, and for the time being corresponds to our individual and guiding star. Nevertheless, it is quite possible for any astrologer of wide experience to study the destinies of Nations without being biassed by national prejudice.

There are in all probability over a hundred journals published in the world dealing with astrological subjects; we know of about thirty such periodicals published in Great Britain, Europe and America, and there are surely many more that are printed in the East. Each of these journals is sure to have a certain national colouring and to be more or less tinged with its own national thought, whether it be Chinese, Arabian, European or British. It is, therefore, excusable at the present time to find a German astrological magazine taking exception to what it regards as British prejudice, where the horoscopes of National Rulers are concerned, notwithstanding the well-known fact that Astrology is a universal language seeking to interpret the influence of the creative principles governing the world.

The *Astrologische Blätter*, a monthly magazine published at Potsdam under the editorship of Herr Karl Brandler-Pracht, in its issue dated October 1914 takes serious exception to some of our remarks in the War Number of October last regarding the Kaiser.

The article being the first in the magazine and unsigned, is evidently by Herr Brandler-Pracht himself, but before commenting upon his remarks it will be as well to publish the entire article exactly as printed and also a free translation in order that all students of Astrology may judge how far we have abstained from bias or prejudice in this case. As the article is of some length we have numbered each paragraph, both in the original and the translation, in order that any passage referred to may be readily found.

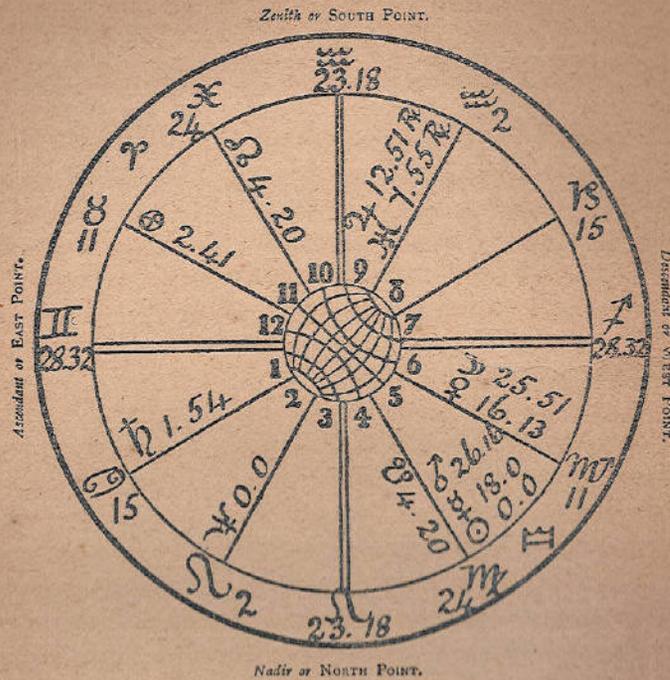


FIGURE 1.*

(Original)

DIE KRIEGSLAGE UND DAS HERBST-
UND WINTERHOROSKOP FÜR 1914

Mit dem Eintritt der Sonne in das Zeichen Wage, welcher in Greenwich am 23. September um 9 Uhr 35 Min. nachmittags stattfand, begann die Wirkung des Herbsthoroskops (Fig. 1). Dieses Horoskop stellt die Geschieke Englands dar. (1)

(Translation)

THE WAR AND THE AUTUMN AND
WINTER HOROSCOPE FOR 1914

With the entry of the Sun into the sign Libra, which at Greenwich took place at 9.35 p.m. 23rd September, began the influence of the Autumn-horoscope (Fig. 1). This horoscope shows the fortunes of England. (1)

* [These maps are correct copies of the originals, but it will be noted that the Part of Fortune has been wrongly calculated. The distance in longitude between the Sun and the Moon, 55° 51', has in each case been subtracted from the longitude on the cusp of the ascendant in each case, thus moving contrary to the order of the signs, whereas it should have been added, proceeding in the direct order of the signs: ☉ should be ♎ 24.23 at London, and ♎ 7.23 at Berlin; on the cusp of the fourth house in each case. This oversight on the part of the German calculator makes nonsense of the positions.—ED. M.A.]

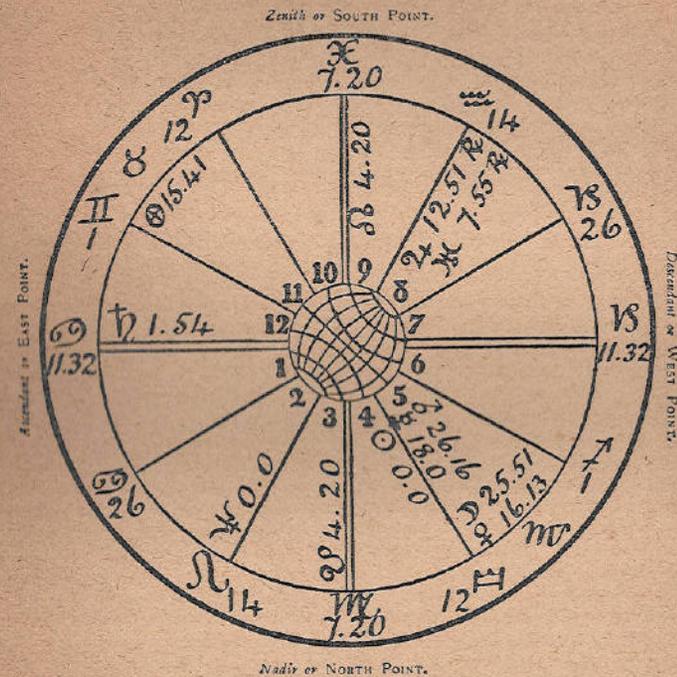


FIGURE 2.

(Original)

Die Überleitung auf Berlin gibt Horoskop Fig. 2, dessen 1. und 10. Haus sphärisch trigonometrisch berechnet wurde, während die anderen Häuserspitzen Tabellenwerte sind. Es verkündet die Geschieke Deutschlands. (2)

Beide Horoskope haben Gültigkeit bis 21. Dezember. (3)

Ausschlaggebend in beiden Horoskopen ist die Stellung des Saturn. Derselbe steht im deutschen Horoskop im 12. Hause und im englischen im 1. Hause. (4)

Es ist eine alte Regel, dass das 12. Haus die einzig günstige Stellung für den Saturn im ganzen Horoskop ist, dieser Planet verheißt im 12. Hause: „Sieg über die Feinde“. Allerdings befindet er sich im ☐ mit der ☉. Das gibt Verzögerungen,

(Translation)

The arrangement for Berlin gives Horoscope No. 2, in which the first and tenth houses have been calculated by spherical trigonometry, but the other house-cusps are taken from the tables. It indicates the fortunes of Germany. (2)

Both horoscopes bear rule till December 21. (3)

Preponderating in both horoscopes is the position of Saturn, which in the German horoscope is in the twelfth house and in the English in the first house. (4)

There is an old rule that the twelfth house is the only fortunate position for Saturn in the whole horoscope, this planet in the twelfth promises "Victory over enemies." It is true that it is in square with the Sun, which gives delays, stoppage

(Original)

Aufenthalt durch befestigte Plätze, weil ☉ im 4. Hause steht, und einige Verluste und Hindernisse. Es kann diese Konstellation aber keinesfalls die Hauptwirkung des ♃ im 12. Hause aufhalten. (5)

Anders steht es im englischen Horoskop. Dort befindet sich der ♃ im 1. Hause und in diesem Falle kommt auch die üble Konstellation ♃ □ ☉ mehr in das Gewicht, denn es heisst: (6)

♃ im 1. Hause (in einem Mundhoroskop) in schlechter Bestrahlung bringt Niedergang von Handel und Industrie, Arbeitsmangel, Not und Elend und Unzufriedenheit, Gesetzlosigkeit, Verarmung, Verbrechen nehmen zu und der öffentliche Gesundheitszustand ist ein schlechter. Wenn in dieser Stellung der ♃ in einem schlechten Aspekt mit ☿ oder ☉ steht, so ist diese Konstellation für die Regierung sehr ungünstig, bringt dem Landesfürsten, Präsidenten den Tod oder schwere Erkrankung, auch sonstigen Regierungspersonen; zwischen Monarch, Regierung und dem Volke wird durch eine sehr scharfe Kritik Misstrauen entstehen, sowie Verlust an Macht und Ansehen. (7)

Eine weitere Regel heisst: Steht ein Unglücksstern im 1. Hause, oder herrscht über dasselbe, dann hat Land und Volk viele Verwirrungen, Unruhen, Erschütterungen und Unglück zu erwarten. Auch leidet die Volksgesundheit in ungünstigster Weise, um so mehr, wenn dieser böse Stern noch schlechte Aspekte hat. (8)

Dieselbe schlechte Position (♃ im 1. Hause) findet sich auch im Herbsthoroskop für Frankreich. (9)

Es ist nun mehr als merkwürdig, dass angesichts dieser fatalen Tatsache für England und Frankreich der englische Astrologe Alan Leo in dem Oktoberheft seiner astrologischen Zeitschrift „Modern Astrology“ so ganz auf den Ausspruch Brentanos vergisst: „Der Wissenschaft soll nichts heiliger sein als die Wahrheit!“ (10)

Wer eine Wissenschaft vertritt, muss objektiv bleiben können, sonst

(Translation)

through fortified places, (as the Sun is in the fourth house), and a few losses, and defeats. This configuration cannot, however, in any way prevent the main working of Saturn in the twelfth house. (5)

It is otherwise in the English horoscope. There Saturn is in the first house, and in this case the evil configuration ♃ □ ☉ gains greater weight, for it means:— (6)

Saturn in the first house (in a mundane horoscope) in evil aspect brings fall of trade and manufactures, unemployment, distress and misery and discontent, lawlessness, impoverishment and crime increase, and the general outlook for health is a bad one. If in this position Saturn stands in bad aspect with Uranus or Sun, the configuration is very unfortunate for the government, brings death or serious illness to the reigning prince or president or ruler; between the monarch, government and people a very sharp criticism will beget mistrust, and loss of power and prestige. (7)

A further rule says:—“Should a malefic be in the first, or rule it, then country and people have much confusion, restlessness, commotion and misfortune to look forward to. The public health also suffers seriously, especially if this evil star has also bad aspects.” (8)

The same evil position (♃ in 1) is found also in the Autumn Horoscope for France. (9)

It is then more than remarkable that in the face of this fatal fact for England and France, the English astrologer Alan Leo in the October number of his astrological periodical MODERN ASTROLOGY, so completely disregards the saying of Brentano: “To Science, nothing should be more sacred than the truth.” (10)

He who represents a science, must be capable of holding himself

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hat er das Recht verloren, für dieselbe einzutreten. Ein Lehrer und Verkünder der Astrologie muss sich frei halten von nationalem Empfinden, er muss der Wahrheit die Ehre geben, selbst wenn das Resultat seiner Untersuchungen für ihn und seine Nation ungünstig lauten würde. Kann er das nicht, dann soll er schweigen. (11)

Wie vollständig Alan Leo seine Wissenschaft in den Dienst der englischen Lügenfabrikation stellt, wie sehr er die Lehren der Astrologie beugt und seinen Zwecken gefügig macht, um im Einklang mit der englischen öffentlichen Meinung und den bekannten Prese-entstellungen zu stehen, beweisen folgende Auszüge aus dem erwähnten Heft. Von der so wichtigen und beinahe ausschlaggebenden Stellung des ♃ in den verschiedenen Horoskopen nimmt er keine Notiz. Dagegen sagt er auf S. 439: (12)

„Es ist für viele Studenten der Astrologie selbstverständlich, allen Tadel wegen des grossen internationalen Krieges auf den Deutschen Kaiser zu werfen, denn die streng kriegerische Position in seiner Nativität weist darauf hin. Es ist wahr, dass er das Haupt der Militärpartei ist, welche trieb und zwang zum Krieg infolge des starken Kriegsfühlens dieser Partei, aber wir dürfen nicht vergessen, dass er durch viele Jahre eine zurückhaltende Hand über dem Kriegsgott ♂ hielt, was in seinem Horoskop durch ☉ ♂ ♃ zu sehen ist. Seine Neigung zu militärischem Wirken aber ist ganz

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impartial, otherwise he has lost the right to appear for that science. A teacher and promulgator of Astrology must hold himself free from national feeling, he must honour truth, even when the result of his investigations may sound unpromising for him and for his nation. If he cannot do this, he should maintain silence. (11)

How completely Alan Leo has placed his science at the service of the English lie-factories, how greatly he bends the teachings of Astrology and makes them adaptable to his purposes, in order to stand in accord with English public opinion and the well-known misrepresentations of the press, the following extracts from the magazine referred to will show. Of the so important and almost supremely significant position of Saturn in the various horoscopes he takes no notice. On the other hand he says on p. 439:— (12)

“It is for many students of Astrology the obvious thing, to throw all blame for the international war on the German Emperor, for the strong warrior-like position in his nativity points in that direction. It is true that he is the head of the military party, which schemed [worked]¹ and strove for war in consequence of the strong war-feeling of this party, but we should not forget that for many years he held a restraining hand over the war-god Mars [! !] as may be seen in his horoscope through ☉ ♂ ♃. His inclination for military operations [works] is however quite apparent.

¹ Words in square brackets have been added by the translator. As the German rendering of these extracts from *M.A.* leaves something to be desired, as regards the clear conveying of the original idea, we have appended in each case the original wording at the foot of the page. Here, for instance:—

It will be perfectly natural for many students of Astrology to lay all the blame of the great international war upon the German Emperor; and for this attitude, justification will be sought in the strong martial position in his nativity. It is true that he is at the head of the military party, and was in all probability forced into war by the strong war feeling of that party, but we think that for many years he has held a restraining hand over the War Lords, as we may judge by the Sun in opposition to Saturn. His tendencies toward military and naval efficiency, however, are quite apparent, and we look upon him solely as a representative of the German nation.

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augenscheinlich. Wir sehen in ihm lediglich die Repräsentation der deutschen Nation.“ (13)

Und nun betont er, dass es den Anschein hatte, dass die deutsche Nation bisher der englischen befreundet war, sagt aber schliesslich: „Wir hatten reichlichen Grund zu wissen, dass ein Krieg gegen England deutscherseits vorbereitet und gewünscht war. Wir schöpfen dieses Urteil daraus, dass die meisten unserer Informationen verschiedenen Konversationen entstammen, die in Dr. Lahmanns Sanatorium ‚Weisser Hirsch‘ bei Dresden, während unserer sechswöchentlichen Anwesenheit dort, stattgefunden haben.“ (14)

Nein, werter Herr Leo, da befinden Sie sich in einer grossen Täuschung. In Dr. Lahmanns Sanatorium werden Kranke geheilt, aber keine Kriege vorbereitet, am allerwenigsten ein Krieg mit England, der für uns Deutsche mehr als überraschend kam. (15)

Weiter heisst es:

„Die deutsche Nation hat Fortschritte gemacht in Positivität, Selbstbehauptung und Kraft durch die letzten 25 Jahre, die Bevölkerung hat zugenommen und die Handelskraft und der Wohlstand (das ist wohl in den Augen der Engländer unser grösstes Verbrechen. Die Schriftleitung). In Rücksicht auf den das Land beherrschenden Militarismus scheint dieses rapide Vorwärtsgen in eine Tendenz auszuklingen, welche wir ‚geschwollenen Kopf‘ (swollen head) nennen.“ (16)

Wir Deutsche mit den „gesch-

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We see in him only the representative of the German nation.“ (13)

And then he says emphatically that it had appeared that the German nation was hitherto friendly towards the English, concluding however,—“We had abundant reason to know that the war against England, was, by the Germans, prepared for and wished for. We derive that judgment from this, that most of our information originated in various conversations which took place in Dr. Lahmann's sanatorium at Weisser Hirsch near Dresden, during our six weeks' stay there.”² (14)

No, worthy Herr Leo, there you are under a great delusion. In Dr. Lahmann's sanatorium the sick are healed, but no wars are prepared, least of all a war with England, which for us Germans came as more than a surprise. (15)

Further we read:—“The German nation has made progress in positivity, self-assertion and power during the last twenty-five years, the population has increased and commerce and prosperity (that is no doubt in the eyes of the English our greatest crime.—EDITOR). Taking into consideration the militarism which masters the country, this rapid advance seems to exhibit itself [literally, sound out] in a tendency to what we call ‘swollen head.’”³ (16)

We Germans with the ‘swollen

² When in Dresden and Berlin at intervals during the past few years, we were particularly anxious to find out the attitude of the Germans toward the English, and at all times we were assured that the German people were in the main favourable towards England as a nation; yet, on the other hand, we had ample proof that a war with England was anticipated and wanted. The value of this opinion may be judged by the statement that most of our information was gathered from conversations held during the six weeks we were at Dr. Lahmann's Sanatorium at Weisser Hirsch.

³ The German nation has advanced considerably in assertiveness and power during the last twenty-five years, having grown in population, in commercial strength and in wealth; and to judge from the militarism of the country, the result of all this rapid advance would seem to be a certain tendency to what is called “swollen head.”

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wollenen Köpfen“ danken heute diesem Militarismus, dass wir uns so vieler, durch die englische feige Krämerpolitik verhetzter Feinde, tüchtig zu erwehren imstande sind. Es scheint doch im Entwicklungsplan der Völker zu liegen, dass deutsche Kultur, trotz der „geschwollenen Köpfe“, bestimmt ist, die Welt gesunden zu lassen. (17)

Weil nun das Herbsthoroskop für England und Frankreich so schlecht steht, hilft sich Alan Leo damit, die Horoskope der Herrscher heranzuziehen und zu erklären, dass mit den astralen Beeinflussungen der Herrscher auch das Geschick ihrer Länder steht und fällt. So sagt er Seite 446: (18)

„Das Horoskop des Deutschen Kaisers enthält die Zukunft der deutschen Nation, weil er dieselbe repräsentiert. Er war unter dem Zeichen Krebs geboren und dessen Herr, der Mond, war in seinem Fall im Skorpion. Er, und die Nation, die er repräsentiert, werden viel lernen müssen durch die Mutual Rezeption ☉ in ♋ ♌, und sie werden viele Erfahrungen machen müssen durch ♂ (den wahren Kriegsherrn) in ♌ mit ♃ im Zeichen Fische am oberen Meridian. Die deutsche Nation ist verurteilt, einen grossen Fall zu erleben durch ihre Repräsentation, den Kaiser Wilhelm II.“ (19)

Obwohl Leo als Astrologe ganz genau wissen muss, dass ♂ ♌ ♃ am Meridian ganz etwas anderes bedeutet, so bedenkt er sich keinen Augenblick, diese Konstellation, die an und für sich gar nicht so schlimm ist, sondern einem Kaiser hauptsächlich ein gutes diplomatisches Talent

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head' thank to-day this militarism that we are in a position to resist so mightily the many enemies instigated against us by the cowardly English shopkeeping-politics. It still seems to lie in the scheme of evolution of races that German culture, notwithstanding this “swollen head,” is destined to restore the world to health. (17)

Since, then, the Autumn Horoscope for England is in such a poor way, Alan Leo helps himself by bringing in the horoscopes of sovereigns, explaining that with the astral [planetary] influences of the sovereigns also the fortunes of their countries stand and fall. Thus he says on p. 446:— (18)

“The horoscope of the German Emperor contains the fortune of the German nation, because he represents it. He was born under the sign Cancer and its ruler the Moon was in its fall in Scorpio. He, and the nation whom he represents, will have to learn much through the mutual reception of the Sun in opposition to Saturn, and they will have to undergo many experiences through Mars (the true War Lord) in conjunction with Neptune in the sign Pisces on the upper meridian. The German nation is destined to experience a great fall through its representative the Kaiser Wilhelm II.”⁴ (19)

Although Leo as an astrologer must know perfectly well that Mars conjunction Neptune on the Meridian signifies something quite different, he does not for a moment scruple to apply this configuration (which in itself is not at all a bad one, but in particular endows an Emperor with

⁴ The German word ‘weil’ with which “while” has been translated, means because as well as while, and is more frequently used in that sense. It is the only word given in Tauchnitz's dictionary to translate the English word “because.”—TRANSLATOR.

⁵ The horoscope of the German Emperor reveals the fate of the German nation while he is using his present body. He was born under the celestial sign Cancer, and his ruler the Moon was in its fall—in the sign Scorpio. He and the nation he represents will learn much through the mutual reception of the Sun in opposition to Saturn, and gain much realistic experience through Mars (the true War Lord) conjunction Neptune in the sign Pisces upon the meridian. The German Nation is doomed to experience a great FALL through its representative, the Kaiser, Wilhelm II.

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gibt, für seine deutschfeindlichen Zwecke auszunützen und seinen englischen Lesern willfährig zu sein. (20)

An und für sich ist es grundfalsch, die astralen Einflüsse, welchen eine Persönlichkeit unterliegt, selbst wenn dieselbe der Monarch ist, auf die ganze Nation wirksam zu erklären. Eine solche Ansicht mochte Gültigkeit haben im Mittelalter und noch weiter zurück, wo oft, auf Grund anderer Verhältnisse, tatsächlich das Geschick eines kleinen kriegführenden Fürsten mit dem Geschick seines kleinen Volkes verknüpft war. Diese Ansicht hat aber für die heutigen Verhältnisse und damit für die „moderne Astrologie“ keine Berechtigung mehr. (21)

Die nun folgende Beschreibung des Horoskops König Georgs von England zeigt so recht, wie sehr Alan Leo unsere Wissenschaft zum Zwecke seines nationalen Empfindens (und Geschäftsinteresses) vergewaltigt und missbraucht. Denn König Georg ist bei ihm das Ideal aller Fürsten. Er allein hat die Gerechtigkeit gepachtet, denn er war geboren unterm Zeichen Widder, und der ♃ war bei der Geburt aufsteigend, der Geburtsregent ♂ befindet sich im königlichen Zeichen Löwe. Der Herr des 10. Hauses, der ♃, befindet sich im Zeichen Wage, daher das Gleichgewicht, die ausgleichende Gerechtigkeit. (22)

Weiss Alan Leo, was der aufsteigende ♃ in einem Horoskop bedeutet, besonders wenn er sich in ♋ mit dem ♃ befindet? Nun, die Handlungsweise des englischen Königs Deutschland gegenüber könnte ihm über diese Konstellation genügend Aufschluss geben, wenn er nicht allzu „geschwollen“ englisch denken würde. (23)

Wir wollen uns die weitere Beschreibung von König Georgs Horoskop ersparen und gehen vielmehr auf Seite 451 über, wo es heisst: „Der Herr von König Georgs Horoskop ist der ♂, der sich in Kaiser Wilhelms Horoskop in der grössten Elevation befindet.“ (24)

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good diplomatic talents) for his anti-German ends and for the gratification of his English readers. (20)

In itself, it is fundamentally wrong to interpret the astral influences under which a personality lies, even when that personality is the monarch, as applying to the whole nation. Such a view might have been applicable in the middle ages and in even earlier times, when frequently, by reason of other conditions, the fortunes of a petty warrior prince were in fact bound up with the fortunes of his tiny nation. This view, however, has under present conditions and therefore in 'modern astrology' no further justification. (21)

The ensuing delineation of the horoscope of King George of England shows this plainly, however much Alan Leo may pervert and misapply our science to the purposes of his national sentiments (and business interests). For according to him King George is the ideal prince. He alone has right on his side, for he was born under the sign Aries and Neptune was rising at his birth: the ruler of the horoscope is in the royal sign Leo. The lord of the tenth house, Saturn, is in the sign of the Balance, hence the equipoise, the even justice. (22)

Does Alan Leo know what a rising Neptune denotes in a horoscope, especially when it is found in opposition to the Moon? Well, the dealings of the English King as regards Germany might afford him sufficient enlightenment, if his thinking were not so "swollenly" English. (23)

We will spare ourselves the further delineation of King George's Horoscope, and rather turn over to p. 451, where it says:—"The ruler of King George's horoscope is Mars, which in Kaiser Wilhelm's horoscope is placed in the greatest elevation." (24)

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Nun, das ist ein sehr günstiges Zeichen für unseren Kaiser, er wird über König Georg siegen. Aber hören wir weiter: „Des Kaisers Horoskop typisiert den Zusammenbruch des konkreten, kritischen und egoistischen Geistes. Es ist repräsentativ für den Militarismus von Deutschland, das preussische Element. Zwischen zwei Stühlen, gezeigt durch ♂ ♂ ♃ in den Fischen in Kaisers Horoskop. Er ist eventuell verurteilt zum Fall. Seine Freunde werden ihn verlassen, nachdem sie ihn veranlaßten, einige kolossale Irrtümer zu begehen. Er wird sein Land finanziell ruinieren (♃ im ♋ im 2. Haus in ♋ ☉). Er wird die Herrscherdynastie für Deutschland beschliessen und wird die direkte Ursache einer Revolution sein, die für Deutschland eine republikanische Regierung bringen wird.“ (25)

Jeder Kommentar ist hier überflüssig. Wir möchten Herrn Leo nur wünschen, dass ersich mit eigenen Augen von dem innigen Verhältnis überzeugen könnte, das jetzt bei uns zwischen Volk und Monarch herrscht, dass sogar die Sozialdemokratie in Deutschland heute voll und ganz zum Schutze für das Deutsche Reich einsteht. Übrigens sollte Alan Leo besser Geschichte studieren, damit er einsieht, dass die Wurzel des deutschen Militarismus viel weiter zurückgreift und auf anderem Boden zu suchen ist. (26)

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Well, that is a favourable sign for our Kaiser, he will have the victory over King George. But let us hear further:—"The Kaiser's horoscope typifies the break-up of the concrete, critical and egoistic spirit. It is representative of the militarism of Germany, the Prussian element. Between two stools, shown by ♂ ♂ ♃ in Pisces in the Kaiser's horoscope, he is destined eventually to fall. His friends will forsake him, after they have occasioned him to commit some colossal mistakes. He will ruin his country financially (♃ in ♋ in ii, ♋ ☉). He will close the ruler-dynasty for Germany and will be the direct cause of a revolution, which will bring about a republican government in Germany." (25)

All comment is superfluous. We may only wish for Mr. Leo that he could with his own eyes convince himself of the cordial relations which now subsist between people and monarch, so that even the social-democrats in Germany to-day stand firm and solid for the defence of the German Kingdom. For the rest, Alan Leo should study history a little better, and he will perceive that the root of German militarism reaches much further back and is to be sought on other ground. (26)

The ensuing hateful attacks, 7 as

⁶ The ruling planet of England's King (Mars) is the most elevated in the Kaiser's nativity: it is in conjunction with Neptune in the last decanate of Pisces (♋-m), which forms a link with the Kaiser's ruler, the Moon in Scorpio.

The Kaiser's horoscope typifies the downfall of the concrete, critical, and egotistical mind. He is representative of the militarism of Germany, the Prussian element. Between two stools, shown by Mars conjunction Neptune in Pisces, he is doomed eventually to fall. His friends will desert him and cause him to engage in some colossal acts of folly. He will ruin his country financially; (Saturn in Leo in the second house in opposition to the Sun). He will close the royal dynasty for Germany, and will be the direct cause of a revolution that will bring a republican government to the seat of power in Germany.

⁷ This must refer to the following four paragraphs, which is all that intervenes between the passage just quoted and that quoted in (28):—

Compare this horoscope with that of Nietzsche, of which we intend to publish a delineation next month. (over)

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Angriffe, wie, dass unser Kaiser ein vorzüglicher Schauspieler ist usw., übergehen wir, wir können nur hinzufügen, dass ein echter Theosoph, der Alan Leo immer sein will, anders denkt. Uns interessiert weiter auf S. 451 das Geschick Österreichs nach Alan Leoschem Wunsche. (27)

„Wehe! dem Kaiser Franz Josef! Bevor noch der Krieg Österreichs an Serbien erklärt wurde, sagten wir schon in einer früheren Nummer der Modern Astrology: „Wehe, sein Becher ist noch nicht jetzt gefüllt, sein Geschick ist noch nicht jetzt zu Ende! Wenn sein Becher voll sein wird, dann mögen wir wissen, dass auch die Dynastie Habsburg in Österreich-Ungarn zu Ende ist. Österreich wird ebenfalls eine republikanische Regierung anstellen, wenn es nicht vorher glücklich genug ist, die Regentschaft einer andern Macht anzunehmen.“ (28)

Aber, aber, Herr Leo, was haben Ihnen denn die armen Monarchen getan, dass Sie sie alle mit Stumpf und Stiel ausrotten wollen! Sie sind ja schlimmer als die berüchtigten Gewaltthaber in der Französischen Revolution. Die hatten es nur auf ihren König scharf, Sie aber arbeiten in der Mehrzahl. Und schliesslich sind

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for example that our Kaiser is an excellent play-actor, and so forth, we pass over; we can only add that a genuine Theosophist, as Alan Leo always will be,⁸ thinks otherwise. We are more interested in the fortunes of Austria, according to the Alan Leonine wishes. (p. 451.) (27)

“Alas, the Emperor Francis Joseph. Before the war of Austria on Serbia was declared we had already said in a former number of MODERN ASTROLOGY: ‘Alas, his cup is not yet filled, his fate is not yet ended!’ When his cup is full, then we may know that the Hapsburg dynasty in Austria-Hungary is at an end. Austria also will set up a republican government, if it is not previously fortunate enough to accept the regency of another power.”⁹ (28)

Easy, easy, Mr. Leo! What have the poor monarchs done to you, that you will exterminate them all, root and branch? You are really worse than the famous demagogues of the French Revolution. They were only ruthless towards their own King, you however work on the grand scale [literally, on the majority]. And

The Kaiser is a superb actor (Moon in Scorpio in fifth, which shows him to be the *avantis princeps persona* of Europe).

We should feel sorry for him. He has well played his part, for which he pays a heavy price for the world's future welfare. His remorse may be unspeakable agony. He should beware of the sea, it has a fatal attraction for him. His end will be a grievous one.

Germany's fall is England's gain, even though no one else should profit.

⁸ This is translated literally.

⁹ Alas! The Emperor Francis Joseph. Before war had been declared by Austria upon Serbia we said in the September issue of MODERN ASTROLOGY, “Alas, his cup is not yet filled, his fate is not yet ended” (p. 395).

When his cup is full we shall know that the royal dynasty of Austria-Hungary is ended. Austria also will set up a republican government if it is fortunate enough to escape the rulership of another power. In no horoscope could we find greater pride or stronger love of power allied to so much heart sorrow, and it is strange that while those near and dear to him must meet a violent end, he alone of them all dies peacefully before the Austrian throne is lost! Compare his horoscope with that of the murdered Archduke.

[The putting of the word “accept” in place of “escape” seems almost to overstep the possibility of accidental blunder. There can be no excuse for carelessness of this kind.]

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Sie bei allem Vernichtungswahn noch naiv genug, anzunehmen, Österreich werde sich gegebenenfalls zu einer anderen Regentschaft bekennen. Zu welcher denn? Zu den Segnungen der russischen Knute oder zur serbischen Mörderdynastie? Was ist das für eine Astrologie, die Sie zu solchem Unsinn verleitet! Oder sind das vielleicht „intuitive, mediumistische“ Erkenntnisse, mit welchen Sie schon oft, sehr zuungunsten der wissenschaftlichen Astrologie, deren Regeln bereichert haben? (29)

Russland ist Herrn Leo schon sympathischer. Er urteilt aus dem Horoskop des Zaren zwar auf keine grossen Siege (die sind nur England vorbehalten) und gesteht, dass des russischen Kaisers Horoskop nicht sehr günstig ist, aber er kann doch auf Erfolg im Krieg hoffen, wenn ihm durch eine andere Nation moralisch oder auf andere Weise geholfen wird. Er meint, Russland sei für den persönlichen astralen Einfluss des Zaren zu gross. Der Widerspruch, dass England mit seinem grossen Kolonialbesitz demnach für den persönlichen astralen Einfluss König Georgs ebenfalls zu gross sein müsste, lässt ihn unberührt. (30)

Bei Frankreich stützt er sich auf das Horoskop des Präsidenten, der nach Raphaels Almanach am 20. August 1860 um 5 Uhr nachmittags zu Bar le duc geboren sein soll. Wenn diese Zeit stimmt, sagt Alan Leo, dann ist kein Zweifel, dass Frankreich eventuell siegt, zu Wasser und zu Land. Jedenfalls ist das eine sehr deutliche Prognose, die sich vorsichtig verschiedene Hintertürchen offen lässt durch die Ungewissheit der Geburtszeit und das Wörtchen „eventuell“, das sich übrigens ganz komisch zu dem „dann ist kein Zweifel“ macht. Eines wird ja eintreffen, entweder es siegt, oder es siegt nicht! Das Herbsthoroskop

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finally with all your passion for destruction [annihilations-madness] you are naïve enough to assume that Austria would in any case submit to another rulership. To which, then? To the blessings of the Russian knout, or to the Serbian murderer-dynasty? What sort of Astrology is this which leads you to such absurdities? Or are these perhaps “intuitive, mediumistic” perceptions, with which you have already, most unfortunately for scientific astrology, enriched her rules? (29)

Russia to Mr Leo is quite congenial. He predicts from the horoscope of the Czar no great victories to be sure, (such are reserved only for England), and confesses that the Russian Emperor's horoscope is not very fortunate, but still he can hope for success in war if assisted morally or otherwise by another nation. He considers Russia too big for the personal astral [? planetary] influence of the Czar. The contradiction that England with her great colonial possessions must accordingly be in like manner too great for the personal astral influence of King George, leaves him unmoved. (30)

For France, he turns for support to the horoscope of the President, who according to Raphael's almanac is said to have been born on the 20th of August 1860 at 5 p.m. at Bar le Duc. If this time is correct, says Alan Leo, then there is no doubt that France will eventually win by land and sea. In any case this is [not] a very distinct prophecy, which prudently leaves various open doors behind it through the uncertainty of the birth time and the word “eventually,”—which latter moreover goes quite comically with “then there is no doubt.” Something will score anyway, whether there is victory or no victory.¹⁰ The autumn horoscope

¹⁰ “Eventually.” It would appear that in German usage the word *eventuell* does not imply “finally” as with us, but something more like “perhaps,” “according to circumstances,” “possibly,” “in the event,” etc.; otherwise the remark lacks

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für Frankreich, das das eigentlich massgebende ist, deutet mit der unglücklichen $\frac{1}{2}$ Stellung im 1. Hause entschieden auf Niederlage. Der absteigende Mondknoten steht in diesem Horoskop, ebenso wie auch im englischen, im 4. Hause, was auf die Einwohner und den Verlust befestigter Plätze oder Stellungen weist. (31)

Auch das Horoskop für die vergangene Sonnenfinsternis hat für Frankreich eine sehr böse Konstellation. Die Finsternis fiel in das Zeichen Löwe, von welchem Frankreich beherrscht wird. (32)

Das französische Herbsthoroskop hat $27^{\circ} 40' \Pi$ zum Aszendenten, $25^{\circ} 30'$ als die Spitze des 10. Hauses, 27°K des 11. Hauses, $12^{\circ} 30' \text{S}$ des 12. Hauses, $15^{\circ} 30' \text{C}$ des 2. Hauses und $3^{\circ} 30' \text{B}$ des 3. Hauses. $\frac{1}{2}$ im 1. Hause, Ψ im 2. an der Spitze des 3. Hauses, Q im 4. Hause, O , S , J im 5. Hause, P , M im 6. Hause, H , U im 9. Hause, S im 10. Hause. (33)

Abgesehen von den verschiedenen, nur für Deutschland günstigen $\frac{1}{2}$ Stellungen, hat Deutschland auch den Q hart an der Spitze des Meridians stehen, was gleichfalls als sehr günstiges Zeichen für Sieg anzusehen ist. Der Herr des 7. Hauses ist in allen 3 Horoskopen der U . Nun steht aber für Deutschland der U in G im 8. Hause. Diese merkwürdige Konstellation lässt auf eine geheime Hilfe schliessen, die unerwartet und plötzlich kommt, denn das 8. Haus ist das Haus des Verborgenen, Geheimen. (34)

Das russische Herbsthoroskop ist ungünstig für diese Nation. Das Aszendent steht im $28^{\circ} 2' \text{C}$, das 10. Haus in 26°K , das 11. in 5°S , das

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for France, which is the proper one to look to [literally, which is the proper proportionate one] points, with the unfortunate position of Saturn in the first house, decidedly towards defeat. The Moon's descending node in this horoscope, as in the English, is in the fourth house which points to the inhabitants and the loss of fortified places. (31)

Further, the horoscope for the recent solar eclipse has a very bad configuration for France. The eclipse fell in the sign Leo, which rules France.¹¹ (32)

The French autumn horoscope has $\Pi 27.40$ on the ascendant, $\text{C} 25.30$ on the cusp of the tenth house, $\text{K} 27$ on the eleventh, $\text{S} 12.30$ on the twelfth, $\text{C} 15.30$ on the second and $\text{B} 3.30$ on the third: Saturn in the first, Neptune in second on cusp of third, Q in fourth, $\text{O} \text{S} \text{J}$ in fifth, P in sixth, $\text{H} \text{U}$ in ninth, S in tenth. (33)

Apart from the various positions of Saturn, which is only fortunate in the case of Germany, Germany has Q close to the cusp of the meridian which is likewise a very favourable indication for victory. The lord of the seventh, in all three horoscopes, is Jupiter. But, for Germany, Jupiter stands in conjunction with Uranus in the eighth house. This remarkable configuration may be interpreted as secret assistance which comes suddenly and unexpectedly, for the 8th is the house of hidden things, secrets. (34)

The Russian autumn horoscope is unfortunate for this nation. The ascendant falls in $\text{C} 28.2$, the tenth house cusp in $\text{K} 26$, the 11th in $\text{S} 5$,

point. The word does not appear in Tauchnitz's dictionary, 1884, nor Cassell's, 1888. But Cassell's translates the English 'eventual' by "erfolgend; schliesslich, endlich; etwaig, möglich;" which lends confirmation to the above suggestion.

¹¹ [From this point onwards there is no further criticism of our views, but we include the remainder of the article in order that Herr Brandler-Pracht's own views may have a hearing.]

(Original)

12. in $23^{\circ} \Pi$, das 2. in 12°Q und das 3. in 0°ny . Der $\frac{1}{2}$ steht allerdings im 12. Hause, dafür aber der Ψ im 1. Hause. Das zeigt auf schwere innere Kämpfe und revolutionäre Bewegungen. Der H steht noch im 7. Hause, das bringt viel Niederlagen und neue Feinde. Der S ist im 3. Hause, J , S und O im 4. Hause, P und Q im 5., U im 8., Q im 9. Hause. (35)

Der Herr des deutschen, wie des russischen Horoskops, der U , steht in beiden Horoskopen im 5. Hause in G mit P . Man könnte daraus auf eine Neigung zum Frieden oder zu einem Waffenstillstand schliessen, hervorgerufen durch diplomatische Verhandlungen, wegen der Stellung im 5. Hause. (36)

Der Herr des englischen wie des französischen Herbsthoroskops ist der S , der in beiden Horoskopen im 5. Hause steht, beinahe noch in G mit J . Es scheint infolge dieser Konstellation jeder Friedenswille durch diplomatische Einflüsse erstickt zu werden. (37)

Das österreichische Herbsthoroskop zeigt viel Übereinstimmung mit dem deutschen. Hier steht ebenfalls der $\frac{1}{2}$ im 12. Hause, die O im 4. Hause, im Zeichen Österreichs. Die Einnahme feindlicher befestigter Plätze und Stellungen steht bevor, wie im deutschen Horoskop. Aber das O und die O wird hier wie dort sehr viel Zeit rauben und Verzögerungen schaffen. Auch Österreich hat U im 8. Hause, der Herr dieses Horoskops, der P , befindet sich in G ebenfalls im 5. Hause. (38)

Der Übergang der O über die P in den Herbsthoroskopen zwischen dem 8. und 9. November dürfte in der diplomatischen Welt eine Neigung zum Frieden hervorrufen, aber der Erfolg ist sehr zweifelhaft, weil zur selben Zeit die P auch im Q des U und der P in G mit dem fortschreitenden J steht. Helfend würde eingreifen, dass die fortschreitende P

(Translation)

the 12th in $\Pi 23$, the 2nd in $\text{Q} 12$, and the 3rd in $\text{ny} 0$. Saturn is here in the 12th house, it is true, but on the other hand Neptune is in the first house. This points to severe internal conflicts and revolutionary movements. Uranus is still in the seventh house, which brings defeats and new enemies. Dragon's tail is in the third house, $\text{S} \text{J} \text{O}$ in the 4th, $\text{P} \text{Q}$ in the 5th, U in 8th, Q in 9th. (35)

The ruler of the German, as of the Russian autumn horoscope, the Moon, stands in both horoscopes in the fifth house in conjunction with Venus. One might conclude from this an inclination towards peace or to a truce, brought about by diplomatic discussions, as the conjunction is in the fifth house. (36)

The ruler of the English, as of the French, autumn horoscope is Mercury, which in both stands in the fifth house, already almost in conjunction with Mars. It appears from this position that all efforts for peace [literally, peace-wills] will be rendered abortive through diplomatic influences [strangled by diplomacy]. (37)

The Austrian autumn horoscope shows much agreement with the German. Here Saturn is likewise in the twelfth house, the Sun in the fourth in Austria's sign. Occupation of the enemy's fortified places and [military] positions is here prominent, as in the German horoscope. But the square of Sun and Saturn will in this case, as in the other, rob them of much time and cause many delays. Austria too has Jupiter conjunction Uranus in the eighth house, and the ruler of this horoscope, the Moon, is likewise placed in conjunction with Venus in the fifth house. (38)

The transit of the Sun over Venus in the autumn horoscope between the 8th and 9th of November might produce in the diplomatic world an inclination for peace, but the issue is very doubtful, because at the same time Venus is also square Jupiter and Moon is in conjunction with the advancing Mars. Helpful intervention is provided at the same

(Original)

zur gleichen Zeit die Spitze des 7. Hauses, des Kriegshauses, überschreitet, da sie aber dann gleich wieder rückläufig wird so ist ihr Einfluss auf diese Stelle nur ein vorübergehender.

(39)

(Fortsetzung folgt.)

(Translation)

time by the advancing Venus transiting the cusp of the seventh house, the house of war, but as she immediately turns retrograde her influence at this point is only a passing one.

(39)

*(To be continued.)*¹²

It will be seen from the foregoing that Herr Brandler-Pracht has based his remarks on the map for the autumnal ingress and has taken Fig. 1. to represent England and Fig. 2. for Germany. Assuming that he is correct, he admits that the influence of these maps expired on December 21st (par. 3); we have therefore the advantage of judging how far his interpretation of the maps agrees with facts.

For brevity, in the following comments we shall indicate the paragraph referred to by its number.

In paragraph (12) we are credited with having taken no notice of the position of Saturn in the ascendant at London and in the twelfth house at Berlin. But this was not the case, as may be seen by reference to pages 465, 479, 480 of the issue in question, where the troubles likely to result from this position were pointed out. Our estimate agreed in the main with that of the German astrologers except for the fact that we interpreted Saturn afflicted in Cancer, its detriment in the twelfth house differently. We are surprised to learn that this is supposed to signify "victory over enemies" (5). We can discover no such meaning in any author we have consulted, ancient or modern, and it is strange that no author's name is mentioned in connection with this alleged old rule. We ask readers to consider whether such an unfortunate combination as a weak and afflicted Saturn—known from of old as "the greater malefic"—in the twelfth house, secret enemies, could possibly bear such a meaning as "victory over enemies." In our opinion the suggestion that the twelfth house is the only fortunate position for Saturn is thorough-going nonsense. Modern opinions on the subject will be found in the manual *Mundane Astrology* and in Raphael's book on the same subject, both published a considerable time before the war, and neither containing any justification of the idea.

¹² [This refers to a continuation of the article in the November number of the *Astrologische Blätter*, which up to the present we have not seen.]

Let us consider the facts of the case. Did the German army win any great victories during the quarter? They did not do so on the west front except in the case of the small country of Belgium. In France they were being slowly but steadily driven backward and checked by the Allies, as may be seen by comparing the maps of their positions at the beginning of the quarter and at the end. They tried to reach Paris and failed. They tried to reach Calais and failed. On the east front they tried to reach Warsaw and failed. They won a few successes against the Russians, but these were counterbalanced by quite as many successes of the Russians against them, while Austria—which had Saturn also in the twelfth—was defeated by Russia and also by Serbia.

Herr Brandler-Pracht takes us to task for stating our impressions received at Dr. Lahmann's Sanatorium (15). We can assure him that all the members of the staff to whom we spoke about the relationship between Germany and England were emphatic in their assertions that the majority of Germans would welcome a war with England. The way in which our words are taken up as if we believed that the war was prepared in the Sanatorium itself, is rather amusing.

We read with surprise the opinions that astrologers are not justified in taking the horoscope of the emperor or monarch or head of the nation as representing the fortunes of the nation over which he presides; and Herr Brandler-Pracht seems to think this a new rule which we have invented in order to bolster up our case (21). There is really nothing new in it. It is an old and familiar idea in this country and is found to work satisfactorily in practice. We do not of course maintain that every little event can be found in the monarch's horoscope, but it is certainly true that great occurrences of national importance are reflected there. For instance King George had the direction Sun parallel Mars measuring to September, 1914, and the Sun transited this Mars at the end of July when the war was beginning. Is our critic prepared to maintain that this is only coincidence? If so, we do not see why the whole of the rest of astrology should not be dismissed as coincidence also.

We agree that the general tendencies for any given country are shown in the Quarterly maps and the New Moons, but in many cases these are not sufficient. The maps for small countries lying closely

together are generally very similar. Paris only differs by 9 minutes 21 seconds in time from London, equivalent to about two degrees on the mid-heaven; and maps for the two places are often the same for practical purposes. Yet the events in the two countries are not the same, and it has happened sometimes in the past that when the one country has been at war the other has been at peace, as in 1870. In these cases the horoscopes of the heads of the nations are the best means of distinguishing one from the other. We do not agree that this rule was only applicable to small states in the middle ages (21); it applies all round, even to republics.

Some of the criticisms directed against us seemed to be based upon a mistranslation or a misunderstanding or both. We are credited with the statement that Russia is too big for the Czar's horoscope to cover (30). If the reference intended is to page 453—"His dominion is too large for his influence"—personal political influence is meant; and in this sense it may readily be granted that the British Empire is also too large for King George's personal influence. But none the less we regard these two men as heads and representatives, each of his own dominion, and we should expect any serious good or evil movement affecting the empire to be shown in the horoscope. Is it only a coincidence again that the Czar had the direction Mars, the war planet, to the conjunction with Mercury, lord of his ascendant, measuring to August 1914, for the outbreak of war?

Our remarks on page 474, on the other hand, were intended to imply what we have often stated in full on other occasions, that when indications of good and evil accompany each other at the same or nearly the same time, the good may come from one department of the national (or individual as the case may be) life and the evil from quite a different one. If this is true of such a small country as England, as we have found it to be, how much more may it not apply to the huge territory of Russia!

The satirical comments (31) on our remark that France will be eventually successful (*i.e.* in the final event) also seem to be based upon a mistranslation. Our statement was perfectly definite and does not justify the comments; we are content to await the event.

We have pointed out one mistake on the part of the German astrologer. Another one is found in the statement that Venus would

transit the cusp of the seventh house during the autumn Quarter, thus providing "helpful intervention" (39). Venus did not however transit this cusp during the Quarter, but became stationary at $\$12.17$ on November 7, which is $16^{\circ} 15'$ from the cusp at London and $29^{\circ} 15'$ from the cusp at Berlin!

Herr Brandler-Pracht compares the horoscopes of King George and the Kaiser, to the disadvantage of the former, and he enquires if we know the meaning of a rising Neptune in Opposition to the Moon (22, 23). These two bodies are $9^{\circ} 5'$ in longitude distant from an opposition and therefore not within orbs. The Kaiser has the Moon in its fall, Scorpio, only $2^{\circ} 41'$ from the opposition of Uranus; and this is all the worse because the Moon is ruler of the rising sign. And we may retort with another question—What is the meaning of Mars conjunction Neptune culminating, both in square to Venus? Our critic supplies part of the answer when he writes that the first two planets give good diplomatic talents, and we agree that they have much significance in connection with the system of espionage adopted by Germany for many years past.

King George has Venus and Jupiter each in its own house, Taurus and Sagittarius; Saturn in its exaltation; no planet in either fall or detriment; Mars, the ruler of the rising sign, in the congenial sign Leo; and Jupiter the most elevated planet.

The Kaiser has no planet in either its own house or in its exaltation. The Sun, Saturn and Jupiter are in their detriment; the Moon is in its fall, and is the ruler of the rising sign; and Neptune is the most elevated planet.

It is evident that the German public has been kept very much in the dark with regard to the motives and doings of their Military despots. We have not the least doubt these despots aimed at the conquest of the world, and flattered the Kaiser to the extent of making him believe that he was the chosen of God to become the World Emperor.

General von Bernhardt in his *Germany and the Next War* has frankly told us that might alone is right, and the Kaiser thought well to accept this theory and put it to the test at the moment when he had the opportunity to use the Austrian Emperor as his catspaw. These are facts, and no amount of bias or prejudice can affect them.

We do not say that "King George is the ideal prince" but we do say that he has the horoscope of an honest man who scorns treachery and underhand methods of warfare. King George is the first gentleman in Great Britain and we, as interpreters of the heavenly science, stand or fall by all that we said concerning him in our Royal Number of July 1910, soon after his accession.

Herr Brandler-Pracht quotes from page 451 of our October issue "The ruler of King George's horoscope is Mars, which in Kaiser Wilhelm's horoscope is placed in the greatest elevation," and thinks that it shows that the Kaiser will have victory over King George. It should have exactly the contrary significance, in our opinion; and note that the Kaiser's Moon in Scorpio, when transferred to King George's map, falls in the eighth house—death.

We can fully sympathise with the editor of the *Astrologische Blätter* with regard to our apparently "hateful attacks" on the Kaiser when we say that he is an excellent play-actor, but those who have read Mr. Kennedy's collection of the Kaiser's sayings must admit that the term was an appropriate one. It would also seem as though we were hard upon Monarchs. Well, perhaps we are, on DESPOTS and autocrats who rule to suit themselves for the love of power and militarism only, instead of ruling their nations wisely.

Whether we have been guilty of absurdities or not, where the rules of Astrology are concerned, time will shortly prove. We have perhaps been more venturesome in our predictions than many astrologers would care to be, but we have made no statements that we cannot substantiate by the rules and laws of Astrology. We know that our theosophical tendencies are objectionable to many of the old school of astrologers, but we have yet to find any value in the criticisms that have been levelled against us on this score. Most astrologers so far who have commented upon the War and its astrological bearing have ignored the following very definite prophecy made public four years ago in MODERN ASTROLOGY for July 1910:—

"THE FATE OF THE EUROPEAN NATIONS HANGS BY THE THREAD OF THE EMPEROR OF AUSTRIA'S NATIVITY. IT IS THE WEAK LINK IN THE CHAIN OF ROYAL HOROSCOPES. BORN UNDER THE SIGN OF THE BALANCE, HE SEEMS TO KEEP THE SCALES OF

JUSTICE FROM TOUCHING THE BEAM, AND DIRECTLY THIS THREAD IS BROKEN THERE WILL BE AN ENTIRELY NEW INTERWEAVING."

"THE PLANET MARS IN HIS HOROSCOPE IS EXACTLY UPON THE ASCENDANT OF KING GEORGE'S NATIVITY, THEREFORE IT IS NO IDLE PROPHECY TO SAY THAT IF A EUROPEAN WAR BREAKS OUT DURING THE LIFETIME OF THESE TWO MONARCHS, THE EMPEROR OF AUSTRIA WILL BE THE DIRECT CAUSE OF DRAWING ENGLAND INTO THE STRUGGLE."

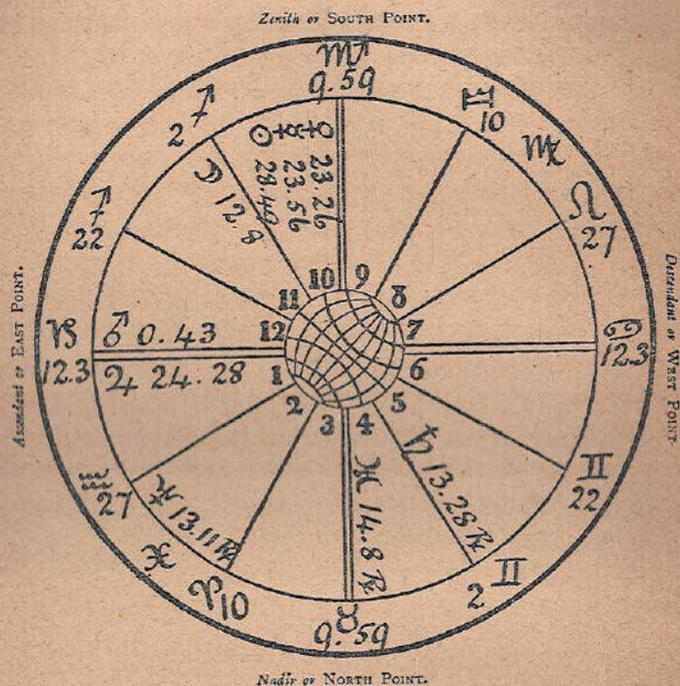
These paragraphs were republished in the October issue now under discussion (pp. 462, 463) but Herr Brandler-Pracht is content to quote only the statement made on p. 451. We have made more definite predictions than any other astrologer living during the past six months with regard to the horoscopes of National Rulers, and we suggest that sceptics should wait until the war is over before claiming non-fulfilment. Herr Brandler-Pracht says that the Kaiser will gain victory over King George of England. Let us wait and see. A good many reputations are at stake over this war; professional astrologers will not escape, and the poorest of us will learn by experience.

We had reasons for saying as little as possible about the Czar's horoscope, and we believe that it requires something more than a scientific judgment to reveal a mystery concerning the Russian Emperor.

This is a war of exhaustion, but the stars will fight against Caesar!

THE WAR PLANET MARS was passing through the sign Virgo during the various declarations of war that were issued during the months of July and August. Virgo is the *virgin* sign, a somewhat neutral sign, out of which are born new cycles, new eras, and new life. Virgo governs Paris. During the first siege of Paris, in 1870, Mars was in the sign Virgo from November 1st to the end of December. During the second siege of Paris Mars had retrograded into the sign Virgo. The treaty of Frankfort was signed May 10th, 1871, when the *Sun was trine Mars*. Alsace and part of Lorraine were then ceded to Germany.

The Horoscope of Pope Benedict XV



Giacomo Della Chiesa, born 10.30 a.m., 21/11/1854, Genoa

IN view of the great need for strong men at the present day the horoscope of Pope Benedict XV is very inspiring owing to the very practical and moral tone of his nativity.

According to our theory that the horoscopes of rulers are symbolical of the level to which the people governed have reached, the Pope's horoscope represents the Church of Rome; and if this theory is a feasible one, the present state of the Roman Catholic religion is denoted in Pope Benedict's nativity.

We know of no better influence for a religious leader than a

combination of Scorpio and Capricorn, which amounts to a unification of Mars and Saturn; and in the Pope's nativity we find a purification of the red ray of Mars and its harmonious blending with the complementary green ray of Saturn.

The regenerative powers of Scorpio are used for the service of mankind when the ideal of duty is so firmly established as in the Pope's nativity, and we may judge from this that the Roman Catholic Church will undergo a purifying process and become regenerated through his powerful influence.

The position of the Pope's Sun in Scorpio on the place of the Moon in the Kaiser's horoscope should have a beneficial effect upon the German Emperor, and if the Pope is firm enough he may yet use his ecclesiastical authority and speak with no uncertain voice concerning the wrong committed on Belgium.

The Pope may do much good to the religious thought of the world by supporting the statements made by Cardinal Mercier in his pastoral letter, which has been translated into English and published by Messrs. Burns and Oates at twopence.

Cardinal Mercier has had the courage and the manliness to speak out with a religious mind, and by so doing has done much to re-establish religious thought when it was decidedly on the wane.

"God will save Belgium, my brethren," he says; "you cannot doubt it. Nay rather, He is saving her. Across the smoke of conflagration, across the stream of blood, have you not glimpses, do you not perceive signs, of his love for us? Is there a patriot among us who does not know that Belgium has grown great? Nay, which of us would have the heart to cancel this last page of our national history? Which of us does not exult in the brightness of the glory of this shattered nation? . . . When a mighty foreign Power, confident in its own strength and defiant of the faith of treaties, dared to threaten us in our independence, then did all Belgians, without difference of party, or of condition, or of origin, rise up as one man, close-ranged about their own King and their own Government, and cry to the invader: 'Thou shalt not go through!' At once, instantly, we were conscious of our own patriotism.

"For down within us all is something deeper than personal interests, than personal kinships, than party feeling, and this is the

need and the will to devote ourselves to that more general interest which Rome termed the public thing, *Res publica*. And this profound will within us is Patriotism. . . . We may now say, my brethren, without unworthy pride, that our little Belgium has taken a foremost place in the esteem of nations. I am aware that certain onlookers, notably in Italy and Holland, have asked how it could be necessary to expose this country to so immense a loss of wealth and of life, and whether a verbal manifesto against hostile aggression, or a single cannon-shot on the frontier would not have served the purpose of protest. But assuredly all men of good feeling will be with us in our rejection of these paltry counsels. Mere utilitarianism is no sufficient rule of Christian citizenship. . . .

"The laws of conscience are sovereign laws. We should have acted unworthily had we evaded our obligation by a mere feint of resistance. And now we would not rescind our first resolution; we exult in it. Being called upon to write a most solemn page in the history of our country, we resolved that it should be also a sincere, also a glorious page. And as long as we are required to give proof of endurance, so long we shall endure."

If we know anything about this European War it is a contention for moral rights, and an uprising of the people of peaceful nations against Militarism; also, apart from all religious considerations, there is an awakening of the moral conscience.

Never in the history of the world has Christianity had a better opportunity to maintain the Christian principles. Materialism has failed and is doomed to break its hard shell on the rock of this mighty war which is anti-Christian from beginning to end; and when it is proved, as we have no hesitation in believing that it will be, that might is not right, then the world will be more ready to accept Christian teaching than it has been hitherto. The Nations of the world are becoming self-conscious, and in that self-consciousness we see the signs of a new moral birth and a reaction from national jealousy and hatred into love and national brotherhood. Before the war is ended the world will be looking with anxious eyes for the strong men who shall lead them, both in the State as well as in the Church; and if Rome is to hold its position as a religious authority the

Pope must cast out all fear and speak in no uncertain voice for the Church of God.

The question for us as astrological students to consider is this:— "Will he contain within himself sufficient harmony to harmonise the various sects and divergent interests of the religious world? Will he be broad, or narrow; and which of the two parties and policies in the Roman Catholic faith will he favour?"

Jupiter is rising, and supports the tenth house influence. Uranus is in trine aspect to his ascendant. The Moon and Saturn tend to break up the illusions of Neptune. His ruling planet, Saturn, is directly connected with the teaching ray, and it should be his pleasure as well as his duty and his aim in life to teach his flock wisely. Besides being a truly religious man believing implicitly in his church, he is a teacher and a philosopher as well as a man of action; and we judge from his horoscope that he is destined to either make or break the Church of Rome through the regenerative forces that will play through him as a symbol as well as the representative of the Roman Catholic religion.

There seems to have been some confusion as to the correct birthday of the new Pope, some newspapers at the time of his election giving it as November 21 and some as December 21; and a correspondent sent us what purported to be his horoscope drawn for the latter of these two dates. The question is set at rest by the following information in the official *Catholic Directory* for 1915, published by Burns & Oates:—

"His Holiness Pope Benedict XV. (James Della Chiesa), the 259th Roman Pontiff, was born at Genoa, November 21, 1854: ordained Priest, December 21, 1878: consecrated Archbishop of Bologna, December 22, 1907: made Cardinal, May 25, 1914: elected Pope, September 3, crowned September 6, 1914."

The confusion evidently arose through mistaking the anniversary of his ordination for that of his birth.

The time for which this horoscope has been calculated, 10.30 a.m. mean time at Genoa, was supplied us by a correspondent who received it from an Austrian lady of title resident in Italy. How the latter lady procured it we have not been informed, but it is said to be

authentic and not merely speculative. The map shows the sign Capricorn rising, and anyone who will examine the published portraits of the Pope, especially the one in profile, will see that this is probably the correct sign, for the clear-cut aquiline features are those of a typical Capricorn native.

Mars is rising just above the cusp of the ascendant in its exaltation and is the strongest planet in the map. It is ruler of the mid-heaven, significant of power, a rise in life, authority, strength of will, self-control, and the practical ability necessary for statesmanship and for a leader of men. It is not strongly aspected, but the fact that the planet of war should be prominent in the horoscope of a Pope elected during the greatest war ever waged is decidedly interesting. The war has already affected the Church through the arrest by the Germans of Cardinal Mercier in Belgium, through the destruction of churches and cathedrals, and in other ways.

Jupiter in the ascendant is not strong by sign, but throws a sextile to Sun, Mercury and Venus in the mid-heaven. This is a fortunate combination and indicates one who is called to fill public positions and to lead a life of prominence in his day and generation. It indicates popularity and many friends, but more than a little austerity and asceticism, when read in connection with the rising sign and with the opposition of the Moon to Saturn. The Moon is also in square to Neptune and rules the seventh house, and its opposition to Saturn is characteristic of a celibate priest. Venus is ruler of the ninth or religious house, but the map as a whole is quite as significant of a statesman as of a man of religion.

A comparison of horoscopes will show that the King of Italy's Sun is in the mid-heaven of this horoscope, and the King's Venus near the cusp of this ascendant, two very friendly and auspicious links; but they are partly spoiled by the Pope's Moon being on the King's Saturn and Mars, which shows a good deal of trouble and friction.

When ordained Priest, 21/12/'78, the progressed Moon was passing through the ninth house, that of religion; and the directions in force were: M.C. p \odot ♁ ; \odot ♁ ♀ r; ♀ ♁ ♁ r; ♃ * ♀ , \square ♃ r; ♀ ruling ninth.

When made Archbishop of Bologna, 22/12/'07, there were the

following: M.C. p \odot ♁ r; ♁ Δ ♁ r; ♁ * ♃ r; the Moon going through the tenth house, that of power. Mars rules the 10th.

The following show his directions for the immediate past and future:—

\odot * \odot r	Nov 1913	♀ \odot ♃	June 1913
\odot ♁ Ψ	Jan 1914	♀ ♁ Ψ	Aug 1914
♀ * \odot r	June "	♀ Δ ♁	Mar 1915
\odot ♁ ♁ r	Mar 1915	♀ ♁ ♁ r	July "
\odot ♁ ♀	Apr "	♀ ♁ ♃	Mar 1916
\odot ♁ \odot r	Mar 1916	♀ ♁ ♃ r	Apr "

Saturn transited the opposition of Mars last autumn, and will do so again this year and will reach the opposition of the ascendant. The eclipses have been falling in square to his planets in Scorpio and will continue to do so for a time; significant of the troubled time through which all Europe is passing. When elected and crowned Pope the Sun was in Virgo in trine to the cusp of his ascendant.

His directions are fortunate in the main; decidedly so in 1916.

THE NORTH ROOM

The little room wherein I sleep and wake
 Has windows northward set, against a wall,
 And though it's white and sweet with warmth and air,
 The *real sun* does not creep inside at all.
 But from my neighbour's windows, in the wall,
 The sunlight flashes bravely back to mine;
 Pale yellow gleams—they dance upon my bed,
 And stand to me for symbol and for sign.
 Set wide thy little windows, O my soul!
 And welcome sun that shines on others bright,
 Nor mourning that it is not now thine own—
 Even reflected sunbeams can give light.

LOUISE MOREY BOWMAN in the N.Y. *Outlook*.

Obiter Dicta

"An *obiter dictum*, in the language of the law, is a gratuitous opinion, an individual impertinence, which, whether it be wise or foolish, right or wrong, bindeth none—not even the lips that utter it."

OLD JUDGE.

THE HOROSCOPE OF THE U. S. A.

MR JOHN B. EARLEY of Los Angeles, California, publishes a horoscope for the time of signing the Declaration of Independence, under the title of "Our Nation's True Nativity," terming it a 'remarkable discovery' of which he gives the following account:—

"I have endeavoured for the last fifteen years, without success, to procure a copy of an Ephemeris for the year 1776, in order to get the astronomical information necessary to rectify our Nation's Nativity, from its important historical events.

"I was impressed, soon after the commencement of the Great European War, to write, once more, to a London Publishing Company asking if they could supply me with an Ephemeris for 1776, and was informed that they had a Parker's Ephemeris for that year. Upon receipt of the Ephemeris I was agreeably surprised to discover that the time of signing the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America, was written-in on the margin of the pages giving the planets' places for July, in these words: 'July 4, 10:10 p.m., American Independence signed,' and the planets' places on that date underscored in purple ink. The writing is faded near the edges of the pages, and still bright and clear toward the centre. Those who have examined the Ephemeris agree with me that these marginal notes were, no doubt, made by some student of astrology who owned the book in the year 1776."

According to a note in *Coming Events* v. 44, a horoscope for this time and date is printed on p. 1054 of Sibly's *Astrology* (published in 1790), so that this discovery is perhaps less remarkable than the fact that three different maps at least are extant, purporting to be calculated for (a) 3.4 a.m.; (b) 0.10 p.m. noon (some authorities giving ten minutes later); and (c) 10.10 p.m. respectively, 4/7/1776. Here they are:—

	x	xi	xii	i	ii	iii
a)	≈ 27	× 29	∩ 10	∩ 21	≈ 12	∩ 3
b)	≈ 15	∩ 18	∩ 18	≈ 13	∩ 10	∩ 11
c)	∩ 16	∩ 7	∩ 0	∩ 4	∩ 20	∩ 22

	☉	☽	♃	♄	♅	♆	♁	♂
(a)	≈ 13	≈ 19	≈ 24	≈ 2	∩ 21	≈ 6	≈ 15	∩ 9
(b)	≈ 13	≈ 29½	≈ 24	≈ 3	∩ 21	≈ 6	≈ 15	∩ 9
(c)	≈ 13½	× 0½	≈ 24	≈ 3	∩ 21½	≈ 6	≈ 15	∩ 9

Of these the first two are taken from *1001 Notable Nativities*, Nos. 751, 173; the last is the map given by Mr Earley—it has not been compared with the one given by Sibly.

In explanation of the time 3.4 a.m. it is added that "Congress sat up all night debating"; if so, the 10.10 p.m. map should be cast for July 3rd instead of 4th, one would imagine.

Concerning map (c) Mr Earley remarks, "No other astronomical figure could be erected for the twenty-four hours of July 4, 1776, that would so truly symbolise the marvellous growth and expansion of this country."

References are given in *Notable Nativities* showing whence maps (a) and (b) have been derived, and the compiler draws attention to the discrepancy in the Moon's place in (b) which should be ≈ 23½ instead of 29½. Partridge's ephemeris for 1776 gives the following noon positions for Greenwich for July 3, 4, 5:—

☉	☽	♃	♄	♅	♆	♁	♂
≈ 11.58	≈ 6.29	≈ 25	≈ 2	∩ 20	≈ 5	≈ 15	≈ 15
12.56	≈ 21.4	25	3	21	5	15	15
13.53	× 5.31	24	4	21	6	15	15

from which data a correct figure can be calculated. The place is Philadelphia, Pa., 39° 45½' N, 75° 0' W.

The *three times* given for the signing, differing so widely, is very tantalising, and it will be of service to Astrology if any students who are in a position to do so, will supply historical facts and references which will help to clear the matter up.

F.

THE PLANET ISIS

SOME time ago a writer in this magazine expressed the opinion that the hypothetical planet "Isis"—whose position for 1906 is given as ∩ 1°, advancing one degree each year—is especially concerned with *aviation*, and that aviators generally have aspects between Mars and Isis. If there is anything in this idea, it receives confirmation from the three maps for King George's accession, given on p. 111, in all three of which these planets are

either in square or conjunction, in two angular, and in the third square in the ascendant.

Seeing the advance in aviation during the past four years and the great part aircraft is playing in the present war, this coincidence seems worth noting. In the map for ☉ in ♀ 21/3/1914 Mars rises on the ascendant in close square to Isis: see p. 472, War Number.

THE SUN A MAGNET

To the researches of Dr. Hale we owe the most direct proof we possess of the existence of electro-magnetic phenomena in the sun, says a writer in the *Westminster Gazette*. A few years ago his spectro-heliograph photograph with the red light of hydrogen showed cyclonic whirls centring in sun-spot. By applying the Zeeman test a magnetic field at any distance may be detected. Ample evidence was gained of the existence on the sun of local magnetic fields of great intensity—some of them so large that "the earth is small in comparison." The question then arose as to an explanation of the manner in which the powerful currents needed for such enormous electro-magnets are generated. Harker connected to a galvanometer a pair of carbon rods. The ends were insulated in a furnace heated to three thousand degrees.

When one of the carbon terminals within the furnace was colder than the other, a stream of negative electrons was found to flow to it from the hotter electrode. Dr. Hale holds that he has proved that the solar spots are comparatively cool regions in the solar atmosphere. The above experiment suggests that there will be a flow of negative electrons towards sun-spots. "These, caught and whirled in the vortex, would easily account for the observed magnetic fields." Many authorities have inferred from the forms and motions of the solar prominences that they "behave as they would in a magnetic field of an intensity about one-millionth of that of the earth."

The Zeeman effect applied to the study of the magnetic fields of the sun itself, as distinguished from that of its atmosphere, led to results recently published in the records of the Mount Wilson Observatory. It is found that if a compass needle could stand the temperature of the sun it would point very much as it does on the earth. "Thus, since the earth and the sun rotate in the same direction, a negative charge distributed through their mass would account in each case for the observed magnetic polarity." The evidence on the whole goes to indicate that the sun—the whole sun—is a magnet of the same polarity as the earth, and because of the high solar temperature this magnetism may be ascribed to the sun's axial rotation.

Answers to Questions¹

HOUSE-POSITION OR SIGN.—If sometimes the house, and at other times the sign position indicates the nature of an accident or disease, how is one to know which to take? Further, where two planets aspect one another unfavourably (say are in square) how do you decide which of the two planets (and sign or house) shows the disease or accident? If the ruler, Sun or Moon happen to be one of the planets aspected, the answer is clear, but not if otherwise. (279)

Take the houses in all cases where the native is in the lower scale of evolution, and the signs when intellect and the higher feeling dominate. All persons of a mediocre order respond to house-position, while those who are enterprising and advanced in quality or merit respond to the signs. The angles affect all, more or less, according to the responsiveness of the horoscope.

The afflicting planet shows the disease or accident both by aspect or house and sign.

In cases of this kind it is more a question of judgment from the nativity as a whole, but the rule is to note the position by house or sign of the so-called malefics—Mars, Saturn and Uranus.

For instance Saturn in the first house will affect the *head* and *face*, by giving susceptibility to chills, colds, etc.; and if in the sign Pisces, judge chills affecting the head, due to *cold feet*, etc. Accidents usually arise through angular position, but it is a fact that some persons have many accidents and few illnesses, others many illnesses and few accidents.

It is a question of applying the known rules to special cases. The rules are *general*, the judgment is *particular*.

MARRIAGE AFFINITY.—Supposing a male has his Moon applying to an opposition of Saturn. An attraction results between him and a girl whose Sun is within orb of his Moon,—generally considered the most powerful tie there is. How would the rays of Saturn affect such a conjunction of the luminaries; would the conjunction be powerful enough to neutralise Saturn's opposition, which might otherwise produce coldness? It is in a general way that I desire this judgment given, assuming that there are no other strong points of agreement, beyond

¹ Questions must be of GENERAL INTEREST. They should be written upon one side of the paper only, a separate sheet of paper being used for each separate question, and addressed to Question Department, "Modern Astrology" Office, 40, Imperial Buildings, Ludgate Circus, E.C.

possibly the trine of ascending degrees, the lords of the seventh and tenth well aspected to each other in the charts, etc. (280)

Supposing the dynamic value of Saturn in opposition to the luminaries is improperly understood? In this case it would be unwise to say that the joint influence of the Sun and Moon would neutralise, or strengthen, the influence of Saturn without a careful judgment of all the natal influences. If all that is implied by the opposition is realised by both parties, then that lesson, or *experience*, which it has to teach will be speedily learnt, and the adverse tendencies changed into good.

In any case it will lessen demonstration of affection but should preserve constancy and faithfulness. If rightly understood it will favour temperance, chastity, economy and the conservation of energy. If not understood it may lead to misunderstanding and *separateness*.

RECTIFICATION.—How is a photo useful in rectification of a horoscope? Can we from the mere appearance or photograph of a person fix the ascendant or birth sign? (281)

Intuitive persons can often fix the ascendant from a good portrait; when, however, many planets are in one sign, or when the ponderous planets are rising in the ascendant, the photograph is not so helpful as when the planets are scattered and no planets are rising. Some signs are more difficult than others to fix from a portrait, but when the person cannot be seen a photograph is always useful and helpful in the rectification of a horoscope.

CLOCK DIRECTIONS.—If the Sun rule the hour hand and the Moon the minute hand, why should not a map of the heavens for the exact time of the Sun's return to its exact place of birth each day after birth; and a map for the Moon's return to its exact place at birth, counting each return after birth as one year of life, solve all the problems of directions? The two maps to be used in conjunction with Radix, of course. Have you ever tried these two in this way and with what success? (282)

The editor of the American *Sphinx* once sent me a Zodiacal Dial of my horoscope, with clock hands attached for noting the transits, etc. I used it for the purpose you suggest and found it interesting, but in no way superior to the ordinary method of calculating "Directions."

The fact that there are so many methods of Directing shows that the system which suit one person may not suit another. It is a question of response and development; some people respond to one class of directions but show no response to others.

SEMI-ARCS.—In "Casting the Horoscope" the method of finding out the Diurnal Semi-arc of a degree of the ecliptic is given, but not the method of finding out the degree which has a particular diurnal semi-arc. It is said in another part of the book that this latter can be easily found out from an inspection of the Table of Houses for the place. I request you to explain it a little more clearly by a practical example. (283)

Take the ordinary Table of Houses for London by way of example, and note that $\approx 0^\circ$ rises at 6^h of sidereal time and culminates at 12^h , whence its semi-arc is obviously 6^h or 90° ; the same is true of $\varphi 0^\circ$. But $\approx 0^\circ$ rises at about $21^h 48^m$ and culminates at 6^h , whence its diurnal semi-arc is found to be $24^h - 21^h 48^m + 6^h = 8^h 12^m$. Similarly $\varphi 0^\circ$ is found to have $3^h 48^m$ for its diurnal semi-arc. These are the extremes, and by searching within these limits one may with a little patience discover the degree corresponding to the semi-arc required. The method is of course only a rough-and-ready one.

MERCURY SEXTILE URANUS.—Here is a map showing a sextile between ♃ and ♅ . Paragraph 260 in "The Key to Your Own Nativity" hardly describes the character of this man, while the 'adverse' paragraph 261 fits much better.—"sarcastic, nervous system out of gear, hasty, erratic, etc." The mundane square in this case seems to fit as well as would the zodiacal, while the zodiacal sextile seems a misfit? And then the polarity of luminaries in ♋ does not fit nearly as well as \odot in ♋ and ♁ in ♏ , paragraph 615 rather than 616.

Horoscope:— x ♀ 9, xi ♀ 11, xii ♀ 19, i ♀ 23, ii ♀ 24, iii ♀ 3, \odot ♀ 4, ♁ ♀ 1, ♃ ♀ 15, ♀ ♀ 18, ♁ ♀ 4, ♁ ♀ 19, ♂ ♀ 22, ♃ ♀ 18, ♁ ♀ 1. (284)

The opposition of ♃ and ♁ has in this case a very modifying effect upon ♀ * ♁ ; also ♀ in the third house has major influence over ♁ on cusp of sixth. The position of ♁ ruler in ♏ will account for paragraph 615 being active. The \odot of ♂ and ♀ is not favourable in this horoscope.

MERCURIAL ASPECTS.—I have found that in considering the "mental tendencies" the nature of the aspects to Mercury has no effect, but only the planet in aspect, no matter whether the aspect is a square or trine. Reference to the nativity of the Prince Consort will confirm this, as A. J. Pearce has already shown. Is such conclusion correct, and how can this be explained? (285)

It is true that Mercury is a neutral planet, and absorbs and translates the influence of the planet with which it is in aspect. But it does not follow that it makes no difference whether the aspect is square or trine.

OPPOSITION versus PARALLEL?—If \odot is ♁ a bad aspect and \odot is also P ♁ , a good aspect, which would you consider the stronger? (286)

The \odot P ♁ is not necessarily a good aspect. In all the ordinary rules the parallel is of the same nature as the aspect. In this case the parallel will strengthen the opposition.

Letters to the Editor

HINTS TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Letters of general interest only are inserted. Writers of signed articles are alone responsible for the opinions contained therein. Correspondents desiring acknowledgment or reply will please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

FROM A GERMAN ASTROLOGER

DEAR SIR,

Following up my letter of October 18th, published in your December issue, p. 568, I would like to add that being conscious of the non-political character of your Journal, I kept my remarks upon the political side of the questions dealt with purposely as brief as possible in order not to trespass upon too much of your space, thereby of necessity omitting a good deal of evidential matter that could be adduced in support of my statements. Needless to say I can give chapter and verse for all that I said in my letter (in answer to your notes 10-14), but agreeing with your concluding note, I will not pursue this matter any further.

Of course, I am quite conscious that all our thinking and our opinions are coloured by the national thought atmosphere in which we live and which is determined for each of us by our own personal Karma, and the influence of this national thought atmosphere upon our own personal thought even the most advanced of us cannot shake off altogether. This therefore accounts for a good deal of the difference of opinion we expressed. Only the few who have actually realised the existence of this national thought atmosphere, in contradistinction to individual thought, by having lived for a considerable time in foreign countries, thereby experiencing and assimilating other ways of thinking, or who really do their own thinking—those who truly can be styled Uranians—can to some extent rise above the level of national thinking. Now as your readers for the most part get little acquaintance with the German point of view in this great conflict, I thought it necessary to say as much as I did for the German standpoint, for which a good deal more could be said, as naturally the Government statements, documents, and the daily press of both parties represent more or less only one side of the issues at stake and do not cover the Whole Truth.¹

Now to the impartial onlooker and to those who try to be impartial, a curious spectacle presents itself when he finds the

¹ [A facsimile reprint of the 'only authorised translation' of the German "White-Book" (Druck und Verlag: Liebheit & Thiesen, Berlin), will be found, together with extracts from the English 'Blue,' Belgian 'Grey' and Russian 'Orange' books, in *Why we are at War*, Third Edition (ninth impression), Clarendon Press, 2s. 6d.—ED.]

various prophets, astrologers, clairvoyants and all those who dabble in prophecy, all predicting with the greatest assurance the victory in this great war for their own particular nation. Ancient predictions are recalled with great glee and believed in as infallible. The French are positive that they will win ultimately, and Madame de Thebes of Paris is reported to have a large *clientele* among French government people who regularly consult her and implicitly believe her statements. Similarly in England and in Germany the various prophets predict the victory for their side. Dr. Steiner is reported to have said that the war is already decided on the astral plane in favour of Germany. Now it is obvious that both of the warring parties cannot win in the end, as a drawn contest seems to be out of the question, and the scales will ultimately lean towards one side or the other, so that the predictions of one party will prove to be wrong; which of them remains to be seen. In the eyes of thinking people it will, however, not be to the credit of the science we have at heart to see such conflicting prophecies made in respect to the same matter, and based upon the same facts. Some German newspapers have already detected this weakness and made fun of it. But how can this anomaly be accounted for?

In my opinion there are two explanations; the one, that every one of the prophets merely re-echoes the national sentiments, expectations, and wishes of the country to which he or she belongs, inasmuch as their inner faculties and their judgments are unconsciously coloured by the national thought atmosphere—they not being able to rise above it; the other, that the truth of the old and most profound statement contained in the saying "Whom the Gods wish to destroy, they cover with blindness" will be fulfilled upon one of the parties, so that the predictions of the prophets and seers of one of the contending parties will be altogether wrong. Which of them this will be, we shall learn by the result of this War.

With regard to your notes upon my letter, there is only one point upon which I want to make some further remarks, as it is of particular importance from an astrological standpoint. It refers to note 17.²

² [Page 578 of last volume (December, 1914). As the point is of importance we reprint the Note entire, together with the passage in our correspondent's letter to which it related:—

(Extract from letter p. 574.) ". . . As far as the war between England and Germany is concerned you publish a map and judgment of same based on the time of the official English statement (4th August 1914, 11 p.m., G.M.T.), but according to German announcements the declaration of war was handed to the German Chancellor in the Reichstag by the English Ambassador on that day 'shortly after seven in the evening' (say 7.10 p.m.) and in my opinion judgment must be based on a map calculated for this time.¹⁷ A map for this time for Berlin is as follows:

	x	xi	xii	i	ii	iii		
	10.40	118	135	126.46	127	87		
⊙	D	8	9	2	1	H	ψ	
♌ 11.29	♌ 25.56	♌ 22.23	♌ 23.13	♌ 23.50	♌ 18.07	♌ 28.4	♌ 9.34	♌ 28.28

This map must be adjudged distinctly favourable for Germany. . . . (over)

The information conveyed therein invalidates in no way my contention. I admit that you are right from your point of view to accept the time according to the English Government's statement, and to cast the horoscope of the War between Germany and England upon it, but this statement covers only a part of the whole truth concerning this particular matter. The fact is, according to German accounts, that on August 4th, shortly after seven o'clock in the evening the British Ambassador handed to the German Chancellor in the Reichstag the written note mentioned, that the assurance demanded was declined at once, whereupon the Ambassador replied that this meant War.³ *The actual break of peaceful relations between the two countries dates therefore from that moment*, and must give the basis for astrological considerations concerning the outcome of this war between the two, although theoretically it is quite true that Germany had time till midnight of that day to reconsider her position. But since no reconsideration took place, the time of refusal must be taken as the deciding time.⁴

(Note 17, p. 578) "We hear that Germany has addressed note to the Belgian Minister for Foreign Affairs stating that German Government will be compelled to carry out, if necessary, by force of arms, the measures considered indispensable. We are also informed that Belgian territory has been violated at Gemmenich.

"In these circumstances, and in view of the fact that Germany declined to give the same assurance respecting Belgium as France gave last week in reply to our request made simultaneously at Berlin and Paris, we must repeat that request, and ask that a satisfactory reply to it be received here by 12 o'clock to-night. If not, you are instructed to ask for your passports, and to say that His Majesty's Government feel bound to take all steps in their power to uphold the neutrality of Belgium and the observance of a treaty to which Germany is as much a party as ourselves."

—Telegram from Sir E. Grey to the British Ambassador at Berlin, 4/8/1914.

"This is the declaration of war to which our correspondent alludes. A written summary of it was handed to the German Secretary of State at "about 7 o'clock" (according to the Ambassador's own report of the occurrence). Although he replied that if the time given were twenty-four hours or more his reply must be the same, it does not appear that the ambassador's request for his passports was construed as irrevocably meaning war, since at about 9.30 p.m. the Under Secretary of State came in and raised the point as to whether a demand for passports necessarily implied war. See documents Nos. 159, 160 in the Government publication *Great Britain and the European Crisis*. The limiting time was midnight at Berlin, which therefore seems the suitable time for which to erect the figure, since up to that moment it was open to Germany to give the undertaking required."—Ed.]

³ [These facts are not disputed, and the phrase "according to German accounts" is therefore superfluous, and indeed rather surprising in view of the fact that in our NOTE 17 we made the same statement on the authority of the British Ambassador's own account! See footnote ² above. The note was, however, handed by the British Ambassador to the German Secretary of State, at the Imperial Foreign Office, and not to the German Chancellor in the Reichstag. "This interview took place at about 7 o'clock," says Sir E. Goschen, in the account referred to.—Ed.]

⁴ [Nevertheless, we must contend that there is room for difference of opinion. For ourselves we adhere to our former view, for the reasons already given. If we accept the reasoning that the critical moment was when a satisfactory reply to the request to uphold the neutrality of Belgium, was refused, then we are offered choice between 7 p.m. and earlier still, namely the afternoon of August 4 (exact time not stated), when the British Ambassador in Berlin, representing the English

Now the map based upon the time element according to German accounts must be adjudged as most distinctly favourable to Germany—at least as far as operations on land are concerned (♃Δ♀♁ in earthy signs). Let us look now for corroborative evidence in the horoscopes of the respective rulers. Mars, the ruling planet in King George's horoscope is in the tenth house in the German Emperor's map, whereas the Moon, the Emperor's ruler, is setting in the horoscope of King George, in sharp opposition to the ascendant. This doubly confirms what the war-map referred to above indicates.

With regard to the German Emperor's horoscope I think we shall be ere long in a position to form a more conclusive judgment upon it than has hitherto been the case. In his nativity, as you are aware, there is a mystery spot, ♁♁♁ close to the cusp of the M.C., the true meaning of which has not been solved yet and which has been left unexplained so far. To my mind the influence of Neptune here must be accounted distinctly favourable, being elevated above all other planets and being placed in the sign Pisces with which this body is said to have most affinity, so that his influence should be strongly to the good, especially as he receives the trine aspect from the Moon, the personal ruler. The conjunction of Neptune with Mars gives him the capacity to enter upon and deal with very big undertakings (as an instance the creation and fostering care of the modern German Navy), also a kind of universal genius, able to take up with many artistic subjects, such as architecture, music, painting, etc., in all of which the Emperor has taken a hand. His personal influence in this respect, upon the building and shaping of his capital and residence Berlin has been felt on many occasions. That he has, however, not always been appreciated or successful, is shown by the square aspect to Venus.

With your general delineation of his horoscope as given in the November issue I quite agree, but I ask which influence justifies calling him "the Breaker of Modern Germany," for I consider what may be termed the *building-up* influences to be the more strongly marked in his nativity: (♁ rising, ♁♁♁), ☉Δ♁, ♁♁♁♁, ♁♁♁). Sun opposition Saturn, which it seems is held to account for it, may and

Government, called upon the Secretary of State, Herr von Jagow and asked for this assurance, which was then refused and this refusal was simply reaffirmed at the subsequent interview at 7 p.m. See document 160 referred to in previous footnote. Or we might be pushed farther back still, namely, to July 31, when the *first* of these three requests was made by Britain to Germany, and was accorded no definite answer (document 122 *et seq.*). Document No. 166, which is Sir E. Goschen's account of the events of August 4th, his last day as British Ambassador at Berlin, if read attentively and taken in connection with the other documents in the pamphlet, will enable any student to form his own conclusions on this point, quite irrespective of our opinion.

These remarks, it must be understood, concern themselves solely with the question as to what is the suitable moment to select for erecting a Horary Figure, and are quite without reference or prejudice to any judgment based upon the figure. The horary figure referred to by our correspondent (4/8/14, 7.10 p.m. Berlin) will be found in footnote ² above.—Ed.]

does show financial difficulties, in spite of a huge income, but to say it shows the break-up of his possessions is decidedly going too far, as it does not take into consideration the saving aspects of Jupiter to these two bodies. Moreover, neither the German Empire nor the Kingdom of Prussia can by any means be called his "possessions." To judge thus may have been correct in ancient times when rulership was identical with ownership, when the king or ruler, owned the whole of his country, the semblance of which idea still persists in England, where all the land is nominally that of the King. But this rule does not hold good in modern states, and cannot therefore be applied in the same way. It is in this respect that in my opinion English Astrologers go wrong, by applying that which means personal Karma as indicating National fate. On this point, as on some others, I am sure this great War will teach us some object lessons; in the meantime we can agree to differ.

Oranienburg,
December 31st, 1914.

Yours sincerely,
W. BECKER.

[The article on Mars Conjunction Neptune, on p. 67 of our last issue, though already written when this letter was received (having been crowded out of the January number), will probably furnish a sufficient reply to the last paragraph of this letter. We thank our correspondent for his courteous tone.—Ed.]

GERMANY'S RULING SIGN

DEAR SIR,

Your remarks in the October number (page 440) recall my doubts as to whether the same sign Aries rules both England and Germany. I hardly think so. I have long had the idea—whether right or wrong—that while Aries is obviously England's ruling sign, the sign that governs the German Empire is Cancer. The Germans with their stolid, tenacious ways, and round (moon) face type of features would seem to come under the sign Cancer equally with people like the Dutch for instance. Their political ambitions are certainly typical of Cancer. Cancer is in square to Aries, giving us the real cause of the differences between the two nations. The long stay of Mars in Cancer, most of the time in conjunction with Neptune just as the Kaiser has them in his nativity, would tend to "breed" this war. Germany will get hers now, before Neptune is entirely done with Cancer, as Neptune seems to be the symbol or chaos and smash-up of all conditions. Also the entry of Saturn into Cancer will show how Germany will reap the aftermath of her ambitions (Moon) and treachery (Neptune in Cancer).

As England is now working out her destiny under Aries, through a King with Aries on his ascendant, it looks as though Germany, the Cancer-ruled Empire, is undergoing her time of stress, under the present Kaiser with his Cancer-on-ascendant.

Bender, Sask., Canada.

HAROLD CLIFT.

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WHEN WILL THE WAR END?

AT the end of January we were induced by an enterprising publishing firm in Fleet Street to write for them an astrological brochure under the title—suggested by them—of "When the War will End."¹

The proprietors of the Newspaper Publicity Company, who were drawn to an enquiry into the subject of Astrology through reading the predictions contained in a copy of our Royal Number, issued in 1910, were anxious to give the general public our astrological opinion as to when the War was likely to be brought to an end. We gave that opinion, based upon the National Horoscopes for the summer and autumn of the present year, which seemed to us to point to very strong endeavours to secure peace during the period elapsing between the beginning of July and the end of October in the present year.

We were asked to express our opinion as clearly and as definitely as possible, in order that it might appeal to the ordinary man in the

¹ Newspaper Publicity Co., 61, Fleet Street, London, E.C. Price 1d., post free 1½d.

street. We did so, and concluded with the statement that if Germany did not secure peace by the end of October, then the War would continue until the spring of 1916 when the Sun, entering the sign Aries, applies to the conjunction of the peace planet Jupiter.

This is the first time that we have been approached by a firm of publishers whose work is obviously more concerned with newspaper publicity than anything astrological, and this attempt to place astrological ideas before the man in the street appears to us to be a very bold one, and worthy of the success we feel it deserves.

We have been assured that without desiring to pander to the wonder-mongering element, or to obtain sensational copy for the mere purpose of creating large sales, the Newspaper Publicity Company have recognised the dignity and sincerity of the astrological statements made in our publications; and although desiring to make some slight alterations for the purpose of appealing to the general public, they have allowed the first copy to stand on its merits alone.

We may be forgiven for drawing our readers' attention to this cheap publication, since it is the first time in our experience that astrological literature, written expressly for the "Man in the Street," has been sold in newspaper shops at the sum of one penny. That this small brochure is destined to reach many thousands of working men we have not the slightest doubt, owing to the facilities that the Newspaper Publicity Company have for reaching the numerous newspaper shops in London,—and probably in the provinces as well.

One of the greatest problems connected with the popularising of astrological ideas is the difficulty of bringing the subject in a simple form before the "Man in the Street," whose thoughts are mainly objective and strictly concrete. He usually asks for plain facts, and shirks the intricate problems connected with the causes preceding events, and is rarely interested in any subject that involves thought or much mental application. We have known many working men exhibit marked ability for dealing with the purely practical side of Astrology; but, generally speaking, men engaged in manual labour have not only little time but less inclination for mental studies.

For this reason we welcome the enterprise of the Newspaper Publicity Company and wish them all success. Astrology may not be a subject that is likely to appeal to popular taste, but the spread of

educational work has done so much during the life of the present generation to open the mind of the average member of the public and allow for the appreciation of deeper subjects, that we hope our first attempt to popularise the subject of Astrology in connection with the War may bear good fruit by showing the ordinary person that Astrology teaches a law of life by understanding which a man may trace the finger of God in all things.

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Since January we have received quite a number of booklets professing to tell when the War will end, and with press-cuttings to the same effect we are quite satiated; yet already we have noted many prophetic utterances by persons whose impulses have evidently overridden their reason, until we begin to see the aptness of the advice—"Never prophesy unless you know."

The prophetic part of Astrology, so far as fatalistic predictions are concerned, has always been a subject that we have regarded with suspicion, and we have never been convinced that the value of Astrology lies in the power to foretell the coming alleged inevitable events. That it is possible by a knowledge of astrological laws, to foresee the *probable results* of certain *causes*, is unquestionable. But to prophesy events in an absolute and arbitrary manner seems to us quite unreasonable and foreign to all our ideas that

THE STARS INCLINE, THEY DO NOT COMPEL,

and that

THE WISE MAN RULES HIS STARS THE FOOL OBEYS THEM.

We are quite aware that this is a dangerous subject to deal with in our present stage of enlightenment, but it is one that the genuine student of Astrology MUST FACE sooner or later. It opens up the debatable subject of fate and free-will, and provokes arguments both for and against, although neither side is in possession of the whole truth, since both fate and free-will exist in all stages of evolution.

All astrological deductions depend for success upon the student's ability to weigh up all the factors and give a sound judgment as to what will be the result; and any person pretending that Astrology foretells this or that event inevitably, is attempting to saddle the science of Astrology with his or her interpretations, often nothing

more nor less than a prejudiced forecast of events he wishes to see fulfilled.

We have had plenty of evidence of this at the present time, so far as national events are concerned, as we have pointed out in the various numbers of this magazine since the war began. That a European War was approaching we were confident on the death of King Edward, rightly named the Peacemaker; and there is enough evidence in our Royal Number that this was our view, to satisfy the most exacting critic. What we were not positive about was the exact time when the European conflagration would begin, and the extent to which it would spread; for we were led to the impression that for Great Britain a war was not inevitable. And so indeed it proved, for Great Britain only joined in the struggle in order to protect those upon whom war had been made to suit the purpose of a professedly military nation. In fact the intervention of Great Britain was a surprise to Germany, who had counted on her passivity.

If we are anxious to find the truth concerning Astrology and its interpretation of coming events, we must go very deeply into the question of Fate and Free-will. So far as it is humanly possible to judge, war was not an absolute necessity for any nation during the year 1914. It is however quite true that Mars, the War Lord, was troubling the horoscopes of Monarchs during that year in a very pronounced and aggressive manner, and this mischievous martial spirit is in reality the key to the problem of National warfare.

KING GEORGE V. had the Sun parallel Mars in the summer of 1914.

THE AUSTRIAN EMPEROR had the Sun sesquiquadrate Mars in the spring of 1914.

PRESIDENT POINCARÉ also had the Sun square Mars during 1914.

THE CZAR OF RUSSIA had his ruling planet Mercury progressed to the square of Mars during 1914, and at the time war was declared he had also the progressed Mars conjunction Mercury (r.).

THE KING OF ITALY who up to the present has escaped being drawn into the war had M.C. parallel Mars, and Mars opposition Uranus, but he now has a lunar martial influence approaching.

THE QUEEN OF HOLLAND had no strong martial influence during 1914.

THE KAISER WILLIAM II. had the most martial influence of all the Monarchs during 1914, Mars itself having approached to the square aspect of the Sun's place at birth, and he was under another martial influence which lasts until the end of the present year 1915.

KING ALBERT OF BELGIUM had the Sun in square aspect to Saturn, ruler of his seventh house, public enemies, and the Sun in a weak aspect to Mars; and just before the war the planet Saturn was in transit over the opposition of his radical Mars—affliction enough to show the sad results of the invasion.

Facts like these are unassailable. They speak volumes with regard to the influence of Mars, the War Lord.

No student of Astrology can afford to ignore our significant suggestion that Monarchs REPRESENT Nations.

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Now the problem for all students to work out with regard to National Wars is one that touches directly the question of fate and free-will.

A few years back we said in these pages that if ever a war broke out in Europe it would arise out of the Balkans. We had traced the fiery influence of Mars to those troubled States, and judged that the disturbance was due to political causes.

The murder of the Archduke Franz-Ferdinand added a stimulus to the martial forces then at work, and the little nation of Serbia was made the scapegoat by further political intrigue. Austria, incited by Prussian militarism, applied the match which produced the European conflagration. Examine the Austrian Emperor's nativity and you find Mars angular and SETTING.

Examine the Kaiser's nativity and you find Mars CULMINATING; and so far as the beginning of this horrible war is concerned the Kaiser, as the representative of Prussian Militarism, is top-dog.

We believe, have always believed, and always will believe that CHARACTER IS DESTINY, and we think that this wicked war proves it, and if we may be allowed to use a few of Kipling's "Ifs" we will explain:—

(a) IF the Austrian Emperor had been strong enough to hold his hand with regard to Serbia, war could have been averted. But the Emperor chose that the fatal die should be cast, and thus realised the

influence of Mars setting in square aspect to Jupiter in the fourth house of his nativity.

We had judged well in 1910 that his nativity was the one European horoscope that meant a great war as the culminating evil of his unfortunate life. So far as fate is concerned we are quite prepared to grant that his has been the most fatalistic horoscope of all the reigning monarchs, and undoubtedly the *direct* cause of the European war; and his fate was the Kaiser's opportunity to exercise his free will.

(b) *IF* the Kaiser had not of his own free will chosen to force the hand of the Austrian Emperor, a EUROPEAN WAR could have been averted; but the Prussian military caste *wanted* war; for them, it was an apparent necessity and they used the Kaiser's egotism and lust for power as the soil into which their poisoned desires could be thrown.

IF the Kaiser had not had "pan-Germanism" on the brain, he would not have been deluded by the glamour of Neptune's sub-conscious influence over his emotional soul, represented by Mars; he would have counted on the probability of Great Britain entering the field, and would have saved his Nation from ruin.

(c) *IF* Great Britain had not been a right-loving nation she would not have risen to the high ideal of protecting the weak and taking up her arms in defence of right and justice. Great Britain, for whom war, so far as Europe was concerned, was *not* inevitable, chose of her own free will to sacrifice herself in the cause of right and duty—represented, in this case, by treaty obligations.

Look at the matter from whatever standpoint we will, we shall find that Nations, like individuals, are fated to be blind where selfishness, greed and inordinate ambition are concerned, and free to choose the right where open eyes see the ideals of duty, love and sacrifice.

Character makes the destiny of nations as well as of individuals. Where is the competent student of Astrology who dares to deny these facts? Granted that they are facts, is it not an essential that any person who claims to be a prophet or a true interpreter of the starry influences, should know the character of the individual as well as of the nation before he predicts the results of given causes?

To make predictions based upon the motions of the stars at any

given moment without going back to first principles and without regarding all the factors, is most ridiculous, and reminds us of a prediction made about a little girl dressed in her brother's clothes that "he would become a member of parliament and do great things for his political party." "But," exclaimed the mother, "the horoscope must be all wrong, she is a girl, not a little boy." (*Tableau!*)

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For the first time in the history of MODERN ASTROLOGY we have been enabled to watch a great war from its beginning and follow all the causes that led up to the calamity.

When nations are more intelligent they will not allow monarchs to rule over them who have all the weaknesses of ordinary men, and who, instead of like Wise Men ruling their stars, become the Fools who obey them.

If the Austrian Emperor had known anything about his own horoscope, would he have listened to the Kaiser, knowing that his ruling planet Venus was placed in the sixth house of the Kaiser's nativity, the servant, *in square to Mars and Neptune in the Midheaven?* No. Nations, like individuals, are fated to make grievous mistakes until they know how to rule their stars. Fortunately Astrology is a moral as well as a physical and mental science.

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WHEN WILL THE WAR END? With this question we come back to where we started after touching but the fringe of the great problem of Fate and Free-will.

IF,—to use once more Kipling's magic word,—Mars is the War Lord and allows his influence to destroy as well as to stimulate and energise, we can see how readily Nations respond to his combative and destructive influence, and the result of such response.

Just as MARS is the energiser and the quickener of the birth of the spiritual, so is JUPITER the great harmoniser and the planet of peace. When this planet gains the ascendancy over Mars, the nations who can respond to peaceful vibrations will be ready to make peace. It is not a question of *must* make peace; there is no compulsion in any planetary influence; THE STARS INCLINE THEY DO NOT COMPEL.

From the month of July to October in the present year the

influence of Jupiter will be powerful enough to secure peace to those who desire it.

If again, that powerful but martial influence in the Emperor of Austria's nativity has not waned sufficiently, Austria will not ask for peace. She will have the opportunity, however, and may secure it on the best terms she is ever likely to get, if she will take full advantage of that opportunity; if not, then war goes on into the spring quarter of 1916.

It is the same with Germany: she will have her opportunity, and it depends upon her statesmen whether she will obtain peace in the autumn or not. If not, then war will continue into the spring of 1916. For we can see that although the Kaiser is doomed to fail in this war, he must fight until the last in his endeavour to save his throne and make the best terms he possibly can. The ending of the war thus depends on the Kaiser's horoscope more than on any other monarch's nativity. He has so carefully studied the possibilities of this war, and has employed so many spies, that no ordinary judgment can here be applied, and though astrologically speaking it is quite clear that he cannot succeed in conquering the Allies, yet as this war will prove to be a war of exhaustion, whenever victory comes it will not be so dramatically decisive as though it were merely a question of special efforts on one side or the other.

Circumstances, which means fate, may compel the warring nations to make peace upon what would otherwise have been unacceptable terms, but the responsibility will be with the nations, and not with the stars. It is a question of ignorance and folly making Fate, and of wisdom and understanding bringing what we call Free-Will, or rather the Freed Will.

The Freed Will is the self unbound; the desires of the self being modified and relaxed. Fate is the bondage of ignorance and selfish desires, seeking to override and destroy others for personal ends.

Let us face the truth of the whole matter, and hold on to that grand idea left to us from the time-honoured ancient astrologers who declared that it is the Wise Man who rules his stars and the Fool who obeys them.

The star of the Prince of Peace is rising, let us look for His star and follow Him.

NEWSPAPER CRITICISM

Since writing the foregoing we have received a good many letters containing a cutting from the *Daily Express* of 20/2/15, commenting on our little booklet as follows:

WHEN THE WAR IS TO END—PERHAPS

Strange Prophecies by an Astrologist

JUPITER AND MARS

"When the War will End" is the title of a penny prophetic pamphlet written by Alan Leo, editor of MODERN ASTROLOGY, and published by the Newspaper Publicity Company.

Mr. Leo's "star turn" is not very convincing, although he begins with the reassuring statement that astrology is "based upon mathematics, the only exact science, and may be said to consist of mathematical computations and geometrical figures arising out of the earth's relations to the sun, moon, and planets of our solar system."

As a matter of fact the pamphlet is disappointing in that it does not tell us when the war will end. It merely gives various dates when it may end.

"The beginning of the end of the war," says Mr. Leo, "should be seen during the month of June."

But that will not be the end, for "during the month of July and all through the summer extraordinary efforts will be made to bring about peace."

Still the end is not yet. "About October the influence of the planet Jupiter, the 'peace' planet, becomes so powerful that peace could then be secured on favourable terms to all concerned."

NEW PHASE IN AUTUMN

Even Jupiter's influence seems to be uncertain, however, and we are told that should it fail "the war will enter on a new phase during the autumn, and will continue until the War Lord, Mars, comes to the sign of the Balance—Libra—in the spring of 1916."

There are other thrilling prophecies. For instance, "the Germans will hold on to Belgium until they are driven back to their own frontiers." That brilliant prophecy of the obvious will buck up Joffre tremendously.

Another prophecy is that "some very decisive battles will have to be fought."

"On or about March 24," Mr. Leo predicts, "some very terrible conflicts will take place involving serious loss of life and we judge that a great naval battle will be fought on the high seas."

"This naval warfare is seen to be the most realistic the world has ever seen, or is likely to see again; so tremendous will the conflict be."

The Allies will win on land and sea, Mr. Leo is good enough to say, and "in October the Kaiser will be able to make the most favourable peace terms he is ever likely to obtain at any future time. Should he persist, however, in putting his fate to the test in the attempt to win or lose it all, then the war will continue into the spring of the year 1916, when the fall of the House of Hohenzollern will become complete."

But when will the war end?

This criticism has not pleased many readers apparently, and we must own that we were surprised at its tone, for we were always under the impression that the *Daily Express* was of a higher class than

many of the London newspapers whose reporters are only too glad of light copy of a sensational type where Astrology is concerned; but Mr G. Reilly, whose letter we print as sent to the *Express*, has answered the matter in such a way that further comment is unnecessary, except to express our regret that the Editor did not publish it.

To the Editor of the "Daily Express."

DEAR SIR,

Astrology has been so much maligned and misunderstood that I trust you will grant space to me to correct the misconception contained in the criticism of the pamphlet "When the War will End," which appeared in Saturday's *Daily Express*.

The writer of this comment would no doubt resent being classed as a *fatalist*. Yet the definite predictions which he asks for imply absolute predestination or Fatalism. This is just what Astrology denies. Astrology is a science (that is, a systematised collection of correlated facts) by means of which predictions of probabilities may be made. Such predictions are based upon an estimate of the result of the forces of the planets interacting at a given time. And this resultant of forces is judged from the positions and groupings of the planets relative to the earth, according to definite rules or laws. But there is one force the astrologer cannot gauge—the Free-will of humanity. He knows neither its strength nor whether it will be exerted to nullify or accentuate the forces upon which he has based his prediction. Obviously if extra forces act upon the combination the resultant will be changed. Therefore definite prediction, if it were possible, would deny human Free-will.

The mission of Astrology is to teach humanity that men can rise above planetary influences and rule their stars.

Yours, etc.,

G. REILLY.

14, St. Quintin Avenue, W., 21/2/1915.

AMERICAN ASTROLOGERS

Our "Observatory" notes in the February issue have called forth the response from American students of astrology that we required and have apparently awakened some students from that apathy that is so deadly to all forward movements. We wrote with the intention of arousing our friends across the water from that silence which we had begun to mistake for indifference, for with the exception

of Madame Gertrude de Bielski, whose articles in this magazine are always appreciated, American students appear to ignore our existence; so that we have been inclined to think that either they preferred to bury their talents, or did not consider their English-speaking cousins sufficiently interested in their studies to share them with them.

We have been desirous of much information from America, but repeated requests for data have either been ignored altogether, or no trouble has been taken to obtain for us the information asked for. With the exception of Miss Evangaline Adams we very seldom hear any astrologer's name mentioned by American friends who call upon us; therefore we are wanting information as to who, and what, are the astrologers in America?

From a lady who is evidently concerned for the honour of American astrologers we have received a long letter, stating that many of the genuine American astrologers "do not rush into the public prints and are therefore unknown to those outside of a limited circle"; also saying that it was unfortunate that we took for example the American astrologer we did, "if personal history is to figure in the scheme of entitling one to a place in the Astrological galaxy."

We are glad, however, to have confirmation in this lady's letter of what we have so often heard about Astrology in America, that, as she puts it, it is "the plaything of the purlieu and the playground of the wild and woozy, under the guise of 'esotericism'; for as one prominent member of N.Y. society solemnly remarked 'the real astrologer did not need to have a correctly (mathematically considered) drawn chart, they just used it to focus their psychic gifts on.'"

We are told in a concluding paragraph of this lady's long letter "that there *are* astrologers worthy of the name in America, but they are not all eager to run into print"; to which we must add that it seems a pity that they should persist in hiding their light under a bushel.

¹ This idea is constantly gaining currency. There is an underlying basis of truth in it, to this extent—that a great many self-styled astrologers or 'astrologists' do require a horoscope merely for that purpose, its correctness being quite a secondary consideration. Whether this sort of person is properly described by the word astrologer, or whether he (or she) could undergo the simplest examination in Astrology, is a "horse of another colour."

Of a totally different character is a letter from Mr J. Lawson Hall, from which the following is an extract:—

On pages 61-63 of MODERN ASTROLOGY for February I note the writer's general denunciation of all American astrologers. It is a fact that a great deal of rubbish has appeared in the press under the guise of Astrology, and personally I have no sympathy whatever with this class of pretenders and I fully appreciate the injury they do to genuine Astrology, but all American astrologers do not belong to this class and the gist of the whole proclamation points only too plainly at the writer's desire to "Kaiserize" the whole astrological world. To attempt to make your readers believe that all genuine astrological knowledge is hermetically sealed in some one special course of correspondence lessons savors too much of that spirit of commercialism which seeks not only a legitimate share but covets the whole world. A man may think he is inspired when he announces himself as the only qualified teacher but personally I have no use whatever for that "ME AND GOD" policy and any man who adopts it must sooner or later meet his "Waterloo," just as the Kaiser is now meeting his.

An astrologer's qualifications for practice should not be gauged by his having contributed a certain sum for some one particular course of instruction. It should be gauged by his ability to take an unknown nativity of an elderly person and judge it correctly in accordance with facts, strictly on the physical plane where every assertion is susceptible of proof.

I am willing to grant to others that same tolerance I expect from them in return. It is right that each should pursue Astrology along his chosen line, exoteric or esoteric, so long as he does not want the whole world. In my opinion nothing short of sheer venality can prompt a man to announce himself as the only qualified one and when he does this it is "up to him" to show what he has ever done or what he can do that has never been nor cannot be duplicated by others.

Mr Lawson Hall writes hotly. But our remarks concerning the Correspondence Lessons (p. 62 February) have surely been misunderstood, and certainly his account would give a very misleading impression of what we had written, to anyone who had not seen the original. Here is the paragraph, and let the reader judge:

"We have provided the means by which every genuine student may obtain a guarantee that he is fully qualified to practise Astrology and it is the most satisfactory means we can think of adopting. Every student who wishes can give proofs to the world that he knows what he is talking about concerning Astrology, by qualifying for the

Certificates of Merit offered by the Secretary of the Astrological Correspondence Lessons, a Course of which has been prepared expressly to meet this very requirement. The cost is no more than—not so much in fact—as the subscription would be to any well-known Institute, membership of which carries with it certain authority."

We quite agree that "an astrologer's qualifications for practice should not be gauged by his having contributed a certain sum for some one particular course of instruction," and would remind our critic that Certificates of Merit are not granted on such terms—they are awarded to those students only who have exhibited a competent knowledge of the subject, after completing their course of study.

This is exactly the principle of qualification adopted, in practice, by our leading Universities; the requirements being (a) a methodical course of study for a certain period, followed by (b) a written examination, the award of a diploma being conditional upon *competent knowledge under examination*. What venality is there in this?

For the rest, we have never claimed to be the only qualified astrologer, but if Mr Lawson Hall thinks it is "up to us" to show what we have ever done, we may point to this magazine devoted purely to Astrology, founded by us in August 1890 and still running after close on twenty-five years CONTINUOUS existence. It would be too much to say that this feat *cannot be* duplicated by others, but it is a fact that up to the present it *has not been*.

And we think most readers will be inclined to agree that this fact, in which we feel a certain justifiable pride, does furnish some ground for our claim to be regarded as serious exponents and earnest upholders of the Science of Astrology, honestly concerned that the field shall be cleared of charlatans and that the public shall be placed in a position to distinguish the qualified from the unqualified.

The Correspondence Lessons have been examined by those competent to express a critical opinion, and not only satisfaction has been expressed, but surprise, that the subjects have been dealt with so thoroughly and completely yet at the same time so simply.

ERRATUM.—On p. 103 February, letter "Uranus in the Seventh," the position of Venus in the first horoscope should be $m_{23\frac{1}{2}}$ not $ng_{23\frac{1}{2}}$.

National Astrology

NEW MOON, April 14, 1915, 11.36 a.m.

☉	♄	♃	♂	♁	♅	♃	♁
♈ 23.27	♈ 6.15	♈ 15.7	♈ 28.9	♈ 16.19	♈ 27.22	♈ 15.7	♈ 27.39
	x	xi	xii	i	ii		iii
(1) ♈ 17	♄ 27	♃ 7	♁ 8	♅ 25	♃ 17		♁ 17
(2) ♈ 21	♁ 1	♃ 10	♁ 10	♅ 28	♃ 20		♁ 20
(3) ♄ 1	♁ 11	♃ 19	♁ 18	♅ 5	♃ 29		♁ 29
(4) ♄ 18	♃ 2	♁ 7	♃ 3	♅ 20	♁ 14		♃ 8
(5) ♄ 29	♁ 25	♃ 2	♄ 20	♁ 16	♃ 8		

(1) London (2) Brussels (3) Berlin (4) Petrograd (5) New York

THE lunation falls in the mid-heaven at London, in sextile to Saturn in the eleventh house and in square to Neptune in the twelfth. This brings strength and good fortune to the monarch, the government and those in authority; national credit and reputation will be assured, and much beneficial activity in government departments may be expected. A distinct measure of success and increase of prestige will follow, for the Sun rules the map and is exalted in the mid-heaven. This applies also to Paris and Brussels, and the luminaries are very close to the meridian in Holland and Switzerland. From Berlin eastward to Petrograd they are definitely west of the meridian and are in the ninth house, and therefore give less political strength and good fortune, and rather make national events dependent upon countries and happenings at a distance.

This would be a fortunate and rather peaceful map if it were not for three contrary influences: the square of Neptune to the Sun and Moon from the twelfth house; the square of Mars in the ninth to Saturn in the eleventh; and the setting of Uranus. The first of these shows secret intrigue, treachery, espionage, danger at sea, and crime at home. The second, taken with the position of Jupiter and Venus on the cusp of the ninth, shows great naval activity and much success, but attended with some heavy loss; underhand proceedings on the part of enemies and disregard of international law; treachery and deception at sea; attempts to cause disputes and ill-feeling between

allies. There is likely to be cutting of cables; trouble with wireless telegraphy, and difficulties and loss in connection with transport and the sea. The same aspect shows some serious trouble and delay introduced into the proceedings in Parliament; the death of a prominent member, and some danger of party splits; but the ruling power will hold its own.

The position of Uranus in the seventh house thwarts for the time all efforts towards peace which are likely to be made. If this map had permitted, the conjunction of Jupiter and Venus on the cusp of the seventh house of the map for the SPRING QUARTER would have tended strongly in the direction of peace and harmony. The death of some one in a high position in the state is indicated.

At New York the lunation falls in the twelfth house, Uranus will be in the tenth, and Neptune near the cusp of the fourth; positions not favourable for the President or the government. Mars ruling the seventh squaring Saturn in the second shows a continuance of foreign troubles and heavy financial and trade difficulties and losses.

The following shows how the place of the lunation affects various horoscopes:

KING GEORGE	♄ ♃ Δ ♁	QUEEN OF HOLLAND	♄ ♃
CZAR	♄ ♄	KING OF BELGIUM	♄ ♁ Δ ♄
PRES. POINCARÉ	♄ ♃	H. H. ASQUITH	♄ ♄
KING OF ITALY	♁ ♃	GENERAL JOFFRE	♄ ♃
GERMAN EMPEROR	Δ ♄	D. LLOYD GEORGE	♄ ♁ Δ ♃
AUSTRIAN EMPEROR	♁ ♄ ♃ Δ ☉		

W. B. writes:—"The following birth data of army leaders will be of interest to your readers:—Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria 18/5/69, Munich; Field-Marshal von Hindenburg, 2/10/47, Posen; Archduke Friedrich of Austria, 4/6/56, Seelowitz (Moravia); General Moritz von Auffenberg, 22/5/52 "in the evening," Troppau. The exact birth times I have not been able to obtain."

NOT A CROSS WORD FOR FIFTY YEARS.—M. and Mme. Dejardin, who celebrated their golden wedding at Liège on Sunday, 21/9/1913, boasted that during the whole fifty years a cross word had never passed between them, says the *Daily Express*. The noon positions of the planets for 21/9/1863 are as follow:—☉ ♈ 28, ♃ ♈ 10, ♄ ♈ 24, ♀ ♈ 9 1/2, ♁ ♈ 2, ♂ ♈ 29, ♃ ♈ 7, ♁ ♈ 25, ♃ ♈ 5, no less than five planets being in the house of Venus

NOTES ON SOME RECENT EVENTS

We have pointed out on more than one occasion (XI 564, XII 93) that the map for the Sun's entry in Capricorn on December 22 1914 was decidedly militant not only for Europe but also for the United States, and that this was the most martial of the four quarterly maps for America. The Sun and Mars were in conjunction in the mid-heaven at New York in opposition to Saturn in the fourth, and the events that followed have certainly showed the significance of these strong positions. The sale of the German merchant steamer *Dacia* to a German-American to convey cotton to Germany under the U.S.A. flag was the first important occurrence, and was followed by the sailing of the American owned vessel, the *Wilhelmina*, laden with corn for Germany, which put into Falmouth and was detained there by the British authorities. Then came the would-be blockade of the British coast by German submarines and the threat that they would torpedo all vessels whether British or neutral without warning, which called forth much opposition and protest from the United States Government. The map also showed Mercury, lord of the fourth and seventh, exactly on the cusp of the tenth house in opposition to Saturn but in sextile to Jupiter, and therefore we pointed out (p. 93) that "the trouble may exhaust itself diplomatically. In any case, however, foreign affairs will be very complicated." These notes are written before the quarter is ended, and the situation is still perilous and much diplomatic correspondence has taken place between the U.S.A. and Germany.

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On January 13, at 7.53 a.m. a very destructive earthquake occurred in Italy which was felt more or less all over that country but caused most damage a few miles round Rome and resulted in the loss of many thousand lives. It has been pointed out more than once that the opposition of the Sun and Jupiter from Scorpio to Taurus, the two earthquake signs (and in angles in the King of Italy's horoscope, by the way) is characteristic of such occurrences. The King of Italy's directions were given last December, and we remarked that

"the chief danger, however, lies in Mars to the opposition of Uranus"; and that this was correct is shown by the fact that on the day of the earthquake the Sun was transiting the opposition of the place of this Uranus and the conjunction of Mars, thus affording stimulus to the direction; and the shock occurred at sunrise. Also Mars was transiting within orbs of the opposition of Uranus. We predicted earthquake shocks from the map for the winter quarter (p. 565) although we did not succeed in locating them in Italy.

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The setting of Mars at Berlin and Vienna at the time of the New Moon of January 15 (p. 41) resulted as was anticipated in an intensification of the war during the following month both on the eastern and western fronts. The expectation that fighting would take place upon German and Austrian territory was fulfilled in the Russian invasion of East Prussia and of Bukovina, although they were unable to retain their hold on these districts and were subsequently compelled to retreat before superior numbers. The idea also entertained from this position of Mars, that other enemies would be raised up to enter the field against Germany and Austria, came very near the facts although it did not quite reach them, for during this month Roumania became very active and seemed likely to intervene at almost any moment, although she has not actually done so up to the time of writing these notes (February 23rd). At that time occurred the Turkish attempt to invade Egypt, a failure. Gemini is said to rule the north east part of Africa, and the presence of Saturn in that sign badly aspected both at the September equinox and the December solstice of 1914, has made itself felt in a number of the districts ruled by the sign; e.g. Armenia, Belgium, Brabant, Flanders, Lombardy (bordering on both Austria and Germany), the United States, the west of England (where shipping has been attacked by submarines), etc., etc.

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On a previous occasion (p. 46) we pointed out that at the Full Moon of January 31 five of the heavenly bodies would be within the limits of the sign Aquarius. A map of the heavens at the time of the Full Moon at London, 4.41 a.m. showed all five in the second or money house, with the Moon in opposition from the eighth. Maps for the time of Full Moon, although of some interest, have not usually so

much significance as those for New Moon; but on the present occasion, probably because of the strong positions, it was of interest. During the following week a conference of financial ministers held in France decided that Great Britain, France and Russia would pool their financial interests for certain defined purposes in connection with the war; and there were debates in Parliament on the high price of some articles of food and on other subjects involving money matters. This Full Moon was followed by the Eclipse of the Sun on February 14 (p. 83), when six heavenly bodies were in the second house at London, so that it continued the financial influence. Five planets were in airy signs at this eclipse, and the state of matter called air normally draws together and unites; so that this community of financial interests occurring at an eclipse in the airy sign Aquarius in the second house is very characteristic.

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After the airy influence of Aquarius there followed, of course, the watery Pisces. The would-be blockade of the British Isles by submarines was announced by Germany to begin on February 18; the Sun entered Pisces the next day, and the torpedoing of British and neutral merchant vessels at once began, and a British and French Fleet bombarded the Dardanelle forts. The New Moon of March 15 (p. 114) shows five planets in watery signs, and a continuance of naval activity of great importance is to be expected.

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Another accompaniment of the strong positions in Aquarius was an increase in the number and importance of the raids by aircraft. There were a good many of these, but that of February 16, two days after the New Moon in Aquarius was the most important; for then forty British and French aeroplanes assailed various German positions along the Belgian coast; the largest affair of the kind ever undertaken up to that time. The conjunction of Mars and Uranus in Aquarius took place only the day before, and the map for the time of conjunction, 3.54 a.m., was very similar to that for the New Moon, six planets being again in the second house and Saturn in the seventh.

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In the *Indian Astrological Magazine* for March 1914 an article

appeared containing predictions of the events to be expected during the astrological year to follow, based upon a map for "the time of commencement of the Solar year on Monday 13th April 1914, at about midday,"—the reference being apparently to the Indian zodiac of constellations. The following quotations taken from the article will show that some of them at any rate have been justified by events.

"Countries governed by Taurus and Saturn will suffer to a considerable extent and the war fever will be at its highest pitch." Saturn's signs include amongst other places Russia, Prussia, and parts of Eastern Europe.

"There will be great disturbances in England and the Irish question will assume a threatening aspect. In France, Germany, Russia and Turkey, councils of war, increase of military expenditure, public demonstrations of defiance against law and authority, will assume a serious aspect, and the relationship among the first-rate powers of Europe, in spite of *ententes cordiales*, will be very highly strained. A European war is threatened."

"Two deaths among the European royalties are indicated and one of them will be from violence or treachery." King Carol of Roumania died 10/10/14. The Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the throne of Austria, was assassinated 28/6/14.

"Political relations all over the world during the months of August and September will be highly excited" (the war began in August).

LADY ELIZABETH CUST, widow of Sir Reginald Cust, who suddenly expired while on her way to church on the morning of Good Friday last, was born about 8 a.m., September 30th, 1830, at Cobham Hall. She was one of the oldest and a continuous subscriber to MODERN ASTROLOGY. The late Lady Elizabeth Cust was a well-known figure in London Society during the Victorian era, and was connected with the starting of many successful charitable enterprises—among them, the Parochial Mission Women's Fund and the House Boy Brigade. The branch of the House Boy Brigade in the Belgravia district had since its foundation been managed by Lady Elizabeth Cust, who maintained her active interest in its welfare up to the last.

In addition to these charitable works she was known to many as an accomplished and accurate historian and genealogist. The horoscope is as follows:—x ♀ 6, xi ♀ 10, xii ♀ 7, i ♀ 27, ii ♀ 24, iii ♀ 28; ☉ ♀ 7, ☽ ♀ 9, ♃ ♀ 28, ♀ ♀ 16, ♁ ♀ 23, ♃ ♀ 9, ♃ ♀ 27, ♃ ♀ 6, ♃ ♀ 20. Note ♃ ♀ I.C. for the suddenness of the end.

Easter-tide

IF one turns one's attention more and more to the Other-Side of things and tries to equalise more and more the amount of time spent in concentrating first upon things of the outer world and then upon things of the inner life, one becomes gradually more sensitive to certain moments in the year when time and eternity seem to embrace, when inner and outer combine and a new *régime* holds sway. Also one becomes aware of certain activities, normal mundane activities which, while bearing a perfectly natural interpretation in daily life, are equally capable of being construed according to the rules of inner life. And the point which has been of great interest to me is that in my own experience these moments have almost invariably coincided with days which one or other of the various religions have held as sacred fasts, feasts or festivals. And the activities which most easily and readily respond to this double construction, are just those activities which religions have held to be the true sacraments. Why then have these special days been called sacred, why have these particular acts been consecrated?

In ordinary life one is aware of two distinct modes of consciousness, the one turned outward, which we all use in the world of men, the other turned inward, which we attempt to use in the world of Ideas during deep meditation. I think all who have practised concentration and meditation enough to be able to stand aside from the mind and analyse, watch, or play with its activities, will readily agree that there is a distinct change in focus of the brain for these two complementary activities. But there are certain moments in time when there seems to be no need for this refocusing, when one's mind-camera need not be turned first here then there, when it is able to take a complete picture without any self-adjusting, when the whole landscape lies open before it; and these moments have occurred for me on such days as Ash Wednesday, during the five days at Easter, at the summer solstice, the autumnal equinox and for three days at Christmas. Moreover the power of these moments when time and eternity embrace

is most marked in those years when the vital force of the sun is either playing upon the earth in conjunction with the moon, or in opposition to it: that is to say, when new or full moon happens to fall near the date of the fixed festival.

Easter is not a fixed festival, fortunately. May we never become so lacking in spiritual perception, so engrossed with the conveniences of worldly life, as to be blind to the true power of this festival and kill it by cutting it loose from its true roots. The date of Easter is fixed upon an astronomical basis, it is dependent upon the interaction of the sun and moon, the two great male and female forces in the world around us, as the ancients called them; the two great bodies upon whom we rely entirely for life and generation. Without the sun we should die, without the moon we could not generate.

Let us consider the play of the sun and the moon at Easter. When the ratio or angle of these two forces is very simple, either a conjunction or an opposition, then the intensity is greatest, that is to say at new or full moon. When this intensifying of the power occurs just as the sun is crossing the line, that is to say at the vernal equinox, then the power is doubly great, for we get a further simplification of the angle between the sun and the path or plane of the earth.

We are so accustomed to think of the sun as some great distant orb up in the skies, far away from us, that we are apt to forget that his influence penetrates the whole world, that every atom of our bodies, every atom of substance in the world is bathed in his life-giving rays; but in some states of consciousness this is more apparent to the man than is the outer disc. In that state of consciousness connected with wholeness, there is neither night nor day, for the sun is ever shining through and upon the man, and the moon is ever wrapping him round in her shroud of mystery.

If then we think of the earth and moon as moving about within the sun's sphere of influence, each in its own direction, it is easy to imagine, as astrologers do, that the angle at which their varying rays interpenetrate is of immense importance. Now it is an axiom with all mystics that man is a microcosm bearing an exact likeness to the macrocosm or world-system in which he lives. Let us picture man as a world-system, his heart the solar orb, his lungs the moon. The interplay between the inner activities of these organs is of vital

importance, for it is upon the relationship between the breathing of the lungs and the pulsing of the heart that all varying states of consciousness depend. In precisely the same way, to the man who is beginning to be dimly aware of an extension of consciousness, of a sort of further Nature-consciousness, the inter-activities between the pulsing rays of the sun, and the moon breaths, are of exceeding great importance; upon these depend all his varying modes of awareness.

After intense exertion, when the heart is beating rapidly and the breath is drawn quickly, the mind of man is alert and capable of clear and rapid thinking; his eye is bright and full of life, he sees argument and reason clearly. In states of contemplation, when the mind is indrawn, when the breath is deep and slow, when the heart well-nigh stops its pulse and the eye stares with a dull fixity into space, then the mind is no more capable of clear and rapid thinking; it has changed its mode and its measure, it no more reasons or argues with itself, it basks and bathes in knowledge.

Just as the man who trains and teaches his body to become an instrument of his will, finds that his breathing alters and varies with his mental states, also that his mental states are equally sensitive to his breathing, so the man who is beginning to be sensitive to the great Nature-breaths begins to find that his states of consciousness vary with these. When the ratios are complex and the life breath is split up into small fractions, the pulsings are rapid and the mind works well, the eye looks forth into the world with keenness and good observation; but when the ratios become simple, then is the time for outer activity to cease, then is the time for meditation and contemplation, for the life-pulse has changed its value, and the natural tendency is towards grasping knowledge whole, without consideration of details. These are not the moments to reason about things, but to lay down the ground plan which can be thought over afterwards. And as man learns to work with these Nature-flows, he finds the mind works more easily, he finds the body more readily responds to varying modes of consciousness, and he attains to a certain freedom and ease of movement both in body and mind.

Man the microcosm, Nature the macrocosm; let us play with the idea still further. The interaction between lungs and heart, between moon and sun is going on all the year round; at times the ratios are

simple, at other times complex. In most men these two activities are almost unnoticed. Even so is it with the man who is disciplining himself; his states of concentration and meditation vary, he finds his mind turning first forth, then in, without making any marked impression on him, till the moment comes when the sun cuts the plane of the ecliptic. Then he is aroused, almost startled by the shock. What has happened? Just as the man who trains his breathing finds after a time that his mind responds to his breath, so at the next stage of development, he who has been practising these various modes of mind-operation connected with sun and moon, suddenly finds some inner mind or person respond to the higher training, and at such moments as Easter, if he be keeping the festival sacred, he finds a further state of exaltation possible for him. But for this there must be a still further cessation of outer activity. If he would have his inmost nature respond to this still more subtle happening, he must spend the previous days in fasting and prayer, for prayer is the breathing of the soul.

The festival of Easter is fixed according to the sun, the moon and the earth, and the Nature-man finds that it is connected for him with three distinct modes of awareness. It is at this moment that he is able, by means of these wider sweeps, greater pulses, to rise and respond to another mode of awareness, when time and eternity are both lost in Being.

MINNIE B. THEOBALD.

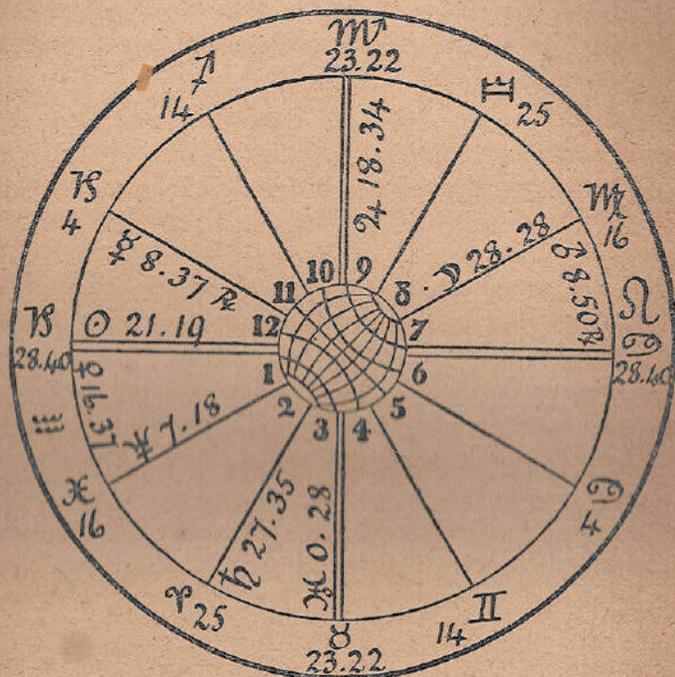
SALT, SULPHUR, AND MERCURY

SUBSTANCE.—*That unknown and invisible something which may manifest itself either as matter or force; in other words, that substratum of all things, which is energy in one of its aspects, and matter in another.*

The Three Substances, Salt, Sulphur, and Mercury represent the trinity of all things. They are the basis of all existence, and in each of these three substances the other two are contained. They form an inseparable Unity, in a Trinity, differing, however, in its aspects and manifestations. Consequently, in some things the Salt, in others the Sulphur, and in still others the Mercury is pre-eminently manifest. They represent Thought, Word, and Form; Body, Soul and Spirit; Earth, Water and Fire; Five, Light and Heat, etc.

The alchemical terms Salt, Sulphur and Mercury here used, do not of course refer to the salt, sulphur and mercury of the chemist; though there is probably a certain correspondence.

The Birth-Time of General Joffre



☉ 21.46 S	☾ 17.26 S	♂ 8.18 N
☽ 5.11 N	♃ 22.10 N	♄ 11.10 N
♁ 19.50 S	♅ 16.22 S	♆ 9.37 S

THE HOROSCOPE OF GENERAL JOFFRE: born 8 a.m., 12/1/1852,
Rivesaltes, 42.47 N, 2.53 E

IN the January issue on page 13 we stated that the birth-time of General Joffre was unknown and we then expressed the hope that it would eventually be obtained. We are now glad to announce that this is the case, for a photographic reproduction of an official copy of the birth certificate of General Joffre has been published in *L'illustration* for 2 January 1915—a high class journal published at 13 Rue Saint Georges, Paris (price 1fr. 25c. post free).

The following is a free translation, the words printed in the official form being here reproduced in ordinary type while the written words appear in italics:

DEPARTMENT
OF THE
EASTERN PYRENEES

DISTRICT
OF
PERPIGNAN

CANTON
OF
RIVESALTES

BIRTHS

No. 14
Birth of
*Joseph
Jacques Césaire
Joffre*

*Married at Paris 16^e
the 26th of
April, 1905
to Henriette
Rosalie Penou*

TOWN OF RIVESALTES

EXTRACT FROM THE CIVIL STATE REGISTERS

In the year *one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two*, and the *fourteenth day of January*, at ten o'clock in the morning, before us *Louis Amoureux, Mayor and Officer* of the Civil State of the town of Rivesaltes, capital of the Canton, district of Perpignan, department of the Eastern Pyrenees, *Gilles Joffre, Cooper*, aged *twenty-nine* years, living at Rivesaltes made his appearance and presented to us a child of the male sex, whom he told us was born, on the *twelfth day of the current [month]* at *8 o'clock in the morning*, in his residence situated in that town, certified by him and by *Catherine Plas* his wife, without profession, aged *29* years, living at Rivesaltes, and to the said child he declares his wish to give the names of *Joseph Jacques Césaire*.

The said declarations and presentation have been made in the presence of *MM. Etienne Berdagne*, aged *50* years, and *Jean Pierre Raymond Razons*, aged *25* years, the necessary witnesses, who have signed the present "Acte" with us and the father declarant, after having read the same

[Here follow the signatures.]

The horoscope published on page 14 of the January issue was a horoscope *rectified* from published events in the General's life, the time being brought to 2.42 a.m. We refrained from giving a lengthy judgment on this horoscope owing to the fact that the birthtime was unknown, and we did not feel so sure of the rectification as did the mathematician who made it, although to give him the credit for the work which he deserves, he took much pains and spent a great deal of time over the work. No astrologer, however, who knows the difficulties to be faced in the working of rectifications will guarantee a rectification when the approximate hour is unknown—for there are always four possible points of error in working arcs of direction at an angle of 90°, there being four distinct angles in a period of twenty-four hours, and it is not always possible to be sure which one will give the true ascendant.

The horoscope now published has been cast for 8 a.m. as stated

on the birth certificate, and no attempt has at present been made to rectify this time, but later on a rectification will be made and the process of rectification published.

This horoscope shows the sign Capricorn $28^{\circ} 40'$ rising with Saturn the ruling planet in the sign Aries in the third house. The planet Jupiter is on the meridian in the sign Scorpio, and Mars setting in the sign Leo.

The Sun has risen and is just leaving a sextile aspect (60°) of Jupiter and applying to the trine aspect of the Moon, but also to the square aspect (90°) of the ruling planet Saturn. The silent and determined nature of the General is better exemplified in this map than the former one and the genius of Saturn in conjunction with Uranus is seen to better advantage in the third house than in the sixth.

The present horoscope shows him to be more the man of action, the angular position being much more pronounced and decisive than in the map previously given. The position of the Moon also accords more with the conditions in the latter portion of the life than in the former map.

It shows, however, some very critical influences operating three years from now, when his life will certainly be in danger, particularly in the spring of 1918. His health may then cause some anxiety to the nation, but the many kind and loving thoughts that will be sent to him from his countrymen all over the world will do much to preserve him and bring him safely through his trials at that time.

The progressed Sun in trine aspect to the planet Mars will bring him some glorious victories during the summer of this year.

The Kaiser's ruler, the Moon, is placed in the eighth house of this horoscope, and the General's Mars is on the Kaiser's Saturn.

We shall have more to say about this interesting nativity later.

HAPPINESS must be earned, like other good things, else it cannot be held. It can be deserved only where its price has been somehow paid. Nothing worth having is given away in this world—nor in any other that we know of. No one rides "dead-head" on the road to happiness. He who tries to do so, never reaches his destination. He is left in the dumps.—
D. S. JORDAN.

Obiter Dicta

"An *obiter dictum*, in the language of the law, is a gratuitous opinion, an individual impertinence, which, whether it be wise or foolish, right or wrong, bindeth none—not even the lips that utter it."

OLD JUDGE.

ASTROLOGERS AND THE WAR

(Translated from the "*Neue Metaphysische Rundschau*," January 1915)

When the Great War broke out, occultists of all camps were assailed with the question: What say the stars? Who will win, according to the aspects?—and, not altogether to the credit of the astrologers, it must be admitted that each gave a different verdict. The Englishman found that his country was fortunately rayed; the German rejoiced at the lucky star of Germany; and so forth. The "detachment" [objectivität] of astrological science went altogether to pieces.

We should not however charge our learned astrologers, whether on this or that side of the boundary, too gravely with partiality. Everyone loves his own country and his own people, and it is easier and perhaps also preferable to believe that which one wishes, than cold-bloodedly to dissect oneself. Hence to-day is hardly the proper time to realise the great lessons which astrological science is giving us through this war. That will only be possible after peace has come. We will however select a few interesting items out of the mass of matter lying before us. Each, as the reader will see, sees the world-situation through his own national spectacles, and so the different opinions stand forth in vivid contrast. Although most astrologers had judged that a world war was immanent, many had expressed the hope that it was avoidable; that it must come, lay like a nightmare in the air; and that the astrologers should gallop over immediate events towards the great conclusion, is only too easily understood. This conclusion is, no more than was the commencement of the war, given over to an unalterable fate—it becomes through the intensity with which the several peoples absorb the prevailing influences in the universe, and make use of them. The more willingly and consciously a Nation and its leading individuals give themselves up to the instreaming of spiritual forces, the more powerfully will the destiny of that Nation come to their aid.

There was a moment, before the outbreak of war, when the fate of the

world lay trembling at the point of the knife—when the decision, for and against, was given into the hands of individual men. Germany had fully seized this moment, she had with admirable greatness declared her willingness to provide peace. Towards East and West she stretched her hands. Had the leading statesmen in Russia and England been willing to lay hold of the principle of the spiritual brotherhood of mankind—it depended only on their will—the War would have been avoided! The peoples would willingly have allowed themselves to be led to a higher, a common goal. There was a moment, when self-control in the service of the common good, in the service of spiritual insight, might have held back the heavy fate of the year 1914! In the stars this point of divergence stands clearly written. There was no overwhelming compulsion that had inevitably brought war and thereby shifted the responsibility from the guiding and guilty persons. But after the enemy States had by their own free choice rejected the opportunity to behave with true greatness, there was for the planetary influences no further restraint. The spiritual powers, the divine legions, stand on the side of those who have opened themselves to the spiritual powers—Germany and Austria. Now will destiny inexorably overwhelm all those who have placed themselves in opposition to the last and highest principle of the universe—Love. And now, with every hour we shape the march of things according to the way in which we respond to the vibrations of the moment. Not for an instant does our responsibility for our actions and their consequences cease. Each moment we must strive to mould our destiny by the complete surrender [Einsatz] of the personality. What possibilities are offered for this moulding, the rise and fall, advance and retreat, good and ill—this is at all times to be discerned in the stars. Ours to avail ourselves of that which is constructive and to let go that which is destructive. . . .

[After this the writer proceeds to review *Zadkiel's Almanac* for 1914, then recent numbers of MODERN ASTROLOGY, and several other astrological war publications English, Dutch and German. What will interest our readers is that although he reprints the greater part of Mr Becker's letter from our December issue he omits our Notes, merely referring to them as 'comments,' saying "the political part of the letter I omit, as it concerns facts well known in Germany"—although one would think our Notes showed that the facts were *not* well known to the German public. Mr Becker's second letter (in our March issue) is also quoted, and one is glad of this, as his astrological observations on the war are distinctly on a higher level astrologically than those of other German astrologers we have seen.

As to the criticisms of ourselves, they may be summed up as "entirely biassed, ignorant of facts and of history." Apart from that, we are more endurable [erträglich] than others.]

Answers to Questions¹

TESTING PRENATAL EPOCH.—You publish in "Casting the Horoscope" a method of rectifying the time of birth entitled the *Trutine of Hermes*. On examination however this theory practically denies the possibility of a man being born except at certain specified hours of any day. There should be enough data procurable in any large hospital to test this and I would much like to know whether it is borne out by fact. (287)

So should we! We fancy you can have little experience of the practical difficulty—impossibility almost—of carrying out any systematic investigation of this kind.

In the first place it requires willing co-operation, in the second place intelligent co-operation, in the third interested co-operation. And even willing co-operation is, at present, all too hard to secure.

When once doctors become genuinely interested in these matters, something will be done. Until then, statistical investigation (worthy the name) must remain an unrealised ideal. Remember that, in view of the elasticity of the factors involved—'regular' and 'irregular' epochs, etc.—in order to settle the question mere knowledge that birth occurred at say 1.10 p.m. on a certain date is not enough. One requires the time more accurately—at least to within ten seconds, and that, too, correct to Standard Time.

By the way have you ever experienced the difficulty there is, in practice, in obtaining RELIABLE standard time? Chronometers in good shops vary from ten to forty seconds, yet all say "Greenwich Time"—not thinking it necessary to mention the excess or defect in seconds. This, too, in the most important centres of London—Bank, Strand, Charing Cross, Regent Street, Bond Street, and so forth. One student known to us, living in the suburbs, has actually installed an apparatus for obtaining time by observations of the Sun, owing to the difficulty of securing Greenwich Time locally. These minutiae

¹ Questions must be of GENERAL INTEREST. They should be written upon one side of the paper only, a separate sheet of paper being used for each separate question, and addressed to Question Department, "Modern Astrology" Office, 40, Imperial Buildings, Ludgate Circus, E.C.

may seem trifles, and so they would be as regards ordinary horoscopolical work, but for the purposes of such an investigation as you propose they become important.

Then one needs to know what is meant by "birth" (see p. 59 of *Casting the Horoscope*). The first complete breath, usually accompanied by a cry, is usually regarded as the moment of birth, in the astrological sense. But a doctor or nurse would probably give you *delivery*.

The foregoing considerations will make it clear that a mass of VAGUE data, which might no doubt be obtained readily enough through the good offices of some kind nurse, would be no use at all. No investigator would touch it. The simplest examination of any one case means a good deal of figuring, and no one is likely to enter on that with a view to proof or disproof unless he is certain that it is, so to speak, firm rock, and not shifting ground.

It is a fact, however, that in a great number—perhaps the large majority—of cases, the Regular Epoch as explained in Chapter VIII of *Casting the Horoscope* does yield a birthtime sufficiently accordant with the stated time, as to justify faith in the method. That is as much as may safely be asserted at our present stage as regards statistical evidence.

But any student who can furnish accurately timed birth-data (first cry), correct to within ten seconds of standard time (as shown by a reliable watch compared subsequently with some standard clock showing seconds, and of which the error from true time is *known*), will be doing a very great service indeed to the cause of science in this matter.

SEXUAL DEBILITIES.—*What combination or combinations in a horoscope produce in a person (a) "Sexual Infantilism" ? (b) Impotency ?* (288)

(a) Weak lunar conditions and those influences denoting the generative system to be improperly organised by *latency*, etc. (b) Severe affliction between Saturn, the Sun, Mercury, and Venus. It is not wise to judge from one or two indications only; the whole horoscope reveals these conditions better than isolated combinations. Sexual depravities take so many forms that it is difficult to illustrate isolated cases. Generally speaking Jupiter has much to do with this matter and afflictions between Saturn and Jupiter denote weakness in the majority of cases.

SECOND WIFE.—*Which combination or combinations in a horoscope denote that a woman will be only the second or third wife of a person and never the first ?* (289)

The separation and application of solar aspects would denote this. It often happens that a separating aspect indicates a broken engagement or prevention of marriage in some way; but the *applications*, in the majority of cases, coincide with marriage. The real reason and the practical answer to the question would be, that the woman was destined to marry a widower. In Eastern horoscopes this would not always apply,—but then Eastern methods differ from Western.

DRAGON'S TAIL.—*Kêthu in twelfth in the death-chart (i.e., the horoscope for the time of the last breath of a person): I have invariably found Kêthu in twelfth (in some cases fifth) in the death-chart of saintly personages who can be expected to have therewith final liberation. This is corroborated by the fact that Kêthu in the fifth or twelfth in a nativity chart is considered to be the gnânakâraka (i.e., the significator for Spiritual Wisdom). Have any of our astrological friends in the West any remarks to offer on this point from their experience ?* (290)

We shall be glad to publish any comments from students upon this question. It is not a familiar one to Western Students, therefore all the more interesting. Kethu is the Moon's descending node.

TERMINUS VITÆ.—*Hindu Astrology (e.g., Brihat Jâtaka, ch. vii) gives ways for fixing the duration of life of a person—a rough estimate by mere inspection of the horoscope, and a precise result by detailed working. Is there any such method in Western Astrology by which we can, without working out year by year the "Directions," fix the time of death of an individual ?* (291)

Yes, skilful Astrologers can, by a study of the nativity, give a rough estimate of the *limit* of life, but Western Astrologers are generally speaking somewhat less fatalistic than their Hindu brothers.

PSYCHIC POWERS.—*This person is claimed by many in India to possess psychic powers. Does the horoscope show signs of such possession ? Horoscope:—x ☾8, xi ♃7, xii ♃13, i ♃19, ii ♃17, iii ☽12; ☉=23.17, ☽120.5, ♃17.29, ♃122.20, ♃152.0, ♃120.58, ♃1526.18, ♃10.11, ♃17.17.* (292)

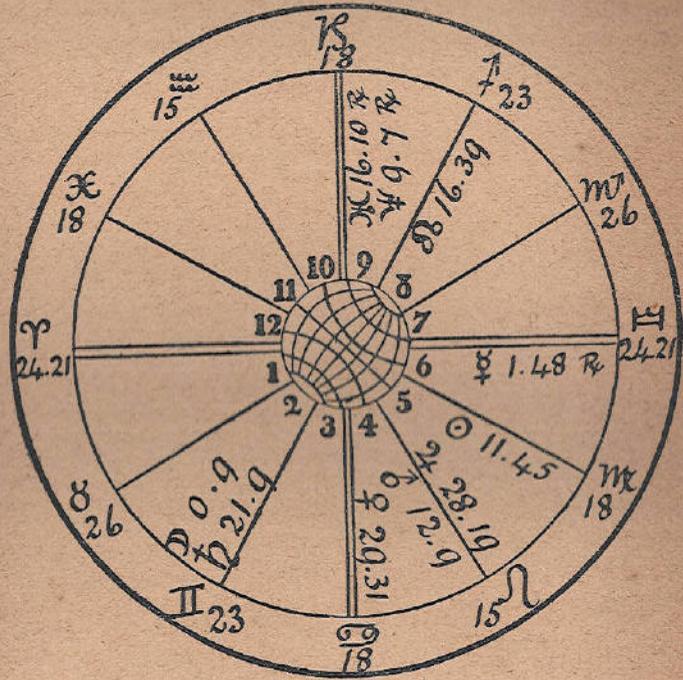
Yes.

EARTH IN HOROSCOPE.—*Why is not the earth represented in the horoscope; has it no influence? Should it not be placed in the sign opposite the Sun ?* (293)

The earth is represented by the *centre* of the horoscope, the point on which all aspects are focussed. Study chapter xiii of *Casting the Horoscope*, and you will then understand why placing a symbol to represent the Earth, in the sign opposite to that in which the Sun is placed, is meaningless.

The Horoscope of Dadabhai Naoroji, Esq.,
The Grand Old Man of India

By THE EDITOR



IN all parts of the world there are students of Astrology who owe their first introduction to the subject to the pages of MODERN ASTROLOGY.

Mr C. D. Limjee of Bombay, India, is one of those students who not content with our ideas alone has investigated the subject from all standpoints, embracing all the best to be found in the East as well as the West, and who now after many years' study and practice is convinced that we have sounded the true note of a higher and deeper presentation of Astrology than any that has hitherto been attempted.

It is more than fifteen years since Mr Limjee took up his studies under our influence and he proved such an apt pupil that we

recommended him to many persons in India as a thoroughly reliable practitioner, and in consequence his work has been recognised by several Maharajahs and other influential persons in India. Mr Limjee comes of a good family, and was at one time a very wealthy man owning large estates. It is to him we are indebted for the birth time of Dadabhai Naoroji, Esq., whose horoscope we now publish.

At birth the sign Aries, the first sign of the zodiac, was rising, and the third or Sagittarian decanate. Mars is the ruling planet placed in the royal sign Leo, on the cusp of the fifth house, representing merit accruing from the past.

This is just the position we should expect for so worthy a follower of the Zoroastrian faith, one of the most beautiful and inspiring faiths the world has ever seen. It teaches redemption through purity, and the worship of "fire," the true living fire of the Sun, which in the olden days the priests used to draw down from heaven to light the sacred fires of the altar. It is the faith most closely allied to astrology of any we have known. Even to this day we find the Parsees more sincere in their belief in Astrology than those of any other religious faith. It is therefore especially interesting to have before us a representative map of a true follower of Zoroaster, and we should naturally expect to find the pure fire element of the sign Leo drawing out the emotional fire of the ruling planet Mars.

This position denotes an abundance of vitality, vigour, and the enterprising spirit of an active force which makes for progress and liberty. This vital energy remains active until the close of life.

The planets in this nativity are well distributed, denoting versatility, adaptability, and readiness for change.

The Moon and Saturn are rising in the sign Gemini, with the Moon applying to the trine aspect of Mercury showing high intellectual attainments, a refined mind, and an artistic tendency making the mind fond of music, art and literature.

Saturn in sextile aspect to Jupiter is a fortunate and favourable position influencing the third and fifth houses. It favours longevity and denotes a meritorious life. It sustains and preserves the body, giving it much power of resistance and sufficient caution and self-preserving instinct to prolong life by healthy living.]

From the majority of planets being below the horizon at the time of birth we judge Mr Dadabhai Naoroji to have risen from a humbler position to the fame and renown he now enjoys. He has filled honourable positions and reaped to the full the expansion and moral virtue denoted by the Sun trine Uranus and Neptune. Uranus on the meridian shows the capacity for much originality, and a self constituted moral code more rigid and exacting than any prescribed by the laws of convention or public opinion. It also promises through Capricorn much longevity and prompts the hope that he will become a centenarian, which prospect the horoscope supports, and we gather that he will live to a very advanced age and retain the full possession of his splendid mental faculties to the end, while the position of Venus in the fourth house promises a peaceful and happy termination to his present physical existence.

We judge that while he has learnt the secret of how to conserve his energies, he has never failed in that kindness, generosity and benevolence which Jupiter in Leo rarely fails to bestow upon those under the fiery element. He certainly has a strong sense of honour and loyalty, and we feel sure that at any time should he find it necessary to alter his opinion or acknowledge a mistake he would have no fear or hesitation in doing so.

The trine aspect of Jupiter, ruler of the third decanate of Aries, to the Ascendant has been a wonderfully good asset in this nativity, always acting as a preserving influence, and one that allows for a gradual and safe expansion of physical energy, mental advancement and emotional aspirations.

The religious instincts are deep and profound, and yet we should imagine that he rarely speaks of religion which to him is too sacred and real to express except through his life.

The parallel of the Moon and the planet Saturn has probably brought him domestic sorrows, but we doubt if he has ever resented his fate, having a faith in the wise powers behind the scenes of physical life which we should judge to be unshakable.

The following brief account, extracted from *Who's Who*, gives some idea of the many useful activities which have filled this gentleman's life:—

NAOROJI, Dadabhai, first Indian Member of Parliament; *b.*

Bombay, 4 Sept 1825; *s.* of a Parsi priest; *m.* Gulbai, *d.* Parsi priest. *Educ.*: Elphinstone School and College. First Indian Professor in India Mathematics and Natural Philosophy, 1854; visited England, as partner in first Indian firm in England, 1855; Professor Gujarati, and Life Governor, University College, London; obtained admission of Indians to the Civil Service, 1870; Prime Minister Baroda, 1874; Member of Corporation and Municipal Council, Bombay, 1875-6 and 1881-5; Member Legislative Council, Bombay, 1885-7; promoted Bombay Ripon Technical School, 1885; M.P. (L.) Central Finsbury, 1892-5; great reception in India, 1893; President Indian National Congress, 1886, 1893, and 1906; President London Indian Society for many years; moved for inquiry into Indian affairs in House, 1894; defeated Government *re* Simultaneous Examinations, 1893; only Indian member of a Royal Commission; Member of Inter-Parliamentary Conference at the Hague, 1894; Member of Royal Commission on Indian Expenditure, etc., 1895; gave evidence to the Welby Commission, 1897; Member of British Committee of Indian National Congress from beginning (1889).

Publications: papers on Poverty of India; England's Duties to India; Mysore; Expenses of the Abyssinian War; Indian Civil Service Clause in the Governor-General of India's Bill; Admission of Educated Natives into the Indian Civil Service; Wants and Means of India; Commerce of India; Financial Administration of India; Correspondence with Secretary of State on Condition of India, 1880; Note on General Education; Minute on Technical Education; Reply to Sir Grant Duff in Contemporary Review, 1887; and many papers on Indian social, political, and economic subjects; collection published, 1887: Poverty and Un-British Rule in India, 1901; The Rights of Labour, 1906; Correspondence with Lord George Hamilton, 1900-1901; has addressed many public meetings on India.

Address: The Sands, Kesava, *via* Bombay, and Andheri, B.B. and C.I. Railway.

We are glad to have the nativity of this Grand Old Man of India to add to our character studies, and we thank Mr. Limjee for the opportunity he has given us to publish it.

Twins

THE horoscopes of twins are of perennial interest to students of Astrology, and our readers will therefore be grateful to a student who has furnished the maps here given:—

	x	xi	xii	i	ii	iii
(A)	♌ 4.5	♋ 4	♈ 7	♄ 10.52	♀ 10	♁ 7
(B)	♌ 11.27	♋ 12	♈ 15	♄ 18.40	♀ 17	♁ 14
(C)	♌ 0	♌ 24	♈ 4	♄ 1.24	♀ 24	♁ 12
(D)	♌ 2½	♌ 27	♈ 8	♄ 4.50	♀ 26	♁ 13
(E)	♀ 1½	♁ 9	♄ 12	♄ 8.34	♁ 0	♁ 26
(F)	♀ 26	♄ 3	♄ 3	♄ 26.58	♁ 20	♁ 20
(G)	♁ 8	♁ 4	♁ 23	♄ 8.51	♁ 16	♋ 0
(H)	♁ 16½	♁ 11	♁ 29	♄ 14.41	♁ 24	♋ 10
(I)	♁ 25	♋ 26	♄ 15	♁ 1.46	♁ 18	♄ 4
(J)	♋ 2½	♈ 7	♄ 25	♁ 8.12	♁ 24	♄ 11

	☉	☽	♃	♅	♁	♄	♁	♁	♁
(A)	♋ 18.9	♀ 29.24	♈ 6.16	♈ 28.9	♋ 6.29	♄ 10.20	♁ 3.59	♄ 12.27	♁ 24.13d
(B)	"	♀ 29.42	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
(C)	♁ 2.11	♁ 29.37	♁ 10.8	♈ 28.53	♁ 15.57	♄ 7.47	♁ 28.34	♁ 2.38f	♁ 22.42
(D)	"	♁ 29.42	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
(E)	♁ 9.21	♄ 27.26	♁ 7.22	♄ 24.44	♈ 20.59	♁ 4.40vd	♁ 17.1	♁ 28.6f	♁ 20.50
(F)	9.26	28.23	7.31	24.49	21.2	"	"	"	"
(G)	♁ 22.37	♄ 14.6	♁ 29.56f	♄ 10.39	♁ 25.43f	♋ 20.0	♁ 9.31	♄ 27.22	♁ 4.4f
(H)	22.38	14.21	29.55f	10.41	25.44	"	"	"	"
(I)	♁ 18.20	♁ 3.9	♁ 13.49	♁ 11.19	♁ 20.7	♈ 29.25	♁ 10.28f	♁ 22.19	♁ 29.47
(J)	18.21	5.24	13.51	11.21	20.8	"	"	"	"

Concerning these our correspondent supplies the following particulars:—

BOYS

(A); 9.20 a.m. (local time) Ceylon, 9/3/1900. At present moment alive and well; regarded as "unlucky" by self and family. Always getting into unexpected accidents, difficulties, illnesses. If in a scrape, with others, always the one found out; if out together with others, always the one on whom things fall, or who damages himself! In looks—the best type of Taurus. Parents both alive (1913).

(B); 9.50 a.m. (local time) Ceylon, 9/3/1900. Died April 16th, 1900. Heart weak, liver trouble. Very much the smaller at birth, though otherwise the two were indistinguishable, even by their Mother.

The elder twin was seriously ill also—fever and liver trouble—but pulled through.

(A), the elder, at birth had a round patch on forehead, on which there was one skin-thickness too few. For years the least touch—even without a touch made this bleed—and it was quite a disfigurement. Now (age 13), it has quite grown over, and is not visible.

[Maps calculated for local time, Kandy, Ceylon.]

(C); 2.15 a.m., 24/6/1912, Devonshire. (D); 2.25 a.m., 24/6/1912, Devonshire. [Maps calculated for Exeter.]

BOY AND GIRL

(E), girl; 9.15 a.m., 2/7/1911, Norfolk. Quick, lively, sensitive, active.

(F), boy; 11 a.m., 2/7/1911, Norfolk. Large, calm, slow, placid. (Mother died not long after their birth.)

(G), girl; 5 a.m., 14/1/1904, London, S.E. Extremely pretty, slight, graceful. Very beautiful blue eyes, hair fair and wavy. Intelligent, quick, sweet-tempered.

(H), boy; 5.30 a.m., 14/1/1904, London, S.E. Absurdly like the girl—pretty, graceful, charming. Eyes equally fine, hair straighter. Very *dreamy*, absent-minded, a little slower than the girl. (They lost their mother early.)

All the above times can be relied upon, as they were specially noted, by request, for astrological purposes.

The following are much older, but the father was extremely methodical and exact, and noted the exact hour and minute in the case of all his thirteen children, and the time of the others has been proved correct by the working out of their horoscopes.

(I) Arthur; 0.40 p.m., 7/2/1834, Norwich.

(J) Robert; 1.10 p.m., " " "

Arthur died May 10th, 1834. Robert died May 24th, 1834. I do not know cause of deaths.

Concerning the first pair (A and B) our correspondent in a later letter says: "I may mention one odd fact—the elder twin, Ian, during infancy, regularly became ill when taken to the low-country, while Charles rapidly drooped when up-country. The mother, whose husband was at the front in the Boer war, had to make constant

journeys up and down. She would take them down from Kandy and stay till Ian got really bad; then flee to Kandy—where he revived and Charles got worse; then down again. Finally Charles, I suppose, stayed just too long—and died in the low-country just after getting there. Ian was desperately ill by then—strong *fever* and *liver* much affected, and to save him they went up to Kandy after the other's death, where he rapidly improved, and save for accidents and falls, is strong enough now."

It is not wise to generalise from a couple of cases, but the fact that in two cases (*E*, *F*, *G*, *H*,) the Moon is rising in or near the ascendant, prompts the suggestion that conceptions which occur with the Moon rising or setting (especially in a common sign) predispose to twin-births resulting from a combination of regular and irregular epochs, and it might be profitable to search for instances which would help to decide this. A case is known to the writer of female twins, born under Sagittarius with the Moon *setting* in Gemini.

The difference in appearance noted in the case of (*E*) and (*F*) is interesting, as illustrating the significance of the decanate rulers, which are respectively ♃ ♁ and ♀ ♁, according with the description. Similarly in (*G*) and (*H*) the decanate rulers are ♃ ♁ and ♀ ♁; and in each case the one having the decanate ruler in a *fixed* sign is described as "slower" than his sister.

TWINS SCALDED TO DEATH.—A distressing scalding fatality was investigated by the West Sussex coroner at Lancing, near Worthing, yesterday, the victims being Olive Marjorie and Raymond George Burtenshaw, the 7 months old twin children of a builder's labourer. It transpired that Mrs. Burtenshaw was carrying a saucepan of boiling water from the kitchen fire preparatory to doing some washing, when a plate fell from the wall, the noise so startling her that she dropped the saucepan. The water went over the two children, who were lying on the rug in front of the fire, and both were badly scalded and died later from shock. A verdict of accidental death was returned.—*Daily Telegraph*.

BORN AND DIED TOGETHER.—Last April number of the *Strand Magazine* in an article dealing with remarkable coincidences mentions the following:—In August, 1906, two friends named William Connolly and Patrick Cantwell were drowned by the upsetting of a "Float" on the Grand Canal, near Tullamore, in King's County; they were born on the same day thirty-six years earlier, baptized in the same water, and buried together after a joint funeral.

A Self-made Man

SIR JOHN BARKER, founder of the Kensington Stores, died on December 16th, 1914. He was born April 5 1840 at Loose, a village in Kent, near Maidstone. The planetary positions on this day were as follows:

☉	♃	♅	♁	♁	♃	♃	♁	♃	♃
♏ 15.46	♏ 25.10	♏ 19.55	♏ 16.49	♏ 22.36	♏ 17.14	♏ 21.42	♏ 18.2	♏ 14.25	

The major aspects being: ♃ Δ ♃ and ♁ ♁; ♁ Δ ♃; ♃ Δ ♁ and Δ ♃

He was the eldest son of his father, Mr Joseph Barker, a brewer. The following short account shows his rise in life from obscurity to great wealth and a title.

He was apprenticed at the age of 13 to a draper in Maidstone, and subsequently worked as a junior assistant at Folkestone and Dover. Having completed his apprenticeship he went to London, and after brief periods of services with two other employers in Westbourne Grove, engaged himself to the late Mr Whiteley, who was then carrying on business in a small way. From this time Mr Whiteley's business made rapid headway, Mr Barker being the owner's right-hand man. In a few years the assistant was made manager at a salary of £300 a year. He soon wanted a further increase, and Mr Whiteley agreed to double his salary if he doubled the business in the next year. The business was doubled and so was the manager's salary. Mr Whiteley's business continued to expand, and Mr Barker asked to be taken into partnership. Mr Whiteley offered to increase his salary to £1,000 a year, but could not see his way to making him a partner, whereupon Mr Barker left him and entered into partnership with Mr (afterwards Sir James) Whitehead. A business was opened in a couple of shops in High Street, Kensington, and Mr Whitehead found the necessary capital.

The business of John Barker and Co developed even more rapidly than Mr Whiteley's had done, and shop after shop was taken in. Mr Barker bought out his partner, and not long after decided to transfer his business to a limited liability company, of

which he was to be chairman, the capital being fixed at £250,000. There have since been various extensions of the business of John Barker & Co (Limited), the most notable being the incorporation with it of the firm of Messrs Pontings.

In 1888 Mr Barker stood as a candidate for Parliament in the Liberal interest at a by-election at Maidstone, but was unsuccessful. He was again defeated at a by-election in 1898, and although he was returned at the General Election of 1900 he was unseated on petition. In 1906 he was elected for Penryn and Falmouth, but lost his seat at the January election in 1910. He was made a baronet in 1908.

Sir John farmed about 300 acres of land at The Grange, Bishop's Stortford, primarily for pleasure. From the first, horse-breeding was the principal feature in his farming enterprise, as perhaps was to be expected from his proximity to, and friendship with, Sir Walter Gilbey, who died last month. Sir John at one time bred both Shires and Hackneys, but the Hackney stud was dispersed in the closing years of last century to make room for the polo and other ponies with which unprecedented success has been achieved. For many years The Grange stud has occupied the leading position, winning innumerable prizes at Islington and other shows and fulfilling a prominent part in evolving and fixing the type and breed of a polo pony. Sir John was an active member of the Polo Pony Society and was a past president. He also owned one of the largest and best of the few flocks of Syrian sheep in this country. He took a keen interest in local and county agricultural affairs and was president of the Essex Agricultural Society when the show was held at Bishop's Stortford a few years ago.

Sir John Barker was also chairman of Paquin (Limited). He was financially interested in the *Echo* evening newspaper during the later stages of its existence and had also an interest in the short-lived *Morning Herald*.

His only son lost his life at an early age as a result of an accident while riding in Kensington. His only daughter is married to Mr Tresham Gilbey, third son of Sir Walter Gilbey.

CORRESPONDENCE LESSONS IN ASTROLOGY.—Mr Kingsley Lawton has been awarded a CERTIFICATE OF MERIT.

Rebicus

WHOM YOU SHOULD MARRY; shows the qualities and character of persons born in each month of the year and whether, for instance, a man born in May should marry a woman born in April. With introduction by Ada Levenson: (Grant Richards, Ltd., 1s. net.)

To write an introduction to a book dealing with a subject you know nothing about is somewhat audacious to say the least, but this is what Ada Levenson says about Astrology: "From America, that marvellous country of new inventions and new religions comes a gentleman who has evidently by means of really close study, and careful statistics formed a theory deserving our attention. He suggests that one's birth-month affects one's Temperament; that people differ from one another according to the different seasons of the year at which they were born. His idea appeals to me. It is quite an amiable and amusing fancy. I think we may be quite prepared to believe that a boy born in the chilly foggy month of November should be different in disposition from one who first sees the light under the burning August Sun."

We have looked into the "gentleman's" study and quite agree that he has made a "close study" of probably Eleanor Kirk's *Influence of the Stars*, and other writers in America who have dealt with this subject in identically the same manner. However, the book is what it pretends to be, and should be useful to those who know nothing whatever of Natal Astrology.

TWO DUTCH ASTROLOGICAL BOOKS: We have received from the publisher P. Dz. Veen of Amersfoort two recent publications on Astrology, (1) *Astrologie, haar Techniek en Ethiek* door C. Aq. Libra and (2) *Wat iederen van de Astrologie weten moet. Inleiding tot de Astrologie* door L. U. A. Zijlstra.

The price of the former is fl 3.50, bound; of the latter, fl 0.45, in paper cover.

Not being readers of Dutch we are unable to review these works in detail, but from a notice written by a Belgian student of Astrology to whom we lent the first, we gather that the book fulfils its purpose of introducing the subject in an agreeable and pleasant fashion. The get-up of both books is excellent and reflects great credit on the publisher. We hope to refer to them more critically when opportunity offers. On page 50 "Libra" informs us that Lord Bacon was born under Gemini. The reader is entitled to know the justification for this statement, which is not given.

Letters to the Editor

HINTS TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Letters of general interest only are inserted. Writers of signed articles are alone responsible for the opinions contained therein. Correspondents desiring acknowledgment or reply will please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

A MISTRANSLATION

DEAR SIR,

May I venture to point out what seems to me to be an error in the translation from the German in your current number? It is merely a question of detail, and I daresay that I have already been forestalled by others who have noticed it.

I do not think that the expression "ein echter Theosoph, der Alan Leo immer sein will" (p. 126) could carry the interpretation assigned to it. My clear opinion is that the writer of the article intends to convey something like this meaning: "A genuine Theosophist, such as Alan Leo constantly claims to be, thinks otherwise," or, "A genuine Theosophist and Alan Leo repeatedly claims to be so entitled—would entertain no such thoughts."

If the translation is incorrect it is better pointed out by those who, as I do, incline—to put it mildly—to accept your general view of the situation, than by those of another nationality who may possibly find themselves able to "think otherwise."

Much of the "success" indicated by the natal figure of the German Emperor has already been realised. The quality of the signs and the violent afflictions from significant quarters of the heavens may well suggest that there is something of a different nature awaiting fulfilment. No special pleading from any source will affect the ruling of Destiny, and you have always recognised this obvious truth by using dispassionate and dignified moderation in giving your judgment on matters relating to this great occasion.

12, Valinger's Road,

King's Lynn, 8/3/15.

Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR THOMPSON.

[Our own conception of the passage referred to exactly tallies with our correspondent's. But as there was some ambiguity, as he himself shows, we thought it better to translate it literally and mention the fact, which we did. That a sneer of some kind was intended seemed sufficiently evident, and the precise form did not appear to matter much.

It is always a pleasure to realise that our pages are read with such zealous attention, and we heartily thank our correspondent for his letter.—ED.]

ROYAL HOROSCOPES AND NATIONAL ASTROLOGY

DEAR SIR,

The question your correspondent Mr Clifford Bax raises on p. 105 as to the national significance of a ruler's horoscope, is one which may be readily settled by the study of any ruler's horoscope in the light of national events during his reign. In my mind there is no doubt upon the point, and I have given the matter attention for some years. One can readily understand doubt existing in the mind of a materialistic astrologer, but those who have given any attention to the occult side of Astrology will not find anything very extraordinary in the idea. I believe it is a fact, and perhaps this will stimulate the thought of your intuitive students, that at the Coronation ceremony the King is linked to the Spiritual Hierarchies which guide the Nation,—he receives what I believe has been termed "The Dewdrop in the Heart" which thereafter renders him amenable to Spiritual Guidance and makes his horoscope the National one. Thus it would appear that a Monarchy is more under occult guidance than a Republic.

Yours truly,

W. MCKAY DAVIDSON.

95 Fairholm Road, Benwell Grove,
Newcastle-on-Tyne, 1/3/15.

A HUMAN DOCUMENT

DEAR SIR,

It has occurred to me that the enclosed horoscope might be of interest to your readers, its principal feature being the opposition of the Sun, Mercury and Jupiter in the third, to Uranus in the ninth. At the present time the Sun is transiting that opposition.

x	xi	xii	i	ii	iii
♌6	♍10	♎7	♏27	♐24	♑28
☉ 0.20	♃ 17.48	♅ 3.31	♄ 14.30	♆ 18.17	♁ 8.10
				♂ 9.25	♁ 2.07
					♃ 7.48

I was taken away from my parents by my grandmother on the maternal side, when I was three weeks old. Later my father repudiated the relationship, and I did not once receive a kind word or act from either of them. When I was about fifteen my mother, who drank, hanged herself. I don't know what became of my father.

I was trying the scholastic profession, without success (I see now that I was much too unconventional), when my grandmother died. I had no money except three pounds, which I borrowed with difficulty, and I had no friends except an old governess who was very

poor, but I managed to get into the theatrical profession and proved that I had exceptional talent. But I had very bad luck, and to change things I married.

From that very day existence became a tremendous tragedy. I lost my children, under exceptional circumstances. For months I sang in the streets to keep body and soul together. After twelve years of nightmare experience, with surgical operations to vary the monotony of continuous bad health, my husband went mad and finally left me for good, and for six years I have not heard anything of him. About ten years ago I began to study higher thought which led me to the occult. I thought by persistent effort that I could lift myself out of my appalling conditions; mentally I grew, the creative faculty developed, particularly in music and literature; but there has been no luck at all. With very poor health, but improved, as I was able to walk a little, I tried to teach singing, and although I am an exceptionally good teacher of the old Italian method of *bel canto*, I only managed to get a few odd lessons, and to teach one girl, who paid little enough but whom I hoped would achieve something in grand opera that would do me credit. For three years I spared neither time nor trouble, and I managed somehow to live on the 10s. 6d. per week she paid me; then she broke down from brain lesion which caused paralysis of the left vocal chord (heredity).

That was last September, since then I have not been able to get anything to do. My health being much better, I have been trying all that is humanly possible to get back into my old profession as the line of least resistance, but fate is evidently dead against me. Up to now, my determination and hope would not recognise defeat, and I have managed to borrow money for food and fares. I owe my landlady more than a quarter's rent, about £4, and I am being dunned in another direction for £2 12s. I could only ask for further loans if there was some work in view. All my efforts prove abortive, and there is nothing in my directions at present so far as I can see (I have only been able to study Astrology from your shilling manuals, till recently, when I have been able to borrow two of your larger books, which have given me the only pleasure that has not been debarred me), to allure me to continue the struggle. I cannot borrow more money with no prospect of paying it back, nor is it possible for me to become an object of public charity.

I certainly think that my horoscope tends to prove the truth of Astrology, and if it be true, and I think it is, that one can rise above one's stars, it may take more than one existence to do so. I have tried for years, only to come up against a resistless tide of fate.

Yours sincerely,
J. R.

[Since this letter was received we hear that our correspondent has obtained employment (D p * 3 p) and is relieved from the fear of immediate destitution.—ED.]

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THE ASTROLOGICAL ARENA

MANY books both ancient and modern have been written dealing with Astrology in its several branches, but few of them have been exclusively devoted to a study of Mundane or National Astrology.

Modern students have hitherto been content to leave this subject to the care of the almanac makers, such as Zadkiel or Raphael, who have however only dealt with the matter on a small scale because of the limitations of their space, and have not as yet attempted to deal with the larger problems that arise out of a wider consideration of the subject.

National Astrology, by which we mean something greater than purely local Mundane Astrology, requires more care and attention than any other branch; for it is not concerned with one individual only, but with *groups* of individuals, of various grades and temperaments.

Some criticism having reached us from certain thinkers who do not question the truth of Astrology but rather point to the lack of unity in the expressed opinions of astrologers, (more especially in regard to the Great War), we have been probing the cause for the

variety of opinion expressed by students in different parts of the world ; and we have been surprised to find that the bases upon which opinions have been given are not according to the rules already laid down by ancient and modern authors for dealing with Mundane Astrology.

Judging from the printed newspaper articles, some writers appear to have based their opinions about the future of Europe upon the time when the war began, or by making a horary question serve their purpose, —that is supposing they have really used astrological methods at all, which in certain cases seems open to doubt. Others have taken certain New Moon or Quarterly Maps, and so forth. But none, so far as we can discover, have given any close study to the horoscopes of Monarchs or Rulers of countries. And as this method has only recently been openly criticised it is difficult to see how any true unity can be arrived at regarding National Astrology until the main rules for judgment are more generally recognised and agreed to.

Two small shilling books dealing with Mundane Astrology have been published within the last few years, one by Raphael and the other by Mr H. S. Green.

Raphael rightly remarks in his preface to *Mundane Astrology* that the subject is a difficult one. Mr Green deals with the subject with his usual scientific caution. Both are agreed that the whole subject has been seriously neglected.

Our monthly "Observatory" has now become a veritable ARENA into which many criticisms and differences of opinion have freely entered, and we welcome any astrological opinions on subjects as yet imperfectly understood, where personal feeling does not come in.

We have no one claiming to be an adept on astrological matters where National Affairs are concerned, and we therefore offer a cordial invitation to ALL ASTROLOGICAL STUDENTS to bring their opinions and ideas to this magazine as an Astrological Arena where we can assure them of that fair play and broadminded attitude which we believe has been the characteristic feature of MODERN ASTROLOGY since first we gave the title "Observatory" to these pages more than a dozen years ago.

The first question we should like to bring forward into the Astrological Arena is one that is prompted by the remark of a well-known author who, commenting upon the statements made by some

writers, ended by saying that the majority of the professors of Astrology were far too presumptuous, too eager to predict events without making due allowance for other counteracting causes.

We shall be interested to know how far our readers consider these strictures justified, and we shall be glad to have the opinions of all who are qualified to judge this matter in an unbiassed manner.

PREDICTIVE ASTROLOGY

There are many problems we should like to throw into the Astrological Arena, and they are mainly concerned with predictive Astrology. It is an unfortunate circumstance that it is possible to predict events by the use of certain astrological formulæ, but this is by no means the use to which the rules of Astrology may most profitably be put.

Amateur students generally, are not so guilty of abusing the predictive side of Astrology as the professional astrologer, who has more to gain (or lose) by prediction than by the more modest use of the science.

We offer the suggestion that it was *entirely* due to the misuse of the PREDICTIVE side of Astrology that the science has been so much neglected by those who could have kept it before the world in its true aspect. Thus entered charlatanry, and things grew worse and worse, until even to-day the most absurd predictions are made under the cloak of Astrology by those who have not the slightest knowledge of it whatsoever. And Astrology gets the credit or rather discredit for their absurdities.

Every astrologer accepts more or less in its entirety the "Centiloquy," or Hundred Aphorisms of Claudius Ptolemy, and the very first of these Aphorisms runs:—I. "*Judgment must be regulated by thysself, as well as by the science ; for it is not possible that particular forms of events should be declared by any person, however scientific ; since the understanding conceives only a certain general idea of some sensible event, and not its particular form. It is, therefore, necessary for him who practises herein to adopt inference. They only who are inspired by the deity can predict particulars.*" (Ashmand's translation.)

The presumption mentioned by our author friend, is possibly due to the belief of some professional astrologers that they *are* inspired; if so, we must judge the nature of the inspiration from the results.

II.—“*When an enquirer shall make mature search into an expected event, there will be found no material difference between the event itself and his idea of it.*”

What a wealth of occult wisdom is contained in this second aphorism of Ptolemy! How many students of our science are there who can say they understand it?

A careful study of the best authors on Astrology, both ancient and modern, will reveal the fact that the predictive art is but little encouraged by them. Not because it is not possible to predict, but owing to the fact that more often than not the wish is father to the thought.

We feel very strongly concerning this matter of predicting, no matter by whom, *and astrologers are not by any means the only offenders in this respect.* Doctors are sometimes guilty of very grave mistakes where prognosis, *i.e.*, prediction, is concerned, and the same may be said of priests, clergymen and ministers of every religion, and many schoolmasters too. Death and damnation are often pronounced on all too slight grounds. How many men are fighting to-day who have been “given up” by the doctors? How many more are worthy citizens who in their youth were frowned upon as incorrigible by parson and schooldame alike?

WAR PREDICTIONS

Some complaint has been made that astrologers did not predict the present European war; meaning, we presume, the precise *time* when the war would break out.

We may take this as an example of the errors of predictive Astrology. The western world has been at war, in mind and spirit, for many years, and the astrologer who would predict the beginning of a war would have to go very far back in time to get at the commencement. If this is so we may quickly discover the fallacy of the predictive art of Astrology. Let us examine the matter. Horary

Astrology is the only branch of Astrology by which predictions can *legitimately* be made. Its aim and object is to discover the future result of certain influences, and it is *ESSENTIAL*, if a Horary Question is to be truly judged, that the exact time be noted when a definite thought arose concerning any material fact about which the enquiry is made; as, for example, a question is asked or a letter read.

The ancient astrologers have warned us that before we deliver judgment upon any figure we must see that it is “radical”; that is to say, the ascendant must define the question, or describe the questioner.

Then again we are told that the proper time to erect a figure is when we feel most anxious about any matter; also that we should be careful to lay aside all self-love and prejudice.

If it is not a matter relating to a question put or a letter read, and we wish to know the upshot of an event suddenly happening, then we must take the figure for *the time of that happening.*

The rules concerning Horary Astrology are not vague, but the method to be adopted in using those rules is often in doubt, owing to a lack of definiteness in the mind of the enquirer, or doubt as to the time for which the figure should be calculated, etc.

When consulted concerning the future, the ancient astrologers did not as a rule judge events in the life of a person from “directions” or “transits,” but by a horary figure for the event likely to occur, this being read in conjunction with the nativity, the one thus supplementing the other. This method is a very satisfactory one provided the astrologer knows how to blend the horoscope of the person with the horary figure.

While in India we were interested in the methods adopted by some *old* astrologers in the native villages. We were told that every child in the village had a map of the heavens roughly cast for the time of its birth, for which a small fee of some few pence was charged, no interpretation being given with the map except in rare cases where an additional fee was charged. Later on, should an enquiry be made it was usually by a horary question, and not from the horoscope, that the answer was obtained. This in towns, and where Astrology was more generally used, would be supplemented by the cyclic periods, etc.; but in cases where the fee was a primary consideration the horary astrologer would be kept fairly well employed.

Where individuals are concerned, individual methods suitable to each case may be adopted; but where groups of individuals, such as nations, are concerned then individual methods are useless.

We might feel anxious concerning our own or any other Nation, say as to whether that Nation shall go to war or not, but we doubt very much if our anxiety would be strong enough to produce a thoroughly *representative* Horary Figure; and unless the thought or question concerned separate individuals or objects it would not be wise to place great reliance upon it; especially as so many figures might be taken at various different times by separate individuals.

The commencement of the present European War dates from many years ago, when the minds of financiers and adventurers were at work seeking concessions; when militarists were first planning and scheming to attack or defend; and when the makers of guns and ammunition were busy seeking a market; etc. All wars are—consciously or unconsciously—premeditated, and prepared for, many years ere they break out into open manifestation in any particular nation; therefore it is sheer ignorance only which can lead people to expect any astrologer to say just *when* a war will break out,—and the person who commits himself to any such statement is “going beyond his brief.”

That a great European War was likely to take place, sooner or later,—and probably sooner—the majority of thinking men and women have been convinced for a long time, and some of the leading daily papers have for years past been warning England that war was approaching, even naming the Nation that was preparing for it. But though we may hold divergent opinions as to whether war may or may not be inevitable for any particular nation, we cannot predict the time of war for any nation.

It may be possible (and indeed we ourselves did so¹) to determine the Nation most likely to be the first to cause a War, by detecting the martial tone prevailing in its Monarch's horoscope; and we may judge also the *tendency* to go to War by a predominance of the martial influences. But—*when* the event will happen it is never wise to attempt to declare.

¹ (Page 294, MODERN ASTROLOGY for July, 1910.)

Mars does not cause wars.² Neither does this nor any other planet actually ‘cause’ anything to happen, and it is just owing to the fact that we have so many ill-trained astrological practitioners that planetary influences are so improperly conceived of by the public. ASTROLOGY has suffered so much through ignorance of its true laws and principles that we are most anxious to bring all the light we can to bear upon the subject. Students have now the best opportunity of studying War Predictions that has ever been offered.

Let us enquire more deeply into the subject.

COLLECTIVE AND INDIVIDUAL PLANETARY INFLUENCE

We are all apt to think, or to behave as though we thought, that the world we live in begins and ends on this physical globe; and it is not until we have begun to order our thinking, that we are likely to realise that our life extends into other worlds than the one we know as the physical,—and this in a very real and literal sense. Scientists have helped us to understand something of the Ether which practically extends the boundaries of the physical world far beyond its atmosphere and probably as far as the moon. Beyond that still subtler states of matter may connect us with the planets and the Sun.

In an old astrological book we are told that the elements of Fire, Earth, Air and Water are resolved into the ‘fifth element,’ Ether; and astrology is termed “the Geology of Heaven,” in whose strata we may find many gems of the firmament. Modern Astrology is revealing some curious facts concerning the influence of the spheres upon the strata of ether between the earth and the Sun; and it appears that there are three distinct strata of ether, each governed

² A remarkable commentary on this statement is the following paragraph from an article by Mr. Arnold White (“Vanoc”) in the *Daily Express* of 22/3/15 which came into our hands just after the above had been written:—“I have travelled a great deal about the world, and I have seen all sorts and conditions of men and women, but I have never met anyone or any body of men who hated war so absolutely sincerely as the best type of officer in the Navy and Army.”

This proves what we have so often said,—and it is as true of nations as of individuals—that those who have a *strong* Mars are not aggressive and do not desire war, but those whose Mars is *weak* are likely to be bullies or blusterers. What type of man is likely to have a better placed or stronger Mars than “the best type of officer in the Navy or Army”?

by one of the planetary spheres. The ancient astrologers referred to these different etheric strata (or "globes" as we may term them) as the "way stations on the road to heaven"; each station representing, by vibrating in sympathy with, a Planetary Sphere. They considered that "Nature geometrises universally in all her manifestations," and they believed very thoroughly in the Hermetic axiom "AS ABOVE SO BELOW."

In some manner difficult for us to comprehend, there is a correspondence between these etheric states, strata, or spheres, and our own everyday consciousness, translated through the senses.

The late Subba Row, an Indian astrologer, writing on the Bhagavad Gita says:—"The capacity of perception exists in seven different aspects, corresponding to the seven conditions of matter. For just as a human being is composed of seven principles, so differentiated matter in the solar system exists in seven different conditions."

The seven elements are directly under the influence of the seven planetary spheres. Four of these elements are in active manifestation and constitute what are known to astrologers as Fire, Earth, Air, and Water, represented in the four "Triplicities" of the Signs of the Zodiac. The other three are as yet unmanifest; the fifth known as Ether is now *coming* into manifestation; the other two will not be manifest for ages to come. These three are related to the three gunas, represented by the quadruplicities of the Zodiacal Signs. Individually we absorb and respond to those elements coming under the influence of the triplicities, but collectively we come under the influence of the quadruplicities.

The Earthy signs of the zodiac represent solids generally, and are directly related to the earth as a globe, over which the planetary sphere of SATURN has a predominating influence.

The Watery signs, representing liquids generally, are related to the Moon, over which the planetary sphere of NEPTUNE has predominating influence.

The Fiery signs, representing all forms of fire and physical heat, are related to MARS, the planet directly connected with the planetary sphere of the fire-god.

The Airy signs, representing gases in general, and especially the atmosphere surrounding the earth, are related to the planet MERCURY.

These four elements are summed up in the *nervous ether* which pervades every human being. They are synthesised in the Ether, presided over by JUPITER and the Mutable Signs of the zodiac. The Cardinal Signs are related to the planet VENUS, and the Fixed Signs to THE SUN.

According to the Chaldean priest-astrologers each of the seven elements represented a sound, or a note in the great scale of the Music of the Spheres, and according to the particular element predominating in the individual so would his sound or name or prayer be known to them.

If a man wished to reach his Father in heaven, he would through his own sound or keynote be guided to Him by the Astrologer-Priest. And so we find it related in the sacred books:—"The speech of the men of the earth cannot reach the Lords. Each must be addressed in the language of his respective element." This was the magic of Astrology which the Chaldean priest knew; it consisted in all men addressing the Gods *in the language of the Gods*, and not in the language of man.

It may come as a surprise to many who study Astrology to know that practically all men in whom the martial quality predominates have been *collectively* calling upon their God in his own language and asking for war for many years.

The voice of Mars, the War Lord, is strong and clear in Militarism; clearest in those who lead, less clear in those who follow, but loud or faint it sounds out its note in all those who have the *military spirit*. We judge rather severely just now, perhaps, those men who abhor war, but if we knew our Astrology better we should understand that there are other rays than that of Mars in the planetary spectrum.

Individually, martial men all add to the collective influence which, when it reaches its limit, lets loose the dogs of war and makes the animal nature and the divine nature to clash. This is the secret of war.

When the Great Conjunction of Uranus and Jupiter took place on March 4, 1914, it affected men collectively. It marked the epoch of a New Era in which great changes in the world's history were foreshadowed. The planetary sphere of JUPITER, in which the four

elements of fire, earth, air and water are synthesised, came into conjunction with URANUS, the Awakener. This conjunction took place in the sign Aquarius, the Air sign, symbolised by the Man. It is the human sign of the zodiac, a "universal" more than a "particular" sign, and thus likely to affect all men, and all nations throughout the whole world.

It is the herald of reforms of all kinds, and marks the beginning of a New Race of mankind.

RESPONSIVENESS

The study of human nature has been peculiarly interesting during the last eight months. Some persons have found themselves in a whirl of excitement over the war, whilst others have been undisturbed. It has been a searching time for the martial influence and few have escaped the searchlight of the red ray. The warring spirit appeals pre-eminently to the martial individual, but only in a minor degree to those of other temperaments.

Why the disturbing currents now flying through the atmosphere should affect some and not others is known only to the astrologer. During the week in which the declaration of war was made the tense psychic atmosphere was felt by all, but more acutely by those who were sensitive to astral influences. There can be no greater proof of astral influences than that obtained in large cities and from groups of people congregated together for any special purpose. The feelings generated by masses of people attract the astral currents and the two fusing, as it were, cause excitement and great emotional surgings. A great orator or a powerful writer can touch the chords of astral influences, and by making himself a conscious channel for the liberation of the astral forces, can direct by speech or writing the influence to those who are sensitive enough to respond.

As regards sensitiveness to astral changes, we know of persons who can tell the time when the Moon is changing her sign, or when the Moon is forming an aspect to sensitive points in their own nativities. We have tested this sensitiveness for many years, and know that some people are sensitive to one form of planetary influence and others sensitive only to influences of a totally different

character. We may illustrate this by pointing to the sensitiveness of Virgo people to changes in the atmosphere, of Cancer people to the influence of rooms and houses, of Pisces people to the requirements and feelings of animals; and so forth. The different forms of sensitiveness may be studied by paying attention to the idiosyncrasies of persons born under various signs of the zodiac.

The secret of Astrology lies in a person's *attitude* toward these vibrations. We have read a great deal recently about the "Hate" that is affecting a certain nation, a martial vibration that is the most poisonous of all the effects caused by the red planet and one producing far-reaching consequences. This vibration of hate has aroused the attention of the world, having permeated the whole nation from which it emanated. It is the psychological key to the whole question of the Great War. It has its root in the competitive, aggressive and ambitious spirit which leads to envy, jealousy and finally hatred. On the side of the haters it is surely no dispassionate war in which principles are placed above self-interest. The catchword "Might" has caught on amongst the ignorant and blind followers of powerfully passionate leaders.

We shall realise more what responsiveness means when we have grasped the inner meaning of the present war amongst nations.

Men respond to good or evil according to their desires. The war in heaven is always between good and evil, right and wrong, spirit and matter. All matter tends to become solid, rigid and 'dark.' In order to be filled with the spirit, matter must become plastic, must yield by love and selflessness, or it will remain dark, separate and isolated.

The spirit of good is ever striving with man in many disguises, and often that which appears to be evil on the surface is an angel in disguise when more closely examined. We who would see the ending of wars must respond only to love and unity, and help to unite others with us in becoming wise, ruling and controlling ourselves so that we may form a community that shall be the herald of a New Race, in which the teachings of Christ shall be lived in our own lives. For we, as individuals, shall some day form a new nation and build a grand and mighty civilisation that shall equal if not excel the glories of that ancient Chaldea whose priests were astrologers, the Magi or WISE MEN who RULED THEIR STARS.

National Astrology

NEW MOON May 14 1915 3.31 a.m. London

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The Sun and Moon are rising in Taurus over the greater part of Europe, from London to Vienna: they are in sextile to Jupiter in the twelfth house and to Neptune in the fourth, but are separating from a square of Uranus in the eleventh house. This rising position usually gives strength, good fortune and success to the monarch, the government and the nation as a whole; the people have cause for congratulation, and the laws are well administered. In this case, however, the position is the same for the whole of west and central Europe, and it is not easy to distinguish one nation from another in this respect. All these countries will be putting forth their utmost strength to gain the ascendancy, and probably each one will claim a measure of success here and there; the map signifies new factors and promises the advent of fresh influences in the war game and may bring other nations into the struggle. Important events will occur that will modify the future conditions of the war.

Mars and Venus are in close conjunction in Aries, the ruling sign of England, not far above the ascendant at London and free from affliction, while they are well in the twelfth house at Berlin. The lunation is in opposition to the German Emperor's Moon and in square to the luminaries and Saturn with the Emperor of Austria. This favours England and signifies either some victory or some event that will outweigh other considerations and will be decisive: some reaction or set-back is threatened in Germany and Austria. A conjunction of Venus and Mars took place in Virgo within a few days of the outbreak of the war.

The twelfth house is strongly tenanted all over Europe. There will be renewed activity in connection with charitable funds and benevolent undertakings. It seems likely that some premature attempts may now be made, beneath the surface, to bring about a more peaceful state of things and to lessen the war-like spirit, and there will be much talk about peace. Spies and underhand diplomatic agencies will be very active.

Parliament is not likely to be fortunate and legislation will not make much headway; governments will be embarrassed in the legislatures and sudden difficulties will occur. Democracy will make itself felt and will be gaining ground. There will be revolutionary tendencies in places, but the governments will be strong enough to face them. Neptune is nearer the fourth cusp at Berlin and Vienna than at London, and Uranus is in the mid-heaven at Vienna; also Saturn is lord of the tenth house at all these places and is in its detriment in Cancer, devoid of good effects.

There will be much financial and business activity in England; industrial movements will be pushed forward; money matters will be under consideration in Parliament. The parallel of Saturn to Mercury will introduce delays and difficulties in connection with finance, and some cases of bankruptcy and heavy loss will be reported.

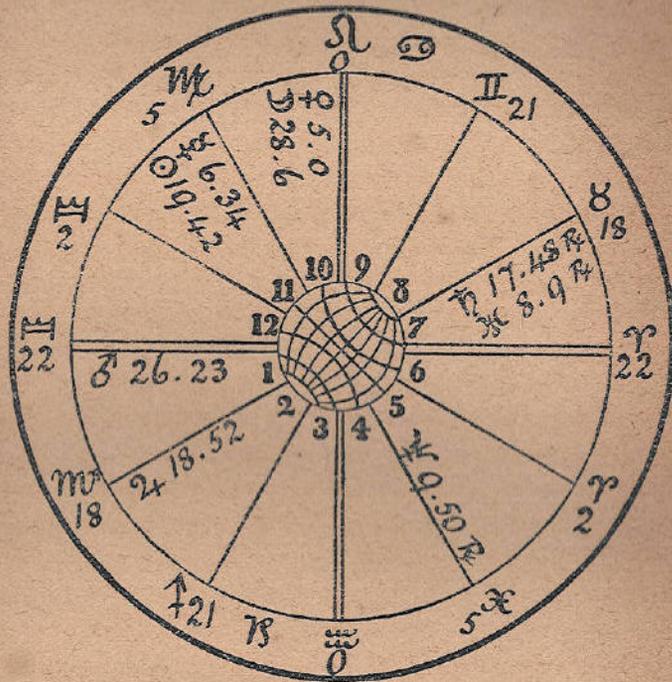
The positions are not favourable at Petrograd, where Saturn will be rising and Uranus in the mid-heaven.

At New York there will be money troubles, and difficulties arising out of foreign affairs.

Saturn re-enters Cancer on May 11, bringing trouble upon countries and towns ruled by that sign, such as Holland, Africa, Constantinople and New York. It will be as well to bear in mind also the suggestion that has been recently made that the German Empire is really under Cancer. Saturn first entered Cancer on August 24, 1914, very shortly after the outbreak of the war.

Mars will enter Taurus on May 26, and will remain in that sign until July 6, disturbing Ireland, the Grecian Archipelago, the Caucasus, Asia Minor, Poland, Persia and other parts ruled. It will meet the square of Uranus on June 15, an unfortunate and disturbing influence; and will transit the opposition of the German Emperor's Moon and the conjunction of his Uranus at the beginning of July.

The Horoscope of the Prime Minister



The Rt. Hon. H. H. Asquith was born on the 12th September, 1852; hour so far unknown.

With the hope that it may lead to the discovery of the birth hour we here publish a rough estimate of the Prime Minister's nativity. No attempt has been made to rectify the estimated time, although certain calculations have been made which seem to fit in with events. The strong position maintained by the Prime Minister, and the remarkable events happening during his term of office lead one to suppose that his ruling planet must have been the most elevated at his birth. We have taken the third decanate of the sign LIBRA as the Ascendant, showing the 22nd degree of that sign rising practically in conjunction with the planet Mars.

Venus ruler of the estimated nativity is in the 5th degree of Leo upon the meridian, and the Moon remarkably well placed between the planets Venus and Mercury in sextile aspect to the planet Mars ascending.

No less than five planets are in fixed signs, and four planets in the earthy triplicity. This fixed-earth combination shows a practical, determined and well balanced character. It denotes some conservative tendencies blended with liberal views.

Should this estimated time prove to be correct, the map will accord well with the events that have happened recently. At the time of the declaration of war, the planet Mars in the progressed horoscope was in square aspect to Neptune, Mars having advanced to the end of the first decanate of Sagittarius. The Moon had just previously met the conjunction of the planet Mars at its progressed place. Firm and self-reliant though the Prime Minister is shown to be, the declaration of War must have cost him much anxiety and it is fortunate for Great Britain that a man so conscientious and firm was at the head of affairs. In a powerful speech in the House of Commons on March 1st, the Premier speaking for the Government said "that after seven months of war the country and the whole Empire are every whit as determined as they were at the outset, if need be at the cost of all we can command both in men and in money to bring a righteous cause to a triumphant issue. There is much to encourage and to stimulate us in what we see. Nothing has shaken and nothing can shake our faith in the unbroken spirit of Belgium, in the undefeated heroism of indomitable Serbia, in the tenacity and resource with which our two great Allies, one in the west and the other in the east, hold their far-flung lines and will continue to hold them till the hour comes for an irresistible advance. Our own Dominions and our great Dependency of India have sent us splendid contributions of men, a large number of whom already are at the front, and before very long, in one or another of the actual theatres of war, the whole of them will be in the fighting line."

It is interesting to note that in this map the Prime Minister's Moon is on the Sun's place in the French President's horoscope. It is also very significant to note that the planet Mars in Mr. Asquith's map is near the place of Saturn in King George's Nativity, also that

their respective rulers Mars and Venus are in the same degrees of the same sign.

It is somewhat singular that the planet Saturn in the Kaiser's horoscope should be on the place of Mars and Venus in the King's and Prime Minister's horoscopes, and of course his Sun opposes both. The Kaiser had evidently no attraction toward those who are now his opponents, but instead must have felt a decided repulsion toward them.

Fortunately (if this estimate horoscope is correct) the Prime Minister of Great Britain has a rising Mars, well balanced in Libra, free from affliction. It corresponds with the military spirit of the British Nation which responded nobly to the Prime Minister's call especially after his great speech at the Guildhall appealing to the nation to fight for its principles.

Assuming the estimated map to be correct, and we have not published it hastily, but after mature thought and careful examination,¹ it denotes the success of the British Government, so far as the War is concerned, for her enemies, represented by the planet Mars which is in the Prime Minister's ascendant, will eventually play into her hands.

The following details from *Who's Who* will be useful to those students who wish to exercise their critical powers upon this horoscope:—ASQUITH, Rt. Hon. Herbert Henry, P.C. 1892; Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury since 1908; M.P. (L.) East Fife since 1886; K.C.; B.A.; Lord Rector Glasgow University, 1905; Rector Aberdeen University since 1908; Elder Brother, Trinity House since 1909; *b.* Morley, Yorkshire, 12 Sept. 1852; 2nd s. of Joseph Dixon Asquith, Croft House, Morley, and Emily, *d.* of W. Willans, of Huddersfield; *m.* 1st, 1877, Helen (*d.* 1891) daughter of F. Melland, of Manchester; 2nd, 1894, Emma Alice Margaret, *d.* of Sir C. Tennant, 1st Bt.; five s. two *d.* *Educ.*: City of London School; Balliol College, Oxford (Scholar, Fellow; Craven University Scholar; 1st class Lit. Hum. 1874) Barr. Lincoln's Inn, 1876; Q.C. 1890; Secretary of State for Home Department, 1892-95; Chancellor of the Exchequer, 1905-8; Hon. D.C.L. Oxford; Hon. LL.D. Edinburgh and Glasgow.

¹ It was first suggested in 1908 (p. 418 *M.A.*). The speculative horoscope published in *Notable Nativities* has Cancer 21° on the ascendant.

Astrology and Social Reconstruction¹

THE Astrology I want to try to talk about is something infinitely greater and wider and deeper than that small thing which concerns itself with the little details of one short earth-life. Astrology is the Law of the Universe, that Law which is at the back of all Religion, all Science, all Wisdom—the Law by which the worlds were made and the Solar Systems came into being. Astrology is the Law, and students of Astrology study the working out of that Law in all departments, beginning with the heavenly bodies themselves. The astrologer sees in the Sun the physical body of the Logos of the System in whom we and all things live and move and have our being, just as the physical planets move round and have their being in the great body which is their centre. As the Sun sends out its light and heat and life into all portions of his system on the physical plane, so does the Great Spirit of the Sun, whom many of us call God, send out his vibrations on all other planes, influencing not only the physical, but all the bodies of man. Just as the Sun is the physical body of the Ruler of this system, so are the planets which circle round him, the physical bodies of Great Beings who came out from Him and took, and are taking their part in the evolution of the system. Each of these Great Spirits has His own department for the working of which He is responsible, and each has his own particular vibration or colouring, and each works out his own part in the scheme of Evolution. These Great Spirits are those known to Christians and to the Hebrews as Archangels, and to the Ancient Chaldeans as Planetary Spirits; in Revelation "The Spirits before the Throne."

Coming down lower are lesser Intelligences, the Hierarchies, rulers of the Signs of the Zodiac, each attached to and subordinate to the Planetary Spirits, each working through vibrations of his own, coming still from the Sun in the centre, by way of the planets, and so on, down and down, a continuous chain, through which the One

¹ A Lecture delivered by Mrs A. L. Earley at Surbiton on March 8th, 1915.

Life is flowing with its varying and diverse vibrations, until Man himself is reached, and down still through the lower and yet lower stages, one long chain without a break, and the One Life flowing through and permeating all. That is the first great idea that we get, the Oneness of the Universe, the truth that all are partakers of one Life, that of the Logos, the God whose physical body is the Sun.

Coming out from the Sun or Logos are those Great Beings whose physical bodies are the planets—"The spirits before the throne." Each is different from the other, each is working out a different scheme, and each has His own vibration, colouring, and His own duty to fulfil. All beings in the System, all plants, minerals, elements, elementals, fundamentally belong to, and are contained in, one or other of these Great Ones, are partakers of His substance and nature, and must evolve on His lines, each and all following the Law of its own particular ruler, the combined Laws of all making up the Law of the One—the Logos. Thus all angels, all spirits, all men, all sub-human intelligences belonging to Saturn will evolve on Saturn's lines, will display the qualities of Saturn, will obey his laws, and finally, though they may and will at times in their long pilgrimage have come under the working of the laws of other planetary rulers (for harmony is also to be developed, and all laws must be understood) will return to their own Ruler and Father-Star, whom in very truth they have never left. The next idea, therefore, is that of Diversity in the Unity, and Unity in Diversity.

I wonder if you have gathered from this a part of what I mean by Astrology. One Life, one Law permeating and ruling all; the Sun the Giver of Life and Law, the planets the transmitters of Life and the agents of Law, and everything and everyone partakers of that Life and servants of that Law, and every bit of this literally, quite literally. And if you have caught my idea, you will not wonder that we astrologers see Astrology in everything (for it *is* in everything), and try to apply it as best we can, knowing that though we may fail in our interpretation, yet that Astrology the Law, is perfect and cannot err; and perhaps you will at least absolve us from the charge of playing with toys or baubles.

Having given you a very brief sketch, and necessarily a very imperfect one of what Astrology means for me, and the realms with

which it is concerned, I may now perhaps go on to the second part of my title, Social Reconstruction.

Now, I will ask you for our present purpose to take Astrology for granted, that is, as a working hypothesis, and let us see what the astrologer thinks is its part,—its very important part,—in the social upheaval and social upbuilding.

In the events of the present time, the astrological student sees not only the work of Mars, the destroyer, but also that of Uranus. Uranus is the destroyer of forms; not purely a destructive force, but the destroyer who breaks down in order to reconstruct something better. Mars is the *instrument* of destruction, and you will find the planet Mars prominent in all the maps of nations and rulers at the present time.

Now, on looking round, we see on all hands destruction only, and we cannot help but notice the form it takes—destruction of churches, cathedrals, old and beautiful buildings and works of art, those concrete things on which we set such store—and we find it difficult to take these destructive acts calmly. May they not be symbolical of the knocking down of many of our narrow, conventional ideas and thought forms which we have built up around religion, around our social and political institutions? When the destroyer has finished his work, then the work of construction: "behold, the old order changeth, and giveth place to the new," and in that changing world, each must take his part.

Where to begin, is the question! To the student of Astrology the answer seems to be "begin at the very beginning," *i.e.* begin with the new generation that is being and will be born. You will ask me, "is nothing then to be done for those who are already living, those of adult years, the elderly and old?" I would answer, "certainly, what can be done to improve existence for them should and must be done, but it seems to me, that the best workers in the *outer* world have that as their sphere, they are both more capable and more suitable to deal with questions of that sort. The astrologer is much more the worker and the planner for the future. And for this reason I say begin with the new comers, at the same time trying to educate those who are to be the parents of the new-comers in their duties to those who will shortly be coming to re-birth.

There are, awaiting re-birth, a large number of Egos, who will have the shaping of the world's future in their hands, and they are needing suitable physical bodies. To the astrologer it seems of the first importance that suitable bodies shall be ready for them. Mrs. Besant writing lately in the *Commonweal*, remarked: "At the present time many Egos are being turned back for want of suitable bodies." This is what I mean by *the beginning*. See to it that there are good physical bodies, so that the child may have the best chance in this direction. How to set about it? A great number of people are in agreement with this, and you are all familiar with the idea that the mothers must be surrounded with beauty, peace and harmonious conditions; good food and pure air being necessary for the sake of the child who is to be born. The astrologer quite agrees with this, but, he says, all this, though good and right is not the basic necessity. He will tell you that no physical body should be generated except under the best possible planetary influences, he will tell you that there are times when *no* physical human body should be generated at all, that there are times when the best type of Ego can be attracted and so on. One of the most immediately necessary works of the astrological movement is to educate intelligent people in this matter, and this is where one hopes for sympathetic co-operation from those who have these things at heart. We want people who understand that there is Law in this matter as well as in all others, and who will co-operate with that Law with their minds, as well as with their emotions.

I have said that there are times to be born, and times not to be born; let me try to explain this a little further. And first let me emphasise that it is not so much the Ego that I am at the moment considering, as his vehicles, for that is the work that we are at present considering, the making things easier for the Ego by giving him the best possible tools to work with. There are always Egos awaiting re-birth, and the best Egos, even though they may inevitably be drawn to the family required by karmic ties, will be considerably helped or hampered by the vehicles they have to use. Parenthetically I would mention that it has been stated that there are, through ignorance and indiscriminate generation, more bodies produced than there are Egos. This is a very undesirable state of things, and one of the most pressing needs is to teach people the criminality of indiscriminate generation.

I know the difficulties attached to such teaching, and I know that it is almost impossible to teach it to the masses, therefore it must of necessity be a slow and tedious work. But it ought not to be slow with progressive thinkers, and what we hope is, with their co-operation, to gradually form a public opinion on the subject, which shall by a process of filtration work from above down through all grades of society, knowing that if matters improve above, they *must* eventually improve below, and though the improvement be almost imperceptible in the lowest grade, yet it must inevitably come if there is sufficient force sent by those who understand.

To understand something of the matter, it is only necessary at this point to know that it is the Moon which is chiefly concerned with the production of the physical body. The position of the Moon at what is known as Epoch (*i.e.* conception) determines the Ascendant at the birth of the child, and the aspects of the Moon at conception have much effect on the horoscope at birth. Hence a time when the Moon is well aspected is necessary for conception, for as I said, the Moon determines the ascendant, the ascendant is concerned with the physical body and type of brain, and this is what we are at present considering. If you want to know why the position and aspects of Moon at conception are important, it is, quite shortly, for this reason. When the two forces—male and female—come together, an astral swirl is set up. Into the vacuum caused by that swirl are poured the etheric forces, corresponding exactly with those generated by the position and aspects of the Moon at that time, and that forms actually the etheric mould on which, as you know, the physical body is formed. Hence the great importance of the moment. If you have followed me, you will see why the astrologer sees this as an important and necessary teaching for the world if it is to be regenerated, and why we ask that you should at least not be antagonistic to these ideas, unless you have studied them for yourselves, and found them false.

So much for the bringing in of our New Egos under the best conditions; has Astrology anything to say, and can it materially help, as to the question of the training and education of children, a question which must certainly receive the earnest attention of those concerned with social re-building?

In this paper I do not propose to go deeply into the defects and

faults of our Educational System, for to do so would take too long, but if any of my hearers are intimately concerned with teaching they will know as well as I do, (for I have been in direct contact with the Educational World all my life), that our system of education needs much overhauling. Much has been done during recent years to break up the old cram, stuff-the-head-full idea of teaching, and more and more the idea is gaining ground that the real meaning and end of education is to "draw out," to draw out what is already in, and this in itself surely implies to the thinking person the re-incarnation theory; though this by the way. But the astrologer sees great possibilities in the application of his science to Education, and not only does he see possibilities but he feels that it is a *necessity* for the thorough understanding of the nature of the child who is to be educated, and beyond doubt the understanding of the pupil by the teacher is of the greatest importance. I do not mean that the teacher cannot understand his pupils without a knowledge of Astrology, for the real teacher will never cease studying the character of those whom he has to train, but I do say that his work becomes easier in this direction if he has the horoscopes of the children to study. For the horoscope of birth, when correctly known, is an unailing index to the type of brain, type of body, character and tendencies of the child. I say when the time is correctly known, for the time of birth determines the ascendant or rising sign, and this it is which describes the physical body and type of physical brain through which the Ego has to work, the Moon's place is also concerned with time of birth, and describes the emotional body, type of emotions, etc. I need not enlarge on these two points for you to see how useful this can be to the teacher who is trying to find out the child's natural bent, and help him to evolve on the lines most suitable to his nature. If the teacher understands Astrology himself, so much the better, but in any case the parents should be urged to have (as is invariable I believe in India) the child's horoscope cast and judged by a competent astrologer, and a copy of the judgment given to the teacher on the child's admission to school. Parenthetically I would remark that even without a horoscope, for such it is not always possible to obtain, the student of Astrology learns much of the child's nature through his knowledge of *types*—a knowledge which comes of much observation. Thus an astrologer of even

a fair amount of experience will infallibly recognise at sight a child having Virgo strong, or Leo or Cancer, and so on, and will make his deductions therefrom. The teacher would find this exceedingly useful in cases where the horoscope cannot be obtained.

I have lately seen a letter written by the Head Teacher of a Special School for mentally defective children in the North of England, who has had a very free hand given her by the managers and who is experimenting by using her knowledge of Astrology in the school; who obtains from the parents the time and date of birth of her scholars, and having set up the birth figure, files it with the child's admission particulars, and so far as she can trains the child according to the lines indicated by the horoscope, tabulating results, etc., and making notes. If this method were to become general, we should not then see a child of a purely Martial type being bothered with taking up subjects which belong only to the Mercurial temperament, we should not see the child with the Saturnian nature made to study the subjects belonging to Mars; we should not see a child with the Moon in Libra being expected to turn out a brilliant mathematician, or treated harshly when it does not; but we shall see the child with, say, Venus rising in Taurus allowed and urged to exercise his artistic faculties, the child with a strong Cancer will be allowed to use his arithmetical and mathematical talents to the full, or to study his loved subjects connected with time measurements of all kinds, ancient works on history, science, architecture, etc., for in these he will excel, and will make full use of them later; indeed the Cancer child, like Francis Bacon, seems to take the whole of learning for his province; but take care *not to force* him into anything. He will study any subject you can think of and do it thoroughly but he will not be forced!

Again, do not attempt to make a Leo child master all kinds of small details; give him broad facts,—for the details he cares nothing, nay more, he will not have them. Keep your details for the Virgo child, who will revel in them, to the disgust and contempt of Leo, who talks of them as "little" "petty," etc. Also, always answer your Gemini pupil's "Why,?" for he *must* know *why* before he can proceed. Let him go on his excursions up "side streets," that is side issues, for it is necessary for him, he is seeking to relate things to one another. That is his line and his method of study. And so I might

go through all the signs and temperaments; you will see what large patience, and wide experience and what tact the real teacher needs, and you will also see how a knowledge of the horoscope shows where the brain of the pupil is defective, and where gaps need filling in carefully and wisely, to prevent lop-sided development.

But this leads to the point of classification, and here is another item in the educational system which needs reforming. At present, in our Elementary Schools in particular, the classes are large and unwieldy, and there is practically no chance for the teacher to know his pupils individually. The work has to be done with the mass, and all have to be taught all subjects indiscriminately. For the purpose I have mentioned, as well as for other reasons, the class must be small enough for the teacher to be able to classify his pupils according to their abilities and temperaments, and for him to be able to give them individual as well as collective help.

Again, I would like to ensure that the teachers are suited to their pupils, and to the subjects they have to teach, and that in the first place they are suited to teach at all, and I would suggest that when teachers are appointed, or rather, are applying for appointment, they should give as well as testimonials, a carefully judged horoscope to those making the appointments. But, also, I would go further back than this, and I would allow no person to take up teaching, unless his horoscope indicated fitness for that profession. I think it is very little realised in this country, how exceedingly important a work is that of the teacher, and I think our young have suffered as much in the past from unsuitable teachers as from a defective system, and in this matter I think a great change must come.

This brings me to the last point I wish to deal with at present, *viz.*, the choice of trades and professions. Taking the example of unsuitable teachers, I think I could point you to teachers who would have made far better soldiers than teachers, and it is perhaps a significant fact that large numbers of teachers in the employ of the London County Council have joined Lord Kitchener's army, and it has been stated that they make excellent soldiers, though of course I am not saying that they were not good teachers, only that they are in many cases very likely better soldiers. When Astrology takes its rightful place once more in the world, our growing up children will not

be pushed into occupations and professions for which they are unfitted. It will not then be the case that a father will say "What on earth am I to do with Jack or Tom or Harry?" "Oh! put him into the Church, or make him a teacher," says someone. No, the natural bent of the child will be considered rather than the parent's convenience. The horoscope will be examined in order to discover the prevailing type of vibration first of all. Let me explain what I mean. There are three distinct kinds of vibration, to one of which everything and everybody belongs—these three types are known under various names, Will, Wisdom, Activity; Atma, Buddhi, Manas; the three Gunas, *viz.*, Tamas, Sattva, Rajas; Christians know them as Father, Son, Holy Spirit; the outer world knows them under various guises. Aristocracy, Democracy and the Middle Class; Conservative, Radical and Liberal Unionist, and so on with many another set of three. The astrologer knows them as the Fixed, Common and Cardinal signs, corresponding to, or rather identical with the Tamasic, Sattvic and Rajasic gunas respectively. Consider the difference in these Gunas, and you will see the unreasonableness of forcing the person of one type into the vibrations of another, for the three are quite distinct.

The Fixed Type (Tamasic Guna) is the slow, heavy, difficult to move type, the Conservative, determined, unadaptable type. Will you expect him to do work belonging to the active, eager, restless, energetic, Cardinal (Rajasic) type of person? No, the Fixed sign person is on the Will line, and is the ruler, commander, organiser; the Cardinal sign person is the active worker, either physical, mental or both, while the Common sign person (Sattvic Guna) is he whose dharma it is to evolve discrimination, who leans now to one side now to the other (in order to gain this), and who for this reason makes neither a good ruler, nor a good worker unless he works under guidance, and so he makes a better servant than master, and should seldom be put in a place of command. This needs consideration in determining one's future career. Possibly you will say, "but why all this trouble? If a person hits on a wrong career to start with, he'll probably give it up, and get into his right sphere eventually." Well, perhaps! but what about the waste of time?

Again, having determined the prevailing type of vibration, whether of the Fixed, Common or Cardinal Order, the planetary and zodiacal

temperament should be considered, for remember that the rising sign denotes the type of brain and body, the Moon the type of emotional body and the ruling planet probably the mental body. If a person has a strong Saturnian temperament, he should not be trained for the Army; and parenthetically I might say here, that one of the arguments against conscription is, to me, an astrological one. A Mars boy will naturally join the army, but if you force a Saturn boy into the army, you might as well expect a fish to live on dry land, for the Saturn native will most probably be shot down, or killed without having done any fighting himself for war is not his strong point, though if you *force* him to be a soldier, you will probably make of him a ruthless, cold-blooded, cruel one, or if he is a good type of Saturn he will do his duty conscientiously, though coldly and without enthusiasm, while the Mars type is at its best as a soldier, and *can* live up to his highest. So again with the zodiacal signs. Take your Sagittarian boy, and make him a clergyman or an actor or a lawyer if you like, but not a secret service man, take your Capricornian and let him go in for something connected with commerce or valuation or anything requiring good, balanced judgment and commercial instincts. Let your Leo boy take up something where good organising and ruling powers are needed, let your Aries boy join any pioneer work, your Gemini boy go in for any profession or trade that needs an active, intelligent versatile mind, your Virgo child anything where he can work under guidance at any trade or profession which needs careful, detailed work, and all will be well, and you will not have, what one so often sees, people doing work which is irksome and entirely unsuitable, and doing it without any delight or enthusiasm, people who are always "kicking against the pricks," for each will have his own natural work and each his own place in the social organism. Though I believe that when a person has evolved far enough he can be given work for which he is obviously unfitted, and if he has taken himself in hand, he will eventually do that work well and thoroughly, thus doing himself much good by "filling in the gaps" in his character, but *this* will be at a later stage than that we are at present considering.

I have only considered three ways in which I think Astrology can be useful in helping the work of social re-building, but as I view the subject, it seems to me there is *nothing* in which it cannot play its part.

Mrs Jacob Bright

MODERN ASTROLOGY has lost many of its oldest subscribers recently, but none will be missed more than Mrs Jacob Bright, sister-in-law of the famous Rt. Hon. John Bright, who died on the 12th March last after seven years painful illness.

Mrs Bright was one of the oldest and the most valued of our subscribers, and took a very keen interest in all our astrological work, encouraging us on every occasion to persevere in what she knew was pioneer work. She was in full sympathy with us because she was a pioneer herself in all forward movements especially where the welfare of humanity was concerned.

We publish her horoscope because it is peculiarly instructive. It is the horoscope of a typical representative of that good type of English women who are the bulwark of the British Nation. She possessed a singularly strong and faithful character, loyal and true to every cause she espoused. She was most hospitable and generous. Her house was always an open one to workers in the cause of humanity. She was beautifully natural and as real and genuine as it is possible to be, with a refinement that was most attractive. Born under the last decanate of the sign Leo with the Sun, ruler, in the sign Cancer, and the Moon in the sign Scorpio she had a firm and unflinching will which enabled her to endure the excruciating pain and suffering of the last seven years of her life with heroic strength and fortitude.

Her deep interest in Astrology is denoted by the position of the planet Saturn exalted in the sign Libra, in the third house.

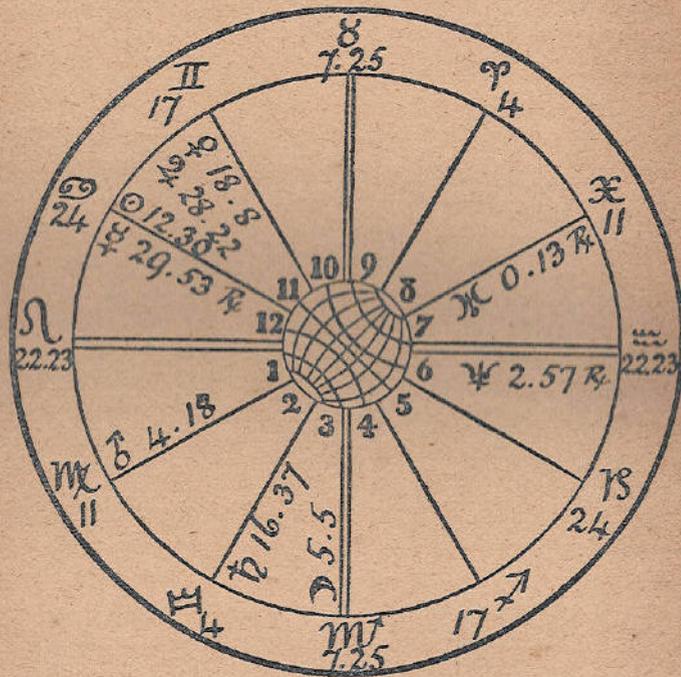
We felt a love and affection for this charming personality which had been won from us by her refined dignity and perfect grace of manner. The maternal principle in her was beautifully developed and she was in reality a mother to all who had need of her sympathy and kindness; and although ever firm and decided she had a sweetness and gentleness that made her a perfect gentlewoman.

Her house in St. James' Place, S.W., and later in Drayton

Gardens, was always open and free to her loving friend Mrs Annie Besant, and Mrs Besant had no more loyal or sincere adherent.

Mrs Bright led a very active life before her long illness, working for many societies where reform work was done. She was a member of the Society of Friends, and was also an earnest student of Theosophical teaching.

It would be no exaggeration to say of her that she was a friend to all and an enemy to none, for to none in need did she ever refuse a



helping hand. The Moon in sextile aspect to the planet Mars from the signs Scorpio and Virgo gave her a keen wit and a strong sense of humour and endowed her with an acute yet cheerful mind. Her accomplishments were many, and her shrewd discrimination prevented her from being easily deceived by others.

We cannot regret her passing for it was indeed a happy release. She died in her 80th year keenly alive to spiritual things with a sure conviction that divine justice as well as mercy rules the world.

"A comprehensive account of the different branches of public duty to which Mrs Bright devoted herself," says a writer in the *Manchester Guardian*, "of the movements she initiated and the controversies in which she engaged, would cover almost the whole field of what are generally known as women's questions. Many of these were apt to be treated with ridicule at the time when Mrs Bright was first actively interested in them. The right of women to the Parliamentary franchise, which was so long, so ably, and so eloquently advocated by Mr Jacob Bright, though it had been supported by a small band of distinguished men for many years, was not merely deemed to be outside the sphere of practical politics forty or fifty years ago, but frequently treated as a subject for derision. But into no work in which she took a prominent part did she throw herself with greater earnestness than into the movement that led to the passing of the Married Women's Property Act. In this, though she always recognised the valuable assistance rendered by Mrs Wolstenholme Elmy and others, Mrs Bright was undoubtedly the most stalwart and the most successful worker. And, as in other movements in which she was deeply interested, she never spared herself. Her personal correspondence was enormous; to friends and strangers alike she was ready to give information, and she lost no opportunity of arguing disputed points with Parliamentary friends. In the end she had the satisfaction of seeing the success of her efforts. At the time of the Bulgarian atrocities Mrs Bright, acting with a small committee, of which Mr Froude and Mr Auberon Herbert were members, took a most energetic part in the movement, happily successful, to prevent Lord Beaconsfield's Government from plunging the country into war with Russia on behalf of Turkey. Almost to the end of her life Mrs Bright was constantly engaged in active political work. Along with Mr Jacob Bright she was an active opponent of the Contagious Diseases Act, as also of every form of vivisection and of the laws and practice of vaccination. She was one of the promoters of the National Women's Liberal Association, the organisation of which in its early period was to a great extent due to her clear views and business-like methods."

Answers to Questions¹

DEATH IN BATTLE OR CATASTROPHE.—The following two questions have been put before me: (i) If we could examine the horoscopes of all those who lose their life at the war, should we invariably find indications of a violent death and would the directions agree as to the time and nature of the event in every individual case? (ii) What is the astrological explanation in such cases as earthquakes, shipwrecks, etc., when hundreds of lives are lost at the same time and in the same locality. Would every nativity of the victims show the same kind of death and would the directions exactly point to the time of the event in every case? If this is not so, it is argued, genethliacal astrology cannot be true and reliable. (294)

(i) In all cases of violent death we should expect that kind of death to be shown in the nativity. With regard to the time of the death, or the nature of the event, this may, or may not, be shown by what are termed "directions." In all national calamities persons who are destined to suffer through them are drawn to the place where the calamity is to take place, and to fully understand such a question as yours it is necessary to know something about the difference between national and individual karma. Some persons have inherited what is known as national karma, either through their attitude toward or in connection with some nation in the past, and therefore share in that nation's good or bad karma as the case may be. Earthquakes and wars are national inheritances. Groups of persons dying violent deaths have some debt to pay which is usually cleared up by National Calamities.

(ii) It may seem paradoxical to say that an aspect or planetary and zodiacal position can be found for every event, nevertheless it is a fact that every event that happens in a life can be accounted for astrologically; therefore, to reverse your concluding sentence, Genethliacal Astrology must be true and reliable since an astrological influence can be found for every event.

Genethliacal Astrology is not as yet well understood by students of Astrology, and those who love Astrology for its teachings and the

¹ Questions must be of GENERAL INTEREST. They should be written upon one side of the paper only, a separate sheet of paper being used for each separate question, and addressed to Question Department, "Modern Astrology" Office, 40, Imperial Buildings, Ludgate Circus, E.C.

help it gives in the progress of the soul are trying very hard to free Genethliacal Astrology from the interpretations that are given by rules that apply to Horary Astrology only.

Animal Astrology is a mixture of Horary and Genethliacal Astrology. Human Astrology is free from this mixture.

Every animal-man is subject to the limitations of house- and sign-influence, and being thus *subject* he obeys these influences more or less blindly and impulsively. The human being who has crushed out the animal matter and controlled his impulses is not governed wholly by the house divisions or the signs of the zodiac, but responds to the planetary vibrations, which act upon his intuitive faculties. The difference between the actions, feelings, and thoughts of an animal-man, and those of the man who has controlled and subjugated his animal nature, is that the one acts, feels, and thinks impulsively,—or in other words is prompted by outside circumstance,—while the other thinks, feels, and acts intuitively.

Horary Astrology is entirely *fatalistic*: Genethliacal Astrology allows for the *freedom of choice* of the individual.

There is an 'attractive' influence about an impending calamity which attracts its own by a subtle law which resides in matter. The horoscope of the victim shows the response of the victim to this attraction.

The foregoing had just been written when the following case came to hand of a youth who lost his life in the "Bulwark" disaster: the Bulwark was accidentally destroyed by an explosion at 7.50 a.m., 28/11/1914. Male, born 17/12/94, 6.30 p.m., Swanmore, Hants: ♃2, ♄11, ♀24, ☽28, ♁14, ♃4; ☉♄26, ☽♃3½, ♁♄12½, ♀♃0, ♂♃25½, ♃♃2 r ♃♃4½, ♃♃18, ♃♃14 r. Note Saturn in the fourth, in Scorpio, opposed by Mars its dispositor from the tenth: ♃ in ♃ is always tragic, and here in the fourth it signifies the end—a watery death. The primary direction for the time of death was ♂♃ M.C.

ARMY v. NAVY.—It has been noted (by Scotsmen themselves) that Scotsmen as a rule incline more to the Army than to the Navy. If 'governed' by ☽, why? (295)

The Navy is surely not wholly governed by ☽ any more than the Army is wholly governed by ♃: ♂ governs *all* warfare.

Obiter Dicta

"An *obiter dictum*, in the language of the law, is a gratuitous opinion, an individual impertinence, which, whether it be wise or foolish, right or wrong, bindeth none—not even the lips that utter it."

OLD JUDGE.

GENIAL BANTER

Our old contributor F. Z. L. would have enjoyed the following from "The Cinema" for March 11th:—

To Alan Leo, Esq., author of "When the War Will End."

DEAR SIR,—A member of the cinema trade has favoured us with the following extract from your pen in a work with the above-mentioned title:—

On or about March 24th some very terrible conflicts will take place, involving serious loss of life, and we judge that a great naval battle will be fought on the high seas. The new moon of March 1915 is one that points very clearly to a great naval contest between the nations, especially between Britain and Germany. . . .

Our correspondent says that he is sure that this information will be of material assistance to the cinema industry, and that he personally is "banking" on it to the extent of laying in a stock of films suitable for topical exhibition on or about the dates of the events you mention. He also adds some details of an interesting experience, on which you may care to exercise your divination faculty. He says that, when proceeding homewards the other morning, at about two o'clock, he distinctly observed two moons, one a little to the south of the other. He infers from this that the lunar influences were particularly active on that occasion, but your authoritative opinion would oblige.—Yours astrologically,

THE CINEMA.

[Probably. Moon governs Scotch, Venus Irish.—Ed., M. A.]

THE POPE'S BIRTH-DATA: (PP. 99, 139)

A well-known correspondent, Miss Laura D'Aintry, writes: "I am most happy to furnish MODERN ASTROLOGY, from the birth-register of His Holiness, the hour of birth on 21 Nov. '54: 9.45 a.m. ψ 1°8' rises, and an interesting point is γ lord of the ninth house culminating, etc." This time is somewhat earlier than that stated on p. 139, though it still leaves Capricorn on the ascendant, and the general features of the nativity remain unaffected. Will students kindly note?

Rebriels

The space available being limited a long time often has to elapse before Reviews can appear and we must ask authors and publishers to forgive this unavoidable delay; they are reminded that books not dealing with Astrology or allied subjects but with psychism, etc., are rather outside our sphere, and that we cannot consequently undertake to review them.

SUN LORE OF ALL AGES: A Collection of Myths and Legends concerning the Sun and its Worship. By WILLIAM TYLER OLCOTT, A.M., author of 'A Field Book of the Stars' and 'Star Lore of all Ages,' etc. With 30 full-page illustrations and several drawings. (G. P. Putnam's Sons: New York and London, The Knickerbocker Press: price 10s. 6d. net.)

This is a companion Volume to *Star Lore of All Ages*, of which a glowing account was given by "Vox" in our January issue (p. 26). All that was there said in praise of the arrangement, get-up and sumptuous appearance of that book may be repeated of the present work, which is uniform in style of binding, and like the former is sent out by the publishers in a neat white cardboard box to protect it from injury—an item worth taking into account in what is eminently fitted for a gift-book or school-prize. It is remarkably good value for the money.

So much for the exterior. Of the contents it may be said that they display the pleasing smoothness and consecutiveness of treatment which characterised the former volume. A feature of special interest is the comparatively large number of North American Indian Myths, not accessible in the usual works of reference dealing with Solar Myths. A concluding chapter deals with "the Sun revealed by Science" and gives interesting astronomical details.

The author remarks in his preface: "In the light of modern science, this mass of myth and legend may seem childish and of trifling value, but each age spells its own advance, and the all-important present soon fades into the shadowy and forgotten past."

A wise reminder; and yet we think even this faintly apologetic note unnecessary. It seems probable that in the light of the *most modern* science myth and legend may soon appear re-garbed, and, like Cinderella at the ball, be then unrecognisable by their less life-full sisters. Wisdom did not die with Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophan, nor was it born with them; and myth and legend may yet prove a palimpsest-chart to an unrifled treasure house of ancient knowledge.

These reflections are perhaps prompted by the fact that the *English Mechanic* in a notice of the work "could wish the last chapter had been a longer one," desiring apparently less 'fancy' and more 'fact.'

Letters to the Editor

HINTS TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Letters of general interest only are inserted. Writers of signed articles are alone responsible for the opinions contained therein. Correspondents desiring acknowledgment or reply will please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

AN OBITER DICTUM

DEAR SIR,

It is with some surprise, as well as regret, that I have been reading the statements of many of the English Astrologers—their criticism and fault-finding of the Kaiser, who find really nothing good at all in his horoscope; while, on the other hand they have only the loudest praise, with no criticism whatever, for Lord Kitchener, Lord Roberts, Sir John French and others, men who have made it their business all their lives to learn, and train themselves, and teach others the art of warfare and how to “fight” and “destroy” human beings.

The Kaiser has, as everyone knows, devoted a great part of his active and useful life to the upbuilding of science, literature, art, and the elevation and advancement of his subjects, in many ways, other than that of mere warfare. In this respect the lives of Lord Kitchener, Lord Roberts, Sir John French and others of Great Britain are not to be compared with that of the Kaiser's. How is it possible, I ask, for one calling himself an Astrologer, and laying claims to the study and belief in Occultism and Theosophy, to denounce and discredit others, and to allow racial prejudice to influence their better (astrological) judgment, merely because of one's different nationality; for Occultism and Theosophy—letting alone the horoscope and Astrology—as I understand them, make no distinction as to race, nationality, etc.

In my large practice and wide experience with Astrology, and the many individuals I have read, I have certainly not found that one, having the third or even the second decanate of Cancer rising; or with Moon trine to the ascendant; or with both of these sensitive points of the chart favourable to Mars, or with the Sun trine to Jupiter; or with Jupiter in good aspect to Saturn; or with Moon in fifth house; or with Mars in good aspect to Uranus, etc., as being totally depraved and an utterly worthless and bad man, without any good and redeeming traits of character, as our English Astrologer friends would wish to impute to the Kaiser.

I am an American, of American parents and my great grandparents were all born in the United States, and from what I can learn,

my ancestors were Englishmen. I mention this to show that I am not biassed in favour of the Germans. But I hold that, to impute to the actions of one man, as being the sole cause of this great war, as has repeatedly been done by various writers of English Astrologers, seems almost incredible, when considered in the light of Astrology, as well as that of reason. To everyone his just dues.

King Albert and his subjects are also praised and lauded to the skies, and for what? For upholding their “honour.” Honour! Is that “honourable” to invite destruction and death, when it could have been avoided?—and it would not have been a semblance of cowardice to have acquiesced and let the Germans pass through Belgium. In my estimation this would have been by far the most “honourable” course to pursue. But the enormous conceit of King Albert, as shown by the Sun in opposition Jupiter, and Sun in Aries, indicating his meddlesome qualities, plainly shows that he wanted to “show off” to the whole world how wonderfully courageous (?) he was; although this king is not without some good qualities, as indicated by his ascendant in Cancer, being very near that of the place of the Kaiser's, and various other good positions, aspects, etc., of some of his planets. But who does not remember the awful cruelties of the Belgians in the Congo district? Is it a Karmic retribution, already in reaction on that nation?

Los Angeles, Cal., U.S.A.

C. I. ALTHOUSE.

[COMMENT.—It is perhaps unfortunate that those who write charging others with bias and prejudice on account of nationality or personal preferences, are too seldom careful to take into consideration the possibility that national bias or personal predilection may “work both ways” so to speak, and that they themselves may not be altogether free from prejudice in the opposite direction! We have been struck with this fact on several occasions when reading letters from readers who disagree with our views.

We are at all times glad to receive expressions of opinion contrary to our own; they are often helpful, and always interesting. Yet while recognising that publication of letters by no means necessarily presupposes endorsement or approval of the writer's views, we must respectfully point out to correspondents that mere difference of opinion does not *ipso facto* entitle their views to publication as some of them seem to expect. In the present case we think publication the most effective reply.

For the rest, as to the train of thought which has led us to our opinion in regard to the Great War, readers are referred to our latest publication *Mars: the War Lord*, which consists of the pith of a series of lectures delivered before the Astrological Society in the first three months of the present year. The basis of our prediction in 1910 that the Emperor of Austria would be the direct cause of bringing about a European War is fully explained—ED.]

ARE OUR WAR JUDGMENTS BIASED?

DEAR SIR,

The March issue of MODERN ASTROLOGY arrived yesterday, and, as usual, everything else had to stand aside until I could have my first plunge into it. I hasten to send you an expression of my appreciation of the fair and generous treatment you have given to our German fellow-students, and wish to take this occasion to define my own attitude at the opening of the war.

Although my ancestry is in part English, it is a fact that from youth up I have had an inherent feeling of resentment against and repugnance respecting most of the typical English natives I have met; so much so, that the mere fact that anything originates in England or is endorsed by the natives of that country is sufficient to cause me to submit it to more careful analysis than usual before permitting myself to acknowledge its claims.

With regard to Germany and the Germans I have never felt any such innate prejudice, though there are certain characteristic mannerisms of the typical Germans I have met that are both annoying and amusing to me. While confessing these tendencies, there is that in my character and mental makeup which causes me to realise my tendency to err, and thus protects me in a large measure from yielding to the unhealthy inclinations. But so far as personal bias would be likely to affect me, I feel quite certain that it would have favoured Germany or the Germans against England and the English.

While as a student of astrology I owe a tremendous debt to you and the text-books issued under your auspices, I am under exceptionally deep personal obligations to a native of Germany who is one of the most profound students of the science of astrology I have ever met, and with whom I was on most intimate terms of friendly co-operation in the study of the science from 1889 to 1903 or 1904; though I have not heard from or about him now for several years. I mention this to show that I owe to both Germany and England much of my understanding of the science. And, with my training and the above-confessed prejudices,—and acting entirely independently and without any knowledge of what you were doing,—my judgment of the ultimate conclusion of the present conflict in Europe was in very close accord with yours.

I feel strongly disposed to agree with your correspondent Harold Clift that the sign Cancer (probably the Scorpio decanate) dominates the German Empire. During the years when I was giving demonstrations in public places where I would give brief test readings to large numbers of people every day, I was very much impressed with the large number of instances in which the sign Cancer figured conspicuously in the Germans who applied for readings. And, in my opinion, Germans as a class do exhibit in a very remarkable manner the tenacious crab-like clutch so characteristic of that sign's symbology. It is also characteristic of the crab that when he does leave go he does

it suddenly and completely.¹ And it is my opinion that when once the German masses begin to awaken to the frightful error they have been lured into they will verify this feature of the science which seems to play such an important part in their destiny.

I rather anticipate very important developments between now and the middle of April. This week the Sun is transiting the places of Mars and Neptune in the Kaiser's horoscope which will certainly stimulate much that has hitherto been quiescent therein. But when Mars conjunction Mercury makes the same transit in April there will surely be "something doing." It seems to me certain that at that time there will be liberated the accumulated evil resulting from Saturn's long continuance in the Kaiser's twelfth house where he has been pouring his leaden rays into the radical Venus in the sixth. One very powerful factor, according to my reasoning, is the fact that Jupiter is just about beginning his transit of the Kaiser's mid-heaven where he will remain for the balance of the year, which transit alone is of sufficient power to yield him exceptional honours, recognition and success in his public undertakings. It so happens that the mid-heaven of the King of Belgium is practically the same as that of the German Kaiser; and the forthcoming transit of Jupiter in that part of the Zodiac carries the promise of honours, recognition, and large extension of the sphere of influence to him. Obviously, Jupiter can scarcely perform the same service simultaneously for both these Monarchs. Hence it seems a fair inference that the arbiters of destiny will remove the one before the beneficial transit eventuates. The possibility of the Kaiser's decline is not only indicated by numerous factors in his horoscope, but the great Eclipse of last summer certainly prefigured the deaths of monarchs that have not yet transpired. A similar Eclipse at nearly the same degree of Leo was followed by the deaths of two German Emperors preceding the present holder of that title.

I must take this occasion to give you a bit of inside information with regard to the European War that seems to me to conclusively give the lie to all the protestations of Germany's representatives and apologists who declare that she was forced into the struggle. I believe I told you that I am living as a member of Dr. Fechtig's household here in Lakewood, it being a roomy establishment conducted as a sanatorium in which exclusively drugless methods of healing are practised. Last summer and fall a lady was here as a patient whose father is editor of one of the large newspaper syndicates that has its headquarters in New York City; and her husband is a business man

¹ We should be glad of expressions of opinion on this point. Our own experience points distinctly to the contrary:—as does also the behaviour of the crab. Youngsters fish for crabs by letting down a line with a piece of fish tied at the end: master crab allows himself to be hauled out of the water and landed over the pier-railing, before he lets go; nor does it then seem a sudden loosening, but a reluctant and disappointed one.—Ed.]

in New York and a graduate of a New York college and member of a society comprised of the members of the class in which he graduated. This lady's husband made several trips to visit his wife while she was here, and I became quite well acquainted with both him and his wife and her father. They were all here on the Sunday following the outbreak of the war, and in the presence of a number of guests and patients he told us that in March of last year (1914), at a meeting of this college club, they had invited Dr A. K. Graves (who was formerly one of the German Kaiser's special spies, and was arrested in England, and finally came to this country) to give a lecture. He has attracted a great deal of attention since by a series he has written giving his intimate experiences while in the Kaiser's secret service. But most of this literary work has been done since the outbreak of the war; whereas this lecture I am speaking of was given in March, before the war started. In the course of this lecture he definitely and positively declared that he would guarantee that on or about the first of August of the coming summer, or co-incident with the annual military manoeuvres, some pretext would be seized upon to declare war which would start the European conflict for which Germany has been carefully making her preparations for many years. Those present at the meeting gasped at this prediction, and were disposed to treat it as the frothings of a sensational enthusiast. But after his prediction was verified by the facts they realised that he evidently had good inside information on which he based his forecast.

Dr Graves said that should the death of Francis Joseph occur before the summer war might be precipitated sooner, but that in any event he was confident that some pretext would be seized to start it in the summer of 1914 at the latest.

Now I happen to know that not only does this man's father-in-law, who is intimately connected editorially and in other ways with numbers of important papers in this country, know about the incident I have related above, but numbers of other editors and newspaper men in this country know of it and yet none of them have ever, so far as I know, published the story of that very remarkable incident. Nevertheless I am constrained to believe that this and other like information that is known to and understood by our publicists and diplomats has had a great deal to do in influencing the attitude of this country towards the belligerents in Europe.

Lakewood, N.J.

FRANK THEODORE ALLEN.

DOES CANCER RULE GERMANY?

DEAR SIR,

With regard to the view put forward in March "M.A.," that ♄ rules the Germans, it seems to me that they may perhaps be ruled by ♃, as they show many characteristics of that sign, the thoroughness, etc.—while I think that ♄ shows plainly in the English character. It is noticeable too, that these signs designate ourselves

and enemy in the figure for declaration of war, August 4, 11 p.m. London, which is a remarkable figure, and I should like to hear the opinion of other students about it. The rulers of 1st and 7th going to ♄, ♀ ruling us, and ♂ the more warlike enemy, meeting the same aspects, and both ☐ ♃, looks to me as though the war might possibly end in a draw, or in some unsatisfactory way—♃ in ☐ from the sign ♀ in the 2nd shows it to be a long war, with financial difficulties and lack of news. ♃ being in ♀, said to rule Belgium, with its ruler ♀ ♄ ♃, points to the difficulty over Belgium's neutrality treaty, leading to the war. The figure on the whole I consider unlucky. ♀ and the ♃ are not well placed by sign, and the ♃ close to 10th cusp ♄ ♃ is a bad affliction and shows deceitful dealings, crafty attacks by sea and otherwise. (It would bring out the ♃ ♄ ♃ aspect in King George's horoscope.) I noticed that when the ☉ was in ♄ 28, January 19, the Zeppelin raid on Norfolk occurred, and on January 30 when ♃ was ♄ ♃ ☉ 28 ♄ ♃, five of our own ships were sunk by submarines. This aspect also seems to denote the harmful secret diplomacy, opposed to the democratic interests of the people.

The 4th house, with ♄ ♃ ♄ ♃, and ☉ ♄ ♃ and ♃, ♃ ♃, ♃ ♃ and ♀ does not seem to point to a favourable ending, but rather to chaos and frustration of hopes. It doesn't look as though the war would result in a satisfactory way, either for ourselves or the enemy. The Kaiser's opposition aspects act from the four angles of this figure, his ♃'s place exactly on 7th cusp. It is somewhat unfortunate that ♃ in this figure is exactly on the ♃ of King George, which in his horoscope is ♄ ♃ and ☐ ♃, with ♃ not well placed in his proclamation and coronation maps. (It is to be noted that the Kaiser, the Czar, King George, and King of Belgium all have the ♃ badly afflicted by ♃ in their radical maps.) In King George's it shows danger from enemies, and ♃ ♄ ♃ trouble through foreign affairs, shipping, etc.—sudden losses. ♃ by transit has been some time in ♀ 25, ♄ the King's ♃ and on his Prog. Asc.; and I observe that three of our ships were sunk by the enemy in the morning of March 9, when the ♃ was in ♄ to ♃ ☐ 25.

In connection with the war the Great Conjunction figure of ♃ and ♃ March 4, 1914, should be studied. It seems to me very striking and clearly to denote the war. The place of King George's ♃ was exactly rising, thus his ♃ ♄ ♃ aspect acts from the 1st and 7th cusps of this figure, showing the war arising from Belgium's affairs, ♀ 7th cusp, ruler of 7th ♀ in ♃ on the place of the Kaiser's ♃ and ♂ and King Albert's ♄, and ♃ the ♂ of ♃ and ♃ on the Kaiser's ☉, ♄ his ♃—with ♂ and ♃ in the 7th, open enemies, and the martial sign ♃ culminating. Also the ☉ ☐ ♃ in ♀, Belgium's sign, in 6th house, ☉ ruling the 8th, showing the sorrow and deaths of the people arising from the war.

In conclusion, the Kaiser's progressed ♃ exactly on the radical ♂ of King George shows the hatred at present existing between the two countries.

10/3/15.

MARGARET MATTHEWS.

A FORECAST

DEAR SIR,

On examining the Kaiser's Horoscope by my methods I find he commenced the war under an affliction from ♃, and during the coming summer 1915 he is under an affliction of the ☉ which is in the house of death. On examining the Horoscope of the Crown Prince of Germany I find that he is under an affliction of ♂ and ♀ rulers of his fourth and tenth houses, and in themselves indicators of loss and strife.

The ☉ eighth ♂ ♃ second in the Kaiser's nativity can be read as death after great loss of foreign possessions (♃ ruling the ninth house), and poverty in the land; the ♃♃♃♃♃ will read as death after a great disaster, through a speculation taken on the advice of his friends and advisers. His ♃♃♃♃♃ shows success in building up a powerful army and navy and success in warfare. But with ♃ ruling his ninth house ♃☉ it shows failure in invading foreign countries and in satisfying his ambitions.

When it comes to his own country being invaded, however, I consider that his horoscope shows an extraordinary amount of resistance which will give him success in keeping the invading forces at a distance. With his ☉♃♃ and ♃♃♃ I do not consider that he will see his country invaded to any great extent, and the aspects will also prevent him from seeing the end of the war. I think that the coming affliction in the summer of 1915 will prove to be his end, most likely the end of July or beginning of August.

The horoscope of the Crown Prince bears out what has just been said about his father. With ♂ in eighth and ruler of his fourth he can inherit a war. And ♃ in ♂♃☉♃ in the fifth house; ♃ being the eighth sign from ♃, which rules his tenth cusp; ♃ ruling his second house; indicates that his inheritance will be lost through his father's speculation and folly.

This is the weak horoscope and the horoscope through which the Allies will gain their victory.

To sum up, there is every possibility that the death of the Kaiser will take place during the summer of 1915. The Crown Prince on inheriting the war will endeavour to make peace (♃♃♃♃♃); but on the advice of the military party, he will refuse the terms of the Allies and the war will continue until Germany is beaten in 1918. The Crown Prince will retire and find an asylum in America (☉♃♃ ninth, ♃♃♃♃♃), and Germany will set up the first government of the world run on Socialistic lines.

I do not consider that the Crown Prince of Germany will ever be officially crowned Kaiser.

11/3/15.

S. A. SANDERS.

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THE MELTING POT

THE value of Astrology to the whole world could not be better exemplified at any other time than the present, when the most highly civilised nations are busy trying their best to destroy each other.

We have said that religion is on trial throughout the world, but we might well have added that mechanical science is also on trial. The nations have prepared mechanical instruments and brought their manufacture to such a fine art as weapons of destruction, that we can only stand amazed at the folly and madness of men who presume to call themselves civilised; for they have now lost sight of the causes which led to war in their frenzy of eagerness to defeat each other. England, France and Russia have determined that the war shall not end until the enemy is finally crushed, and if possible prevented from making war in the future. Germany, Austria and Turkey are also just as determined that they will not cease until the allies are definitely overcome and conquered.

It is vain to moralise on the wickedness of such a state of things. Whatever the religionists may say, it is plain that the religion of the

churches and chapels has failed; and those who have seen the lack of unity in the system as a whole are not surprised at its failure.

It is not only the religionists alone who have been lacking in unity, moreover, for the prevailing force of separated interests has permeated every department of life wherever the human family exists.

What is the matter with the world, that its people should be so lacking in unity that a Great War is necessary to pull them together?

No satisfactory answer to this question has been supplied through the ordinary channels for opinions and impressions among the general public. The people are obviously drifting into a condition where they will either become quite indifferent, or, by some extraordinary realisation, be brought face to face with a danger that will stir them into a conviction of the realities around them.

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The majority of the writers of to-day are under the influence of materialistic thought, and seem to be sadly lacking in imagination and in the power to convince the public that the age of individualistic and materialistic civilisation is *ending*.

What is now required from everyone is **INITIATIVE**, the ability to understand something of the psychological factors in life, and the power to place before the general public in a convincing manner the idea that we are entering an entirely New Age which shall have nothing in common with the dense material period from which we are emerging.

Every student of Astrology should resist whatever apathy he may find around him and endeavour to instruct those with whom he comes into contact that a cycle of **MARS** is ending and that a new phase is before us—the commencement of a new cycle.

Let us put on one side any silly fears we may have with regard to our own particular adverse influences and try to think nationally, and having realised for ourselves the truths contained in Astrology seek to educate those around us with the knowledge that God has not deserted this planet on which we live, but that He works by laws that we may know and understand if we will only shift our gaze from our own horoscopes to a wider conception of Astrology which deals with a universal as well as a particular zodiac.

National Horoscopes reveal the tendencies which lead to National Events; such as the abuse of the planetary influences which has given

the German nation the concrete and mechanical mind, and the abuse of the planetary influence which gives the British nation freedom and independence. The German mind fails to see any other point of view than its own; and the British mind is just as perverse in failing to see the value of psychological as distinct from material factors, and both have therefore drifted into a false security of apathy and indifference. The true and permanent value of Astrology will always be found in its revelation that **CHARACTER IS DESTINY**. It is character that has produced the Great War, and the evil destiny we are now reaping is the result of the bad and not the good character of nations.

The Triple Entente and the Triple Alliance have no more a belief in divine law and the fact that Mars is the war lord than they have of admitting their folly in going to war. They both believe that **Might is Right**, or they would not appeal to might rather than to right; and it does not mitigate the offence when we emphasise the fact that one nation has openly declared its belief that might is right while the other only acted on that belief.

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The abuse of the divine energy we call **MARTIAL** influence is shown whenever there is wilful and determined destruction, and while man openly and actively uses the force of Mars to slay and kill his brother man he is breaking the law of God which the Christian loudly proclaims: *Thou shall not kill*.

The influence we term 'martial' is a flow of energy streaming from the Sun, the throne of God, through the planetary sphere of which Mars is the physical or active centre. It is a divine gift to man, an energy which allows him to display activity in all directions. When used as an evolutionary force it is beneficial and useful, but when abused it is destructive and reacts upon the destroyer. We call it a wicked war, and we are not concerned with the question as to its physical causes whether it be political, military, clerical or otherwise. We only know that we see the cause astrologically in the horoscopes of men who are termed monarchs, and can trace that cause to the malefic influences of the planet Mars, and we challenge any disbeliever in Astrology to disprove it or find a more suitable cause.

We did not invent the horoscope of the Kaiser; he was born when

the planet Mars was highest in the heavens, in conjunction with the planet Neptune, and we interpret this as Pan-Germanism. Not even an Astronomer Royal can refute the truth of this horoscope, should he be sufficiently acquainted with the subject to cast it; for the earth and the heavens were as depicted in this horoscope at the time of the Kaiser's birth. We said on page 451 of the October number of MODERN ASTROLOGY that the Kaiser's horoscope typifies the downfall of the concrete, critical and egotistical mind; and that we saw in that horoscope that he was representative of the militarism of Germany, the Prussian element. This was written a few days after the declaration of war, and we believe it to be a true interpretation of his horoscope. When the planet Mars by progression arrived at the square aspect of the Sun in 1914 the Kaiser felt, under the destructive stimulus of the martial combination in his horoscope, the inclination to go to war.

He had not ruled his stars, therefore he cannot be a wise ruler of his nation; for he allowed the destructive force to play through him and let loose the dogs of war and has thus become responsible for the lives of millions of men, the sorrowing hearts of millions of women, and the distress and suffering of millions of children.

In the issue of MODERN ASTROLOGY for January 1914 we said that War for Great Britain was not inevitable, and we are interested to see that Lord Cromer in his letter to the *Times* of April 19 has supported that belief when he says:—

The only semblance of a reproach which can reasonably be levelled against recent British diplomacy is that, though improbable, it is just conceivable that the present war might have been avoided if the intention of the British Government to resist German aggression had been more clearly and firmly stated at an earlier stage of the negotiations. But it can scarcely be doubted that, if this had been done, the very same individuals who are now disposed to criticise British diplomacy for not maintaining the peace of Europe would have raised a violent outcry on the plea that diplomatic action had tended to precipitate war.

Does any sane person in the face of all the horrors this Great War has produced honestly believe that the Kaiser would be allowed to sanction the declaration of war if the nation he rules was not ready and willing to take the offensive against another nation?

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Character is destiny truly. We may be giants in intellect and

possess all the mathematical skill that will enable us to compute endless arcs of directions, and yet be without that curious faculty of scientific imagination that enables us to understand the *meaning* of the influences we trace to the planetary spheres.

So many minds are confused just now as to *why* civilised nations should be seeking to destroy each other; but the astrological mind should experience no such confusion.

Astrology explains the various and distinctive influences we find affecting humanity. It does not teach that these are good or bad in themselves, but merely that they are powers, influences, energies, vibrations, modes of motion, phases of consciousness, call them what we will, coming from the celestial spheres which affect certain departments in nature as well as man, collectively and individually.

The influence of Mars in its primal source is creative. In man it is generative and can only be realised as a creative principle through *regeneration*.

If men are regenerated by the passion and activity of war, then for those who require that method regeneration may come through the virtues of patriotism, heroism and sacrifice. In this sense only can we reconcile the idea that out of evil comes good; but for our own part we regret that the lessons of life should have to be realised in such a school of destruction. It is quite possible that before the freedom of a New Democracy could be realised the despotic rulers of nations had to fall. It certainly seems necessary in the present state of things that freedom from the tyranny of unwise governors is imperative before we can be allowed to think ideally and without being considered as being born out of our due time or mad.

A World Empire has no doubt to be, in the not far distant future, for that is in all probability part of the divine plan; and there can be no question that self-government must take the place of despotic power if Right is going to stand against Might.

A World Empire will eventually solve innumerable difficulties that at present exist, and we can see in the crumbling nations how that World Empire is likely to be built up. It is quite plain to those who have clear vision that some of the independent nations will either have to federate, or go: which nation shall have the responsibility of founding the nucleus of the world empire the astrologer may guess.

Some very strange surprises are in store for the men of the world who refuse to think astrologically,—and by that we mean those who do not think *above* the material plane of concrete thought. The federation of the nations of Europe is the beginning of the New Empire, and the ideal of brotherhood and unity will be the main policy.

England, as we have stated, is now being Weighed in the Balance; she has to evolve her opposite, ♃—♄. Great will be the testing of her people; for unless the British Nation can regenerate itself and transmute the anger, lust and greed of the evil side of Mars, when its influence is abused, into the beauty, love and compassion of Venus, then her star will wane and another nation will take her place. The bulk of the British nation is too “stodgy,”—too self-centred, and far too apathetic and indifferent at present; and unless the true meaning of this war is soon realised the nation will fall back; for, as we anticipated this war will end sooner than was originally expected, *and this will be England's greatest danger.*

It is not a question, to our mind, as to whether Germany will invade Britain, or even win the victory; for as things stand it is impossible for Germany now to gain the success originally counted upon, and at best she can only achieve a draw with a resulting temporary peace. But it is a question whether she will realise the moral significance of her methods in preparing for and starting this titanic struggle. Germany is destined to evolve her opposite also, ♁—♂.

This is a difficult task, but one in which the value of the exaltation of the planet Mars in Capricorn has to be realised.

America is said by some to have been sitting on the fence, watching the Great War game from a safe place. It is not for us to judge the value of America's neutrality, but she stands between Britain and Germany in a peculiar way, and for America the evolving of her opposite, ♀—♁, has many interesting details, the chief of which is the indecisive and hesitating nature of Gemini. She will be *forced* to decide which way she will act before the present war has ended.¹

France has responded wonderfully to the call of the Gods, and

many ideas formerly held with regard to France will have to be changed; but this will also apply to other nations, for this War has been the MELTING POT for them all. It speaks well, however, for the French republic that it could respond so readily to the demand made at a critical period in its history.

In some peculiar manner that we do not at present fully understand, Russia is destined to play an important part in the great world drama during the present century. She seems to have already largely regenerated herself, and cannot fail to enter upon a new epoch immediately the present war closes.

With regard to Turkey we may bid her farewell from Europe; she may yet become the Wandering Jew of all nations. The consideration of Austria-Hungary, and other matters we must leave until another occasion; their star has set, but whether it will rise again requires careful investigation.

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National Astrology is the branch that will attract the scientific men who will become its students in the future. We have dealt with it more exhaustively and more thoroughly than any other body of astrological students, and we mean to devote yet more attention to it in the future. What we have already said so far should convince students of different nationalities that we are quite unbiassed in our judgments. We may appear to have favoured some nations more than others by our remarks, but if this is so it is due to the interpretations we have placed upon the horoscopes of the rulers of the various countries engaged in the war.

We are unfavourably impressed by the Kaiser's horoscope, not because he is the German Emperor but because he has exhibited the worst traits of his ruler the Moon in the sign of its fall, Scorpio; and we have yet to be convinced that he has not used all the treachery it is possible for a man to employ in his endeavour to secure advantages of a very questionable nature in order to overcome his opponents. Where treachery, and the abuse of friendship and honour are concerned, Scorpio is truly the accursed sign.

¹ Since these words were written has occurred the torpedoing of the *Lusitania*.

PESSIMISTS AND OPTIMISTS

Public opinion is at present divided into two great extreme expressions of pessimism and optimism, and if any enquirer into the vagaries of human nature will take the trouble to look carefully into the world's thought atmosphere at the present time he will find it more than usually hazy and chaotic.

The pessimists are asking when the Germans will invade England, and about when may we expect the Zeppelin raid on London, etc. The optimists see the war ending during the summer and a peaceful and happy time evermore.

Judging by the various views published in the newspapers the men whom we have been led to think intelligent seem to be swayed by opinions only, and not by either knowledge or judgment. Looking through the party newspapers we are amazed at the poverty of sound thought and good judgment. On one side the Government are condemned and blamed for their actions and on the other side they are lauded to the skies.

Amidst all this apparent confusion of thought we can trace the bewilderment of the concrete mind, that hard critical and sceptical mind which utterly fails to see a divine purpose behind human evolution.

The astrological mind is neither approved nor understood by the concrete mind, but astrological students have at least a reasonable explanation to offer for the *chaos* into which the nations of the world are plunged at the present time. At the full Moon of July the planet Neptune takes a farewell leave of the sign Cancer which it does not re-enter for many years to come.

Does any thoughtful student of human nature imagine that we have been "romancing" for several years concerning the opposition of Uranus and the planet Neptune? Readers of this magazine who have followed the trend of the new-thought astrology know that we have said things that were neither pessimistic nor optimistic, but prompted by reason, with regard to the great unrest set in motion by the great opposition of the two most wonderful planets Uranus and Neptune.

The *Daily Express* of 5/5/15, in concluding a thought-provoking article entitled "Watchman, What of the Night?" says: "We are told that it is unpatriotic to admit that everything is not rosy and favourable. We consider such an assertion itself the last word in patriophobia. Every day we learn something of the undaunted heroism of our fighting men. They at least are worthy of their fathers—but what of us? It would seem that at certain great epochs in the world's history the Almighty carefully appraises his creations, throwing out the unworthy, and giving power and dominion to those fitted to possess them. How will Great Britain face this awful omniscient stock-taking? What can we hope from the verdict of the Judge?"

We can assure the *Daily Express* that we hope for Eternal Justice, and our science confirms our faith in the wise and good law which rules through the influence of the heavenly spheres, and judges the actions of Nations as well as Individuals.

POISON GAS

The Germans by the use of poison gas with its cruel results have descended to the lowest levels of the Neptune grade of influence, and with this latest horror have revealed the vile influence of Mars conjunction Neptune on the Meridian of the Kaiser's horoscope. This new form of "frightfulness" is just what we might expect from Neptune who rules the mists of chaos.

This suggests the powers of evil as working on their side, for it is inconceivable that *human* beings could be so vile and contemptible. Mars the War-Lord suffocated by the glamour, deception and poison of Neptune,—what an adulteration! Mars the brave, courageous and heroic warrior in the meshes of a vaporous and fiendish influence of Neptune.

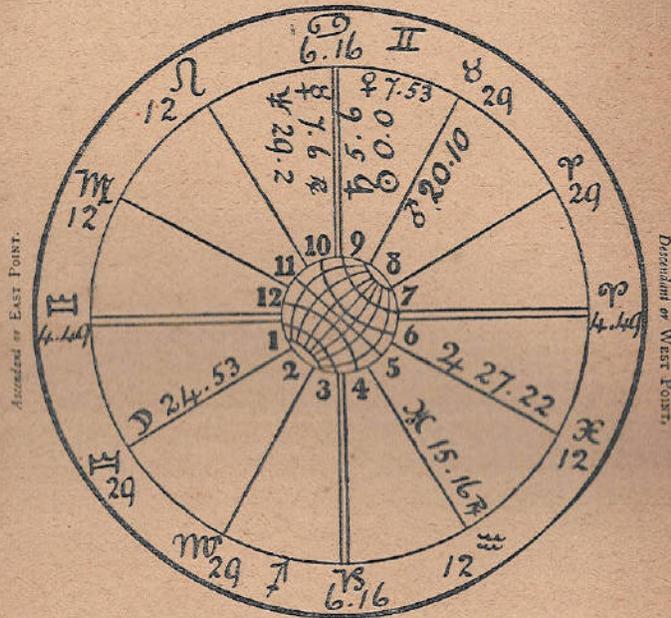
Whatever the world may say about German methods of warfare Astrology has in the horoscope of the Kaiser proof enough to condemn him in the eyes of all students as a mean and despicable foe. There is no manhood in all the British possessions that could at the present day be so cowardly and weak as to use such diabolical methods.

On page 104 of *The Art of Synthesis* we read, "The influence of Neptune in any horoscope will entirely depend upon the native's

National Astrology

THE SUMMER QUARTER

Zenith or South Point.



Nadir or North Point.

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(1)	♈ 19	♌ 24	♍ 22	♎ 14	♏ 9	♐ 11
(2)	♌ 5	♍ 10	♎ 5	♏ 23	♐ 19	♑ 23
(3)	♍ 25	♎ 2	♏ 7	♐ 7	♑ 28	♒ 23

(1) Berlin (2) Petrograd (3) New York

Sun enters Cancer June 22 1915 0.29 p.m., London

THE Sun, Saturn and Mercury are culminating in conjunction, Neptune being also in the mid-heaven; the planetary positions are not very favourable for nations, governments and monarchs in any part of Europe. At London and in the west of Europe Saturn is very near the meridian, is in its detriment, Cancer, and receives no good aspect, and the ruling powers will be embarrassed and unfortunate;

the trouble is likely to affect the internal affairs of each nation, and in our country would be sufficient to ensure a general election and the defeat of the government under ordinary circumstances, but the war has altered the values of all things so greatly that it is not easy to be certain now. This danger is not so great at Berlin and Vienna, for there Saturn is definitely in the ninth house. But Austria and Germany in common with western and southern Europe show Neptune in the mid-heaven in square to the Moon and trine to Jupiter, so that the people and the workers will make themselves felt more and more, and will influence the course of affairs; they are likely to be dissatisfied with their rulers and will cause trouble.

The navy and shipping generally will be active and successful in spite of some losses, and maritime affairs will bulk largely during the quarter. Efforts will be made by neutral countries in the direction of peace during the quarter, and much unofficial travelling will take place in the attempt to bring this about; for Venus, ruler of the map, is in Gemini in the ninth house in trine to Uranus, and Mercury, part ruler of the ninth, is very close to the meridian. But this map, taken alone, gives no decisive promise of peace, although subsequent maps may modify its influence. The danger from spies will be considerable and cases of treachery and bad faith will be brought to light. Diplomacy will be very active, and political affairs will not go smoothly anywhere.

The Sun is afflicted by Saturn as it has been in all the quarterly maps since the war began, and it does not escape from this affliction until the next equinox in September. Mars is in bad aspect to Uranus Saturn and Mercury and is in Taurus in the eighth; the heavy expenditure of the nations will continue as well as the heavy death rate, and the rulership of Mars over the seventh house seems to speak of the continuation of the war, for the time, in spite of attempts at peace. Some one prominent in the state will die and some notable rich person. The health of the country will improve. The weather is likely to be colder than the average.

Africa, Holland, the Balkan States, and Ireland will all be more or less disturbed and unsettled by the planetary positions.

At New York foreign relations will be very unsettled and the President and government will not be fortunate.

This is the only map we have seen likely to coincide with the passage of Zeppelins over London, and if any attempt is to be made by the Germans to drop bombs in London it would surely be during the summer quarter.

The figure is a very unfortunate one, and seems to denote a crisis of some sort affecting governing bodies as well as the people. Every year when the Sun enters the sign Cancer the Sun is then passing over the place of Uranus in King George's horoscope, which has progressed to the cusp of the fourth house in his nativity, and this year Saturn is near the cusp of the fourth house.

THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE

	x	xi	xii	i	ii	iii
(1)	♄ 5	♃ 1	♃ 21	♄ 7	♃ 12	♃ 27
(2)	♄ 19	♃ 13	♄ 0	♄ 16	♃ 26	♃ 13
(3)	♃ 7	♃ 25	♄ 9	♄ 19	♃ 11	♄ 7
(4)	♃ 19	♃ 22	♃ 22	♄ 16	♃ 14	♄ 15

(1) London (2) Berlin (3) Petrograd (4) New York

☉-☽	♄	♃	♄	♃	♄	♃	♄
♄ 20.43	♄ 9.13	♃ 26.6	♄ 13.6	♃ 26.25	♄ 3.51	♃ 15.28	♄ 28.43

New Moon June 12 1915 6.57 p.m., London

There are several unfortunate aspects and positions in the maps for this lunation, and the influences are not altogether propitious for any part of Europe. The two luminaries are setting in trine to Uranus in the second house and applying to the square of Jupiter lord of the ascendant in the third. Political affairs arising out of the war will grow more complicated during this lunation; differences of policy may arise among the nations that are associated on the one side or the other; some other country may be drawn in, if not as an actual combatant then through political considerations. The question of international relations and perhaps of prospective peace terms will be much under consideration, and many diplomatic communications will be passing between the various countries concerned, probably unofficially; and visits will be paid to allied nations by royal and state dignitaries; but this map taken alone does not promise peace.

Money matters will be under discussion both as affecting home affairs and as concerned by international relations, and will be settled favourably; but the square of Mars to Uranus threatens heavy losses,

failures and fluctuation of stocks. The labour world will be more contented. The navy will prosper and will score some success. Aviators will be active, but accidents and losses will occur. Engineers and workers with machinery will not be fortunate. The King is likely to travel during the lunation and to receive popular welcomes. Some well-known writer will die and there will be many deaths at sea; accidents, fires or crimes connected with children and schools are threatened by the position of Mars; theatres and amusements will not be under good influences.

The map for Berlin differs very little from that at London, except that Saturn is further in the seventh house, while Mercury is also therein as well as at Vienna, and foreign affairs are more unfortunate.

NOTES ON SOME RECENT EVENTS

THE rising position of Venus at the eclipse of the Sun on February 14 (p. 83) did not exert any real influence in favour of peace or even of lessening the severity of the war; and yet its effects were evident, partly in what may be called a sham amelioration of affairs (♀ rising par dec ♃ in 7th) and partly in connection with money matters (♀ ♄ ☽ in 2nd). For at this time Germany made the offer through the U.S.A. that if Great Britain would not stop vessels laden with food for Germany the latter would not sink neutral ships. As this country had nothing to gain and a good deal to lose by such a peculiar procedure, it of course came to nothing; which was quite characteristic of the deceptive Neptune in the seventh house.

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The eclipse of February 14 fell in Aquarius in the second or money house in trine to Saturn on the cusp of the seventh house, and in addition to the agreement between the Allies in connection with war loans there occurred various strikes brought about by the high price of some foods and other articles. This tendency was continued over the New Moon for March 15 (which showed afflictions of the fourth and sixth houses) on which day Lord Kitchener stated in the House of Lords that strikes were endangering the supply of war material. The fourth and sixth houses both have to do with the workers, and under the map for the Spring Quarter (p. 113) we pointed out the

likelihood of "discontent on the part of the workers." Mr. Lloyd George, on behalf of the Cabinet, held a conference with labour leaders and came to an agreement with them. The conjunction of Venus with Uranus on March 18 fell in the fourth house of the previous lunation, and on that date it was announced that the Government would organise women's labour to supply the deficiency of men. As Venus signifies women and Uranus has much to do with Government operations, this was an appropriate issue; and as it is the first time this has been done in Great Britain, the prediction of "changes, new developments and surprises" (p. 114) was justified.

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In connection with this labour restlessness the culmination of Neptune at the March New Moon may be mentioned, for that planet has much to do with the masses of the people. It was very near the cusp of the tenth house at Berlin (p. 115), and within a few days socialists in the Reichstag were criticising the conduct of the German Government in connection with the war. The fact that Neptune was in close good aspect, trine, with the luminaries agrees with the fact that the difficulties were smoothed out of the way in England, and in Germany the government easily overbore criticism.

The naval activity that was predicted to follow the March New Moon was exemplified in the bombardment of the Dardanelles as well as in the fact that on the very day of the lunation an order in Council was issued that no vessel would be allowed to enter or leave any German port. German submarines continued their policy of sinking unarmed merchant vessels, including one or two belonging to neutral nations. The indications of sickness shown in this map as well as in that of the previous winter quarter were fully borne out in the prevalence of influenza, measles, and some other complaints in this country.

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Since the last winter quarter, predictions have been made at times by various astrologers, including ourselves, of trouble to the Government and that affairs would not go smoothly in Parliament. For example, in each of the quarterly maps the Sun, the general significator of the monarch and the ruling power, has been seriously afflicted; and the same has been true of the tenth and eleventh houses

or their lords in a good many maps. But the events have not always worked out in the way in which they would have done in times of peace. The truth is that when he writes his predictions a considerable time in advance, an astrologer necessarily assumes that the influences of the heavens will fall upon a certain average type of environment. The outcome in the shape of events is determined partly by the specific nature of the planetary influence and partly by the environment within which it acts. But since last August our environment has changed in a very marked degree; from an easy-going and lengthy peace we have been suddenly plunged into the greatest war the world has ever known; and with the change of environment has of course come a modification of the conditions that decide the manner in which planetary influence shall operate. In times of peace the serious afflictions in the last three quarterly maps would have been quite sufficient to overthrow the Government and to cause a general election, but the altered circumstances have produced a change in the effects. All parties within the nation have patriotically laid aside their antagonisms and the country has acted as one united whole; and similar changes have been seen in some of the other belligerent nations. Matters that would have caused serious discord a year ago have either been postponed or have sunk into insignificance, and the only troubles worth mentioning have been those that have arisen directly or indirectly out of the war.

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If the astrologer were really as omniscient as most hostile critics assume that he claims to be, and as a few well-meaning but mistaken friends sometimes fancy that he is, he would be aware in advance of the changed conditions and would modify his phraseology accordingly. In so far as we all of us write in general terms only, and—like the ancient oracles—avoid details, this has actually been done successfully; but most writers from time to time make an effort to predict these details, and then comes the difficulty. In peace, one set of details may be expected; in a big war, quite a different set. The general law underlying the two cases will be the same, however; and those who have a little practical acquaintance with Astrology can see that planetary influences produce their effects now as hitherto in spite of the outer changes in the world.

Ever since the beginning of the present year there have been persistent rumours about unofficial peace negotiations, and there is no doubt that some of them have been founded on fact. These are said to have taken place between Austria and Russia, while the Pope and the U.S.A. have been mentioned as unofficial interveners. We have pointed out on several occasions that planetary positions in the various mundane maps indicated such premature attempts to bring about peace, and that they could not possibly succeed. In our delineation of the horoscope of the present Pope (p. 136) we pointed out that the position of his Sun—"in Scorpio on the place of the Moon in the Kaiser's horoscope should have a beneficial effect upon the German Emperor"; and on April 5 a Berlin correspondent of a New York newspaper claimed to have had an interview with the Pope and gave his report a pro-German colouring. Later the Pope was reported to have made enquiries of Russia as to peace terms with Austria, instigated by private persons in the latter country, and to have received the reply "Ask the Allies." This was reported on April 15, the day on which Venus and Jupiter were in conjunction on the cusp of the seventh house in the map for the Spring Quarter at London. Mars had been in transit over its own place in the mid-heaven of the German Emperor and was entering Aries, King George's ascendant, thus forbidding peace.

A COLOSSAL ACT OF FOLLY

On page 451 of the October number of last year we said that the Kaiser's friends would "cause him to engage in some colossal act of folly." We venture to think that the sinking of the Lusitania will do more to injure Germany than anything that has been done hitherto, for it will turn a great wave of influence against her; and nothing counts more than influence of a moral character directed by a vast body of people from various parts of the world. Note carefully the decline of Germany's military power from that hour when she committed an unpardonable crime. We have refrained from shewing feeling in this War, but we should be very cold-blooded if we did not see the wickedness of the Germans in *rejoicing* at this vile deed.

Astrology and Gems

THE BOOK OF TALISMANS, AMULETS AND ZODIACAL GEMS.
By WILLIAM THOMAS & KATE PAVITT. Price 7s. 6d. net. Rider
& Son.

THIS handsomely got up volume contains a good deal that will be of interest to astrologers. It is divided into two parts. The first part treats of talismans and amulets of all kinds, and gives a great amount of varied information on the beliefs and superstitions that have been held about them from primitive times down to modern days and in all quarters of the world, Egypt, India, China, Japan, Greece, Rome, Thibet and elsewhere. Space will not permit of the enumeration of a tithe of the objects that have been used for the purpose of ensuring good luck, health, long life, power, wealth and so on; but they range from those that have a really religious or philosophical basis, like the Swastica, the Crux Ansata, the Tau Cross, and the Interlaced Triangles down to others that illustrate mere popular superstitions, and charms against the evil eye; and they include some that if fully explained would be found to be truly occult, such as the Rod and Pine cone, the Caduceus, the syllable Aum, and the Serpent. Ten full page plates containing 142 beautifully executed illustrations from actual talismans in the British Museum and elsewhere add considerably to the value of this part of the book.

The second part is of more direct interest to astrologers. It contains twelve chapters, which are concerned with the twelve signs of the zodiac and with the precious stones that are associated with them. Each chapter treats of a sign, and contains, first a character sketch of the type of person belonging to the sign, and second a full account of the gems associated with the sign and of the talismanic powers that have been attributed to them in various countries and ages. The authors are experienced in gems and their lore, and are in a position to give much information concerning them. The ordinary reader would have to search through many books in order to collect

the details that are gathered together within this volume for convenient reference.

It is not fair to blame a writer for not doing what he does not profess to do, but it is difficult to avoid being struck by the fact that although Astrology is fully accepted in this book, no psychic or occult explanation either of talismans on the one hand or of the supposed influence of gems on the other is given. Among the works included in the Bibliography at the end of the book, with the exception perhaps of Barrett's *Magus*, there is nothing that can be called occult and no author mentioned who has any authority in occultism. And yet surely talismanic gems and amulets, if there is anything in them at all, are to be included in the general subject of occultism.

What is the true philosophy of the subject? Beliefs so widely spread, in all ages, and among all peoples, argue a basis of fact, however remote that fact may be from the popular belief or superstition. Is the effect due to hypnotic suggestion, or to something analogous to faith-healing? If it is either of these the amulet in itself is nothing, and a gem that produces a given effect with one man, may do something quite different to another, if the conscious or subconscious expectations of the two men differ. Both these causes are probably at work in most cases, but those investigators who have approached the subject from the occult point of view have generally maintained that there is something more in it than this, and that, whatever may be the case with the simpler kinds of amulets, the gem at any rate, produces an additional real effect of its own.

What is the cause of this, and how are such subtle influences to be classified? The cause probably lies in the chemical composition and mode of crystallisation, which are outward indications of the mineral life energies that are flowing through the substance. These are radiated off, especially at angles and points, and produce effects according to their nature when they impinge upon the living human body; and according to their nature they are useful and appropriate for taking up and reinforcing various kinds of thought forms which are intended to influence the wearer of the gem.

There is a quotation from Mme. Blavatsky that has a direct bearing upon the subject matter of this book. It is as follows:

"Let the student protect himself from the 'Powers of the Air'

(Elementals) which throng public places, by wearing either a ring containing some jewel of the colour of the presiding planet, or else of the metal sacred to it." (*Secret Doctrine*, iii 451.)

Here it is distinctly implied that one, at any rate, of the occult classifications of jewels is according to their colour, and it is well known how colours are associated with the planets and the days of the week in the same work. Many of the gems mentioned in connection with zodiacal signs by Mr and Mrs Pavitt agree with this classification but others do not. For example, Mercury's colour is yellow, and yet under Gemini the agate is given, red and white; and under Virgo jade, green or white. How can the inclusion of red coral under Libra (Venus, indigo) be justified; or the blue beryl and green aquamarine under Scorpio (Mars, red); or the topaz under Sagittarius (Jupiter, blue)? The ruby may belong partly to Capricorn, because Mars is exalted in that sign; but Aries and Scorpio seem to have a still greater right to it. The amethyst is probably a Moon jewel and it is here classified under Pisces, a sign in which the Moon is fairly well placed; but surely it is also accordant with Cancer and Taurus, the Moon's house and exaltation? The diamond, a Sun stone, is mentioned under Aries, the exaltation of the Sun; but one would think that Leo had a good claim to it also; and because it represents white light it cannot be excluded from any of the twelve signs.

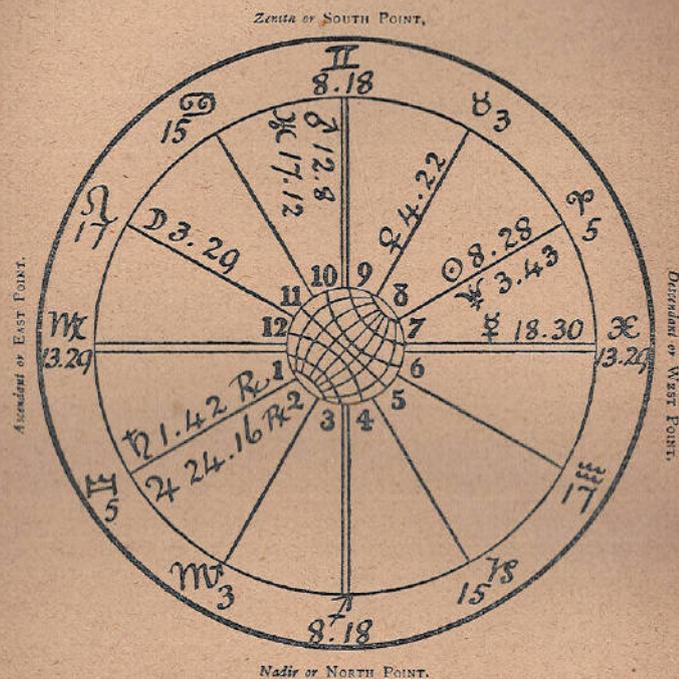
The authors have produced a work containing a considerable amount of interesting information, and if a final agreement has not yet been reached on all points it is obviously not their fault.

H. S. G.

"THE YOUNG AGE."—Our readers will be glad to know of this new quarterly devoted to Young People's Movements and edited by Herbert and Ethel Whyte, who for ten years so ably conducted the *Lotus Journal*.

The annual subscription is 2s. 6d. post free, and a single number will be sent by post for 8d. from the T.P.S., 161 New Bond St., W. The first number is for April, 1915, and includes portraits of Annie Besant and G. S. Arundale among other illustrations and attractive articles. Mrs. Besant's article is entitled "Ideals," while other writers contribute "Nature Notes," "The Map of Europe," "From the Trenches," and "Whiskers: the Military Career of a Rat"—a curiously alluring title.

The Horoscope of Mrs S. Maud Sharpe



MRS SHARPE is known to a large number of our readers in all parts of the world, owing to the position she held in the Theosophical Society as its General Secretary for some years, where she was loved and respected by all who came in contact with her.

Born when the middle of the sign Virgo was rising, Mercury became the ruling planet. Mercury was setting in the sign Pisces, in opposition to the ascendant; Saturn and Jupiter were rising in the sign Libra; Mars and Uranus were culminating; the Moon was in the eleventh house and Venus in the ninth; the Sun and Neptune were on the cusp of the eighth house. From this it will be seen that the planets were well distributed throughout the heavens and the zodiacal

signs. The majority of the planets were in the cardinal and airy signs, and the greater number were above the earth.

The Moon applies first to Neptune and the Sun to Mars. The strongest features of the map are the conjunction of the most elevated planets, Mars and Uranus, and the position of the Sun in the sign Aries.

The special feature about this nativity is its remarkable *responsiveness*, and for this reason it should be a good study map for students. It denotes one who is as sensitive as the sensitive plant itself, and as responsive as an echo. The human characteristics are superior to the animal tendencies, and the equilibrium and power of self-control are matched against the irritability and nervous tension of counteracting influences.

Virgo is the distinctly human sign of the zodiac, in which all the emotions moving from the sympathetic system are tinged with a certain self-consciousness, which accentuates them peculiarly, and produces a conscientiousness which is irksome to those who do not understand the Virgo nature. In this case the zodiacal and mundane square of Mars to the Ascendant acts as an irritant, stimulating the nervous energy into constant action, and as that planet is in conjunction with Uranus, a nervous restlessness is produced that is difficult to control, and is only held in subjection by the aid of Saturn rising in Libra.

The distribution of the planets throughout the horoscope shows much versatility, which combined with the ruler Mercury setting in the sign Pisces produce great adaptability and flexibility.

The stable conditions in the nativity are subject to a constant state of flux and are not allowed to solidify into any permanent mood. Hope struggles with depression through Saturn's and Jupiter's influence in Libra, and nervous irritability or tension wars against the restraint and convention of the Moon square Venus from fixed signs.

The polarity of Sun and Moon in the fiery triplicity shows an excess of zeal, and a very ardent, loving temperament, which combined with Venus in Taurus on the cusp of the ninth house produces an affectional nature above the average, and where attachment is given it is lasting and sincere.

The polarity is a singularly potent one in this horoscope, for it

links up the cardinal-air combination with a fiery quality, showing a powerful love nature and a remarkably intuitive insight through what may be termed a loving mind. It also denotes a strange sensitiveness where feeling and sympathy are concerned, and in fact there are no limits to the possibilities of this nature where sympathy and encouragement are in demand.

The Moon in Leo gives a powerful imagination when in good aspect to the Sun, and adds to the sensitiveness where the return of affection is involved.

In summing up the character as shown by this horoscope there has to be admitted a certain amount of eccentricity, common to all persons who live a strenuous life, with the mind and feeling turned inward or toward what is termed the higher life.

Uranus and Mars represent will and desire in esoteric astrology, and their conjunction in a mental sign denotes a very high nervous tension, the capacity for going to great extremes of elation and depression, which deep and full breathing should to a considerable extent counteract. Restraint and periods of limitation are shown by the opposition of the planet Saturn to the Sun. Expansion and a generous giving of the whole self are evidenced by the setting of the ruler Mercury in Pisces, supported by Jupiter, ruler of the seventh house, in trine aspect to Uranus, from the airy triplicity. The Moon sextile Saturn in the sign Libra counteracts the square to Venus. The Sun sextile Mars from Aries counteracts the opposition to Saturn. The Moon trine Neptune from the fiery signs counteracts the square aspect of Mercury with Uranus in the mutable signs.

The nativity denotes a balancing of the forces, and strong tendencies to clear up contradictory elements through the rising of the planet Saturn in the sign Libra. We may judge a troublesome and somewhat trying infantile and youthful period; a strenuous, critical and eventful time during maturity and the middle life, but a peaceful and spiritual close to the present life.

The year 1915 brings a balancing period through the Sun's trine aspect to Saturn by progressed positions, and this will be brought to fruition when the Sun is in trine to the radical position of Saturn from the airy triplicity in the year 1918. We may judge then some

great responsibility which will be faithfully carried out, and the probability of a new lease of life, in which not only usefulness and activity may be expected, but a conscious direction of the energies and activities to some real and purposeful end.

The tone of the horoscope is positive, and is one in which the repellent magnetism is brought to extreme tension, and the reaction from this is shown by the ruling planet Mercury, *falling* in the sign Pisces, which tends to break up the personality, subdue it, and finally, to transmute it.

Seven planets were in positive signs at birth and only two in negative, thus the positive and outrushing energy prevails for the whole of the first half of the life, but the half circle closes, at the sunset of life, the positive arc, and brings into activity the negative, receptive and responsive influence of Mercury the ruling planet setting in the sign Pisces, the sign of self-undoing, of sympathy for others, hospitality, humanitarianism and compassion. It is the sign representing the disciple, he who has laid *all* at the feet of the Great Teacher; giving all, and asking for nothing in return, because all has been found to be within. Virgo is the sign of virgin matter; Mercury is the messenger, but Pisces is the mystery of mysticism.

"The Wise Man Rules his Stars, the Fool Obeys Them"

Whether it is the war, or the Kaiser, or an inextinguishable desire in men to penetrate the veil that hangs between the present and the future, whatever the inducing cause may be, there is a noticeable revival of interest in astrology. This revival is marked by an increase in the demand for works upon the subject, and by the publication of new works upon the subject. The latest offering in this connection comes in the form of a neatly printed book of 100 pages, written by Alan Leo, bearing the title of *Mars: The War Lord*, published at a shilling by L. N. Fowler & Co., 7, Imperial Arcade, London, E.C. It consists of a course of public lectures delivered by the author before the Astrological Society during the first three months of the present year. The aim of the book is to show that the rising of Mars leads to the establishing of an age of force, which culminates in the struggle for individuality. Mars is stated to be the culminating star of the material world which helps man to develop the struggle between Might and Right, while the setting of Mars influences the change from the material to the spiritual in the development of the world, and precludes its ideal state when the star has declined and its material influence has been transmuted into an uplifting power. Mr. Leo advances many things of great interest to astrologic students and others in support of the thesis which he unfolds in three excellent sections, which will well repay careful perusal.

Two Worlds, 30/4/15.

What is the Zodiac?

Here is a difficulty—(a) It is said that the signs of the zodiac are composed of Cardinal, Fixed and Common signs, corresponding to the “gunas” which are modes of vibration or states of matter. (b) If the zodiac is, as stated in most books, the Sun’s apparent pathway through the heavens—how can an ‘apparent pathway’ be a mode of vibration? (c) How can the zodiac viewed as the Earth’s Aura be related to the Sun’s apparent path through the heavens, or Ecliptic?

It would seem at first sight as though the three statements as to the Zodiac, implied in the question, could not possibly all be correct. Each of these implied statements is virtually an answer to the imagined question, “What is the Zodiac?” Surely then, one is prompted to remark, the answer should be the same, or substantially the same, in all three cases.

Let us see.

(1) In “What is the Zodiac” the question hinges upon the word *is*, and the sense in which it is used. As a rule this question is first put by the enquirer, who hearing that ‘Sun in Aries’ signifies this or that naturally desires to know how you find out whether the Sun is in Aries or not at any given date. This, which is the real question in the enquirer’s mind, generally takes the form “What do you mean by Aries [or, by the Zodiac],” or, more simply, “What is the Zodiac.” To this question the answer is, quite properly, that the Zodiac is the Sun’s apparent path in the heavens, or what astronomers term the ecliptic, its commencement being reckoned from the point where the ecliptic crosses the Equator when the Sun is moving from south to north,—commonly termed the Vernal Equinox. This answer is correct, and explicit, and is completely true in the sense in which we have imagined the question to be put. (See for example *What Do We Mean by Astrology*, pp. 28, 48.)

(2) Let us suppose our enquirer to have become interested in Astrology, to have become familiar with the characteristics ascribed to

Aries, Taurus, etc., while the fact that the Sun takes a month, *i.e.*, a twelfth part of the earth’s annual journey, in passing from sign to sign, has become to him a commonplace. Once more he puts his question, “What is the Zodiac,” this time desiring not so much to find out how its position may be calculated (his former object), as to receive some explanation or suggested explanation, which shall account for those characteristics of Aries, Taurus, etc., with which he has now experimentally become acquainted. He is now told, that the Zodiac is the “astral aura” of the Solar Logos, and that a human being has just such an “aura” and that the smaller is a reflection of the greater; or some similar statement to the same effect: (*What Do We Mean by Astrology*, pp. 54, 55). He is able, from the grasp of the subject he has already obtained, to perceive that this statement is not so much a contradiction of the previous assertion that the zodiac was the Sun’s pathway, as an extension of it,—an illumination of it, we might say.

(3) Let us now suppose our enquirer has become a student, has mastered not only the preliminary technicalities of astrological terminology, but has also familiarised himself with the astronomical details involved in the casting of horoscopes for any time or place, and is beginning to attempt the co-ordination of these two factors in Astrology. He is now in a position to apprehend the fact that explanation No. 2 does not entirely accord with certain features of astrological practice—for example, the *retrogradation* of a planet out of one sign and into another; although, apart from that, it seems entirely satisfactory. Once more, in perplexity, he puts his question: “What is the Zodiac that we use in our horoscopes?”

The answer he now receives is that the Zodiac used in our horoscopes is really the Earth’s Aura (or ‘Astral Light’) rather than the Sun’s, although there is no doubt a correspondence between them. For the full explanation, and illustrative diagrams, the reader must be referred to Chapter XIII of *Casting the Horoscope* where this statement is made; the explanation is too long to give here.

Viewed in this way, the apparent discordance between the three statements vanishes. A child learns that the Sun rises and sets, travelling round the world once a day; at school he is taught that the Earth really moves round the Sun, in a circular path; at college, he is

presented with proofs that the Earth's orbit is only approximately circular, being really an ellipse; later still, he found that owing to the Sun's movement in space the Earth's path is really cycloidal or epicycloidal. There is no discrepancy, merely progressive degrees of reality in knowledge; for what would be the use of telling a child that the Earth's path was epicycloidal? And in the same way the student of Astrology is brought to realise that his early conceptions were—not wrong, but incomplete, capable of enlargement and illumination.

What the Zodiac actually is, fundamentally, we cannot expect to know fully while we inhabit human bodies—or, perhaps, *bodies* of any kind. But by the help of the old maxim, "As above so below," and by clinging to the idea that the small mirrors the great, however imperfectly, we may help ourselves to form progressively broadening conceptions of what may be termed the abstract zodiac underlying all zodiacs known to us. There is a Zodiac of Constellations, related it would seem to the evolution of the world—the Earth and planets and perhaps the Sun himself. There is a Solar Zodiac, the living aura of the Sun, in which live and move and have their being the planets, and, in a lesser degree, ourselves. There is the Zodiac of the Earth, used by us in our horoscopes. There is also the 'zodiac' of the twelve houses, peculiar to one place on the earth only, at any given point of time. All these are progressive stages of limitation. The relationship of the 'houses' to the (earth's) zodiac we know, not by tradition or dogmatic assertion, but by our own everyday experience; and it is fair to presume that a like relationship of sympathy (what in acoustics is called "sympathetic vibration") obtains among the other zodiacs enumerated. The 'first house' is not always Aries, although in its small way it exhibits a similar influence to that which Aries exhibits in relation to the (earth's) zodiac: and when Aries and the first house coincide, we know how strong the 'Aries' influence of the first house becomes. In the same way, we may infer that when our "sign" Aries coincides with the Aries of the Constellations, the influence of the "sign" will be greatly augmented, intensified in a degree of which we can as yet form no conception. It may be looked upon as a new "birth," in some sense, for humanity as a whole, and indeed H. P. B. drops a hint which may indicate that it accom-

panies the birth of a new Sub-Race—or rather Family Race, which may be called a sub-subrace: (*Sec. Doc.* ii 454, lines 5, 6, 7).

What has been said does not of course touch the question *why* the Zodiac should begin at Aries, nor *why* the sequence should be fire, earth, air, water; nor, in fact, *why* the zodiac should be as we find it in any respect. In this matter we are in the same state of ignorance as is all science in regard to the simplest phenomenon. No one can tell us why warm water is warm, although science can frame hypotheses and theories which are useful and helpful, and indeed necessary, in our present state of knowledge; they are in fact crutches to aid our limping intelligence. What our intelligence can do for itself, is to note similarities and differences of behaviour, and in this way to frame *analogies* that are useful in our thinking.

Looked at in this way it is easy to see that the Fixed, Cardinal and Common Signs correspond with, or are *analogous* to, the gunas Tamās, Rajas and Sattva. Indeed many students of Astrology have declared that it is only through their knowledge of these astrological classifications that they have been able to gain a clear idea of the three gunas,—an idea far clearer they find as a rule than that of their non-astrological fellow students.

The description of these as "modes of motion," corresponding respectively to rotation, translation, and vibration, is not only helpful to the imagination but appears to be borne out by the very appearance of people born under the respective types of signs. For example, the walk of a typical Leo man is hardly so much a walk as a progression, steady and not quick, and accompanied by a slow veering of the whole figure from the perpendicular, irresistibly reminding one of the movement of a weighty *top*, whose slow progress onward is accompanied by a still slower gyration of the axis—well illustrated in the moving gyroscope. Taurus, another fixed sign, has a walk so similar that it would require a practised eye to distinguish the differences, real though these are. As to the cardinal and mutable signs, it may be suggested that a careful study of the walk of Libra and Gemini—both airy signs and, as a rule, light tripping walkers,—will exhibit the difference. Libra rises up and down, and the shoulders show a swaying movement reminding one of a scale-pan nearly balanced; but its main movement

is straight forward, and the spine maintains the perpendicular. Gemini, otherwise much like Libra, is more springy, and is inclined to sway, or one might almost call it jerk, from side to side.

As to the zodiacal divisions of fire, air, water and earth, the familiar meanings help us to analogies already grasped by the poet and the journalist, who describe the "fiery" Hotspur and the "watery" Job Trotter. In this way one sees the appropriateness of the term 'fiery' signs for Aries, Leo and Sagittarius, and 'watery' for Cancer, Scorpio and Pisces.

But from a more scientific point of view a suggestion has been made in an important article by Mr. G. E. Sutcliffe (whose series on "The Foundations of Physical Astrology" in this magazine some years ago will not have been forgotten) in the *Theosophist* for September 1914, in which he elaborates a theory of the constitution of the atom and the electron, incidentally furnishing the suggestion that what the alchemists and astrologers refer to as "fire" is a certain ether moving in a particular way in the physical atom, with the velocity of *light*, and that "air" is another ether moving through the atom with a velocity equal to that attained by a body falling from an infinite distance under the action of *gravitation*. Other suggestions are also made regarding "water" and "earth," but as the description would only suffer by condensation, students are referred to the original article.

Granted that these suggestions turn out to be justified by further research, we have here a valuable means of examining into the nature of the zodiacal signs so far as their influence is expressed in inorganic matter of the physical plane. And on these lines it is quite possible that some physical explanation may be forthcoming of the reason why the sign Aries, formed at the junction of the ecliptic and equator when the Sun is moving northward,¹ is at once a fiery and a cardinal sign; the remaining cardinal signs being in opposition and in square is quite in accordance with the common phenomena of electricity, the electric and magnetic forces being exerted at *right angles* to each other.

¹ And related to the Earth in the manner indicated in the diagram explained on p. 128 of *Casting the Horoscope*.

Even now, however, we have only considered the *physical* influence of the zodiac, and have been seeking only a *physical* explanation of those astrological facts with which we are acquainted. Suppose that, after all, the physical effects are only the last terms of a series whose first term is on a much higher level—say, in the *MENTAL* world? In that case the question, What is the zodiac, is susceptible of an answer of quite a different kind. A story is told of George Stephenson asking a friend what it was that was moving the locomotive whose performance they were witnessing, and entirely dumfounding him by answering to the puzzled reply, "Steam, I suppose?" "No. *Sunlight!*" We of the present day are sufficiently familiar with the doctrine of the transformation of energy to understand what Stephenson meant, namely that the combustible material which furnished the coal for the boiler furnace, was originally forest-wood raised from inorganic and incombustible material through the life-giving rays of the Sun.

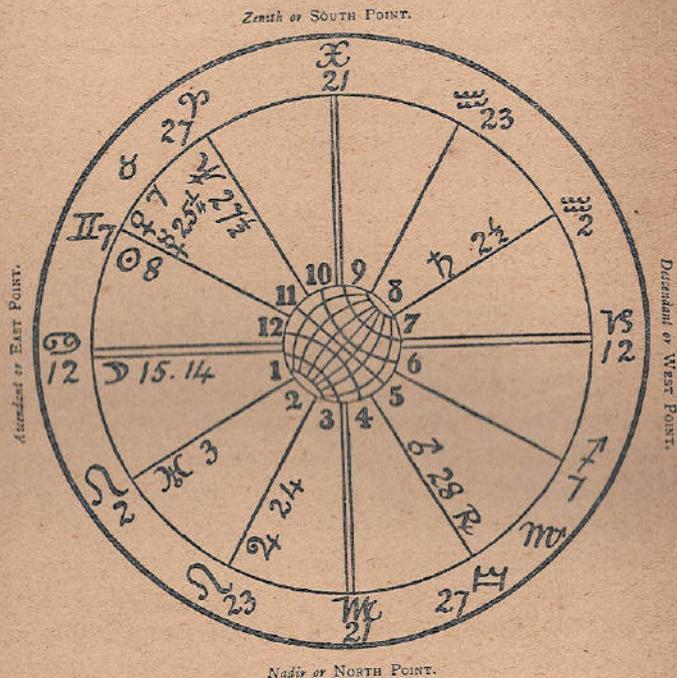
When, therefore, we read such a description as the following, we may perhaps—if we have profited by the lesson conveyed in Stephenson's remark—feel that we are somewhat nearer to the wished-for answer to our question; and with this quotation the present article may fittingly close.

"The first illustration shows a plain disk, ○. The second in the archaic symbol shows a disk with a point in it, ⊙—the first differentiation in the periodical manifestations of the ever-eternal Nature, sexless and infinite, 'Aditi in THAT,' or potential Space within abstract Space. In its third stage the point is transformed into a diameter, ⊖. It now symbolises a divine immaculate Mother-Nature within the all-embracing absolute Infinitude. When the horizontal diameter is crossed by a vertical one, ⊕, it becomes the Mundane Cross. Humanity has reached its Third Root-Race; it is the sign for the origin of human Life"¹

That these ideas are not empty imaginings, but bear a definite relation to the operations of Nature, may be seen on consulting any good work on Embryology, where the fecundated mammalian ovum is shown manifesting this identical morphological series in the course of its development from point to life. AS ABOVE, SO BELOW.

¹ *Secret Doctrine*, Proem (Vol. i, p. 34).

A Present to "Punch"



UNDER the above title a note was printed on p. 529 of last volume, in which the following story was told:

"Some time ago," writes a correspondent, "I did a horoscope for a man and warned him that he was liable to the loss of a considerable amount of money by fraudulent associates. The indications were very clear, and I made the warning emphatic by underlining in red ink.

"It appears to have impressed him, for a week ago I heard that he had just made over a *second* large sum of money to his wife.

"Yesterday his wife eloped with the chauffeur!!"

The story tells best crisply, and no further details can add to its interest or emphasise its moral. But the following additional particulars, together with the horoscope from which the prediction was made, have a value all their own. Our correspondent writes:—

"The native went to a palmist, who told him he would have misery at home through his infringements of the seventh commandment. He professed himself shocked at the very idea, and seemed most indignant. 'Do I *look* that sort of man?' he said. Whereupon the palmist challenged him to send for his horoscope and show her the delineation. The horoscope having been calculated, I was asked to name the chief fault or weakness in the character.

"My reply amounted to the same as the palmist's, only I put things even more plainly. A few weeks later I wrote out a long delineation in which I said that the deception of the wife was likely to be connected with monetary losses, and warned the native not to stand security or trust others with his money; the warning was three times repeated, and underlined in red ink.

"This is what was happening. The wife had apparently *planned* the husband's lapse (with a dependent, by the way), intending to go her own road. He, ignorant of her wishes, in order to profit by the warnings he had received, made over to her, in two successive sums, a very large amount of money. This money enabled her to elope in luxury—with an employee."

AN IMPORTANT DECISION.—In the City Magistrate's Court, City of New York (First Division, Seventh District), Judge Freschi decided that Evangeline S. Adams "has not pretended to tell fortunes and is accordingly acquitted." Miss Adams has kindly sent us some extracts from the Judge's decision which we trust to print at an early date.

THE PLANET ISIS.—Mr. Charles Carter writes: "With reference to your remarks on the hypothetical planet 'Isis' in your March issue (p. 143) I may say that I have for some time watched the influence of this planet and calculated the directions formed to it in my progressed map; I have come to some very definite conclusions about it, and can no longer doubt its influence. . . . I think that at the present time, when foreign matters are so much to the front, Isis deserves careful attention from all students."

CORRESPONDENCE LESSONS IN ASTROLOGY.—Mr. P. Leslie Pielou has gained a CERTIFICATE OF MERIT.

Answers to Questions¹

EARLY ASTROLOGY.—*Can you inform me where I can find an article or lecture dealing with the early history of Astrology from the mathematical or astronomical point of view, stating what knowledge the ancients had in say the times of Egypt and Chaldea, and how far this would enable them to correctly erect a horoscope or chart of the heavens. For instance:—(i) how were they able to insert the houses of a horoscope and give the correct position of the signs and planets below the horizon, i.e., in the first to seventh houses, when it appears that the idea was long held that the earth was flat, whilst we know it to be practically round? (ii) Is there any historical evidence that Uranus and Neptune were known to the ancients, and if so, what? (iii) How were the ancient astronomical almanacs computed?* (295)

We should be very glad to publish an article on the subject, if dealt with in a competent manner, and we hope those capable of helping in this way will respond to the appeal.

It is by no means easy to deal with either early astronomy or early astrology: the ideas of the ancients were so different in what may be called *tone*, from ours of the present day, that in order to appreciate their outlook it is necessary to as it were serve an apprenticeship to the period before proceeding to discuss the value of their knowledge. The need for this is well seen in the attitude of the Orientalists of a generation or so ago, towards the peoples whose literature they were studying: it was so insular and unsympathetic, if not indeed contemptuous, that it is small wonder if their re-creations of ancient polities, as well as ancient sciences, do not amount to more than so much laboured nonsense. A more sympathetic and understanding attitude is now exhibited, and the present East is becoming better understood: thereby also, no doubt, the *past* East will also be brought better within the focus of our comprehension.

(i) One of the best books likely to help our correspondent is *Hindu Astronomy* by W. Brennand, but unfortunately it is hardly likely to be found in the average public library. But better than anything will be a careful looking up of likely references in the *Secret Doctrine* (index), where many useful hints are given. Thus, on p.

¹ Questions must be of GENERAL INTEREST. They should be written upon one side of the paper only, a separate sheet of paper being used for each separate question, and addressed to Question Department, "Modern Astrology" Office, 40, Imperial Buildings, Ludgate Circus, E.C.

213 of Vol. iii we read, concerning the orientation of ancient temples: "The Initiates alone could give us a philosophical explanation of this, and a reason for it—its mysticism notwithstanding—were the world ready to receive it, which alas it is not. The last of the Solar Priests in Europe was the Imperial Initiate, Julian, now called the Apostate [*here a long footnote*]. . . . 'There are three in one,' he said of the Sun—the central Sun [*footnote: a proof that Julian was acquainted with the heliocentric system*] . . . ; the third is the visible sun." Again, in i 476 we read: "Confucius in 600 B.C. taught the sphericity of the earth, and even the heliocentric system." It seems plain that this knowledge was esoteric in the schools of antiquity, and was only new to the 'popular and uninstructed world' when made exoteric by Galileo and others.

(ii) See S.D. iii 217 ; 316, note ; 330.

(iii) Very little is actually *known* about this subject. Chronology was in the hands of the priests in ancient times, and priests occupied a very different position in the political and intellectual worlds from that which is now occupied by what we are accustomed to think of as the priestly class. To obtain a full answer to the question would mean plunging into archeological research, and the questioner may not perhaps be prepared for this. A book that may be recommended is *Ancient Calendars and Constellations* by the Hon. Emmeline Plunket.

VENUS SETTING.—*Venus on the cusp of the seventh house at birth is usually regarded as being productive of good fortune through many channels, more especially partnerships and marriage, provided the planet is free from serious affliction. The position is however the equivalent of Asc ♀, and possibly MC ♀ also; yet when in the progressed horoscope Asc ♀ and MC ♀ are respectively directed to these aspects of Venus, a period of much ill-fortune is denoted. Why should the conclusions arrived at from identically the same radical and progressed aspects be so much in conflict?* (296)

If Venus is in a sign not congenial to her nature such as Scorpio Virgo or Aries then it is quite possible that ill-fortune may be experienced. If on the cusp of the seventh house it may show advantages on one hand and misfortunes on the other. We know of a case of Venus on the cusp of the seventh house which gave a man a very good-looking woman for wife but she was exceedingly deceitful and unfaithful to him without his knowing it. In this case Venus was in a dual sign.

If Venus is opposition the ascendant and square M.C. it may be an afflicting influence in the horoscope. There is no good, or evil, in the planets themselves, but evil may arise out of their positions, aspects, etc.

COMET MELLISH.—*In one of the daily papers it was recently announced that the first comet of the year had been found by Mr. J. E. Mellish, of Wisconsin, U.S.A. The position of the comet is R.A. 17h., N. Dec. 3°. What sign of the zodiac would it be in, and what countries is its message likely to be for?* (297)

R. A. 17h., N. Dec. 3°, corresponds to ♄ 14° approximately, and the influence may therefore be expected to affect countries and towns ruled by that sign such as Spain, Hungary, Sheffield, Stuttgart (*Mundane Astrology*, p. 75). Little is definitely known concerning the influence of comets, which is however usually regarded as malefic (*ib.* p. 11).

A HUMAN DOCUMENT.—*In MODERN ASTROLOGY for April, p. 195, are there not some good aspects which ought to have made life less difficult, such as the good aspect of the Moon to Mars, the Sun to Neptune, Venus to Neptune, and Jupiter to Saturn?* (298)

The good aspect of Moon to Mars has given the native energy and courage in grappling with her misfortunes instead of bewailing them, and the good aspect of Jupiter and Saturn has provided her with friends in need. The Sun is in *square* to Neptune, an affliction; and Neptune also afflicts both Jupiter and Saturn; but against that there is the trine of Saturn to Uranus.

HUSBAND AND WIFE.—*Would the opposition of Sun and Moon in the horoscope of husband and wife always lead to unhappiness?* (299)

No. The question is rather ambiguously worded.

ASTROLOGY HELPFUL.—*I have not seen mentioned anywhere the fact that Astrology should tend to soften the blows of fate, as in evil times it gives sure information that they are but the temporary effects of passing directions. It has been my personal experience that this tranquilising influence is a fact.* (300)

So also with us. The native of horoscope 880 in *Notable Nativities* has testified that in 1902 he passed through a period of deep depression, and only the conviction that the ensuing ☉ ♂ ♃ ♀ r.p. must bring a more hopeful outlook, enabled him to bear up against despondency. His hopes were amply justified, as the event proved.

[*The recent Course of Lectures on "Mars: the War Lord," now published in book form, has given rise to a number of Important Questions with which we hope to deal from time to time as opportunity serves. A Selection will appear next month.*]

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THE CHANGED OUTLOOK

BELOW is an extract from the *Leeds Mercury* reporting a lecture delivered in Leeds on the 28th April. This lecture was given to a very attentive audience, as the many questions handed in at the close of the lecture bore witness; and if there are any persons who doubt the statement that Astrology is spreading, they will do well to look into the subject and learn why it is now appealing to those who are looking for the New Star that is rising to dispel the darkness of ignorance.

ASTROLOGY AND THE WAR

A crowded audience in the Leeds Queen's Hall last night listened with interest to a lecture by Mr. Alan Leo, a well-known London astrologer, on "Astrology and the War."

To astrologers, said the lecturer, the present conflict was inevitable. At the time of the death of King Edward in 1910 he drew attention to the fact that we were entering upon a new epoch—the cycle of Mars, the planet governing the martial emotions—and that there would ensue a period of great unrest.

He knew that the influence of Mars would last from the year 1909 to 1914, during which the martial influence would be stronger than it had been for many centuries. The unrest that began with the death of King Edward

was stimulated into greater activity owing to another force beginning to act upon the world.

The whole world was going to be stirred up, and he wrote at the time that England would be weighed in the scales, England and every nation was going to be tested. For years nations had been talking war, and when the planets arrived at certain conjunctions, the explosion was bound to take place. Each of the monarchs engaged in the war had the planet Mars in such a position as to show that when this great war began the influences operating in their nativities were such as to coincide with that great moment when the explosion took place. In the Emperor of Austria's horoscope, the planet Mars was setting, but in the Kaiser's horoscope Mars was culminating, and its influence was stronger than in any other monarch.

It was a very simple message we gave to the people of Leeds, and it appealed to the hearts of those who preferred to believe that a wise law governed this earth, and not chance or chaos.

Looking back over the many years we have been engaged in public work connected with Astrology we can see a wonderful change in the general attitude toward the subject. Newspaper reporters now either totally ignore the subject and send in no report of astrological lectures, or, they give notices and reports similar to the above. They no longer ridicule or write scathing criticisms when the subject of Astrology is dealt with in its scientific or philosophic aspects, and it is now quite clear that a little more education on the subject will in due course remove whatever doubt or prejudice is left.

The one great aim of ourselves and of every student of Astrology must in future be devoted to the separation of the idea of fortune-telling from the subject. To make a definite prediction with regard to any event, good, bad, or indifferent, is now and henceforth taboo. We are quite right to seek counsel's advice, and to act upon it whenever it seems to us sound and reasonable, but in future we must not only reiterate the statement that "the stars incline, they do not compel" and that "Character is destiny," but we must believe it and work the idea into all our judgments where Astrology is concerned.

Instead of making definite predictions of inevitable events we must use the word "tendencies," and act up to our belief that the effects produced upon us by the planetary spheres are merely *influences* which only "compel" those who are willing and desirous of being compelled.

It may seem a very awkward position to those who know that it is quite possible to make definite and accurate predictions in certain

cases, but even then we must remember that with knowledge the evils arising out of certain influences *can* be avoided. Until the general public are educated into a true conception of what we mean by planetary influence we must expect to be misunderstood, but it must not deter us from the task of spreading the truth that God and His Ministers rule over the universe in which we live, and that Their influence may be traced in the streams of Light which pass through the planetary spheres.

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The period in which we are now living is an exceedingly critical one, and much more depends upon the attitude of those who are passing through the crisis as to the future of men and nations than an ordinary mind can conceive. It is a period of realisation, and those who can realise the most will pass into the group of souls who will never be the same again; while those who cannot realise the purpose of the changes now taking place will fall back into a condition out of which it will be a long time before they can again have the same opportunity to rise.

Men and nations must realise that the world is governed by unseen forces, and we who are privileged to trace the influences of these forces must help, in whatever manner is most suitable, to bring about that realisation. And we have this advantage over other methods of revealing the truth about the divine powers: namely the possibility of blending the practical with the ideal, and of demonstrating scientifically the fact that a divine law guides every soul coming into physical manifestation and that by this law the line of least resistance may be known and understood. At present, deny it who will, children are born into this world as the result of apparent chance, and more often than not without the least idea of the body being a vehicle for a human soul.

We are hearing much about War Babies at the present time, and to judge by the speeches and articles that are published in the daily press the world is faced with a problem the wisest men and women cannot solve. Love defies the conventions of modern civilisation as well as the locksmith, and it may be that in the war babies we may find a few future saints and heroes, since the passion that produced them was purely martial and, therefore, more than usually natural.

Natal Astrology is concerned with the birth of human beings;

not merely with the *time of birth* only, but also with the conditions, circumstances, and state of the parents at the moment when a child is conceived; and when the world is ready to be educated on this subject the astrological student must be prepared to help in this direction. We have all a field of work and usefulness before us in helping the world astrologically which very few have yet dreamed of, but we must first place Astrology on a higher scientific basis than it has been recognised to hold hitherto.

During the past twelve months we have realised more than at any time formerly that the whole of the fortune-telling aspect of Astrology MUST GO, and that in its place we must insist upon the *tendencies* of planetary influence and not upon any fatalistic predictions.

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In what manner can we best help the whole world astrologically?

Firstly we must help individuals to understand the laws connected with their being, and teach them that they are not separate from the heavenly world but linked up with the celestial spheres in a way that Astrology demonstrates scientifically, philosophically, and religiously. If all men could be brought to understand that although separately individualised and centred in matter they are parts of one great human family, and that by collective action the greatest happiness for all could be secured, we should bring about a new civilisation in which the appalling apathy and indifference that now prevails would disappear and the new order would be quickly established.

The science of Astrology reveals in a most satisfactory manner why all men cannot be equal, also why it is unreasonable to expect that equality. It also clearly demonstrates the beauty and utility of the diversity of human nature, and solves the paradoxical problem of the continuous existence of an underlying unity amidst all the diversity.

Let it once enter the consciousness of a *thinking* individual that the zodiacal circle contains the prototypes, imaged in the ethers of space, of all that is to be manifested on earth, and if he can claim the least approach toward the philosophic mind he will see that a divine plan rules the world. Any astrological student having a sense of proportion and an ordinary understanding of the Zodiac as taught by Astrology can do much to show how men may find their place in the celestial scheme of things.

Secondly we can help individuals to play their parts intelligently and obediently, by giving them a lofty conception of what a nation ought to be, and the position they may best hold in it with a view to helping it to realise its possibilities.

The British Government have recently been looking for a good business man; had astrology been more generally known, they would not have had long to wait before the right man for the place could have been found. How often do we find round pegs in square holes, or men filling positions for which they are totally unfitted?

We are at the beginning of an entire social reconstruction, and we believe that Astrology can help in that reconstruction in a more practical and scientific manner than any other method, if we will only apply ourselves to the task of working together with this common object in view.

Students who are willing to help in this direction are asked to join the Astrological Society, or the new Institute, where they will learn how to be of service in helping the social reconstruction that will surely take place after the war.

AMERICAN ASTROLOGERS

A guilty conscience needs no accuser, says an ancient proverb, and it is one that is well borne out by the many strange letters received from America since our recent remarks on American astrologers (p. 162, April).

Some of these letters, now coming in by every mail, are quite convincing and they show us that the same conditions exist in the United States as in Great Britain so far as astrological charlatanism is concerned.

We had no intention of criticising the genuine astrologer and we think that he is quite capable of taking care of himself, and he at least should be in a position to understand *why* we are working most diligently to purify ASTROLOGY; for he must know that what is very often termed astrology is nothing more than quackery, and every genuine student of Astrology must want to be rid of the quacks and pretenders in order that Astrology may live. What has the genuine astrologer to fear by our criticism if he loves his work? He has

nothing to be ashamed of if he knows what astrology means and should therefore dread no criticism.

Captain Geo. W. Walrond, an old astrologer of many years standing and good repute strikes the right note in a letter to us on the subject from which we extract the following: "Intuitively I felt you had no intention of taboing every practitioner in America as quacks. . . . I agree with you that every astrologer should be equipped with diplomas or degrees conferred only on those who have undergone the thorough test examinations of properly incorporated societies."

Those who are for us cannot be against us, and we regret to say that we have been greatly disappointed by the attitude that has been taken by a few students in America whom we had previously believed to be sincere and unselfseeking in their astrological work.

What we now require, more than at any time in the history of astrology, is CO-OPERATION and the recognition of those who have at heart the WELFARE OF ASTROLOGY.

During the month of May we were in receipt of many letters calling our attention to the arrest and prosecution of a gentleman in America, also an appeal from a member of an astrological society on his behalf. We would gladly give full publicity to this appeal but unfortunately much doubt has arisen as to the *bond fides* of this society, owing to contrary reports. In one of the letters there is proof sufficient to awaken this doubt.

American students please try and understand our motives. We are bent upon the task we have set before ourselves, that of purifying Astrology and freeing it from all that which is *not* Astrology. We will support with all the energy we possess every student who is sincere and genuine in his work for the permanent establishment of pure practical astrology, and will use the same amount of energy to exterminate and crush out the charlatan and false pretender.

Mr. Frank Theodore Allen sends the following valuable suggestion. We recommend it to our readers all over the world:

My observations in astro-meteorology have raised a number of questions in my mind that I would like to see threshed out in the columns of MODERN ASTROLOGY. There is no doubt but that whatever effects the planets by either position or aspect may produce upon the weather, they simultaneously produce corresponding effects upon individuals. For instance, in the little manual on Astro-meteorology, Mr. Green lays it down as a rule that any

planet when on the equator, entering the tropical signs, in extreme declination, or stationary, will produce effects upon the atmosphere in accordance with the nature of the planet. If that be so, ought we not to pay especial attention to such planetary situations when they occur in natiivities; and when they reach such positions in the progressed horoscope, is not the corresponding period of the life especially coloured by the planets so situated?

We take this opportunity to thank our readers in America for helping in the increase of our American subscription list since the War. We look forward to the time when we shall have their co-operation in our astrological work.

THE ASTROLOGICAL ARENA

There is an interesting letter from Miss Matthews in this month's issue with which we find ourselves in partial agreement.

For the purpose of conveying an idea that Spiritual Intelligences rule the worlds in space we have from time to time drawn attention to an old astrological belief that the Prime Mover of the Solar System pours His life through THE SUN. But it has never been the intention to suggest that this action is limited to the Solar Orb alone; on the contrary, the idea has been that we are all bathing in that life and light which is pouring through the physical Sun which for purpose of illustration we think of as the physical body of the Logos. There is no danger, so far as we can see, that this idea will give rise to such limitations as the personal God idea. God is a spirit and those who worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. Our correspondent however does well to draw attention to the danger of misinterpretation.

Miss Matthews says might not Mars and the other planets be the personified ideals of the race, etc. We might postulate some theories regarding the past history of the planetary spheres, if it were not for the fact that some other student might object to them on the ground that they were merely speculations, etc. We have always considered those spheres as centres for the Creative Principles, and in no way concerned with either human vices or virtues. We are, so far, limited in our conceptions of planetary influences by the signs of the zodiac.

The question of eugenics is one that should interest all students of Astrology, and it must be admitted that the question of favourable

times, etc., is not a very hopeful one at present. Astrology as a science cannot be limited by conventional customs or man-made laws, and this is why the marriage question is not an easy one to deal with, from an astrological point of view, in Western Countries. For everyone there is a mate—as is shown by the pairing of the planetary influences of Mars and Venus; of Saturn and Jupiter; and probably also of Uranus and Neptune, as well as the Sun and the Moon. It is only the pure Mercurians who can afford to be celibates, and they are as rare as unions are plentiful. Sex attraction will successfully contend against celibacy for many centuries to come, and probably as long as there are twelve signs of the zodiac.

Miss Matthews' letter courts criticism, and we hope it will receive some.

SOME MENTALLY DEFICIENT CHILDREN

A LADY student of astrology has done us a good service by supplying the birth-data of twenty mentally deficient children all born in Bolton, Lancs. The mothers of these children supplied the information to the headmistress of the Flash Street Special School, Bolton.

1. Reginald F.: 2 p.m. 19/5/'07.
2. Albert T.: between 8 and 8.30 a.m. 21/3/'06.
3. Sarah Ann O.: 6 p.m. 18/10/'06.
4. Alice S.: 0.15 a.m. 29/2/'04.
5. Ralph S.: 10 a.m. 25/10/'07.
6. Edward M.: 3.20 p.m. 8/12/'07.
7. Lewis S.: 3.30 p.m. 10/10/'03.
8. Ruth McD.: 3 p.m. 5/3/'07.
9. Martha R.: 6 a.m. 5/11/'05.
10. Arthur S.: between 4 and 5 a.m. 23/6/'03.
11. Alice H.: 12.35 a.m. 16/7/'06.
12. Beatrice H.: 8 p.m. 20/11/'04.
13. Annie C.: 4.45 a.m. 22/3/'06.
14. Edward F.: between 3 and 4 p.m. 13/12/'00.
15. Emma D.: 6 a.m. 23/11/'07.
16. Mary Alice R.: 12 noon. 17/3/'05.
17. Arthur G.: 10.30 a.m. 20/11/'01.
18. Mary S.: between 6 and 6.30 a.m. 15/4/'06.
19. Albert M.: 3.30 p.m. 30/9/'07.
20. Alfred R.: between 8 and 9 a.m. 10/3/'05.

We hope to examine each case in due course, but in the meantime supply the data for the benefit of students who may wish to study them.

National Astrology

PEACE PROSPECTS

New Moon 12/7/1915 9.31 a.m. London

TROUBLE to the Government is indicated here by the presence of Saturn in the mid-heaven in conjunction with Mercury and Venus, and the same holds true over nearly the whole of Europe. Rulers and statesmen will be very unfortunate and will incur loss of power and popularity; money matters will press very heavily upon the nations, business and trade will be very troubled everywhere, and difficult financial questions will arise. Naval warfare will be carried on actively.

	x	xi	xii	i	ii	iii
(1)	♄ 13	♁ 20	♃ 22	♁ 17	♁ 9	♃ 8
(2)	♄ 26	♃ 2	♁ 3	♁ 27	♁ 20	♃ 20
(3)	♁ 11	♁ 19	♁ 17	♁ 7	♃ 1	♁ 1
(4)	♁ 28	♁ 4	♄ 13	♁ 17	♃ 7	♁ 29

(1) London (2) Berlin (3) Petrograd (4) New York

♄	♁	♁	♁	♁	♁	♁	♁
♁ 18.57	♁ 0.53	♁ 2.2	♄ 4.19	♁ 28.26	♁ 7.41	♁ 14.41	♁ 29.44

The position of Jupiter setting, in good aspect both to Mars and Neptune, shows the probability of peace overtures between some of the combatants, and that they will be more strongly supported and less unwelcome than those made earlier in the year. Jupiter is much nearer the cusp of the seventh house at Berlin and Vienna than at London; hence the two former countries will be less hostile than previously, and negotiations may be begun now by some friendly neutral (Jupiter culminates at New York). The people are more likely to be pacifically inclined than their rulers, and will make their voices heard in favour of peace in various directions.

Can peace actually come now? We think not, for various reasons. Mars is the most elevated planet at London and Paris; Mercury, lord of ascendant and mid-heaven, squares Jupiter, as also does Venus; and Jupiter is only in the sixth house at Petrograd. Nevertheless attempts at peace will be made, the prospect will not seem so hopeless

as hitherto, and the attitudes of the combatants will be less irreconcilable, especially Germany and Austria. We shall have many friends abroad and shall benefit through their goodwill; visits are likely to be exchanged between the countries.

The marriage rate will increase and some notable marriages in high life will occur, but the birthrate will decrease. Theatres and places of entertainment will be unfortunate. The money market, banks and stocks will be disturbed and upset. Changes will take place in Parliament; one or more prominent members will die.

These indications are similar for the greater part of Europe, but Saturn will be very near the meridian at Petrograd, Constantinople and the extreme east of Europe; so that those parts are likely to be very troubled; nevertheless the luminaries culminating will give strength to rulers and governments.

Africa and Holland will both be troubled by six heavenly bodies in Cancer and important changes will take place in the former country. Mars in Gemini will disturb Belgium.

The following shows how the lunation falls in various horoscopes.

CZAR	♄ ♀ ☉ ♀ ♀ ♀ ♀ ♀ ♀	QUEEN OF HOLLAND	♄ ☽ ☽ ♀
PRESIDENT POINCARÉ	♄ ♀ ♀ ♀ ♀	KING OF NORWAY	♄ ♀ ♀ ♀
GERMAN EMPEROR	♄ Asc. ♀ ♀	KING OF SWEDEN	♄ ♀
EMPEROR OF AUSTRIA	♄ ♀ ♀ ♀	KING OF BELGIUM	♄ Asc. ♀ ♀
KING GEORGE V	☽ ♀	H. H. ASQUITH	♄ ♀
PRINCE OF WALES	☽ ♀	GENERAL JOFFRE	♄ ☽ ♀ ♀
KING OF ITALY	♄ ♀ ♀ ♀		

PREDICTIONS OF WAR

A correspondent suggests that we should reprint some of the predictions of a forthcoming war that appeared in MODERN ASTROLOGY before the present European war began, so as to show those who have not investigated the subject that the danger was not unanticipated by us: we give the following extracts accordingly.

Had the cycle been the same as it will be in 1914 it would have been more significant of war between nations, for the coming year is Kabalistically under Mars and the sub-influence of Saturn.

Those who believe that a Great Spiritual Teacher is coming to uplift the world must know that His coming can only be delayed while we are surrounded by wars and rumours of wars. That we do seem perilously near a great European war is self-evident and as we have remarked elsewhere, the danger threatened comes nearer and nearer with every aspect of an adverse nature between Uranus and Mars.

MODERN ASTROLOGY for June 1913 (pp. 224 and 226).

Notice that Mars and Uranus were in opposition on May 24 1914 at 8.30 a.m., when Mars was rising in ♈ 11.36 and Uranus was setting in ♒: ♈ 3° was on the cusp of the Ascendant at London, and ♈ 13° at Berlin. War began two months later, when the Sun reached the opposition of Uranus, 2 August 1914 7.47 p.m.; at which time Uranus was rising, and the Sun was setting, Mars being also in the seventh house, semi-square to the Sun, and sesquiquadrate to Uranus. Mars reached the exact sesquiquadrate of Uranus on 5 August, 1914, 8.37 p.m., when the red planet was setting in ♍. It is hardly necessary to remind readers that in National Astrology these afflictions of the seventh house are significant of War.

Are we nearing a crisis in European affairs? For years there has been talk of a European war, and by many it is thought inevitable that war among the great nations in Europe must break out, with the possibility that Great Britain will be involved. . . . The passing of the humanising planet Uranus into the sign Aquarius will do much to diminish the tendency to war, and should a Great European War break out while Uranus is in that sign it will only take place through severe afflictions from the planet Mars to Uranus. War between Turkey and the Balkan States was definitely declared on October 18, 1912, and Mars was in square to Uranus only the day before. Mars was in conjunction with Uranus on February 26, 1913, and Germany and France immediately after decided to increase enormously their expenditure on armies and aircraft.

July 1913 (pp. 268-9).

There will be foreign trouble and international rivalry and jealousy affecting the greater part of Europe, and it will be fortunate if there are not actual warlike measures undertaken and the movements of troops and warships. . . . The strong transits over the German Emperor's Sun will make themselves felt in political storms and changes. . . . These effects are likely to be spread over some considerable time and will not be accomplished within the month. The end will not be accomplished without struggles for power in various parts of the world.

January 1914 (p. 8).

Some very martial solar directions are coming forward in this horoscope [the German Emperor's] as the above list shows [☽ ♀ ♀ ♀ ♀ ♀ ♀ ♀ ♀] . . . critical international questions bringing danger of war will occur before the directions exhaust themselves.

January 1914 (p. 36).

The prominence of Mars supports the map for the Spring Quarter. A strongly martial spirit will run through affairs both at home and abroad. The luminaries and Venus well aspected in the seventh house show that this country will have good friends abroad with whom we shall be able to work well. The elevation of Mars, however, and its square from the tenth house to the seventh . . . shows some serious cause of discord in international affairs . . . nearly the whole of Europe will be more or less restless and troubled by Mars or Neptune or both. Naval activity will be called for, new vessels of war will be demanded, the movement of troops is probable, and there will be a high rate of expenditure upon armies and navies.

March 1914 (p. 103).

These last predictions were based upon the first New Moon of the astronomical year, that in Aries, which there is reason to think is more important than the others and more lasting.

THE CHANGE IN THE GOVERNMENT

On May 19th the news was published that a number of ministers had resigned office and that a coalition ministry was being formed. This is the first time for a great many years that any attempt has been made to form a coalition ministry in Great Britain, and the following quotations from past issues of this magazine will show that governmental changes and troubles have been fully anticipated by astrologers.

Aquarius is the eleventh sign and corresponds to the eleventh house, that of Parliament and of the friends of the nation. It holds this relation in the world-horoscope, and this conjunction [Jupiter and Uranus] will therefore bring about great changes in legislation and in parliamentary procedure. . . . With Mars lord of the midheaven in its fall, Cancer, the government is not strong, and yet as the planet has the trine of the Sun no immediate dissolution is likely. (♃♅ map.)
MODERN ASTROLOGY for March 1914 (p. 110).

Considering the conjunction alone, this fell in Aquarius near the cusp of the second house at London; and great parliamentary and financial changes were accordingly predicted. These have already been partly fulfilled, for the war, following quickly on the heels of discontent in Ireland, produced great changes in the attitude of the various parties in Parliament, the resignation of three members of the Cabinet, and the appointment of a soldier, Lord Kitchener, instead of a civilian as Secretary for War. Other changes will follow during the rule of the conjunction. (♃♅ map.)
October 1914 (p. 475).

Neither our own nor any other Government is likely to be very fortunate; there will be complaints of high-handed proceedings and the unjust use of power, and threats of opposition and rebellion will be heard. Prominent persons will be harshly criticised and there may even be personal attacks and violence. (☉ in ♋ map.)
December 1914 (p. 564).

Monarchs and Governments will be very unfortunate and will have to face many troubles as the result of this war; enemies both open and secret will abound, and will be sufficiently strong to do harm; the death or downfall of some eminent personage is threatened; national honour is endangered. . . . Parliament and the Government will not be strong and will not accomplish much; changes will take place in the Cabinet. (☉ in ♋ map.)
March 1915 (pp. 113, 114).

Parliament is not likely to be fortunate and legislation will not make much headway; governments will be embarrassed in the legislatures and sudden difficulties will occur. (♃♅ map.)
May 1915 (p. 209).

Since the last winter quarter predictions have been made at times by various astrologers, including ourselves, of trouble to the Government and that affairs would not go smoothly in Parliament. For example in each of the quarterly maps the Sun, the general significator of the monarch and the ruling power, has been seriously afflicted; and the same has been true of the tenth and eleventh houses or their lords in a good many maps. . . . In times of peace the serious afflictions in the last three quarterly maps would have been quite sufficient to overthrow the Government and to cause a general election, but the altered circumstances have produced a change in the effects.
June 1915 (p. 252).

This last quotation, although not published until the June number, was written during April, a month before the event. The map for the summer quarter, page 248, shows that *the trouble continues* in some form.

As long ago as January 1914 (p. 6) we wrote, "The influence of the Liberal party is shown to be waning, but the influence of the Conservative party does not appear to be strong enough to take advantage of their weakness."

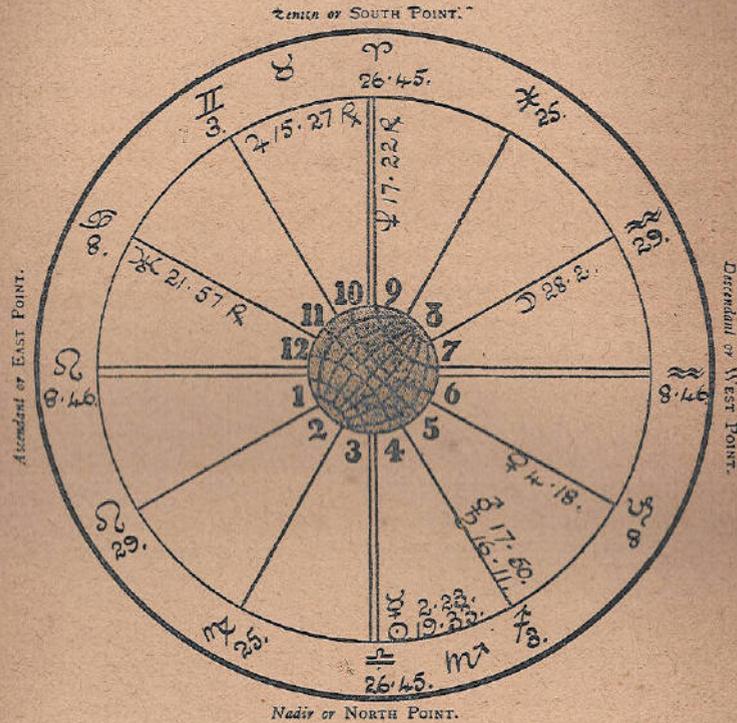
WHAT'S IN A NAME?—The Hull trawler *Armageddon* returned to Hull yesterday from a maiden trip with a catch of fish which realised £2,120. This is a "record" for a maiden trip, and the third largest catch that has ever been landed at Hull.—*Daily Express*, 4.6.15.

SATURN IN CANCER.—"Few people could fail to notice how busy death has been in the ranks of these professions and trades covered by this journal (*the Building World*) during the last few months. Each week our columns have had to chronicle the demise of some architect, builder or well-known clerk of works in some part or other of the country."

GREENWICH MEAN TIME.—Readers interested in the question of obtaining accurate time, the difficulty of which was touched upon recently (p. 181 April), may be interested to know that in the issue of the *English Mechanic* for 7/5/1915 there is given on p. 320 a detailed account of a method of obtaining correct time by sun observation without a telescope: (post free 2½d. from publishers, Arundel Street, Strand, W.C.)

REFERENCES TO ASTROLOGY in the *English Mechanic*.—(Answer to "Country Smith.") "Our opinion is that there is 'nothing in Astrology.' But some people, otherwise of sound mind, think there is. We wasted space on the lucubrations of some of them on pp. 400, 449, 516, 538, 562, 583, 584, and 585, Vol. LXXXVI., and on pp. 9, 36, 63, 86, 109, 133, and 461, Vol. LXXXVII., when the subject was fully discussed, and have no more space to spare."

The Horoscope of the King of Italy.



ITALY, after much hesitation, due to the influence of Prince Bülow and Signor Giolitti has at last declared war. The Allies are fortunate in having the Italians on their side, for this will probably bring Greece, Bulgaria, and other nations into the conflict and thus more speedily end the war.

Following our suggestion as to the horoscope of a monarch being representative of the nation we now publish the horoscope of King Victor Emmanuel III.

In *Zadkiel's Almanac for 1901* 10.45 p.m. is stated to be the bulletin time of birth: (p. 68). Reuter's telegram published in the

Daily Telegraph, Daily News and Morning Post of 13/11/'69 however runs as follows: "NAPLES, Nov. 11: (10.15 p.m.). The Princess Margherita has given birth to a son to-night. Both are doing well. The prince has received the names of Victor Emmanuel Ferdinand, and the title of Prince of Naples,"—from the dating of which it would appear that birth could not be after 10.15 p.m. at latest. The map here given is therefore calculated for that time.¹

The present King of Italy came to the throne on the assassination of his father who was shot by the anarchist Bresci at Monza on the 29th July 1900.

King Victor Emanuel has the planet Mars, the War Lord, in conjunction with Saturn in the fifth house in the sign Sagittarius, which makes him a keen sportsman and gives him a love of travel and exploration. His pleasures will be adventures, hunting, yachting and those of an exciting and exceptional type.

The opposition of the Moon to the fixed star Regulus has a fatalistic tendency when combined with the conjunction of Mars and Saturn, but with Leo rising he is courageous, self-reliant and very determined.

He is intellectual, and with the Sun in trine aspect to Uranus in watery signs he has a love for curios and antiquities.

The trine aspect of Mars and Saturn with Neptune is a great asset in his activity, linking the ninth house and the fifth, giving inspiration, tact and the ability to deal successfully with others.

The elevation of the planet Jupiter is good for a king or ruler, acting as a preserver and protector; and its influence is necessary in a somewhat tragic horoscope, especially with the Sun in the fourth house in the sign Scorpio.

He had a delicate childhood, which he outgrew, fortunately for the Italian nation, which must benefit from the culmination of the

¹ In his courteous reply to our letter of enquiry Mr Alfred J. Pearce the Editor of *Zadkiel's Almanac* writes that his informant in 1900 was "a gentleman who had examined official documents at the British Museum." There is of course the possibility that 10.45 was put inadvertently for 10.15, but this does not seem very probable, and if any of our readers are in a position to clear the matter up we shall be grateful if they will do so: usual sources of information are not easily available just now. Whichever time is correct however, 10.15 or 10.45, the half-hour will not make any material difference so far as the main judgment of the horoscope is concerned.

planet Jupiter as it has already done by the kind and generous acts of the King in times of great trouble.

The opposition of the Sun, the King's ruler, with Jupiter is not a favourable testimony for agreement with the Vatican; this however is modified considerably by the trine aspect of Neptune with Mars and Saturn.

From an ordinary standpoint the conjunction of Mars and Saturn is not a favourable position, and shows a tendency to a tragic end, but Jupiter's position will preserve him from dangers that would otherwise have befallen him.

He was fortunate in his marriage, which is known to have been a happy one. He fell in love with his wife in May 1896 while attending the coronation of the Czar of Russia, where he met Princess Elena of Montenegro, whom he married on 24th October 1896. It is surely more than a coincidence that the Moon is in the sign Aquarius, ruling Russia, and the Moon is the setting planet.

There has been more sympathy between the Kaiser and the King of Italy than the world is aware of, and it is a great misfortune for the Kaiser to have had the Italian nation against him as he will surely feel the power of Uranus in the King's nativity upon his ascendant.

THE KING OF ITALY'S DIRECTIONS

The King's directions were given in MODERN ASTROLOGY last December, and our comments upon them have been justified by events. The very peaceful influence of Sun conjunction Venus has now passed off and the transit of Saturn through the beginning of Cancer in opposition to this Sun and Venus measures to June. The direction of Mercury to the semi-square of the Moon in the seventh house (enemies) measured to February and was followed by "diplomacy active about foreign relations and tending to a rupture," as we predicted it would be. This Moon was afflicted by the eclipses of Aug 21 1914 and Feb 14 1915.

But as was pointed out last year, the chief danger lies in the opposition of Mars to Uranus. This measured to July 1914 when the great war began, and has been strengthened and supported this year by the lunar squares to Uranus and Mars, which measured to the

spring months when negotiations were going on and events were growing critical. In addition to danger of war, this is a very unsafe influence for the King personally; his life is in danger while this direction is in force (Uranus in the twelfth house, secret enemies).

<i>Basic Directions</i>			
☉♄♃♂	Dec 1913	♄♄♃♂	July 1914
☉♂♂♂	Mar 1914	♄♂♂♂	Dec ..
♃♂♂♂	Feb 1915	♄♂♂♂	Jan 1915
		♄♂♂♂	June 1916
MC♂♂	June 1914*		
..♄♂♂	Sept ..	Asc♂♂♂	May 1914*
..♄♂♂	May 1915		
<i>Lunar Directions</i>			
	1914		
♂♂♂	Aug	♂♂♂♂	Feb
♂♂♂♂	Sept	♂♂♂♂	Mar
♂♂♂♂♂♂♂	Nov	♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂	Apr
♂♂♂♂♂	Dec	♂♂♂	May
	1915	♂♂♂♂♂	Sept
♂♂♂♂	Jan	♂♂♂♂♂	Dec

Transits.—♄♄♂♂♂♂ Jan 20; ♃♄♂♂♂♂ Jan 27; ☉ecl♄♂♂♂ Feb 14; ♃♄♂ asc March; ♄♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂ May 15; ♄♄♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂ May 17; ♄♄♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂ June 28; ♃♄♂ asc Aug; ☉ecl♄♂ asc Aug 10; ♄♄♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂ Sept 23.

The progressed map for 1915 shows MC ♄16.51; and Asc ♃18.41.* The midheaven has reached the opposition of Saturn and is going to the opposition of Mars, while the ascendant is in square to Mars. The transits are unfavourable in the main.

The saving influence of the whole horoscope is the culmination of Jupiter, and as Mercury reaches the trine of this place by direction in 1916 it is to be hoped that a more peaceful period will be begun by then. The friends of Italy could have wished for more auspicious directions than are shown here for that country at the present time.

EACH NATION ITS OWN MYSTIC MISSION.—The German Roman Catholic newspaper *Stimmen der Zeit*, the organ of the German Jesuits, protests against German self-esteem, and against the hatred shown towards England, declaring: "Every nation has its own mystic mission which no one has a right to deny. We desire for England that the rich talents and gifts of a cool, calculating people may become a blessing to mankind."

Daily Express, 8/4/15.

* It is to be remarked that this list of directions was computed from the rectified horoscope published in the Almanac already referred to. Directions to the MC and Asc would measure somewhat later if calculated from the 10.15 map given above. Other directions will not be appreciably affected.

Answers to Questions¹

"MARS: THE WAR LORD"

SEVERAL questions arising out of these lectures have reached us and in view of several more following the publication of the book it is proposed to answer those questions under the above heading.

RACE PROGRESS?—Can we consider that human life on this planet ever shows any permanent improvement or progress? Races, civilisations, religions, come and go; moral, intellectual and spiritual achievement ebbs and flows, but the only permanent gain, or progress, is in the individual souls as they visit and re-visit the earth until they have learnt all that it can teach. (301)

There is surely a permanent improvement to be discerned in the manifestation of human life, as shown, for instance, in the deep and increasing interest taken in the study of human nature according to the fundamental laws of Astrology.

It may seem that the only improvement of a permanent nature is to be found in individuals rather than in nations, but nations through the ability of their rulers and statesmen are working for a permanent improvement in governing and teaching.

Although there is often a great deal of apparent nonsense talked about "unity" and "brotherhood," yet the ideal of every nation must eventually turn toward unification.

The ideal nation in the past appears to have been the Chaldean, where temperament and quality in each individual was studied through astrology; and it is quite probable that before an ideal civilisation can come into being the governing bodies will require to know much more than is known at present concerning human nature. To enumerate the many methods by which a civilisation might be helped astrologically would require a long article, but we may roughly glance at the

¹ Questions must be of GENERAL INTEREST. They should be written upon one side of the paper only, a separate sheet of paper being used for each separate question, and addressed to Question Department, "Modern Astrology" Office, 40, Imperial Buildings, Ludgate Circus, E.C. Name and address of sender should be attached to each question.

following items to see how helpful a knowledge of astrology would be to any nation—eugenics, maternity, education, avocation, marriage; in fact all departments of human life could be permanently improved by understanding the celestial laws governing human evolution.

It is quite probable that when the whole race is further advanced steps will be taken to apply astrological teachings to the various departments of human life, but at present it would appear that experience can only be gained by the majority through pain and suffering in order that the senses may be purified.

In these days Astrology as a science, or a philosophy, can only appeal to the thoughtful and intelligent student of human nature; but, for them, a permanent improvement and progress is plainly to be noted in individuals, and as those individuals increase in number and in stature so will the nations of which they form a part steadily move toward a permanent improvement.

SATURN AT THE FRONT.—I have noticed in a great many cases men going to the front under afflictions of SATURN—not necessarily ♃ and ♄. Now I could understand this under afflictions to MARS, but in these cases where the predisposing cause is Saturn and not Mars, how will it work out and in what way will they succeed or fail as soldiers? (302)

It is a pardonable error to suppose that all warfare comes under the influence of the planet Mars, until we understand that Mars is only one part or phase of what may be termed general activity. All concrete and material or physical action comes under the influence of Jupiter, Mars, the Moon, and Saturn, summed up in the very essence or cream of action in the planet Venus. Venus may be said to govern creative activity, which is divided into four quarters, coming under the influence of the above-mentioned planets as concrete or generative activity.

Mars gives that particular kind of action that is impulsive and physical from the outgoing order of energy, and is more or less mechanical in its action, that is to say it is action prompted by general motives, such as the call to arms, through desire for excitement, through patriotism, or a desire to defend or protect the weak.

Jupiter represents a different kind of energy, which affects officers more than the rank and file in an army. The Moon denotes another kind of activity seen in the "ordinary soldier," who enlists at any time during peace or war, generally the former, often with no

special interest in or love for a military calling. Saturn denotes a totally different type, and usually prompts a man to enter the army from motives of ambition or to gratify a mood that is more fatalistic than free, and accepts destiny as a matter of course.

It would take too long to enter into all the details of the four kinds of energy or activity coming under the planets Saturn, Moon, Mars and Jupiter, but they are planets whose influence has a material or concrete expression. A soldier, therefore, who is impelled to go to the front under the influence of Saturn, is doing so because impelled by a force that is just as much under Saturn as under Mars, but it may find a different outlet or mode of expression—such as a cavalry man under Jupiter, a trench digger or sapper under Saturn, commissariat under Moon, and engineer under Mars, for example.

NOT A DUMB NOTE.—In dealing with the horoscope of Bismarck some time ago, you said it had "not a dumb note in it." In these lectures, too, you said something of the same sort regarding the Emperor of Austria. How do you determine when a horoscope has "no dumb note" ? (303)

To determine when a horoscope has only a few dumb notes we must find out how far the native answers to the planets, for unless the majority of the planets are *active* in any particular horoscope we may find many dumb notes. For instance the influence of Venus is not understood by the majority of astrological students, owing to its associations with sex-love and pleasure, and until its true place in the scale of *human* evolution is recognised many mistakes will be made with regard to its real influence. We are unfortunately fettered by so many terms and interpretations belonging wholly to what is known as Horary Astrology that we are forced to use the term Esoteric Astrology to discriminate between Natal or Genethliacal and "horary" Astrology.

So far as the human principles are concerned the influence of the planet Venus is too refined or too abstract to follow, apart from its associations with other planets, or from the zodiacal signs. In other words its influence is only responded to by those who live on a much higher plane than the majority, or the normal state of human development, and while the majority respond to the Moon, Mars, Saturn and Jupiter, very very few respond to *Venus*.

To take a concrete example, in the horoscope of Bismarck we find Venus the highest planet well dignified by position in its own sign Taurus, and by elevation in the mid-heaven. This great statesman

was able to think out his plans in the abstract and used his abstract thinking for the making of the German Empire. In his case the vibrations of Venus pulled up, so to say, all the vibrations of the other planets making them active and by his life we know that so far as politics and statesmanship are concerned there was not a dumb note in his horoscope. In this question we are not concerned with the spiritual side of the nature, but with what is termed the activity side of life or what is known as the 'skill in action,' the ability to use all energy and activity to the furthering of a well defined purpose.

For the majority, the planet Saturn may be said to be the high watermark of human evolution, but for the few Venus marks a stage beyond. In every case of high development, or where the human life is an *abstraction* and personal selfishness has been overcome, Venus is the planet that gives true and real life, for it is always creative and not generative in its influence. It therefore denotes *initiative*, originality, and true independence. It may probably be better understood as the distinctively *moralizing* planet, as apart from what is usually termed spiritual, and its influence blossoms into perfect fruit in those who have loved much, whether wisely or unwisely, and in loving have never feared to give all and expect nothing for the personal self in return.

So far as the progress of human evolution is concerned the highest note that any human being can sound forth at the present time is the Uranian, and the next is the Mercurian, but the Venusian note is the one that all can reach if they possess sufficient initiative, intuition, or power to think purely without bias or personal equation. Mercury and Uranus may remain dumb notes for all but the few, but the Venus ray is open to all who are not too much in personal love with themselves.

ANIMALS AND PLANETARY VIBRATIONS.—Are we to understand that animals respond to planetary influence? This question arises out of a reference made in your final lecture, to dogs and the planet Mars. I had always understood that four-footed animals, i.e., those whose spine runs parallel to the earth, were only affected by the circular earth-currents. (304)

Animals do not *respond* to planetary influences, they are compelled by laws which we may trace to planetary influence, and mainly to the influence of the planet Mars. Animals are under the direct influence of a "Group Soul" which in all probability is under the influence of the planet Mars. It would seem that the zodiac specialised certain animals, such as the ram under the sign

Aries; the bull under Taurus; crabs under Cancer; the lion under Leo; snakes and scorpions under Scorpio; horses under Sagittarius; goats under Capricorn; and fishes under Pisces.

A list of the animals under the planets may be obtained such as horses under Jupiter; wolves and dogs under Mars, etc.; but they are either subject to the sub-influence of Mars, or more directly related to the signs of the zodiac than to direct *planetary* influence. For instance dogs in all probability furnish the best type of animals arising out of a blending of the signs Aries and Scorpio, signs directly under the influence of the planet Mars, and we might easily place the best types of the dog family under an influence such as Mars in the sign Capricorn.

The "group soul," however, may be considered under the zodiac as a whole, out of which animals are specialised through the various signs; but when considering the planetary influence in connection with the zodiac we should take Mars as the impelling force through which the animal nature is distributed throughout the zodiac.

CANCER AND DOGS.—*I find that Cancer children are usually very frightened of dogs and even grown up persons feel more or less uncomfortable when near dogs. The native of Cancer often experiences some sort of trouble in connection with or has been injured by dogs—do the constellations Canis majoris and minoris which rise with the sign Cancer, account for this peculiarity?* (305)

We have also noticed that Cancer children are very timid and afraid of dogs, and this applies to persons who have malefics in Cancer. Persons who have Saturn in Cancer are usually afraid of cats more than dogs. If due to the fixed stars, we should be glad to hear more on the subject. A letter appeared in MODERN ASTROLOGY, Vol. VI. Old Series, p. 179, claiming an instance of this in regard to a death by dog-bite.

VACCINATION.—*In my opinion, vaccination cannot be recommended to those who have a badly tenanted m or ♃ at birth—how far do you agree with this statement?* (306)

In our opinion vaccination cannot be recommended in any case, but speaking astrologically never when Jupiter is much afflicted in a nativity by either Mars or Saturn.

BAD TEETH.—*I have observed that those who have ♄ afflicted in any portion of the horoscope, but more especially in a fixed sign, are continually troubled with their teeth; they lose their teeth early and they are hardly ever satisfied with their dentist—have similar cases come under your notice?* (307)

The trouble is not due to Saturn in a fixed sign alone, but to other

causes. The writer has Saturn rising in Leo and has had no trouble whatever with the teeth until quite recently when the gums in the front of the lower jaw began to recede; but at no time have the teeth suffered from decay or caused pain. The dentist, who tightened the teeth by an ingenious arrangement, offered the suggestion that the trouble was caused by the body wearing out. Saturn in the sign Scorpio often causes the teeth to decay. We should, however, prefer personal testimony on this point from all who are willing to supply the required information.

SOWING AND PLANTING.—*When would be the best time for sowing grass, clover, and bulbs and roots?* (308)

Those who have made a special study of botanical astrology are invited to reply to this question. In Zadkiel's Almanac for 1887, Guido Bonatus is quoted as advising: "Sow or plant when the Moon is in Taurus, Virgo or Scorpio, if possible in good aspect with Saturn; but set or sow all kind of pulse when the Moon is in Cancer; and when she is in Libra or Capricorn, dress your gardens and train your small trees and shrubs."

LEGAL PROFESSION.—*What combinations in a horoscope denote legal profession, and what are the respective indications of the Bar and the Bench? When does a person jump from the one to the other? It is the opinion of some that MC has nothing to do with legal profession, and that the planets ♀ and ♃ have to do with it: Please examine this statement.* (309)

The tenth house indicates the avocation, profession or business occupation; the sign occupying the tenth house, the sign on its cusp, the ruler or rulers of this sign or signs, and the signs in which they are placed, have all to be considered and a judgment derived from a judicious blending of the testimonies: ♃ and ♄ are both concerned with jurisprudence (the former more especially with the bar and latter with the bench perhaps), and hence also ♃ and ♀. The relation of ♃ and ♄ to the ninth and seventh houses shows also that these houses have a bearing on the matter. An afflicted ninth is hardly likely to make a good pleader nor an afflicted seventh a good judge.

COLLECTING.—*Which sign or planetary configuration inclines most to "collecting" (china, stamps, coins, insects, etc.)?* (310)

Uranus, and the sign Cancer, make good collectors, but it is mainly due to the preponderance of negative influences in a horoscope.

The Status of the Astrologer

AN IMPORTANT DECISION

EXTRACTS FROM JUDGE FRESCHI'S DECISION HANDED DOWN DECEMBER 11TH, 1914, IN THE CITY MAGISTRATES' COURT, CITY OF NEW YORK, FIRST DIVISION, SEVENTH DISTRICT.

People of the State of New York on Complaint of Adele D. Priess, against Evangeline S. Adams. Charged violation Section 889, Code Crim Pro. Appearances: L. S. Lockhart, Esq, Assist. District Atty.; Clark L. Jordan, Esq; for Defendant.

. . . . Counsel contends that the defendant did not pretend to foretell any event and that all that occurred was an attempt on her part to explain the positions of the planets and read their indications without any assurance by the defendant that such reading was a prognostication of future events. It seems that the testimony of the defendant bears this out and must be given greater weight for its probative force. . . .

The defendant asserts that she is an astrologist by profession having followed it since 1897, and that her studies were begun in Boston, Mass., under J. Heber Smith, professor of *Materia Medica* and in research work in astrology. At first, defendant's work was to compile cases for research work. Several works on modern astrology as well as very old books on the subject were produced in court, and in particular one claimed to be among the best authorities on astrology written by Richard Garnett, who has correlated many instances in which people have gone insane or met with accidental death. These were used by the defendant while testifying and in the construction of the horoscope in a supposed case. In the reading of the horoscope the defendant went through an absolutely mechanical, mathematical process to get at her conclusions. She claims that astrology never makes a mistake but astrologers do, and that if the figures are correct, the information given is correct. . . .

Defendant's counsel states in his brief: "Astrology is the science which describes the influence of the heavenly bodies upon mundane affairs and upon human character and life. It is a mathematical or exact science as it is based upon astronomy which describes the heavenly bodies and explains their motions, etc. It is an applied science in that it takes the established principles of astronomy as its guide in delineating human character, and all

its judgments are based on mathematical calculations. It is an empirical science, because its deductions are based upon accurate data that have been gathered for thousands of years. Astrology is the oldest science in existence. It is not only pre-historic, but pre-traditional, and must not be classed with fortune-telling, or any of the many forms of demonology as practised in ancient and modern times. Astrology is the science of the effects of the Solar Currents, on the living things of our earth, especially on human life. The earth in revolving around the sun passes through twelve different currents of Solar Fluid which also have twelve distinct parts, thus causing the great diversity in human life. . . . The *Encyclopaedia Britannica* points out the distinction between 'natural astrology' which predicts the motions of the heavenly bodies, eclipses, etc., and 'judicial astrology' which studies the influence of the stars on human destiny. As this leading authority of the world goes on to say 'The belief in a connection between the heavenly bodies and the life of man has played an important part in human history.' It continues 'Men of intellectual eminence like Dr. Richard Garnett have convinced themselves that astronomy, *i.e.*, Astrology—has a foundation of truth. Dr. Garnett insisted indeed that it was a mistake to confuse astrology with fortune-telling, and maintained that it was a physical science just as much as geology depending on ascertained facts, and grossly misrepresented by being connected with magic."

In Bacon's *Advancement of Learning*, it is stated: "In astrological traditions, the nature and dispositions of men are tolerably distinguished according to the influence of the planets; whence some are said to be by nature formed for contemplation, others for politics, others for war, etc."

The "science" of astrology seems to be the generalisation of certain principles gathered from the concrete phenomena presented by the heavenly bodies and their application to mundane affairs. Those who work with it have a form of tables and a co-ordination of instances upon which they act and create their axioms and one must be led to believe that there is considerable force in their arguments. In this, as in all new theories and discoveries, so in the field of endeavour and thought, there are to be found those who hesitate and doubt until a mastery has fixed it in the minds of the majority, as a science. Whether minds are pre-possessed or limited, the sincerity of the defendant's determination upon the opinion of her work from her own perceptions and a study of authorities cannot be questioned. She certainly does seem to have a thorough knowledge of the subject. And in this, she claims no faculty of fore-telling by supernatural or magical means that which is future, or of discovering that which is hidden or obscure; but she does claim that nature is to be interpreted by the influences that surround it. The defendant testified: "All the planets represent different forces of the universe. Astrology is a science of vibration. Some of the planets represent

harmonious rate of vibration. Others, those which we call discord. Having admitted that light permitted to shine on plant life at a certain angle makes that plant grow, and the same light at another angle destroys life. That is the same theory that we work with in astrology. Q. Is that vibration a light vibration? A. If you can explain vibration, I cannot. Q. It is an unknown force or element? A. We only know that the difference between red and blue is vibration; the only difference between Saturn and Jupiter is vibration. We have proven that Saturn represents one rate, Herschel another and Neptune another. Q. Colours are visible. A. Vibration is not. Q. Is this element, this force, whatever it may be, visible? A. Only in its expression. Q. Has it an effect on vegetable life? A. Yes. Q. Just as it has on animal life, for animals as well as human beings? A. Yes, sir, everything that lives. Q. Going back to Jupiter's influence on the daughter's life in 1915, why did you think that vibration or that the influence of Jupiter itself in all his changes, the conditions would be more harmonious? A. Because mathematically in 1915 it was going to form an angle that we call fortunate. Q. An angle with relation to—? A. To Herschel in her daughter's horoscope. Q. Does the earth enter in their relation at all? A. We are on earth. We take everything from the earth. The earth is the centre on which we stand, and angles are drawn. That is the only difference between these books and the Nautical Almanac. The Nautical Almanac takes the sun as the centre. These books take the earth as the centre. Q. You figure out angles? A. Yes, sir, by logarithms."

The statute in question is peculiarly worded. The words "pretend to tell fortunes" are to be considered. This law was designed to prohibit persons who make pretence or make believe to tell fortunes. A deception or concealment of the truth is essential in each case. It is really a certain degree of quackery practised to the detriment of the community, in general, that is made unlawful by this statute.

What is fortune-telling, and who is a fortune-teller? The Standard Dictionary says "that to tell one's fortune or tell fortunes is to foretell what is to happen to one, or to practise the prediction of future events with reference to persons, through some professed faculty of penetrating, or specific means of calling up, the secrets of the future." And it defines 'fortune-teller' as "one who tells or reveals future events in the life of another; one who pretends to a knowledge of future events, and makes a practice of foretelling them."

When the defendant prepared her horoscope of the complainant and got the relative position of the planets at the time of her birth, basing this horoscope on the well-known and fixed science of astronomy, she violated no law. Her explanation of the relative positions of the planets constituted no violation of law. . . .

The defendant has given ample proof that she is a woman of learning and culture, and one who is very well versed in astronomy and other sciences. Her chart here, as made out, may be verified, as she states, by those who may be disputatious on the subject of its accuracy in the books and records of astronomers for years. And when the defendant stated to the prosecutrix that these planets and their relative positions indicated this or that, and that this or that ought to happen, if the signs meant anything, with the distinct understanding they had between them that the defendant was giving no assurance that this or that eventually would take place, I say she violated no law.

I do not mean to hold that an astrologer may not violate this law under consideration. EVERY FORTUNE-TELLER IS A VIOLATOR OF THE LAW; BUT EVERY ASTROLOGER IS NOT A FORTUNE-TELLER.¹ I believe that there is a line of distinction between the person who pretends to be able to read the future and tell with positiveness what will or shall happen; and the one who merely reads a sign as indicating what ought to happen, but is particular to make it plain that he is not attempting to predict future events. The former is a charlatan, an oppressor and an impostor, the latter is surely not a fortune-teller as he is commonly understood.

I want to make myself plain on this subject. No rule can be laid down and fixed that will fit all cases. Each case must depend upon its own peculiar set of circumstances for a decision. The Magistrate is best able to determine who is and who is not such an impostor. He has the party before him and a close examination of the case should furnish proof of the *bona fides* of the case.

I am satisfied that the element of fraud which we usually find accompanying the fortune-tellers' case is absent here.

. . . . The plain object of the statute here is to protect the fool and the credulously weak from the knavery of those who claim wisdom and who resort to trickery and every device known to cunning as a means of gain in some form. I do not hold that criminal intent is essential, but I assume that this law sought to ferret out and enjoin those, who, by such practices as were dishonest and dishonourable in a measure, induce people to place reliance in their statements of future happenings.

It is to be admitted that a certain class of fortune-tellers may be honest in their purposes and honestly believe the things they say to be true. There are people in this world who claim with earnestness that they have super-human powers and that their specific means of reading the future are reliable; yet the law is not concerned so much with the good faith of the

¹ [We have ventured to emphasise this significant pronouncement by printing it in different type.—Ed. M.A.]

party pretending to possess this ability, as it is concerned with dealing in a human way with the things that are within human knowledge only. Common experience teaches many things; in fact, the sciences are predicated upon the facts developed in the affairs of the world as men have experienced them. No doubt many many years ago, for anyone to have attempted to say that the conformation of the head or that the physiognomy of a creature determined the character of the individual and that such and such a type would some day turn out to be a criminal would have been guilty of fortune-telling. But the history of specific cases has furnished us with a working basis for these new theories that nowadays seem to be accepted by noted criminologists and the public in general. So it is claimed here in behalf of the defendant that records prove that certain personages of note classed under certain planets in the ascendancy at the time of their birth have come to death in a certain way and that therefore all others born under similar conditions should meet the same fate.

I am satisfied that the defendant has not pretended to tell fortunes, and she is accordingly acquitted.

VIOLENT DEATH.—Killed on railway, aged 21 years, born at Richmond, N.S. Wales, 0.40 a.m., September 1st, 1890: x ♀18.50, xi ♀19, xii ♀15; i ♀6.34, ii ♀8, iii ♀13; ☉♁8.6, ☽♁28.6, ♃♁4.55, ♀♁23.2, ♂♁16.1, ♃♁3.34, ♄♁7.23, ♁♁24.11, ♁♁6.48.

DEATH BY CATASTROPHE (p. 266 May).—A correspondent sends us the nativity of a stoker who was drowned in H.M.S. Hogue on 22/9/14. Born at Peasmarsh, Sussex, about 6.30 p.m., 9/12/74: x ♀26, xi ♀4, xii ♀18, i ♀24, ii ♀9, iii ♀29; ☉♁26, ☽♁17½, ♃♁22½, ♀♁17, ♂♁22, ♃♁25, ♄♁10, ♁♁15, ♁♁28. Compare with map of youth lost in "Bulwark" disaster, p. 227 May number, with which it has many points in common. Note in both cases afflicted malefics in the fourth house.

Here is another, a man whose head was literally blown off by an exploding shell in the battle of Ypres; born 3/3/88, 5.5 a.m., near Devizes, Wilts.: x ♀0, xi ♀18, xii ♀6, i ♀27½, ii ♀26, iii ♀6; ☉♁13, ☽♁18, ♃♁14, ♀♁10, ♂♁0½, ♃♁6, ♄♁0½, ♁♁16½, ♁♁27½, ♁♁8. Note ♂♁♂ from fixed signs.

ASTROLOGICAL CORRESPONDENCE LESSONS.—A Student who has won a CERTIFICATE OF MERIT writes: "The time would have spun out for many years, in the lessons proper, only for your kindly posting them in series month after month. I have to thank you for this, which I have much pleasure in doing now."

"There is no doubt that attending to these examination papers must have caused an enormous labour to your staff, and this would seem to have exceeded the value of the £10 ros. paid. The students seem to have been getting very good value for their fees."

The writer of the above is a Branch Manager of the New South Wales Bank in Australia and should therefore know the value of money. We very heartily appreciate his generous praise.

Obiter Dicta

"An obiter dictum, in the language of the law, is a gratuitous opinion, an individual impertinence, which, whether it be wise or foolish, right or wrong, bindeth none—not even the lips that utter it."

OLD JUDGE.

IMPULSIVE RESPONSE

From time to time we find statements in the newspapers which are so very suggestive of planetary influence that we wonder at the apathy of so many with regard to the sensitiveness of some human organisms to external influences. The following is surely a case of response to extreme planetary vibrations: ♂♁♁♁♁♁.

"At an inquest at Northwich yesterday (15/6/14) on the body of Mrs Ada Hardy, aged 56 years, the daughter said she found a blood-stained towel hanging outside her mother's bed-room in the morning. Her mother's body was found hanging by a bell-rope from a nail in a tool house. "Reconstructing the movements of Mrs Hardy, a detective said she appeared to have cut her left wrist and both legs with a razor and then to have dropped about 16ft. from the window into a flower bed. Dr Terry said that Mrs Hardy was a very highly-strung woman and he attributed her action to impulsive insanity. There was a terrific thunderstorm during the night, and he thought this had roused her and that feeling miserable the impulse came upon her."

NOTICE TO QUIT

"When thou wilt drive any Flies from any place that there shall none be seen there again, make the image of a Fly in a plate of brass, copper, or tin, and whilst you are making and graving of it, say 'This is the image which doth clean rid all the Flies for ever.' Then hang same in the midst of the house. But the hanging must be when the first face of Taurus doth ascend. And so no fly will come into thy house again or tarry there. Ptolemy saith that he saw the tryal hereof in the house of King Adobarus who was a very wise and marvellous expert in Natural Magick, in whose palace thereafter there was neither Fly, nor any other hurting worm."—Quoted in the *Referee*, 15/3/14.

A PARALLEL

"SUPPOSE it were perfectly certain that the life and fortune of every one of us would, one day or other, depend upon his winning or losing a game at chess. Don't you think that we should all consider it to be a primary duty to learn at least the names and the moves of the pieces; to have a notion of a gambit, and a keen eye for all the means of giving and getting out of check? Do you not think that we should look with a disapprobation, amounting to scorn, upon the father who allowed his son, or the state which allowed its members to grow up without knowing a Pawn from a Knight? Yet it is a very plain and elementary truth, that the life and fortune, and the happiness of every one of us, and, more or less, of those who are connected with us, do depend upon our knowing something of the rules of a game, infinitely more difficult and complicated than chess.

"It is a game which has been played for untold ages, every man and woman of us being one of the two players in a game of his or her own. The chess board is the world, the pieces are the phenomena of the universe; the rules of the game are what we call the laws of nature.

"The player on the other side is hidden from us. We know his play is always fair, just, and patient; but also we know to our cost he never overlooks a mistake, or makes the

"WHAT does it mean, this curious wheel, with all those queer little figures in it, something like a backgammon board, or a chess problem?—is it a game?

"Yes; the Game of Life. In the last life it was *your* move; and you made it. . . . And when you reappeared after supper, having nearly forgotten about the game, your opponent, Destiny, had made *his* move. And here you are now, in this twentieth century, confronted with the little problem before you, YOUR HOROSCOPE!

"First of all, what does it mean? and what is your best move? The chief thing is, to find how the game stands; not to move blindly—anyone, however ignorant of the game, can do that. Next, to see which of your pieces are of most avail to get yourself 'out of check' if, as is likely, that should be your plight. And then, to take up the strongest position your men admit of, and go straight forward to 'queen your pawn'—that solitary pawn, the only real hope of the game, YOUR PRESENT LIFE.

"For, if the game were otherwise; if there were no urgency, if it were unnecessary as yet to queen a pawn, *i.e.*, to take your own life in hand and work consciously with Evolution; then you would never have been brought face to face with the subject of Astrology, of *self-knowledge*, in the downright, unmistakable manner that you now

smallest allowance for ignorance. To the man who plays well, the highest stakes are paid, with that sort of overflowing generosity with which the strong shows delight in strength. And one who plays ill is checkmated—without haste, but without remorse."

(From the writings of
Thomas Henry Huxley.)

have. And you might have muddled on in the old way, not knowing what your character was, nor how to mend it, nor the meaning of all this 'taking' and 'castling' and 'checking' that you see around you every day. Now, all that is changed. Destiny sits opposite you, watch in hand, as it were, and says:—"Your move. . . ."

(From "What is Astrology?")

"THOUGHT WAVES"

THE MYSTERY OF COMMON THINGS.—"The public will think," said Mr. Leonard Hill at the meeting of the British Association at Dundee, "when we get things down to matter, 'Oh, yes, matter. Well, we know all about that. That's just matter.'

"Just as they say, 'A glass of water! Oh, yes, a very common object. We know all about that.'

"Well, to my mind, a glass of water—even one drop—is just as interesting and mysterious as even a living protoplasm. Indeed, a good thesis might be made on the theory that a drop of water is alive. However advanced and simplified our views of things may become they will not lessen one whit the poetry and mystery of life."

AN OBITER DICTUM.—"Modern Astrology, May 15, p. 227, last par. Has not the Editor perhaps misunderstood the query? As the answer stands, it obviously takes 'governed by ☿' as referring to the Navy, and does not answer the question, which is surely: 'If Scotland (and Scotsmen) is governed by ☿, why do ☿ Scotsmen incline so much more to ♂?' According to the theory of ☿ as Scotland's sign, their ruler should be ♃, not ♂. But is the ♃ the Scotch ruler? Surely, by Robert Bruce's head, no.

"Query: is not ♃ really Scotland's sign, and ☿ with ♃ rather England's? Englishmen are (often) insanely sloppy and unreliable—Scotsmen are not. It looks as if England, originally Taurus, had progressed by sign into ☿ which is dissolution for ♄."

A "WORKING MODEL" OF THE LAW OF KARMA.—A Georgetown (Delaware) farmer discovered how to cure a kicking horse. He suspended a large sack of sand at the back of the stall. Each time the horse kicked the sand bag it swung back and delivered a return blow. In this way the horse was broken of its habit.—*Daily Express*, 10/6/13.

BORN FEET FOREMOST.—Female, 14/9/71, 11.45 p.m., London, S.E.: x ♃3, xi ♁5, xii ♁28, i ♃15½, ii ♃15, iii ♃23; ☉♃21.41, ♃♃23.58, ♃♃27.18r ♃♃8.59r, ♂♃21.32, ♃♃24.9, ♃♃3.19sd, ♃♃0.4, ♃♃23.30r, ♃♃26.27.

MOON OPPOSITION SATURN.—"I must tell you that the months between ♃ p 8 h r and ♃ p 8 h p in my horoscope coincided with a very bad time in regard to health, general state of mind, buoyancy, etc. My father died last Monday, twelve days after the aspect became exact."

Letters to the Editor

HINTS TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Letters of general interest only are inserted. Writers of signed articles are alone responsible for the opinions contained therein. Correspondents desiring acknowledgment or reply will please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

Letters are inserted at the earliest possible opportunity, but are sometimes unavoidably held over through lack of space. Correspondents will please remember (i) that *all* communications should be written upon *one* side of the paper only; (ii) that planetary positions, *as well as birth data*, should be given where possible; (iii) that information should be put as concisely as is compatible with clearness.

Neglect of these considerations may cause otherwise valuable letters to be excluded from these pages.

"ASTROLOGY AND SOCIAL RECONSTRUCTION"

DEAR SIR,

These are just a few ideas that occurred to me on reading the above article in your May number (p. 213). I read with interest the writer's sensible views on education, but with regard to the first part, on Planetary Spirits and Hierarchies, I think it may be misleading to outsiders to suppose that astrologers necessarily have these special views.

Philosophic enquiry is of course most valuable; but I think it best in the interest of a cause like Astrology to keep it free from dogma. Astrology is a science that can be studied by any, whatever may be their views on religion, philosophy, and other matters, which must necessarily be quite individual.

Mrs Barley says: "The astrologer sees in the Sun the physical body of the Logos of the System," also, "The Great Spirit of the Sun, whom many of us call God." Such statements give one to think. As for the Sun being the physical body of the Logos—why specially the Sun? I see in all this the danger of the personal god idea, the conception of a Being dwelling apart, not immanent in the Universe; and surely what we call God, the ideal of the highest, would not be merely the ruler of one small solar system (there must, at this rate, be myriads of such Gods), but rather the One great Life, vaster than all universes—the Self, greater than any separated part.

We ourselves, in the deepest sense, surely are one with all these planetary spirits and gods—each of us commensurate with the Whole, yet also the Individual, regarding the Whole from a special point of view. We are more responsive to special aspects of the Whole when born at certain times, regarding the One Life from the special standpoint of our horoscopes.

With regard to this question of the gods, might they not, Mars

and so on, possibly be the personified ideals of the race-life, as Carpenter suggests in "The Art of Creation"—that they are the formless Platonic Ideas, as Love, Courage, Justice, inherent in the One Self, given form and made into separate entities through age-long thought and aspiration—thus coming to represent the life of the race itself, so that through them we reach to a more extended order of consciousness. Looking at it this way, it seems that if, for example, the beings living on Saturn had taken the Saturnine qualities predominantly above all others for their ideal throughout ages, thus would develop a grandiose figure, the personification of the ideals of that race, so powerful in its effect that it would even influence the lives on our planet, when any are born under its influence. As this is such a profound subject, it seems best not to jump too hastily at conclusions as to the real cause of planetary influence, as there are various possible explanations.

Turning to another subject, that of eugenics, choosing favourable times for the generation of children, which Mrs Barley refers to in her article (p. 216), I think it not well, that it weakens our judgment and self-reliance to be always looking up favourable times; it may answer well enough in small matters, but in important ones, such as our sexual life, choosing favourable times out of the Ephemeris would be fatal to the essential spontaneity of all true lovers' unions. Indiscriminate generation I certainly think unadvisable, but the knowledge of healthy, sensible methods to prevent this should be more easily accessible by the people generally. Eugenics proves such a fallacy when looked into carefully, save that we need more love marriages, and conventional unions, entered into for any other reason than love, should be discouraged. The eugenic idea is so very unsatisfactory. To begin with, no one would agree upon what constituted the qualities best for the race: the ideal of one person would be quite different from that of another. Also, it appears to be that conception is not at the same time as the union of the parents, but within five days after; so, at this rate, the most strict attention to favourable planetary conditions might not avail, for the soul coming to take birth might be attracted to the parents at quite a wrong time astrologically after all (that is, from our point of view). Even if this were not so, with our very imperfect knowledge of the whole subject, we might cause an entirely commonplace soul to take birth with us, if we chose a time when many "good" aspects abound—geniuses and fine souls generally often having many cross aspects in their epoch and birth horoscopes. Therefore it seems we must keep to love as the chief thing necessary for fine children. It appears to be the fact that most babies are born healthy, as things are now: it is their mental and spiritual qualities which are deficient, owing to the lack of ardent love on the part of their parents. The art of love needs cultivating. In order to have fine souls take birth with us, I believe the thing above all necessary is to develop the power of profound love for the opposite sex, to cultivate "the art of love," as Edward Carpenter puts it in *The Drama of Love and Death*

(which book I consider better worth reading in this connection than any amount of treatises on eugenics). If people never united unless at a high pitch of feeling, of the deepest, most exalted tenderness, there would be fewer commonplace children born. I hold that love between the sexes is first for union, for expansion of consciousness and fuller understanding of life. Venus needs to be reinstated to the rightful, honourable position she seems to have lost under Christianity; and sexual union should not be physicalised and degraded by being thought of for the sole purpose of having children, but first as an expression of the deepest love between two souls.

By cultivating our artistic sense of the fitness of things, our inner discernment—then I think we shall come to choose the right time for all our actions, without need to refer to planetary aspects.

It often seems to me that many astrologers, theosophists, and occult folk generally, are in danger of running on to the rocks of dogma and puritanic thought. I think we must try above all to steer clear of these, and keep that wide-mindedness, broadness of outlook, and freedom of opinion on all matters, which are necessary for real development and progress.

M. MATTHEWS.

MANY ILLNESSES

DEAR SIR,

I have often wondered if my map would not be of especial interest because of the number and variety of illnesses I have had. I think they would be a fine test of skill for the student.

My birth map is as follows:—x \approx 1, xi \approx 28, xii m 17, i \dagger 2½, ii \dagger 7, iii \approx 22; \odot \approx 24.17, D \approx 28.30, J \approx 12.0, F \approx 4.25, S \approx 24.46, U \approx 27.23r, V \approx 29.52r, M \approx 1.24, W \approx 89.30r.

I walked at 11 months: at 12 months I had consumption of the bowels, and the doctor sent my mother home asserting I would not live a week. I did not walk again till I was 2½ years old.

I had no further illness, though my mind was dull and heavy, till 1900 (February), when I had an attack of influenza, followed by pneumonia.

In June 1901 I was laid on my back with spinal disease (tuberculous), gradually becoming paralysed from the waist downwards. I got up again February 1905.

May 1907: opened bookselling business.

May 1909: developed a serious consumption of the lungs, and was ordered away for three months.

November 1910: bright's disease (nephritis).

March 1912: inflammation of the liver.

October 1912: got married (would you call that a complaint?).

In April 1911 I was thoroughly examined by a doctor, who stated that my lungs were then sound enough to last me if I lived till

100, that I had no trace of nephritis and my heart was in good condition. I was quite well but had a tuberculous spine (not in an active state), and the spine pressed upon the lung having twisted over to the right shoulder, which caused breathlessness and exhaustion consequent on any undue exertion.

Each illness was sudden and unexpected (ᄇᄇᄇ), and brought pleasing opportunities for study and making acquaintances. In 1906 I published a little booklet of verses—one long poem being on the subject of reincarnation—which received favourable notice in its rather limited sphere of circulation.

I am struck with the coincidence of "A Human Document" on page 235 of the May number—a Sagittarian like myself who also had a spinal trouble and paralysis.

I still feel the restrictions of Saturn but I believe I am breaking through it now.

Faithfully yours,
F. C. J.

P.S.—March 1914: D P \dagger gave me rheumatism in ankles and another rest!

THE PRENATAL EPOCH.

DEAR SIR,

With reference to question 287, MODERN ASTROLOGY for April, p. 181, I give below three examples illustrative of the truth of the Trutine of Hermes:—

Date	Time (local)	Lat. and Long. of place	
(a) 1/9/1907	0.35 P.M.	23.28N	91.13E
(b) 2/7/1914	8.20 A.M.	25.33N	91.55E
(c) 4/4/1914	3.13 A.M.	Ditto	Ditto

In case (a) the latitude and longitude of the place of Epoch is 23.50N, 78.48E, and in the other two cases the places of birth and Epoch are the same.

I have come across many cases in which the truth of this ancient theory has been found very accurate. But unfortunately I did not keep note of all the cases. It will be seen that the given time as noted above comes correct to the nearest minute, if tested by the Trutine of Hermes.

I had occasion to examine the horoscopes of children of some of my intimate friends who have got touring profession—that is to say, who happen to live with their wives for a day in a week or fortnight. I had invariably found that the date of Epoch falls on one of those dates when they chanced to live with the family.

Here is an interesting point. There was very lately in the house of one of my next door neighbours a case of protracted delivery, which was effected with the help of forceps. The time was correctly noted.

But it fell wide of the time derived from the Epoch. It was a case in which the pain commenced just at the proper time. The child born is of full growth. Perhaps some of the numerous readers of this magazine will enlighten us as to whether the process of rectification holds good only in the case of natural delivery.

Shillong, India.
29/4/1915.

Yours faithfully,
S. M.

[Evidence of this kind is very welcome, and we are extremely grateful to our correspondent. We have worked out the three Epochs from the data given, and find that they result in birth times as follows: (a) 0.35.23 p.m.; (b) 8.22.56. a.m.; (c) 3.13.59 a.m.; all being stated in true local time for the given place.

BIRTH	EPOCH	Diff. in time of Birth, as deduced from Epoch
(a) Date 1/9/07 Asc. 79.38 D 1124.41	1/12/06 724.41 119.33	+ om. 23s.
(b) Date 2/7/14 Asc. 819.14 D 110.40	27/9/13 110.40 819.53	+ 2m. 56s.
(c) Date 4/4/14 Asc. 13.58 D 13.58	23/6/13 13.58 20.12	+ om. 59s.

All are from regular Epochs as explained in Chapter viii of *Casting the Horoscope*, and it is worthy of note that although (b) does not come within quite a minute of the stated time of birth, yet in all three cases the agreement between stated and calculated time is remarkably close and well within a reasonable margin for error of watch or other source of time; (a) and (c), which to all appearance represent more precisely noted times, agree better with the times derived from calculation.

The last paragraph of letter is of great interest, and we should value data of this and other cases—ED.]

F. T. A. WRITES: "I wish to quote briefly from a typical letter received from one of my correspondents. She says: 'I want to express to you my appreciation of your professional kindnesses to me while you were here in Atlantic City, especially for having put me on the track of astrological literature which has since meant a great deal to me—I have so far read five of Leo's manuals and have found numbers three and six particularly interesting.'"

I AM asked to recommend the "Welch Grape Juice," an unfermented wine which is entirely free from alcohol. I have used this wine on my own table for several years and can quite safely recommend it to those who appreciate a non-alcoholic wine. Any reader sending 2/6 to the Welch Grape Juice Co., Ltd., 61, Farringdon Road, London, E.C., and mentioning MODERN ASTROLOGY, will receive a full-sized bottle which I am sure will be appreciated.

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OUR TWENTY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY

TWENTY-FIVE years ago this Magazine had its birth. Born out of hope, into a critical astrological atmosphere; for, with a certain amount of curiosity regarding the experiment, more particularly as to its reception by the general public, we put our belief in Astrology to the test by sacrificing time, money, and worldly position for the sole purpose of realising our ideal as embodied in the expressed object—to purify and re-establish the Ancient Science of Astrology and to explain through planetary symbology the ONE Universal Spirit whose rays of influence stream from the Central Sun through our physical Sun, Moon and planets, in varied manifestations.

As students of occultism in its relation to human nature, and with an internal memory of past associations with Astrology, we were experimentalists, free from conventional restrictions and fearless with regard to public opinion so far as the principles and truths of Astrology were concerned.

The details regarding the publication of this Journal on the 22nd of July 1890 have already been published, but we have never commented upon the violent hostility with which we were confronted, and the

opposition of all that we had held dear and sacred. For we had been surrounded by puritanical relations who condemned our actions because we could not accept their narrow views, were linked with friends who held opposite beliefs, and had hitherto been in contact with those whose methods of action were contrary to our own, so that we were often misunderstood and criticised. This, however, is the lot of all who undertake pioneer work and attempt to go against the limitations of public opinion, where new thought and spiritual ideas are promulgated. Our recompense has been a permanent happiness, and entrance into an atmosphere filled with pure and lofty influences. The stars, to us, have always been LIVING Globes of Light and while we have deprecated the use of astrological methods for mere divination or selfish purposes we have been tolerant towards those who could not share our views that the stars were potent influences as well as symbols and signs of material things. If our object had not been to purify and re-establish the ancient science of astrology we should neither have had the success we have achieved nor the desire to continue an undertaking that was always unprofitable from a purely financial point of view.

We do not hesitate to declare, after twenty-five years of labour and perseverance, that we have merely been the channel or agent through which an INFLUENCE has worked for the purpose of re-establishing the ancient science of astrology and the philosophy of the Magi, those wise men of the East who saw the star of a New Era rising thousands of years ago. In proof of this we may state that at no time during the history of this magazine, with its many vicissitudes and its countless critics, have we been short of willing and unselfish workers or helpers whose aid has been invaluable in doing astrological service.

It is now with more than hope, it is with assured knowledge that we go forward in proclaiming that which we know to be the TRUE Astrology, the Just Law of God, the Creator, the Preserver, and the Destroyer, whose *influence* we study in many of its modifications in our solar system. The degeneration of Astrology had arisen through no other cause than the inability to maintain the belief in the actual potency of the celestial influences in a materialistic age, while still retaining the word "influence" to cover so called astrological delineations and predictions. There are unfortunately still remaining students

using Astrology for practical purposes who do not believe in the idea that Intelligences distribute God's influence through the planetary spheres, and even go so far as to ridicule any such belief,—thereby displaying their ignorance as to the true meaning of Astrology.

We who have devoted twenty-five years of a strenuous life to its study should be in a position to understand what is meant by ASTROLOGY; and we say without fear or hesitation that any other view that may be held with regard to Astrology as a whole, save that of Sublime Intelligences modifying the primal influence of the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, is not entitled to be termed Astrology.

Astrology has suffered through the materialisation of spiritual ideas, as have also Christianity and other great truths. The teachings and life of Jesus-Christ have been materialised out of all recognition, and the teachings of the Magi, the Wise Men of the East, have suffered the same fate.

A careful search through the history of the world will reveal the truth of the statement that a revival of astrological teachings has always been the forerunner of New Epochs, scientific and philosophical, as well as religious. There is an astrological influence in connection with the planetary sphere of Venus which a martial influence always seeks to destroy. Venus represents the creative energies in nature, and works constantly through nature's finer forces. Mars represents the destructive or differentiating forces in nature, and works incessantly to destroy the obsolete in order that the regenerative energies may rebuild on the higher evolutionary scale. Nearly every great religion of permanent value has taught its followers that God manifests as a Trinity. A learned Indian astrologer, the late Mr Subba Row, has shown how Astrology may interpret all religious systems through intelligence, by understanding something about the manifestations of the Creator.

All the influences which Astrology explains may be said to originate with the Trinity—the Creator, Preserver and Destroyer of the Universe. These manifestations have been symbolised by astrologers in all ages in the dot • and the circle ⊙. From this symbol all the others arise conveying definite meanings of permanent value. It is this symbology that has preserved Astrology as a science throughout the ages.

It is owing to this illuminative symbology that Plato and the philosophers have said that God geometrises, for it illustrates the manifestations of nature from dots to spheres and other geometrical bodies in a regular sequence of astrological ideas.

Astrology as the reason or Intelligence of the Logos explains the law of action in the Divine Mind in a manner that appeals to the *intelligence* in every human being. The dictionaries say that Astrology is the reason of the stars, but the stars are the essence of the Divine Mind, being fully manifested spheres containing the whole of the geometrical figures within themselves.

Within the Solar system all life is moving in an endless series of circles and spirals. The Sun is a centre through which is radiating a ray of NEW LIFE, building up a mighty universe that is to be. This is a thought that contains a continuous promise of a glorious future, and from this thought we know that Astrology gives an eternal hope to those who see the methods by which our Will may unite with the Divine Will in overcoming fate and in realising the greatness of our destiny.

It is this question of real INFLUENCE that astrological students should study, and not the *effects* of the influence many removes from its source. The influence that we possess within ourselves should be attuned to meet the higher and more refined influence that is ever brooding over us.

We have often hinted at the difference between the abstract and concrete types of mind studying planetary influences during the past twenty-five years, but we have come to realise that until a body of students can form *themselves* into a special group prepared to come into contact with spiritual influences it is of very little use talking about them, because the ideas are either taken too literally or are misunderstood.

Astrology, as a philosophy, is the soul of Astronomy—Astrology's physical manifestation; but the soul and the body cannot be complete without the spirit permeating them. The spirit of Astrology is its religion, but this is not Sun worship merely, it is an attraction toward the spiritual Intelligences whose life is of the same nature as that which radiates from the CENTRAL SUN.

MODERN ASTROLOGY, as a magazine devoted to the search for

truth concerning Astrology, has been loyal to its avowed object. It has lived through much opposition, criticism, and misunderstanding, steadily and persistently maintaining a dignified and tolerant attitude toward all, since the year 1890 until now, when a fresh step forward will be made to keep pace with the birth of a new era. It has a substantial list of subscribers amongst men and women of intelligence in all grades of society, from those in Royal circles to others in the lower ranks of public and private life.

To those friends who have supported us and remained faithful from the beginning we express our heartfelt gratitude; and to those who will join us in the future we offer welcome—welcome to new thoughts and ideas intended to raise both heart and intellect nearer to the throne of our Heavenly Father from whom all good and uplifting influences flow to those who have prepared themselves by pure living to respond to His Love and Mercy.

A NATION IN THE MAKING

In a sense, all arrangements for the organisation of the nation on an efficient basis at the present time are invaluable auxiliaries to the successful prosecution of the war. The real social awakening is to be seen in the gradual realisation of all sorts of people that they are useful and necessary units in a nation. We hear much insistence upon the need of developing this spirit for the duration of the war, as the phrase goes. But if this rarest and most admirable of social qualities, awakened in the hour of calamity, should be abandoned with the termination of hostilities, then I have no hesitation in saying this war will have been fought in vain. For the first time in its history the British nation as a whole is engaged in warfare. In the past our wars have been fought for us. They have been fought magnificently by a comparatively small number of professional soldiers led by members of the upper classes, and for a long time those leaders were very largely confined to the aristocracy. All that is altered by the gigantic needs and issues of to-day. The army to-day is, or soon will be, the nation. Never before were officers requisitioned from so many classes. It is inconceivable that the spirit of national solidarity thus created will end with the war. What we are witnessing to-day is the making of a nation. That nation will not be complete until the spirit of self-sacrificing goodwill, so bright and fresh to-day, spreads into every sphere of our social being.

T. P.'s Weekly, 19/6/15.

National Astrology

Eclipse of the Sun August 10 1915 10.53 p.m., London.

	x	xi	xii	i	ii	iii
(1)	♈ 20.12	♌ 23	♍ 2	♎ 1.28	♏ 24	♐ 11
(2)	♌ 12	♍ 9	♎ 25	♏ 19	♐ 7	♑ 23
(3)	♌ 29	♍ 2	♎ 28	♏ 16	♐ 27	♑ 11
(4)	♍ 20	♎ 12	♏ 3	♐ 26	♑ 12	♒ 21
(1) London	(2) Berlin	(3) Petrograd	(4) New York			
☉ 17.12	♌ 13.26	♌ 8.16	♏ 24.28	♎ 27.42	♏ 11.19	♌ 13.33
						♏ 0.49

This is an annular eclipse of the Sun, visible mainly in the Pacific Ocean, in New Guinea and adjacent isles, and in Japan and north-east China. It falls in the second decanate of Leo and in the eighteenth degree, and will be rising (invisible) in India and part of China, culminating in the Pacific Ocean, setting (invisible) in the Atlantic Ocean and at Washington and New York, and on the cusp of the fourth house in E. Germany, Silesia, Bosnia, Herzegovina, Dalmatia, South Italy and part of Africa.

At London it falls in the fourth house, if the old rule of five degrees oblique distance is strictly adhered to, but it will be considered as acting through the fifth house by those who allow large orbs to cusps; it is in conjunction with Venus and Mercury, in opposition to Uranus in the mid-heaven, and applying to the sextile of Mars in the second house. It continues in the fourth house through central Europe and is on the fourth cusp at the places previously mentioned. Through the whole of this longitude, from London eastward, its opposition to Uranus will be unfortunate for rulers and governments and for the nations generally, causing changes, sudden disturbances, loss, and downfall for those in authority, legislation upset, reversal of ordinary conditions, and powerlessness of the laws. The people also will be troubled and unfortunate, although Venus in the fourth house mitigates the affliction somewhat; nations on the whole will be loyal to their rulers, desirous of prosperity and looking forward to peace (☉♌♌♌), but circumstances will overpower them entirely, socialistic agitation will increase, anti-Government factions will grow strong, dissatisfaction

will increase, strikes will be attempted, and there will be much misfortune. Mercury is exactly in opposition to Uranus, and these two will be on the meridian from Berlin to Vienna, thus intensifying the trouble there; Mars also will be rising there and a little farther eastward in square to Jupiter in the eleventh house, its influence being hostile to peace, increasing the warlike spirit and national excitement, causing increased expenditure and taxation with loss of trade ($\frac{1}{2}$ in 2nd) and heavy losses among business people and the financial world.

The prominence of Uranus over nearly all the war area shows aerial warfare to be very active. The ruling powers will be criticised in the press and by opposition speakers, who may very likely make headway against them. Royalty will be in danger. Gemini rising and Mars transiting (Aug. 1) the degree ruling London shows excitement and accidents in the metropolis, with some danger from aircraft. There will be accidents on sea and land as well as in the air, and loss of life.

Jupiter lord of the seventh house in the eleventh in its own sign Pisces would be favourable for peace negotiations, official or unofficial, if it stood alone; but the square of Mars forbids it. There are indications in this and other maps of the growth of attempts towards peace, which may increase later and may even gain attention in the legislatures; but the contrary tendencies will overpower it for the time.

There will be suffering and privation in Russia, and fighting on the sea. The eclipse is very unfavourable for the United States both abroad and at home; sickness, dissatisfaction among the workers, and great fluctuations of stocks and shares, with foreign relations unsatisfactory.

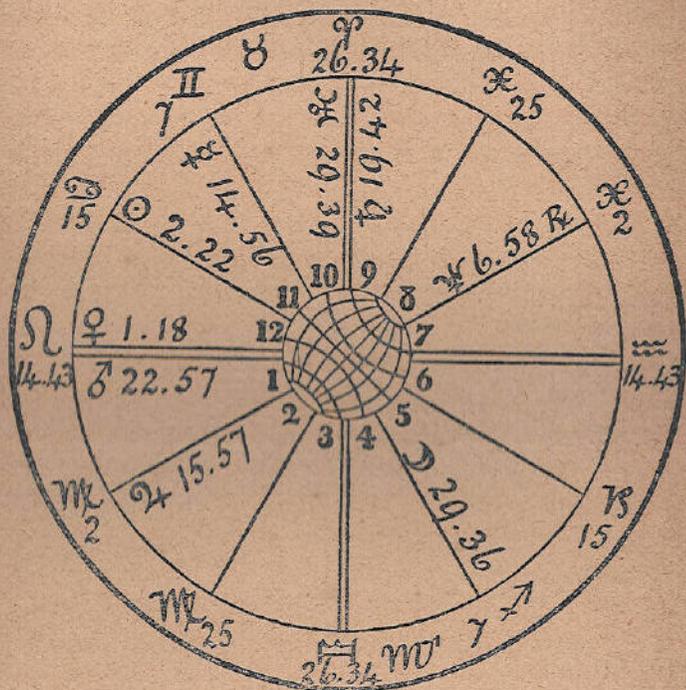
Earthquake shocks are likely to follow, probably about 13° and 18° E, where Uranus culminates and the eclipse is on the nadir. The eclipse falls unfavourably in most of the national horoscopes.

The following are some of the positions:—

KING GEORGE	☉ ♌	KING OF BELGIUM	♌ ♌
QUEEN MARY	♌ ♌ ☉ ♌	CZAR	♏ ♏ ♏
H. H. ASQUITH	☉ ♌ ♌	PRES. POINCARÉ	♌ ♌ ♌
SIR EDWARD GREY	♌ ♌	GERMAN EMPEROR	♌ ♌ ♌
WINSTON CHURCHILL	♌ ♌	EMPEROR OF AUSTRIA	♌ ♌
LORD KITCHENER	♌ ♌ ♌ ♌	KING OF ITALY	☉ ♌ ☉
GEN. JOFFRE	☉ ♌ ♌ ♌	THE POPE	♌ ♌ ♌
		PRES. WOODROW WILSON	♌ ♌ ♌

The Horoscope of Lord Kitchener

BY THE EDITOR



THE adverse criticism by a certain portion of the daily press, which practically led to Lord Kitchener being made a Knight of the Garter, has awakened the minds of many students to the importance of this great man's nativity. We may readily account for the press criticism by noting the influence of Mercury in square (90°) aspect to Jupiter from mercurial signs. The King's reply to that criticism, in conferring the honour upon Lord Kitchener, is quite agreeable to the potent influence of Uranus culminating in trine (120°) aspect with the Moon and the rising Mars in the fiery signs.

Lord Kitchener whatever his opponents or critics may say is a great man, and although the hour of his birth is apparently unknown we have very little doubt that the above horoscope is approximately correct.

So far as we have been able to harmonise the actions of Lord Kitchener with his planetary positions at birth we cannot help a strong desire to class him amongst the few Uranians whose lives are guided by a peculiar independence of action with the highest motives.

The strange circumstance which gave him his present position and the remarkable incidents that occurred just before he was called upon to fulfil that high office as ruler over the War department is quite in keeping with what we know of the Uranian influence.

There is a peculiar influence in this nativity which is not sufficiently noticed when judging nativities, and that is the cuspal value of the Moon and Uranus. The Moon is between the signs Sagittarius and Capricorn and therefore partakes of the joint influence of these signs. These cuspal positions modify the individual expression of a horoscope, and either add to the eccentricity of the nature or give a special outlet for whatever latent genius may be shown in the nativity.

This was very notable in the nativity of the late King Edward VII who had the Moon between the signs Virgo and Libra, a position which brought out the genius of the PEACEMAKER. In this case it acted as a perfect expression of Mercury conjunction Venus, and just added the necessary intuition to King Edward's wonderful perceptive faculties.

In Lord Kitchener's horoscope it is a unifying link between Jupiter and Saturn and adds to the genius for using power, as shewn in the nativity. It acts as a great modifying influence over the restless physical activity which Sagittarius tends to produce, and just prevents the opposition of the Moon and Sun from causing too much brain expansion, and turns all the Sagittarian activity into the practical expression of Capricorn. It is one of the keys to unlock the mystery of Lord Kitchener's strong individual character; and it diminishes the petty personal idiosyncrasies to a vanishing point. This is no small personality full of moods and varying inconsistencies; he is a MAN, an individual whose one business in life is Action, and that

action given to his country's service. Of a far more singular importance is the position of Uranus in *exact* trine aspect of the Moon, receiving a trine aspect of Mars rising, and but for this powerful trinity from unique positions, the first, fifth and tenth houses, the cuspal position of Uranus would have no permanent value. As it is, it links Mars and Venus, and makes their position in the same sign equal to a conjunction uniting the first and tenth houses.

The next notable feature of this horoscope is the versatility shown by the fine distribution of the planets and the strength of the planetary positions. The Sun trine Neptune, the Moon trine Uranus, and Mars trine Saturn are very powerful aspects considering the positions of the three most ponderous planets. This is in all senses of the word *a man's nativity*, in which the inner feminine is not dead but raised to a high altitude; for whatever the world's opinion may be about the hardness and coldness of his nature the astrological student will recognise ardent feelings and a strong love nature *well controlled*.¹

Lord Kitchener has all the organising ability that his horoscope denotes and the nation will do well to trust him whole-heartedly, for he is a Man. Speaking in the House of Lords in the spring of this year he made a grave appeal to the people of the British Empire in connection with the war. It will help us to understand him the better if we publish his speech on the Defence of the Realm Bill, which the Government brought forward to give them greater powers over factories and workshops producing war material:—

We have unfortunately found, said Lord Kitchener, that the output is not only not equal to our necessities, but does not fulfil our expectations, for a very large number of our orders have not been completed by the dates on which they were promised. The progress in equipping our new armies, and also in supplying the necessary war material for our forces in the field, has been seriously hampered by the failure to obtain sufficient labour, and by delays in the production of the necessary plant, largely due to the enormous demands not only of ourselves, but of our Allies.

While the workmen generally have worked loyally and well, there have I regret to say been instances where absence, irregular time-keeping, and slack work have led to a marked diminution in the output of our factories. In some cases the temptations of drink account for this failure to work up to the high standard expected. It has been brought to my notice on more than one occasion that the restrictions of trade unions have undoubtedly added to

our difficulties, not so much in obtaining sufficient labour as in making the best use of that labour. I am confident, however, that the seriousness of the position as regards our supplies has only to be mentioned and all concerned will agree to waive for the period of the war any of those restrictions which prevent in the very slightest degree our utilising all the labour available to the fullest extent that is possible.

I cannot too earnestly point out that, unless the whole nation works with us and for us, not only in supplying the manhood of the country to serve in our ranks, but also in supplying the necessary arms, ammunition, and equipment, successful operations in the various parts of the world in which we are engaged will be very seriously hampered and delayed. I have heard rumours that the workmen in some factories have an idea that the war is going so well that there is no necessity for them to work their hardest. I can only say that the supply of war material at the present moment and for the next two or three months is causing me very serious anxiety, and I wish all those engaged in the manufacture and supply of these stores to realise that it is absolutely essential not only that the arrears in the deliveries of our munitions of war should be wiped off, but that the output of every round of ammunition is of the utmost importance, and has a large influence on our operations in the field.

The Bill is calculated to rectify this state of things as far as it is possible, and, in my opinion, it is imperatively necessary. In such a large manufacturing country as our own the enormous output of what we require to place our troops in the field thoroughly equipped and found with ammunition is undoubtedly possible, but this output can only be obtained by a careful and deliberate organisation for developing the resources of the country so as to enable each competent workman to utilise in the most useful manner possible all his ability and energy in the common object which we all have in view, which is the successful prosecution and victorious termination of this war.

I feel sure that there is no business or manufacturing firm in this country that will object for one moment to any delay or loss caused in the produce of their particular industry when they feel that they and their men are taking part with us in maintaining the soldiers in the field with those necessaries without which they cannot fight.

I feel strongly, added Lord Kitchener, that the men working long hours in the shops by day and by night, week in and week out, are doing their duty for their King and country in a like manner with those who have joined the Army for active service in the field. They are thus taking their part in the war and displaying the patriotism that has been so manifestly shown by the nation in all ranks, and I am glad to be able to state that his majesty has approved that where service in this great work of supplying the munitions of war has been thoroughly, loyally, and continuously rendered, the award of a medal will be granted on the successful termination of the war.

Although the birth time is unknown we know that Lord Kitchener was born 24/6/1850 at Gunsborough Lodge, near Listowel, 52° 26' N 9° 28' W and we have very strong reason for thinking that the speculative horoscope now published, the outlines of which were given on page 486 of MODERN ASTROLOGY in October 1914, comes nearer to covering the known incidents in his career than any other that has been suggested.

¹ See *Art of Synthesis*, Mutable-Fire, p. 184.

In one of the monthly magazines a photographic sketch is given of Lord Kitchener with and without a beard, showing a strong resemblance to the King—which probably arises from both having the planet Mars in the sign Leo.

The following description of his personal appearance is given by Mr. G. W. Steevens in his book *With Kitchener to Khartoum*:—
 “He stands several inches over six feet, straight as a lance, and looks out imperiously above most men’s heads; his motions are deliberate and strong; slender but firmly knit, he seems built for tireless steel-wire endurance rather than for power or agility. Steady passionless eyes, shaded by decisive brows, brick-red rather full cheeks, a long moustache, beneath which you divine an immovable mouth; his face is harsh and neither appeals for affection nor stirs dislike.”

Mars is rising in Leo in trine to Saturn in the ninth house and Uranus on the cusp of the tenth; it is also in trine to the Moon and in sextile to Mercury and is quite free from bad aspects. In his personal appearance there can be seen the description of Mars in Leo as given in the books, but there is also a touch of Cancer with the broad type of forehead derived from the Sun, lord of the ascendant, in that sign; while his height and build suggest the influence of Sagittarius, which contains the Moon.

The elevation of Uranus and Saturn has been suggested as an objection to the accuracy of this horoscope, but it should be noted that both planets receive some very strong good aspects, Saturn to Mercury and Mars, and Uranus to the Moon and Mars. Moreover his sternness and strength of will seem to require that these planets shall be powerful in some way. Saturn is in the ninth house, and only Uranus affects the tenth.

Although so famous as a soldier, it should not be forgotten that it is as an organiser, manager and controller that Lord Kitchener won his great successes in Egypt and South Africa; and these are qualities that call for a strong Saturn or Uranus, or both, and not for Mars only. It has been said of him that if he had not been a great soldier he would have made one of the greatest Chancellors of the Exchequer, for his organising ability extends to finance. Here we see Jupiter in the second house, and he has twice received grants of money from Parliament for his services abroad; but Jupiter in such a sign as

Virgo, where it is very weak, is no sufficient explanation; great financial ability demands the qualities given by the Moon and Saturn, or their signs, Cancer and Capricorn. Jupiter gives luck but not necessarily either foresight or thrift.

INCIDENTS AND EVENTS IN LORD KITCHENER'S CAREER

The following are a few events in Lord Kitchener's life which will be of value to those students who are willing to undertake the task of rectifying the horoscope further.

Mother died 1864; ☉ ☿ ♃ at birth: ♃ ☉ ☉ direction.

Pneumonia autumn 1870; ☿ in ♀ ☉ ♃ at birth: ☉ ☉ ♃, ♃ ☉ ☉ r direction.

Malarial fever in Palestine March 1875. Palestine is governed by ♃ which here contains ♃ and ♁, and ☿ rises: ☉ ☉ ♁ by direction.

Sunstroke in Palestine in 1877; ♃ and ♁ in ♃, ☿ in ascendant, both governing head: ☉ ☉ ♁ direction.

Wounded in the jaw January 1888: ☉ ☉ ☿, ☿ ♃ ♃ r, ♃ ☉ ☉ ♃, by direction.

Leg broken while on horseback in India 16 Nov 1903; ♃ in ♃ and ♃ in 9th at birth, both govern leg: ☉ ☉ ☿ r, ☿ ☉ ♃, ♃ ☉ ☉ r, ♃ in ♃ ☿ ☿ by direction.

Engineering Lieutenant 1871.

Joined the French army and saw some fighting 1870.

Worked in Palestine under the Palestine Exploration Fund from 19/11/1874. Returned to England close of 1875. To Palestine again early in 1877 in command of surveying party.

To Cyprus to survey it September 1878.

Vice-Consul at Erzeroum restoring order after the Russo-Turkish war, 1879-81.

Deputy Assistant Adjutant General on the Gordon Relief Expedition June 1884.

Adjutant General of the Egyptian Army, early 1888. Sirdar, 1892. K.C.M.G. 1894.

Dongola Expedition begun March 1896; Dervishes defeated, June; Dongola captured, September. Made Major-General and K.C.B. for this.

Battle of Omdurman and Kartoum taken 2 September 1898.
 Peerage and G.C.B., and granted £30,000 by Parliament 21/10/1898.
 Chief of Staff under Lord Roberts in South Africa, December 1899.
 In command in South Africa, 29/11/1900. Peace signed 31/5/1902.
 Returned to England and made Viscount and granted £50,000, July 1902.
 Commander-in-Chief in India, November 1902.

LORD KITCHENER'S DIRECTIONS

<i>Basic</i>		<i>Interplanetary</i>
♁ □ ⊙ r	Mar 1914	♁ √ ♃ r
⊙ P ♄	July "	♁ ♂ ♃
⊙ P ♄ r	Apr 1915	♁ P ♂
♀ q ♃ r	July "	
⊙ □ ♃ r	Aug "	
⊙ □ ♃	Apr 1916	
⊙ ♂ ♄	July "	

Lunar

1914		1915
♃ √ ♃	Aug	♃ √ ♂
♃ P ♃ r ♃ √ ♃	Sept	♃ Δ ⊙
♃ P ♃ r Δ ♃ r	Dec	♃ * ♄
♃ ♂ ♃ r ♃ √ ♃ r	"	♃ * ♄ r
1915		
♃ □ ♃ r ⊙ ♃ r	Jan	♃ P ♄ r
♃ P ♃ * ⊙ r	Feb	♃ □ ♃ □ ♃
♃ bq ♃ bq ♃	"	♃ P ♄

Transits 1915.—⊙ ecl ♂ ♂ Feb 14; ♃ ♂ ♄ Mar 5; ♃ ♂ asc Apr 2; ♃ ♂ ♃ Apr 12; ♃ ♂ ♃ May 2; ♂ ♂ ♃ May 12; ♃ st ♂ asc May 20; ♃ ♂ MC p May; ♃ ♂ ⊙ r June 1; ♃ ♂ asc July 11; ⊙ ecl ♂ asc Aug 10; ♂ ♂ ⊙ Aug 23; ♂ ♂ asc Nov 5; ♂ ♂ ♂ Nov 25.

Progressed Positions 22/8/1914

x	xi	xii	i	ii	iii
♃ 28.0	♃ 4	♃ 5	♃ 28.29	♃ 22	♃ 22
⊙	♃	♃	♃	♃	♃
♃ 3.48	♃ 26.3	♃ 25.53	♃ 16.37	♃ 2.38	♃ 26.59
				♃ 20.30	♃ 0.11
					♃ 5.40

An inspection of this list will show that Lord Kitchener has been under bad directions and transits all through the war and that he remains so for a considerable time to come. Because of the uncertainty of the birth time, directions to angles have not been included here, but the progressed midheaven is in opposition to the Moon and sextile to Uranus, while the progressed ascendant is in square to the

Moon, quincunx Uranus, and parallel Mars. Too much importance must not be attached to these, because a very little change in the time would alter them altogether.

The Sun is in sesquiquadrate to Saturn this year, and Mars was in transit over Saturn at the time of the reconstruction of the Government in May. Lord Kitchener came in for some sharp criticism at that time from certain newspapers, which was much resented in the country, and it will be seen that several unfavourable transits were in force just then. Mars passing through Aries transited Saturn, the cusp of the mid-heaven, and Uranus. Saturn transited the cusp of the progressed mid-heaven and the opposition of the Moon. Uranus was transiting the opposition of the ascendant during April, May and June; its stationary position on May 20 falling only one degree from that point; and on May 19 the news was published that several ministers had resigned and that a coalition government was being formed.

The good lunar directions to the Sun and Neptune from April to June did not have very much effect and could not be expected to have much because the Sun is in parallel with Neptune and is going to the opposition of it. If this map is approximately correct, Lord Kitchener will suffer in both health and fortunes when this opposition begins to be felt, for in 1917 the progressed Moon will square both the Sun and Neptune from Gemini, thus affecting the 11th, 2nd and 8th houses, but the solar trine to Neptune at birth will avert the worst results.

Almost the only really good aspect in this list is the conjunction of Mercury with Jupiter. The Moon was aspecting both of them at the time Lord Kitchener was appointed War Minister, August 1914, which is another testimony to the approximate accuracy of this horoscope. The direction itself is due in July this year, and the Sun will pass over both bodies about the middle of September, which should be decidedly fortunate periods.

The progressed Moon was at ♃ 26.3 in August 1914 when the war commenced and Lord Kitchener was appointed Secretary of State for war; exactly on the cusp of the tenth house of this horoscope.

A remarkable feature in Lord Kitchener's directions is the square aspect of Mars and the Sun. This influence began in March 1914 and is the same aspect as occurred in the Kaiser's

directions one month earlier. In both cases it is Mars that has progressed to the square aspect of the radical Sun but in one case it takes place from fixed signs and in the other from cardinal signs.

Comparing the strength of the planet Mars the War-Lord in the horoscopes of the Kaiser and Lord Kitchener we find the former has Mars *culminating* sextile Uranus and trine Moon while the latter has Mars rising trine Uranus and the Moon. The Kaiser has a very weak Mars by sign, while Lord Kitchener has a particularly strong Mars by sign. It will be noted how singularly well balanced are the positions of Mars in both horoscopes owing to the decanates. The Kaiser has Mars in the Scorpio decanate of Pisces while Lord Kitchener has Mars in the Aries decanate of Leo.

A DIRGE TO WAR

O, WAR! accursed War! how fell thy deeds!
 To tell of half thy crimes, the poor heart bleeds
 For now, alas! thou art more horrible,
 More grimly savage—ay! more terrible,
 More ruthless, cruel, and more steeped in gore
 Than was thy fellow in yon days of yore!
 Hast thou no sense of wrong? no human feeling?
 Wouldst murder e'en a guileless child when kneeling?
 Since thou art habited in German guise,
 Lost to all decency, thou hast no eyes
 To note the deep disgust the nations feel
 For thee, defiant with thy blood-stained steel.
 Think not to hand down to posterity
 A claim to honour or to verity!
 Thy false-tongued champions parade in lies!
 Thou smilest grimly when a maiden dies;
 Till Heaven and Earth and Hell, aghast, stand back,
 And curse the course of thy infernal track.
 A myriad demons from dire depths below—
 Whence spirit curs'd into demons grow—
 Attend thy steps, and urge thy fated sway,
 Till blushes at thy acts the God of Day,
 And hark! below, the chorus of the dead,
 Whom thou hast struck with fatal steel or lead!
 They loudly wail thy all-devouring power,
 And pray that soon may come the fatal hour
 When down to utter depths of dark despair
 Shall fall thy leaders, in the serpent's lair;
 There, helpless, in dread agony to dwell—
 A just reward for making Earth a Hell!—R. J. M.

From *Zadkiel's Almanac* for 1872.

Some Royal Horoscopes Assayed

By ISABELLE M. PAGAN

THE divergent opinions recently expressed by English, American and German astrologers as regards the true interpretation of the Kaiser's horoscope set me wondering whether an appeal to an impartial tribunal would not be possible, and I bethought me of the old table of numerical values published some years ago. In it, marks were assigned to the planets; firstly, according to the sign in which they were found; and secondly, according to the quality of that sign associated with the house-position of the planet. The whole basis of the scheme was a worldly one, the aim being to gauge the probability of the native's success as regards wealth, position, and length of life. As the point at issue in the arguments referred to above was, however, material success in warfare, this curious old standard might fairly be used as a test; and taking the horoscopes¹ of the seven principal powers engaged, I calculated the numerical value of each. The result is suggestive:

	Marks received for		
	Sign	House	Total
MAXIMUM POSSIBLE	336	310	646*
FRANCE	276	241	517 - 378 acc. to the 4.50p
BELGIUM	253	233	486
AUSTRIA	220	274	494
BRITAIN	243	180	423 (+12?)
RUSSIA	203	214	417 (-18?)
ITALY	161	184	345 (+39?)
GERMANY	117	99	216 (+42?)

In this reading I have followed the rule that prescribes taking a planet within five degrees of the cusp of a house as actually *in* that

¹ All except France will be found on pp. 81-99 of *Mars: the War Lord*, and France in *MODERN ASTROLOGY* for October 1914.

* At first sight it would appear that the maximum obtainable should be $336 + 336 = 672$; but reference to the Table which is printed at the end of this article, will show that it is not so, Jupiter for example having its highest sign-position value 84 in Sagittarius, a *mutable* sign, hence its highest house-position value can only be 70 not 84, and total value 154 not 168.

house; but the figures got by ignoring that rule are added in brackets. It does not affect the order. France leads; which is comforting, considering the magnitude of her task!—but many of her high marks come from the house of partnership, so the allies may claim some share in her prowess. Austria stands high, but this horoscope belongs to the past and the immediate present; not to the future. A change of ruler, and consequently of the national horoscope, would give very different results.

The interest of these figures increases on further analysis, showing the particular points in which each nation may be expected to shine or otherwise. Let us take the values, planet by planet.

(4) JUPITER.—The Concrete Mind, showing forth in creative thought; the power to make definite plans, wisely and well, and to hold to them when made. The ideal mind is active, receptive and tenacious. Sympathy, loyalty and imagination are largely mental qualities, dependant upon memory and the power of putting oneself mentally in the place of others. Without such a faculty, good government is impossible. Bad aspects to Jupiter, as well as low marks, suggest that the mind is poor in quality, the thought confused, plans irresolute, or ideals and ambitions ill-judged. It is consequently taken as by far the most important planet, in estimating the chances of success.

		<i>Marks received for</i>		
		<i>Sign</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
MAXIMUM POSSIBLE		84	84	154*
BRITAIN	f ix	84	49	133
FRANCE	♄ vii	63	56	119
ITALY	♃ x	42	77	119
BELGIUM	♁ v	56	42	98
AUSTRIA	♁ iv	28	63	91
RUSSIA	♃ viii	21	21	42
GERMANY	♁ xii	14	28	42 (+42?)

Britain heads the list. To think on a big scale—to 'think imperially as the phrase goes—is the first qualification for those who undertake administrative responsibility, and this horoscope suggests that we are able to do so. The mind of our King and country is alive and awake and occupied with serious questions of religion,

* See previous note.

philosophy and law. We have national and international ideals too big for us to live up to quite yet; hence the accusation of hypocrisy hurled at us so often. Nothing is easier than to avoid such a charge, by lowering the ethical standards till they are easy to attain. Men and nations have frequently done so, and patted themselves on the head for their honesty; but always with disastrous results, mentally, emotionally and physically.

France has the kingly mind (♁), occupied with questions of political alliance and state organisation; inclined to centralise Belgium (♁) stands for balance, and fair play. Austria (♁) is devout and rather narrow. Russia (♃) is hopeful and enthusiastic, favouring progressive changes in national thought. It seems to be just on the verge of great things, and likely to do pioneer work, both mentally and physically: (both ♃ and ♃ in ♃). Germany has Jupiter in Gemini, giving her a mind restless and variable, living only in the present, with no real grip of the situation, nor any power to calculate the results of action truly. Hence the number of unpleasant surprises that have come to her in this war, chiefly due to her inability to gauge the strength of the bond, largely a mental one, that binds the British Empire together. But for the good aspects to Jupiter from the second and eighth houses—which aspects favoured financial prosperity, and granted a great inheritance to start with—this unstable type of thinking would have broken up the German Empire ere this; but the peculiarities of the Prussian ideal of patriotism have kept things going, her statesmen playing off one political faction against another, and establishing an extraordinary system of secret service; which, being built on duplicity and falsehood, could not possibly lead to any permanent results. Many have admired the amazing cleverness of this organisation, and even condoned the crooked methods that Germany employed to capture the markets of the world. England was actually forced to pass a bill in parliament to *compel* German manufacturers to state truthfully where their goods were made, in order to protect the credit of her own cutlers and others in manufacturing towns such as Sheffield!² Jupiter in Gemini is in its detriment, not only because it is restless there, but because, on

² Manufacturing centres in Germany borrowed English names the more easily to deceive customers.

occasion, it can be very dishonest, which is much more fatal to enduring prosperity than anything else. Note that this planet largely influences the disposition as regards money and possessions, so that from it—with a modification due to the sign at the zenith—one may read how far the action of the powers will be affected by greed of gain. Britain likes to do things handsomely (Capricorn at zenith), but has a contented mind, with a careless touch about it. France might play for big stakes, but never meanly; for though she has a dash of the gambler in her (Scorpio at zenith), her mind is royal, and full of faith and trust. Russia is both just and generous; Belgium honourable and self-sacrificing, but perhaps improvident. Germany is also improvident, and very lavish. Her lack of foresight and extravagant methods will inevitably land her financially on the rocks. This is rather a surprise; one hears much of German thrift and business-like ability; but the conduct of this war has been extravagant both in men and in munitions.

(♿) MERCURY.—The Intellect; through which come the gifts of achievement in inventive science and art, and the power of self-expression. The ideal qualities associated with it are quickness, keenness, eagerness and concentration. Mercury is the messenger of the gods and the servant of Jupiter. He is versatile and subtle. Low marks indicate the absence of his special gifts; while bad aspects may bring up his worst points; trickery, evasiveness and dishonesty.

		Marks received for		
		Sign	House	Total
MAXIMUM POSSIBLE		(36)33	(36)33	= 66
RUSSIA	♄ x	30	30	60
FRANCE	♃ vii	27	24	51
AUSTRIA	♃ xii	36	12	48
BELGIUM	♃ x	12	30	42
ITALY	♃ iv	15	24	39
GERMANY	♃ vi	24	9	33
BRITAIN	♃ ii	3	15	18 (+18?)

These positions speak for themselves. Mercury is the god of eloquence, ingenious, witty, artistic and versatile. The verdict of the tables does not flatter our national vanity, but it seems tolerably just, for the Anglo-Saxon belongs to a dumb sort of a race. He is no good at self-expression or self-justification. He plods along, and

is not easily side-tracked, because in the main he knows where he wants to go; and so he muddles through in the end, indifferent to difficulties that would dishearten others; perhaps because not quick enough to see them! More mercurial types live much in the present, forgetting the past and ignoring the future, but quick to realise what is expedient to be done *here* and *now*. We have to call upon the Celtic element among us for such work. Sir John French is Irish, Mr Lloyd George is Welsh, and plenty of their compatriots are working hard at present in various government departments. Considering the importance of Mercury in the domain of artistic output, no one will be surprised that Russia leads,³ or that France stands high. One expected to see Germany higher somehow; but after all, Prussia dominates there at present, and Prussia has produced neither artists nor inventors! She can only commandeer the work of others.

(♂) MARS.—Enthusiasm, Courage, and Hope; giving enterprise and energy, brilliance and dash. Low marks show the absence of these qualities; bad aspects pervert them to fanaticism or to recklessness, and may give monomania or delusions. This is often a destructive and rebellious power and, when over-active, creates enemies.

		Marks received for		
		Sign	House	Total
MAXIMUM POSSIBLE		24	24	48
FRANCE	♃ i	24	24	48
RUSSIA	♃ ix	18	18	36
AUSTRIA	♃ vii	18	18	36
GERMANY	♃ x	8	20	28
BRITAIN	♃ v	16	10	26
ITALY	♃ v	14	8	22
BELGIUM	♃ vi	14	2	16

One might have guessed that France would lead in this column; for courage of the brilliant, dashing type has always belonged to her, and there is a strong militarist tendency in the nation; also a tremendous fervour of patriotism of the martial type. Britain and Belgium come almost last; their type is quite different, less impulsive with more staying power and tenacity. The bulldog is one of the most peaceable and kindly of animals; but if once it is stirred up to fight, it hangs on, and simply does not know when it is beaten. Note that in the case

³ Russia also knows what to do at a given moment, a present emergency. Note the rapid action in dealing with alcoholic liquors compared with us.

of Belgium, Sun in Aries promises success in martial enterprise in spite of her normally peaceable disposition. Some astrologers take Mars as the Kaiser's ruler; but cold-blooded calculation rather than impulsive and headlong action have characterised the conduct of this war as far as Prussia is concerned. In characteristically martial combat the officers lead; in Germany they walk behind—with their revolvers ready for their own men. If Mars really rules Prussia it is surely what is called "the negative side of Mars," the planetary power associated with Scorpio! Positive or negative, it is never the martial energy that achieves anything lasting in the constructive line. The mailed fist may clear the ground and sweep away the rubbish. It can conquer, crush and destroy; but never build. Cromwell tried it in Ireland and we suffer from the effects of his blunders there to this day. Our warfare has only been really successful when it was a warfare against corruption, piracy, theft, murder and lawlessness, and proved a comparatively brief prelude to better and happier conditions for the country concerned.

(♀) VENUS.—The real mate of Mars, conferring the opposite qualities. Well-balanced, kindly, considerate, appreciative of the good in others. A power of enormous importance in constructive work, avoiding excess and exaggeration and eminently sane, it slips naturally into harmonious relations and confers the great gifts of love and friendship. In national as in individual horoscopes this planet expresses the part that the gentler qualities will play in favouring success. Mutual forbearance, a desire for harmony and beauty in life, and the kindly co-operation of woman, make for sound methods in Empire building.

		Marks received for		
		Sign	House	Total
MAXIMUM POSSIBLE		60	60	120
BRITAIN	♄ i	55	55	110
AUSTRIA	♁ x	45	60	105
RUSSIA	♁ xi	45	60	105
FRANCE	♁ vii	45	45	90
BELGIUM	♁ ix	50	35	85
GERMANY	♁ vi	30	5	35
ITALY	♁ vi	15	15	30 (+15?)

The crucial questioning in colonising and in constructive work always has been, *how far will the women back the men?* Only by

their love and loyalty, inevitably transferred to their progeny, can a race hope to make headway under hard conditions on alien, unexplored or conquered soil. It is because British women have accompanied or followed their brothers and sweethearts across the world, that an English-speaking race, with English ideals as regards religion, education, liberty and law, has spread itself throughout our colonies, and is able to hold administrative positions in the face of every kind of difficulty, climatic and otherwise. On the laughter of little children the ultimate and enduring strength of our empire will very largely rest. The tears of women always sap the foundations of any state. Venus is the laughter-loving goddess, tender, compassionate, forgiving. To fail in reverence for her is a fatal mistake on the part of any administration. The position of Germany on this list recalls the contemptuous way in which her women are treated by their menfolk, and the oft quoted exhortation of the Kaiser to his troops at the beginning of the war. "*Leave them (the invaded peoples) nothing but their eyes to weep with.*" Many German writers have now admitted that she stands alone,⁴ "without a friend," whereas the extraordinary faculty Britain has of making friends out of the very foes she has fought against, is her great source of strength. It is due to the womanly touch in her; due to those very qualities that have sometimes made her critics fancy that she nourished a weak and decadent race. Austria and Russia run us close on this list.⁵ Their women will do much; and when the war is over, these countries will help us to bury the hatchet with all convenient speed. Britain knows the futility of exacting hard conditions from the conquered; for magnanimity pays, in the long run, all along the line. France and Belgium have suffered so much that they may find it harder to forgive; and Italy will have her hands full over the annexation of German speaking provinces. Only by gentle methods and endless self-sacrifice will she win them for her own. Let her look to it carefully, and, above all, let her give her women a better position.

(☉) THE SUN.—The Sun gives the vital force, the radiance, the glory, the clear shining in the eyes of one's fellow men, and especially

⁴ Her allies apparently count for nothing with these writers!

⁵ The horoscope of Austria may be replaced by another, before the war ends, through the abdication or death of the ruler.

in the eyes of the man in the street; in other words, popular success. Low marks suggest failure to shine in this sort of way—and the lack of interest, or of admiration. Bad aspects add the element of disapproval and criticism from others, running sometimes to infamy, or at any rate to objectionable notoriety.

	Marks received for		
	Sign	House	Total
MAXIMUM POSSIBLE	72	72	138
BELGIUM ♃ xi	66	72	138
AUSTRIA ♁ xi	72	66	138
FRANCE ♁ vii	72	48	120
RUSSIA ♃ x	54	66	120 (—18?)
ITALY ♀ iv	48	48	96
BRITAIN ♀ iii	36	6	42 (+18?)
GERMANY ♃ viii	24	12	36

Belgium leads, naturally! No other nation has achieved such glory for many a long day—if ever; whereas Germany, last on the list, comes in for severe censure and abuse almost all over the world. England has had, and will have, her critics, too. Even our friends have felt our unreadiness a flaw, and our people in the mass have been lethargic and slow to realise the situation; at least, in certain districts. As usual, we are our own severest critics, preferring home truths to doubtful praise, and there is not the slightest indication in the national horoscope of any particular desire for glory and renown. Tennyson's noble lines:

“Nay, but she aimed not at glory,
No lover of glory was she.
Give her the glory of going on,
And still to be!”

have always made a peculiar appeal to our national temperament. “They say. What say they? Let them be saying!” is our half amused and wholly indifferent comment when the world is talking about us; but the touch of contempt in this attitude sometimes irritates even our best friends, and arouses feelings of antagonism and anger in our enemies, feelings which recently culminated in the “hymn of hate”; an expression of emotion so impossible for us, that our “Tommies” can only take it as a joke. It takes two to make a quarrel, and our foes will forgive us yet. Neptune and Venus both smile upon the Sun; so our sailors and our women, our music-makers and our poets will pull us through even in this matter of public approval.

Russia's Sun suggests a popular pioneering success in the domain of religion⁶; for Mars favours it, from Aries in the ninth; and Taurus at the zenith lays good foundations and builds thereon. Tolstoi has spoken, and others are following on. Music and Art will carry the message to lands that have never before realised their possibilities as factors in the spiritual evolution of the race. The so-called Russian peril is a bogey of the imagination. Her coming conquests will be great, but chiefly in the sphere of harmony and beauty, where many will gladly own her sway and welcome her influence. England will help to pass the message on; for in spite of her short-comings in the matter of Mercury, her Sun shines in Gemini, the Mercurial sign on the cusp of the third house, which favours *teaching* through literature, both dramatic and journalistic.

(D) THE MOON.—The Moon gives inherent tendencies which show forth as family and racial traits; and also certain habits of thought, emotion and action, tricks of movement and manner, methods of attacking work, and style of self-expression. High marks and good aspects imply that these will help forward the career, and often suggest a good heredity or good karma to be reaped from the previous incarnation. Low marks betoken a bad heritage in these ways, unfortunate and harmful habits of thought, emotion and action, and possibly also a bad record in the previous incarnation. (N.B.—Moon difficulties are never so trying as those indicated by Saturn.)

	Marks received for		
	Sign	House	Total
MAXIMUM POSSIBLE	48	48	96
BELGIUM ♃ xi	44	44	88
BRITAIN ♃ vii	40	36	76 (—24?)
FRANCE ♃ ix	40	36	76
AUSTRIA ♁ xi	16	44	60
RUSSIA ♃ viii	28	12	40
GERMANY ♀ v	12	20	32
ITALY ♃ viii	20	8	28 (+24?)

Again Belgium leads. She has a goodly heritage as regards race, a high vitality and plenty of grit. Compounded, like ourselves, of a mixed stock, French as well as Flemish, her people know how to enjoy life; and also how to lay it down. The art of Belgium has

⁶ N.B.—Madame Blavatsky was a Russian.

been founded on honest craftsmanship and truth to nature. Her fearless and independent ways, her readiness to meet her obligations, have led her into this present warfare, and will help her successfully through it. In her horoscope the Moon is ruler, and so is of special importance. It is exalted in the house of friends, and in good aspect to the Sun. Saturn frowns, but from a position and sign so highly marked, that the trouble is due to elements in the character that are actually an asset for the nation. Britain and France make a good show in this list also, while Russia, Italy and Germany are very low in the scale. In the case of Germany, however, the Moon's trine to Mars and Neptune emphasises some of the finest qualities she possesses; for Mars gives enterprise and energy, and Neptune the spirit of self-sacrifice and obedience. Venus is also favourable, but too low in position herself to promise enduring help. Germany has been careful to make friends as far as in her lay. She cannot keep them; and Uranus in opposition suggests the reason. Her whole outlook on life is at fault.

(h) SATURN.—Father Time; who gives to men the assimilated fruits of past experience in the form of that most precious possession *Character*. It takes long to build, in races as in individuals; and being largely the result of reaction to environment, naturally persists in given localities; hence national characteristics. Sudden emergencies and overwhelming calamities test and try character in a marked way; and on its stage of development depends the answer given to the call of this planetary angel. Low marks suggest weakness in this respect; bad aspects imply false or faulty reaction to environment, the sowing of bad karma in times past, and possibly also during the present incarnation.

Marks received for

	<i>Sign</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>	
MAXIMUM POSSIBLE	12	12	24	
BELGIUM	♊ ix	11	8	19
BRITAIN	♋ vii	9	9	18
AUSTRIA	♏ xi	5	11	16
RUSSIA	♌ iv	7	7	14
FRANCE	♏ vii	5	8	13
ITALY	♌ v	7	4	11
GERMANY	♏ ii	5	5	10

This list makes less show than any, as far as marks go; but possibly double value should be given to the Saturnine quality of *Character* in a struggle such as the present. The order in which the nations come recalls the previous list; for character shows racially just as habits do. The voice of Saturn is to a large extent the voice of conscience—the result of assimilated experience; and the nations in whom this planet is highly marked will take action “for conscience sake”; while those low on the list will more easily set obligations on one side. The position of Germany consequently helps one to understand the tearing up of the famous *scrap of paper*. Note that Saturn is worth most when placed in gentle signs such as Libra and Aquarius, and very low in value in the more domineering signs, like Leo and Scorpio; yet another hint that the *mailed fist* ideal may be a handicap in achievement!

Summing up these lists we have every reason to feel hopeful concerning the ultimate issue. The planets for which Britain takes highest marks are by far the most important in constructive work; while Germany shows up so badly in these respects that the empire she dreamed of creating has simply been to her a snare and a delusion. When the struggle is over, all that was finest in her organisation will be adopted by Europe at large; but that is the only victory for which she can hope. The misapplication of her powers in unworthy ways will have put her completely out of court as a possible administrator on a large scale. But our list is incomplete. What of the other planets? Vulcan, the unknown, showing probably *the metal a man is made of*, and consequently just how much hammering he is likely to stand; and the two more familiar but still mysterious planets, Uranus and Neptune, the old Gods of the upper air and of the sea? No numerical value has yet been assigned to them, but in the case of both we can give some sort of surmise as to the order in which the nations should be placed.

URANUS gives us the point of view, which, being always due to innate ideas and abstract considerations must take a very important place in determining the actual duration of the war. It is a man's outlook on life, even more than his attitude of mind, which makes him decide what is or is not worth fighting for. To any nation engaged in

the struggle—and even to those only looking on, some change in that outlook will undoubtedly come as a result of the suffering involved. When it has cleared and widened sufficiently the war will cease, because its causes have vanished; and the type of outlook which can keep clear of prejudice, see every point of view, and accepting the inevitable modification quickly, translate it promptly into practical concrete thinking and planning, will be that of the nations who show up best when the time comes to arrange conditions of peace.

The ideal outlook is clear, calm and fearless, free from all illusion, far above being affected by emotional excitement, national or party prejudice, and pre-eminently sane and healthy. No pre-conceived ideas should be allowed to limit it, no forms or conventional customs narrow its range or cloud its perception. There should be nothing that is blocked or obscured or befogged, on any part of the horizon. Therefore it is best to have Uranus in an airy sign. It is exalted in Gemini, where the outlook is peculiarly sensitive of any change in the atmosphere, and is easily modified; and it is at home and happy in Aquarius, a serene, tranquil truth-loving sign. Both of these mean a lofty view-point—nothing sordid or low about it, and the latter is the finer of the two. As to the others, the watery signs on the whole may tend to emotional bias, the fiery signs may be combative and the earthy signs too much absorbed in physical conditions. The order suggested might be:—

AUSTRIA	♊	v	unbiased, serene, open, truth-seeking.
FRANCE	♏	v	untrammelled, free, easily modified.
BRITAIN	♏	iii	"
BELGIUM	♏	ii	fixed, fiery, fatherly, kingly, unable to endure domination by others.
RUSSIA	♋	xi	sympathetic, imaginative, maternal, cautious.
GERMANY	♏	xi	settled, practical, materialistic, slow to modify. <i>fixed.</i>
ITALY	♋	xii	sympathetic, imaginative, maternal, cautious.

The emotional factor is always a big one where warfare is concerned: for men fight on matters of feeling and instinct far sooner than on logical deductions. Prussia reasoned out a defence of war; but she had to train up a generation on a systematic teaching of anger and hatred towards rival nations, before she could drive Germany to battle; for the true Teutons, like ourselves, are in the main a peaceful people. The sea is ever the symbol of the emotional

realm, and its deeper currents, like the ebb and flow of its tides, are unaffected by such lashing of the surface. NEPTUNE, the God of the Sea, rules the deeper part of an emotional nature, and is regarded as a malefic, because it is precisely our deeper feelings that are most likely to upset our calculations, and bring our worldly schemes to naught. A man will sacrifice his whole career on the altar of an unselfish love more easily than on a sudden impulse of anger, hate, jealousy or revenge; so even in good aspect Neptune may call for renunciation and interfere with our plans for financial or worldly success. In bad aspect he deals out disappointments and losses so severely, that he almost breaks our hearts.

The heart knoweth its own bitterness; yet, on the other hand, sorrow and loss are great educators; and the gifts of Neptune include psychic intuition, spiritual illumination, and that power of interpretation which shews at its best in poetic genius, but may add grace and charm to any kind of artistic expression, especially in song or in drama.

As a recompense for obedience to his peculiar call for renunciation, he gives the grace of God, spiritual illumination, the ecstasy of the poet, a wonderful sense of colour and beauty and the power of interpretation, to all such of his children as are able to receive his gifts; and awakens all manner of strangely wistful yearnings and cravings for they know not what, in those less able to understand. In many ways he leads us into temptation. If our emotions are pure, and thoroughly under control, he will lead us through unscathed; if not, it will be out of the very depths that our cry will go up, and bitter indeed will it be.

Of all the nations engaged, it is England and Germany that are most strongly called by Neptune. The Kaiser has it at the very zenith, in the 10th house, which speaks to us of a man's ambitions and aspirations, and the emotional longings which make him decide upon his profession. Must he renounce all these? That is clearly the call; and conjunction with Mars and square to Venus suggest fierce strife and loss of love and happiness in connection with such renunciation. Neptune and Mars are fire and water. In right relation they mean full steam ahead; and the Moon here helps, from trine position in Scorpio; but it is in its detriment. Its help will not be worth

much, and full steam ahead has landed people on the rocks ere now. Note the longing for sea power and a sea front, that has characterised the Kaiser all along; also the emotional tendency in expression, and the apparent delight in dressing a part and playing it. Successful actors have often a Neptunian strain. The Kaiser *may* have shrunk from war and desired peace; but he has played the part of the war lord ostentatiously in public; and in the end his part has obsessed him, as happens at times to unbalanced actors after a long run.

And England's call is curiously clear too. Neptune is in the first house, in the arena, where a man realises the necessity of the struggle for existence and has to fight for his own hand, and for personal achievement through physical action. Our King chose the Navy as a profession and loved it; but through the death of the Duke of Clarence the call came to him to renounce that and take on greater responsibilities and a higher position. Rumour said that apart from natural human sorrow at a brother's death, he was loath to lay down the work he loved; but the Sun smiled on the renunciation, promising success, and the trine to Mars gave assurance of sufficient enterprise and energy for the new task. Let us look for the echo of this personal experience in the life of the nation at large. There are little Englanders among us who, realising that expansion of territory always means additional expense, and care and trouble, would fain limit our possessions and allow our colonies to drift away from us, concentrating on home problems which undoubtedly require attention. But such men are in a minority and we have shouldered the burden of added empire, and are prepared to carry it. It is only through continued self-sacrifice—the giving of our best manhood and womanhood—that the work of teaching, healing and governing in distant lands, can go on. The call to sacrifice has come again, and on a tremendous scale. It may be that when peace conditions are discussed, Britain will once more have to answer it in the old way, and renouncing the right to fight for her own hand, lead the combined navies of the nations in the work of keeping the way upon the water safe and open to all. In none of the other national horoscopes has Neptune the same importance as in these two. His call to France comes from the house of possessions; and the destruction of the President's private property, the burning of his own family portraits

finds a fitting parallel in the bombardment of Rheims and the destruction of historic buildings in the devastated districts around it. Austria has suffered much in the fourth house—associated with home, heredity, and fatherland. The tragic family history of the old Emperor has wrung the hearts of many; and it is probable that he will be the last of his race to fill the throne. Belgium's call to sacrifice comes in the eleventh, *the house of her friends*; but the luminaries shine on, exalted there, and so far as is humanly possible, her losses will yet be made good. Italy has Neptune in the ninth. Does this mean renunciation of some form of religion? Is the Pope of Rome to lose his pre-eminence through the federation of the religions of the world? Russia renounces in the eighth house; a house of dreams and of death; a guest chamber that receives many strange visitants, some of whom leave curious legacies. Perhaps some heritage must go; a heritage that is more of a dream than a reality; like the absolute despotism that had translated itself into a Prussianised bureaucracy of late. The call will come; nay, perhaps has come already, and the new Russia that arises will be constitutionally free, whether she retains her Czar or not; in her freedom giving freedom to others.

I. M. PAGAN.

It is interesting to note that if the 7 totals for sign- and house-position on p. 325 be added together and divided by seven to secure the average value, the results are respectively 210'43 and 203'57, which approximates very closely to *two-thirds* of the possible maximum in either case—a result which speaks well for the general standard of European civilisation, as measured by this test.

For the sake of readers desirous of checking the foregoing figures, we reproduce the Table of Numerical Values referred to. It was printed in the *Astrologer's Annual* for 1908 and is not, as the expressions used in the first paragraph of Miss Pagan's article might lead one to infer, of ancient date, having been devised by the Editor of this Magazine as the outcome of his own long practice, in order to assist young students in the difficult task of forming a preliminary judgment of the general "power" of a horoscope, before attempting a more

minute investigation. As such it has proved useful, but in reprinting it it is perhaps as well to quote one sentence from the explanatory article by which it was accompanied:—"With the majority of natiuities no doubt it will amply serve the purpose for which it was designed, but it cannot be too strongly emphasised that it is not to be considered an absolute or infallible rule by which all horoscopes should be judged."

TABLE OF NUMERICAL VALUES.

SIGNS	PLANETS							HOUSES			PLANETS						
	♃	♄	♅	♆	♇	♈	♉	i	x	xi	♃	♄	♅	♆	♇	♈	♉
♈	21	66	5	28	6	18	10.4	i	x	xi	84	72	60	48	36	24	12
♉	42	54	55	44	3	24	7	iv	vii	ix	63	54	45	36	27	18	9
♊	14	36	20	24	30	3	3	ii	v	xii	42	36	30	24	18	12	6
♋	77	12	45	48	9	18	8.3	iii	vi	viii	21	18	15	12	9	6	3
♌	63	72	40	16	27	10	7.5	i	x	xi	77	66	55	44	33	22	11
♍	7	30	25	36	36	12	6	iv	vii	ix	56	48	40	32	24	16	8
♎	56	42	60	40	18	8	10	ii	v	xii	35	30	25	20	15	10	5
♏	35	48	10	12	15	20	2	iii	vi	viii	14	12	10	8	6	4	2
♐	84	60	30	32	21	14	7	i	x	xi	70	60	50	40	30	20	10
♑	28	18	15	4	24	24	12	iv	vii	ix	49	42	35	28	21	14	7
♒	49	24	35	20	33	22	11	ii	v	xii	28	24	20	16	12	8	4
♓	70	6	50	8	12	8	4.1	iii	vi	viii	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

The manner of using the table is simplicity itself: suppose in the horoscope we wish to judge, Jupiter is in Cancer and in the second house. From the first part of the table we see that the value of Jupiter in Cancer is 77; and from the second part of the table we find that the value of Jupiter in either the second or fifth or twelfth house, when in a cardinal sign, is 42. The sign-position value of Jupiter is therefore 77 and the house-position value 42; total 119. And so on with the remaining planets. If in the second house, but within 5° of the cusp of the third, the planet to be counted in the third house and value taken accordingly; similarly with all the houses.

The application of the Table made by Miss Pagan is a striking indication of its value for comparative work, and it is probable that an increased use of it may lead to some additions bearing upon Uranus and Neptune, and the influence of aspects.

WEATHER PREDICTING.—Mr. Frank Theodore Allen, of the Astrological Research Society, Lakewood, N.Y., U.S.A., would like to correspond with a student who has made a speciality of weather predicting by astro-meteorology.

The Horoscopes of Five Criminals

WE submit herewith the horoscopes of some murderers whose misdeeds and their subsequent trials at the law courts of Germany aroused great interest at the time. The horoscopes should be of interest to students, and they prove in each case the truth of astrological teaching. The violent tendencies are very clearly marked and could easily have been foretold.

PLANETS	HOUSES									
	x	xi	xii	i	ii	iii	iv	v	vi	vii
♃	♃ 20.45	♃ 13	♃ 17	♃ 16.58	♃ 14	♃ 3				
♄	♄ 23.37	♄ 16	♄ 22	♄ 24.1	♄ 18	♄ 6				
♅	♅ 12.36	♅ 1	♅ 20	♅ 20.40	♅ 18	♅ 21				
♆	♆ 3.30	♆ 26	♆ 14	♆ 1.14	♆ 16	♆ 2				
♇	♇ 26.30	♇ 2	♇ 3	♇ 27.14	♇ 21	♇ 21				

PLANETS	PLANETS' LONGITUDES									
	♃	♄	♅	♆	♇	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌
1.	♃ 1.40	♄ 28.33	♅ 8.17	♆ 23.15	♇ 1.3	♈ 27.41	♉ 25.53	♊ 19.41	♋ 17.54	♌ 4.42
2.	♃ 27.17	♄ 10.23	♅ 8.58	♆ 22.5	♇ 0.1	♈ 3.37	♉ 16.6	♊ 20.38	♋ 4.42	♌ 11.44
3.	♃ 20.3	♄ 29.39	♅ 24.12	♆ 8.48	♇ 5.21	♈ 2.7	♉ 8.10	♊ 1.33	♋ 11.44	♌ 0.11
4.	♃ 29.21	♄ 13.21	♅ 10.57	♆ 15.47	♇ 3.59	♈ 9.20	♉ 7.59	♊ 13.48	♋ 0.11	♌ 3.37
5.	♃ 5.33	♄ 28.21	♅ 13.49	♆ 0.45	♇ 10.20	♈ 24.37	♉ 1.56	♊ 17.8	♋ 3.37	

PLANETS	PLANETS' DECLINATIONS									
	♃	♄	♅	♆	♇	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌
1.	12.4n	12.2s	14.37n	3.54s	0.36s	23.23n	17.28n	4.48n	15.32n	
2.	10.30n	26.55n	15.24n	7.27n	21.17s	23.1s	7.6s	15.19n	11.28n	
3.	17.46n	0.46n	6.25n	22.18n	0.56n	20.5	11.44s	23.42n	3.15n	
4.	0.15n	21.36s	3.58s	19.18s	11.12s	2.41s	19.10s	17.18n	9.52n	
5.	2.12n	21.40n	8.30s	11.30n	23.24n	8.7s	1.37n	22.56n	0.10n	

No. 1.—ERNST TRENKLER, 22/4/83, 5.30 p.m. 15°E, 51°N. Two or three years ago he murdered and robbed in broad daylight in a fairly busy street in the centre of Berlin a jeweller in his shop, and as the wife and daughter of the man came upon the scene he murdered them too. He then rifled the shop and got away unobserved, but shortly afterwards he was caught. In prison he developed rapid consumption and died before the trial could be finished. The violent tendencies are shown by Mars in the twelfth, afflicting the ruler Venus and the rising Neptune. As regards the disease note the afflictions of Mercury and of Uranus in the sixth.

No. 2.—ANNA KÖCKERITZ, 17/4/'77, 6 a.m. 13°25'E, 52°18'N. This woman murdered her sweetheart in his sleep and to evade detection cut up the body and burned the parts; the heart however she fried in fat and *ate it*. The murderous tendencies are quite obvious; Mars elevated over all the planets, entering the sign Aquarius in the tenth house (where in the case of a woman he has very little dignity) in square to Sun, Mercury, Venus and Neptune without receiving any good aspect. Mercury conjunction Neptune accounts for the depraved appetite. At the trial she was sentenced to death and subsequently executed. The directions for the deed were ♂ ♀ ♃, ♃ ♀ ♃, and for the trial and sentence ♃ ♀ ♃, ♃ ♀ ♃.

No. 3.—AUGUST STERNICKEL, 11/5/'66, 1.30 a.m. 18°30'E, 50°N. An exceedingly cunning and callous murderer, who is believed to have committed during the last twenty or twenty-five years several dozens of murders in various parts of Germany in which the culprit could not be found. He had the reputation of being a very capable rural labourer and had excellent testimonials from various employers, whose confidence he soon gained; Venus well aspected and Moon sextile Jupiter accounting for this. However he never remained in any place for any length of time and roamed all over Germany, (Aquarius rising). He mostly took up work in lonely farms, mills, etc., where there were not many people about, and to cover up his misdeeds in many cases he set fire to the houses or barns so that the murdered bodies got burnt. He was of a very revengeful disposition as shown by the ruler Saturn placed in Scorpio, elevated over all the planets and by Mars conjunction Moon and Neptune square Uranus; and he sometimes murdered merely for the sake of gratifying his revenge, in other cases for robbery. By his cunning he evaded detection for many years; at last he was caught with some accomplices after a fresh murder, sentenced to death and executed under the direction ☉ ☐ ♂ r, ☉ ☐ ♃ p. A strange trait in his character was his kindness and love for animals, shown by the rising Moon in Pisces.

No. 4.—E. A. WAGNER, 22/9/'74, 2 p.m. 9°E, 49°N. A board-school teacher who for six years carefully planned and brooded over a wholesale murder which in the night of the 4th-5th September 1913 he executed in a most diabolical fashion. He had formerly been a teacher in the village of Mühlhausen on the Enz in Württemberg,

where he had a liaison with the daughter of a publican there and on this bearing fruit he was obliged by the parents of the girl to marry her. Altogether she bore him four pretty children, but the way in which the parents compelled him and treated him afterwards so embittered his mind that it gradually ripened into intense hatred of them and of the whole village. Later on he removed to Degerloch, another village several miles away. Here early in the night mentioned he murdered his wife and four children by cutting their throats during sleep, informed the police of the deed by letter, and went directly afterwards partly by rail, partly on bicycle to Mühlhausen, which he reached shortly after midnight. Ere entering the village he left his bicycle by the roadside and went on foot into the village, where he set fire to the houses, barns, haystacks, etc., in several places. When the people of the village roused by the fire alarm rushed from their houses, Wagner running up and down the streets met them armed with a big army revolver in each hand, (which lest he should drop them he had fastened to his wrists with strings), shooting at them right and left, killing and wounding over three dozen people in the affray. At last the policeman of the village got at him and by the use of his sword disabled him from further mischief. The infuriated villagers then set upon him and nearly lynched him, leaving him for dead in a ditch, where he lay for several hours till the police removed him to the hospital where he revived, but in consequence of the maltreatment received his left arm had to be amputated. In his possession was found a document dated six years back, in which he announced his intention of having his revenge upon the villagers and described the way in which he would take it. According to this he had planned still further misdeeds. Before the examining judge he showed no signs of repentance at the awful slaughter committed and did not at all give the impression of a madman, but a commission certified him to be insane, possessed of fixed ideas, and in consequence of this he was without any trial consigned to a lunatic asylum, where he still is. His colleagues described him as of a somewhat sullen and retiring disposition, but with good intellectual attainments, and they never noticed any particular sign of mental aberration.

Now if we examine the horoscope we find the root of all the evil in this nativity to lie in sexual depravity and he led a rather loose

life, as is clearly marked by Venus near the M.C., afflicted by the ruler Saturn, as well as by Sun, Moon and Uranus. Venus ruling the fifth shows this tendency to be the outcome of past lives, and with Moon conjunction Saturn, the planet of fate, both applying to the opposition of Uranus (the opposition of the Moon being very close) must lead almost inevitably to violent results, especially as all the planets concerned are in fixed signs. This man Wagner was a pessimist and confirmed materialist. Mercury in conjunction with Jupiter and both in trine with Saturn seems to have given him good intellectual abilities; but these were not strong enough to give him really religious feelings, the hardening, self-centred influence of Saturn being too much in evidence, and the sexual desire elemental having finally complete sway over him. He had a craving for notoriety, and on the day in question the Moon passed in transit over his M.C. The directions in force were: ☉ □ ♄, ☿ ☿ ☉r, ♃ appl. □ ☉ p.

No. 5.—A. HOPF, 26/3/63, 5.30 p.m. Frankfort on the Maine 9°E, 50°N. This man was accused and proved to have done to death two wives of his, his mother, and several other relations, by means of poisoning them in order to get large sums of insurance money and their possessions. He tried the same procedure with his third wife, but suspicion being aroused he failed in this case, and the bodies of the dead being exhumed the analysis of them proved poisoning to have taken place. He was tried March 1914, sentenced to death and executed. In this case we find it proved again that Virgo and Pisces as well as their rulers Mercury and Neptune are chiefly concerned in poisoning cases. Here they are all severely afflicted, and the Sun being also without any good aspects, but heavily handicapped, shows the man to have been without scruple or moral backbone. The sextile of Venus and trine of Jupiter to the Moon were the means of bringing the women victims to his net and receiving benefits from them. Hopf was also a clever fencer and for many years his exhibitions at Variety music halls and shows were great attractions. One of his tricks was with one stroke of the sword to cut into two clean halves a hung up sheep or calf. Mars conjunction Uranus in a Mercurial sign aspecting Mercury is indicative of this. The directions for 1914 were: ☿ ☿ ☿, ♀ □ ♄r, ♃ ☿ ☿r, denoting the end of life.

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THINKING people have known for a considerable time past of the steadily increasing apathy and indifference of the Western nations as a whole, and, in consequence, are not surprised at the results that have arisen out of the European war. The veneer and gloss that have been imposed upon the facts of life by spurious writers and teachers have covered a state of things which the war has ruthlessly exposed. The State has awakened to the existence of the evils at the core of our Western civilisation, and is now using all its efforts to arouse the public to a sense of its responsibility in this crisis.

We have never confined our study of human nature to conventional methods, nor have we looked only upon the surface of the world's progress, but instead have ever delved deep into the mysteries of human nature, and have known that as people remain content to live superficially and selfishly, there must inevitably come the crisis that shall reveal the emptiness of artificial life.

For many years we have longed to help the world to understand Nature's just and inexorable laws, by a method that is not difficult to appreciate when once the faith of the soul has been restored to its

normal condition, with the power to choose between its bondage to matter, or its expansion into the inner worlds of freedom.

The science of Astrology can be made a first class means of teaching every intelligent person what is required of him, his right place in the nation of which he forms a part, and the use he may make of his abilities, to forward the progress of evolution.

We speak with an authority which is supported by the study of thousands of nativities, when we say that we know that a large number of men and women do not live up to one quarter of the possibilities indicated by their horoscopes.

We could have told the Prime Minister and the Minister of Munitions why the skilled workman and the labourer have not attempted to put forth their best efforts in doing their work, but have instead used their efforts to do as little work as possible; also why luxury and high expenditure have been preferred by the many, and economy and thrift practised only by the few.

The secret of the workman's slackness lies in the lack of incentive to work for the joy of the work, owing to men and women following avocations for which they are, in the majority of cases, unfitted by their physical conditions, by education and by temperament, and by their having chosen those occupations from which they can obtain the most money, irrespective of their interest or ability. What is really deficient in our methods is the deplorable lack of encouragement to live up to the best in ourselves, and in consequence we find a lack of initiative and far too much of the "don't care" spirit in evidence.

The writer of these words has not spent his time moving in a false social world, but has moved in all circles from the lowest to the highest. Many years were spent by him in working in the slums of London, Manchester and Liverpool, where he first began his studies, and later years in social gatherings, and he has learnt that the world is sadly lacking in sincere and earnest teachers—teachers who should have been drawn from the ranks of the students of human nature at first hand, and not from those who have obtained a superficial knowledge by reading books, or clever articles by irresponsible writers and speakers.

Although everyone now recognises that a great change is coming, we are not all agreed as to whether the change will be for the better

or for the worse. The minds of our modern journalists are just as divided over the future of the world's conditions as they were over the conditions at the beginning of the war, in fact the minds of men and women are chaotic over the real problems of life, proving very clearly that the inner light in those who should now be able to shape the course of our future evolution is dimmed. Look at the state of the minds of those who were supposed to form public opinion at the beginning of the war, and before. We were plunged into the war blindly and quite unpreparedly, owing to the conflicting opinions as to whether Britain should be prepared for war or should set the example of total disarmament, and now we are fighting for our existence and for all we hold dear as a nation.

In reality war for Great Britain was not inevitable had she been sufficiently awake and prepared to maintain the peace, for then her strength would have made it advisable for other nations to keep within the bounds of reason. We do not mean materially prepared alone, but morally prepared,—instead of which the moral stamina was found to be faulty, and as a result this war is as much, if not more, a lesson to Great Britain as to other nations. England should have been fully prepared to uphold the neutrality of Belgium *before* the treaty was broken, and to have defended France *before* the invasion; having agreed in the first place to maintain her pledged word to those nations. If a nation finds it a wise policy to enter into agreements for her own protection, and to protect smaller nations, she should, having made the necessity, be morally strong enough to support them and be fully prepared to supply the means of that support.

Germany is teaching England a great and valuable lesson—the meaning of Unity as expressed in patriotism and an understanding of national interdependence. Germany has shown the world what a unified nation actually means, and the world is now forced to realise the endurance, self-sacrifice and loyalty of the German people.

Although just as firmly convinced now as at the beginning of the war, that the Allies will win the victory over Germany, we must not shut our eyes to the ideals of Germany amidst all her materialistic methods; for after all, material expansion must accompany the realisation of ideals.

What public opinion has not yet realised is that God is teaching

the whole world a great and wholesome lesson through much pain and what *might* have been unnecessary sorrow.

We know by the handwriting on the wall of heaven that the world's evolution brings sad realisations during the readjustment of individual and national lives, but those happenings that we consider so terrible are no worse than the surgeon's knife, used to cut away the diseased cells of a body under operation. We shrink from the operating table because we instinctively feel that prevention is better than cure. Let us help to prevent further ills and dire catastrophes by teaching the world what we actually know about the science of Astrology.

What has this to do with the Astrological Institute, the reader will probably want to know?

It has a great deal to do with it. We have been moved in a manner that we did not expect, by a power within, to begin the workings of the Institute as early as possible, in order that we may be prepared when the war is over to organise and systematise our astrological teaching. We shall begin in a small way to build up a lasting edifice, on a secure foundation, by gathering together, not a host of butterfly psychics, who dream all kinds of imaginings, but a body of sincere and earnest lovers and students of Astrology who have the intelligence and appreciation of all that such a teaching will mean to the rising generation.

We make the strongest appeal we have ever made in this journal to all who understand our work and know what we are aiming for, to help us in building up this new ASTROLOGICAL INSTITUTE. We cannot do all we intend doing in the future if we do not obtain all the help it is possible to win during the next few years, for we shall not be able to give the same energy or thought to the work if it is not given now, therefore, shall we plead in vain for your response?

The Aims and Objects of the proposed Astrological Institute are as follow:—

- AIMS.—
- (1) Thoroughly to organise and systematise the study of Astrology and to provide a centre from which astrological thought may be disseminated.
 - (2) To promote and encourage an enquiry into and a study of the deeper and more philosophical side of Astrology, alike in its relation to individuals and to nations.

- OBJECTS.—(1) To promote a general education in Astrology by all suitable means.
- (2) To hold examinations in Astrology, and issue Certificates and Diplomas to those who have proved themselves to possess an adequate knowledge of the subject.
 - (3) To arrange for lectures and to provide speakers competent to expound the higher aspect of Astrological teaching in relation to ethics, to religious teaching, and to what is termed Esoteric Astrology.
 - (4) To give sympathetic support to all movements engaged in genuine astrological work, and all undertakings calculated to aid in the purification of Astrology.
 - (5) To establish a fund for defraying the travelling expenses of non-paid lecturers.

Further particulars as to rules of membership, etc., will be found in the advertisement on p. iii.

THE HOROSCOPE OF KING ALBERT

"According to information received from my valued correspondent, Mons. Julevno," says the Editor of the *British Journal of Astrology* in an article entitled "The True Horoscope of King Albert," "a certificate delivered by the Lord Mayor of Brussels states that Albert, King of Belgium, was born on the 8th day of April, 1875, at 4.50 p.m." We cannot allow the statement to pass without comment.

In the November number of MODERN ASTROLOGY, p. 516, we announced that we had been "fortunate in obtaining, from a reliable source, the birth time of King Albert: a little before 10 a.m., April 8, 1875." The words here italicised convey a sense of authenticity, and in view of the implication in the passage quoted above, it is proper to state that our information was derived from one who was present at the birth of King Albert. The information was communicated to a journalist of our acquaintance, in a personal interview, and his signed statement to this effect is still in our possession.¹

In according permission for the publication of the horoscope, it was requested that names should not be mentioned, and we therefore did not disclose the source of information, but contented ourselves with the words "reliable source."

In view of these circumstances we adhere to the horoscope referred to, notwithstanding the apparently official statement quoted—which we are sure was published in perfect good faith and in the interests of the science. Readers have now the facts before them and can judge for themselves.

¹ [I myself personally interrogated this gentleman the same day, and assured myself that the information was received directly from his informant, who was in no state of uncertainty or hesitation about the time.—ALFRED H. BARLEY, *Sub-Editor*.]

ceremonials, and visits among friendly nations. As Venus and Mars rule the first and seventh houses and are in sextile, this indication is decidedly favourable to pacific overtures and a lessening of the extreme bitterness of the warlike spirit. There are two drawbacks to this: Venus and Mars are in their fall, where they are less potent for good than they otherwise would be, and where they cannot be wholly depended upon; and Mars is in conjunction with Saturn.

	x	xi	xii	i	ii	iii
(1)	♌ 28	♍ 0	♎ 24	♏ 12	♐ 11	♑ 19
(2)	♌ 12	♍ 13	♎ 5	♏ 21	♐ 22	♑ 2
(3)	♌ 1	♍ 27	♎ 14	♏ 26	♐ 1	♑ 19
(4)	♌ 18	♍ 21	♎ 23	♏ 19	♐ 15	♑ 15
☉-D	♌	♍	♎	♏	♐	♑
♌ 15.40	♍ 6.13	♎ 14.46	♏ 13.21	♐ 24.33	♑ 14.16	♒ 12.28
						♓ 1.47

(1) London (2) Berlin (3) Petrograd (4) New York

These indications, so far as they affect the mid-heaven, are the same for Paris, Brussels, Berlin and Vienna; and at the last two cities the luminaries and Venus are very close to the meridian, and therefore strong; and whatever good they can achieve will be shared fully with Austria and Germany.

At Petrograd the luminaries and Venus are in the ninth house, which signifies success at sea and abroad and that events depend upon doings in foreign countries.

The conjunction of Mars and Saturn in Cancer on the cusp of the ninth house signifies accidents and loss of life at sea, disasters to shipping and to the churches, and the likelihood of strikes and disputes connected with maritime affairs. To the east of London as far as Petrograd the conjunction falls in the eighth house and threatens a very heavy death-rate with accidents, suicides, murders and much crime; international financial relations will cause trouble.

At New York the luminaries rise and Jupiter sets, peaceful and prosperous influences, but the conjunction of Mars and Saturn in the midheaven shows trouble for the President and government in public affairs, the death of some eminent personage, danger of strikes, crime, public murder and outrage.

This lunation does not form any very critical aspect in most of the royal and other horoscopes. With the King of Italy it is in the second house ☐ ♁ ♃, signifying financial and other troubles: President Woodrow Wilson ♁ ♃: the Pope ♁ ♃: H. H. Asquith ☉ ☉. Most

of the other known maps show comparatively unimportant trines: Lord Kitchener ☉ ♃.

THE CONJUNCTION OF MARS AND SATURN

♁ ♁ ♃ 11/9/1915 4^h 38^m 20^s a.m., G.M.T.

	x	xi	xii	i	ii	iii
(1)	♌ 1	♍ 9	♎ 12	♏ 8	♐ 29	♑ 26
(2)	♌ 13	♍ 21	♎ 23	♏ 18	♐ 10	♑ 8
(3)	♌ 29	♍ 8	♎ 7	♏ 29	♐ 21	♑ 20
(4)	♌ 13	♍ 18	♎ 29	♏ 0	♐ 25	♑ 17
☉	♌	♍	♎	♏	♐	♑
♌ 17.22	♍ 9.40	♎ 8.45	♏ 16.56	♐ 14.24.34	♑ 24.20	♒ 12.25
						♓ 1.50

(1) London (2) Berlin (3) Petrograd (4) New York

The conjunction of these two important planets occurs about every two years. It affects those countries that are ruled by the sign of the zodiac in which it takes place and also those where the two planets are angular at the moment of conjunction. Its effects are not all manifested immediately but are usually spread over the interval of the following two years. It disturbs both the ruling power and the people, causes strikes, riots, rebellion against constituted authority, and discontent, and may result in various disasters, such as the death of the monarch, the overthrow of the government, or war, according to its position.

Several illustrations of such conjunctions are mentioned in the manual *Mundane Astrology*, Chapter XII. Following those mentioned there, we have had the conjunction in Taurus (16/8/1911, 11^h 50^m 48^s p.m. G.M.T. at 8 19° 58' 45") the sign ruling Ireland, after which there was the revival of the Home Rule controversy, bringing the country very near to civil war. Then one in Gemini (24/8/1913, 0^h 33^m 47^s p.m. at 16° 55' 45") the sign ruling Belgium, which has been laid waste by war, the U.S.A., where there has been serious danger of war, the N.E. coast of Africa, where fighting has taken place, and Wales, where the disestablishment of the Church has been attempted although not yet completed.

The present conjunction is calculated for apparent position as given in the Spanish *Almanaque Náutico*. It takes place at the time given above and falls in the fifteenth degree of Cancer,

♄14° 24' 34". At London and Paris it is in the eleventh house in sextile to the Sun and Venus rising in Virgo and in square to the Moon and Mercury in Libra in the second house.

It gives strength to rulers and governments but shows serious trouble in connection with the various legislatures and legislative assemblies, especially in all affairs involving money and business matters. Trade will be handicapped very much, taxation will be heavy, and financial affairs will require much consideration and readjustment.

At Berlin the Sun and Venus will rise, giving strength and some degree of success, but Mars and Saturn will be getting into the mid-heaven; and at Petrograd, Constantinople and neighbouring parts they will be definitely in the mid-heaven, while the Sun and Venus will be in the twelfth house. This will bring serious troubles upon rulers and governments; it threatens the downfall of those in power, riots, rebellion, democratic upheavals, the death of monarchs and statesmen, and the reorganisation and rearrangement of nations.

Along with this there goes one influence that is rather more hopeful. Jupiter is on the cusp of the eighth house in Pisces at London; it is in the seventh house at Berlin and Vienna; and is near the cusp of the seventh at Petrograd and Constantinople; while Jupiter is lord of the seventh all over Europe. This is decidedly peaceful in its nature and indicates the conclusion of peace before the period of influence of the conjunction has expired. It is delayed by the Sun and Venus applying to the opposition of Jupiter, but it co-operates with similar influences from other maps during the present autumn and winter.

The fact that the conjunction falls in the watery sign Cancer in square to Mercury and the Moon in the airy sign Libra shows the war waged by sea and air, and tells of disastrous floods and storms. Its presence in Cancer shows popular discontent of the people with their rulers, strikes, rebellions, the downfall and death of monarchs and statesmen, and the weakening of the forces of law and order. It is also unfavourable for the crops. All this is general for the whole world, but it is especially serious for parts governed by Cancer, which are—Africa, Holland, Scotland, Zealand, and several towns the list of which is given in the books. It should also be remembered that it

has been suggested in recent years that the German Empire and China are both influenced by this sign.

The two planets culminate about 47° E. longitude, and the "orb" of this will include parts of Russia, Turkey, Persia, Arabia, E. Africa and Madagascar.

They will be on the nadir about 133° W. longitude, the Pacific Ocean and N.W. Canada. They will be rising at New York and the East of N. America. They will be setting at Japan. Readers of this magazine hardly need reminding of the extreme importance of these four angles and of the affliction in this instance of affairs signified by them:—rising, the country as a whole; culminating, rulers, statesmen, the upper classes; setting, foreign relations; on the nadir, the people and the land. All four points are dangerous from the earthquake point of view, but especially the nadir.

The place of the conjunction falls in exact opposition to the place of the last conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn at ♄14.0 on 28/11/'01, the map of which is given in *Mundane Astrology* p. 86, and it is on the place of the Moon in that map. It speaks of heavy financial losses, great expenditure and a very heavy death-rate.

The following shows how it falls in various horoscopes, and its influence is decidedly unfortunate in all of them.

GERMAN EMPEROR	♄ Asc ♄ ♃	EMPEROR OF AUSTRIA	♄ ♃ ♃ ♃
KING OF BELGIUM	♄ Asc	PRES. POINCARÉ	♄ ♃ ♄ ♃
KING OF NORWAY	♄ ♃	PRES. W. WILSON	♄ ♃ ♄ ♃
KING OF GREECE	♄ ♃ ♃	CZAR	♄ ♃ ♃ ♃
		CROWN PRINCE OF GERMANY	♄ ♃ ♃

MUNDANE ASTROLOGY.—The following communication from J. W., crowded out of last issue, is of interest. "Some weeks since I told you that the 5th June was suitable for a War Loan. It proved to be the conference between the English and Italian Finance ministers, (doubtless to finance Italy). There is a prospect of peace between 24th and 28th July, but I judge that there is no agreement as to terms. I expect good news about the 7th August, rapidly succeeded by some government trouble. From the 9th to the 19th July I expect heavy fighting. (Dated 6th June.)"

A later communication dated 25/7/15 says: "I predicted futile peace talk for this week. Apparently this is the German attempt to pacify the U.S. A real peace influence dawns 6th October but nothing may be done before 4th November. Progress should be active in the week beginning 16th November though the actual treaty may not be signed before New Year's Day. I expect a decided victory about 10th September whilst 2nd October is a likely date for a naval battle."

Astrology and Social Reform

By THE EDITOR

I.—SEX AFFINITY

IN the opening pages of an interesting booklet entitled *Affinity and Infinity* the author Mrs Julia Seaton Sears, M.D., says, "The very first question the child life asks is: WHERE IS MY MOTHER? The last question the adult life asks is: WHERE IS MY GOD? And between these two stages of consciousness the only real question is: WHERE IS MY LOVE?"

The last is perhaps the most important question for each of us to answer, and more especially for those who have fully grasped the idea that Love is the fulfilling of the Law. As students we are busy with our search for the laws which govern all forms of manifested life, first scientifically, and later philosophically; but finally we come to the religious side of our study and learn that the wise man rules his stars when he has realised that Love is the higher law embracing all the lesser activities of life.

In the great work of social re-construction which must begin after the Great War is over, every activity will be called upon to supply some service, not only in solving the problems of our social life, but in offering some practical suggestions for bringing about a complete reform in every department of life and in all classes of society.

It will not be wise for us to delay our contribution to this great work until the war is actually over. We must begin now, and if our study of Astrology is of so much personal value that we study it primarily for self knowledge and for improvement of our own conditions, then surely we should not begrudge that knowledge to the world at large.

The first question that will arise in the minds of those willing to find their place in this work will probably be: How can I begin to be

useful in this direction?—and in answering this question successfully we shall find our Love.

Of all the questions that require solution on practical lines there are none more important from our point of view than the question of sex affinity, and we think that Astrology can help the world in regard to this subject, as well if not better than any other science or philosophy; and we ask all who are able to do so, to direct their thought to this subject and help to give the world a true conception of how Astrology answers this question.

Nature has designed a beautiful sex order, in which the positive and negative express two halves of one whole and complete being. The astrological zodiac as a homogeneous whole can be broken into twelve parts; six parts positive and six negative. The six negative signs of the zodiac represent WOMAN in all her perfection of form, grace of manner, and beauty of soul.

The negative signs are Taurus, Cancer, Virgo, Scorpio, Capricorn and Pisces. Over these six signs Venus, the Moon, Mercury, Mars, Saturn and Jupiter preside. They are soul and body signs; Cancer, Scorpio and Pisces representing the soul, and Taurus, Virgo and Capricorn the body.

If we can understand these six negative signs and all they imply, we shall understand woman and her glorious mission as Mother. TAURUS is the sign of Obedience, best exemplified in a woman as response to the laws of nature, submission to the dictates of her own love and obedience to all that she loves.

CANCER is the sign of economy, protection, innocence and instinct. It is the ideal mother sign, and symbolises the breasts in the heavenly prototype. It is best seen in a mother's love and protection, and in the cares of home life or domestication.

VIRGO is a body sign, the Virgin sign, signifying purity, discrimination, modesty, intuition, hygiene and transmutation. It is essentially a feminine sign, and cannot be understood by any man who does not love woman for her womanhood.

SCORPIO is a soul sign, the sign of attachment, intensity, passion and regeneration. It is the sign of sex attraction, and of sex control or realisation. It is a magnetic sign, deep, thorough and strong, in which love or hate is intense but never weak.

CAPRICORN is a body sign, the sign of service, action, separation, responsibility and duty. It is the sign of renunciation as well as absorption, and retention as well as sacrifice of physical life.

PISCES is a soul sign, the sign of sympathy, hospitality and soul sacrifice, in which intellectual understanding gives way to intuition and a yielding of all to the law of love. It is the mystery sign in which women give up their lives to religion as nuns, sisters of mercy, and nurses of a high grade. It is the one sign a woman of the highest order alone can understand, being the consummation of all feminine signs.

Summing up these signs symbolising woman, they represent Inspiration Intuition and Love, synthesised as a whole in Compassion.

What all astrological students may well do both men and women, is to help woman to understand herself, according to laws of Astrology, which represents her as Eve, not tempting man to taste of the delights of the senses, but inspiring him to find his own Soul. Astrology denies the so-called Eastern theory that woman does not possess a soul, and very strongly supports the fact that she is in very truth a Soul attached to a pure physical body. A woman's body and soul are cleansed periodically by the laws of nature and of love, and it is the duty of every astrological student to prove this and help to restore woman to her true and proper place in society as the inspirer and helper of man. If in every child life the first question is, WHERE IS MY MOTHER? then why should we cease to think of her as mother and the representative of the maternal side of the zodiac?

While retaining our ideal of woman, let us see her uneven path of evolution through the six negative signs of the zodiac, and help her to reach her destiny as the perfect Isis, or Venus woman; who, surrounded by shining stars, has put the Moon under her feet.

The sign TAURUS gives to woman the most perfect physical form, and this may be cultivated and brought to a high stage of development by singing, or proper use of the Voice, through voice production, breathing exercises, correct walking and proper relaxation.

Every Taurus girl child may be considerably helped by the astrological teaching concerning this sign; such as the recognition that the physical body is the temple of the human soul. For every woman, Taurus represents a perfect form, graceful and strong, healthy

and attractive. As the casket for holding the germs of a new life, it should be faithfully protected and cared for, by the best forms of exercise and pleasure; and into every woman's life there should come pleasure that should make her happy and free.

The sign CANCER gives to woman instinct and economy; and every female child should be early taught the beauties of cell life, and her maternal mission. When the periodic changes begin, the laws of her being should be explained, by the effects in Nature of the changes of the Moon, and the effects upon herself when the Moon passes over her ascending sign, or the sensitive points in her horoscope which make her respond, even as Nature does. Cancer is the sign of innocence, of instinct, and sensation. The sensational element should be watched and understood, for Cancer is a soul sign, which reacts upon the body when the body is unhealthily or improperly begotten.

All female children responding to the sign Cancer should have sensation explained, in order that it may not materialise the soul and recall its animal past. They are often sensitive children who magnetically absorb the thoughts and feelings of their nurses or guardians, and therefore require special attention against the poison of unhealthy sex natures.

The sign VIRGO is a symbol of a woman's physical purity, portrayed for all the world to see as the Blessed Virgin Mary; Nature's pure and unadulterated substance, of which a pure physical body is the finest expression.

Female children who respond to the sign Virgo are usually psychic, that is, sensitive to the inner worlds of nature, and are best helped by attentive sympathy to their apparent fancies, which are more often than not previsions or reflections of internal states of consciousness. More mistakes are made over the sign Virgo than over any other from a misunderstanding of the feminine peculiarities of this sign.

The sign SCORPIO is a beautiful sign for strength, although a dangerous sign for woman when her love nature has not been understood. It is a soul sign, giving passion instead of sensation, and therefore a splendid force for the generation of fine, strong children.

Female children who respond to this sign become much attached

to those who win their affections, and to satisfy their strong love nature are often drawn to romance, or to bad men who know their weakness for romantic attachments. Clean speech, the avoidance of unclean stories and the relating of unhealthy sex relations in their presence, is essential for their happy growth. They are quick to understand their own sex nature, and as curiosity is one of their chief weaknesses, they should be early taught the laws of their being, and the true meaning of sex affinity.

The sign CAPRICORN gives to woman a peculiar responsibility, as it is often a contradiction of Scorpio. It is the *test* sign for all women, and only a strong woman, who has retained her maternal principle, can hope to fulfil all the functions of this chastening sign. It is essentially a sign of action, and in that lies its danger, for we often find the emotional nature which belongs to woman put into the background by an excessive love of action and responsibility. It is, however, a grand sign for the well-built and honourable woman, for in it Soul and Body are one, that is to say, emotion has become purpose, and service is the absorption of the life; it is the ultimate of the physical woman. Taurus gives beauty, Virgo gives wisdom and Capricorn gives strength.

The sign PISCES is the culminating sign for the soul of a woman, and no tongue can tell the saintship that lies concealed in this sign. It is the sign of the future, the sign of the coming woman. Capricorn and Pisces blended, unite strength with tenderness and justice with mercy, and its consummation is that perfect compassion which every true and genuine woman understands.

We have said much about a new era, the Coming Age, etc., but few have realised that the coming age is the true woman's age. When the signs of the zodiac are re-adjusted, as they will be re-adjusted when astronomy is once again united to astrology, Pisces will become the manifested sign, and its qualities will be brought out of latency into activity. It is the sign of the Christ, the Christ principle to be made manifest in the flesh. As Virgo is the Christian sign of the Virgin Mary, now an ideal for the Catholic part of the Christian world, so will the sign Pisces become the ideal human sign. The mystery of this sign stands revealed in the heart of every perfect woman, who has placed the Moon under her feet, and knows intuitively the real

meaning of the exaltation of Jupiter in the sign Cancer, and Venus in the sign Pisces.

For ages Astrology, as a science, has been in the hands of men; it is now coming as a philosophy into the hands of women, and women will give that inspiration to astrological teaching which it has hitherto lacked but which it will now obtain by reason of woman's coming emancipation.

We all know and recognise the great power of woman's influence in the world, and we have all voiced it in our cry, WHERE IS MY MOTHER? It is for woman to use her intuition and be strong enough to grasp the power that is now awaiting her, and then she will not only love but she will teach, and the signs are now distinct and clear that she will teach astrologically.

Social re-construction lies in the hands of woman; and if she will only be true to *herself*, and understand herself, she will work such a mighty change in social life that will make every man ask with no uncertain voice: WHERE IS MY GOD?

Woman must ever be the inspirer of man, from childhood to maturity. What is her key of power with which she may unlock the door to a thorough social re-organisation? It is purity,—soul purity, as well as physical purity. Let her speak that word with the magic of her Taurean voice. Let her sense it with her Cancerian instinct and economy. Let her live it with her Virginity; and then shall men be regenerate through Scorpio, alive to their responsibilities through Capricorn, and compassionate through Pisces.

Let every woman sum up the six negative signs which belong to her soul's inheritance in that spiritual light of intuition which she possesses, and the work of social re-construction is at once accomplished.

Every woman must be free to express her true self, and that freedom she may win by knowing her astrological worth, which is to become more than a physical mother and rise on the wings of her inspiration to the office of the spiritual mother, and help the world to know God. To-day as never in the history of the world, woman has now her opportunity; let us as astrological students help her to become perfectly free, and truly conscious of her wonderful womanhood.

(To be continued.)

What is the Zodiac?

(Continued from page 267, June issue)

BEING anxious to assist in this enquiry concerning the zodiac we made search for books dealing with the subject, and discovered that very few books were to be obtained in which an explanation of the zodiac could be found and none giving a definite answer to the question.

Thinking we should obtain material assistance from the author of *Solar Biology*, now editor of the *Bible Review*, we wrote to Mr Hiram E. Butler asking him if he would give us his idea of the zodiac, and we have much pleasure in giving our readers the benefit of his reply, as follows:

"We believe that there is a great truth in the statement of Hermes Trismegistus, 'That which is above is as that which is below, and that which is below is as that which is above.' If we look around us we find that no organisation, from the most petty society to the greatest government, can exist without the following order: There must be a president, a chief, a centre, and around him must be gathered a number of advisers, and from these advisers radiates all the governing control of the central body, and this governing control is necessarily modified by the personality and individuality of the different advisers. Now the same law obtains in the universe; our central sun is the centre and governing power of the whole solar system, and the different planets stand as the advisers, or executors, of the principles radiated from that central orb, and each of these planets embodies and emanates a certain quality peculiarly its own. There are many evidences that around our sun, and extending to the outermost planets of the solar system, is a belt that is divided into twelve distinct qualities, known as the twelve signs of the zodiac; and our earth, in its yearly circuit around the sun, passes from one sea, shall we say, of those qualities into another sea, or sign, and the qualities of the ether during the earth's stay in any given sign belong

exclusively to that particular sign. But when any planet enters into any particular sign, or division of the qualities of the sun's zodiac, the planet also adds its nature and quality to that division or sign. This may be illustrated in the association of men. There may be a society that represents a certain principle or quality, and when a man of strong individuality and of a different quality comes into that society every member feels the change produced by the added quality. This illustration is only an imperfect expression of that perfect and wonderful law of order that governs all things. If any one would understand the influence of the zodiac, he must think much upon the law of order.

"It will be seen in considering the law of order, that separateness is absolutely essential to there being an existence of any principle, or form, in nature. This separateness caused by attraction and repulsion rules everywhere, not only in the earth, but in the ether of the heavens. This law of attraction and repulsion causes the different qualities of the ether to separate one from the other; and like qualities to unite to fill the spaces known as the different signs of the zodiac.

"Around our sun is a belt, or zone, composed of twelve distinctly different qualities, radiating out of the immensity of the ether toward the sun. Likewise there is radiating from the immensity of the ether toward any given central body, such as the earth, or the other planets, life-qualities which are taken up by living things, and by the earth, and formed into living organisms. The working-out of this law gives rise to the progression of creation. And when our earth in its yearly revolution around the sun passes out of one of those twelve qualities into another, there is a clearly-defined difference between these qualities; this difference is the boundary between one sign and the adjacent sign. As long as the earth is immersed in one of these qualities, or seas of unformed thought, it acts upon the organisms of life that are upon the earth and causes those organisms to express, to put in form, the thought-element of that particular division of the zodiac that the earth may be passing through on its yearly course. Likewise around our earth are twelve separate divisions or qualities of this unformed thought-element, and the revolution of the earth upon its axis, carries every part of the earth through all of these twelve qualities within twenty-four hours; this we call the earth's

zodiac. These twelve signs surrounding the earth are divided the same as the sun's zodiac, but are dependent upon the qualities of the sun's zodiac in which the earth is at any given time. The twelve qualities, or seas of unformed thought, or signs around the sun through which the earth travels in its yearly circuit constitute the sun's zodiac. Of course it is well known that each of these twelve divisions occupies about 30° of space, and it takes about thirty days for the earth to travel through one of these twelve divisions. But for the earth to carry us through one of its zodiacal signs, it takes only about two hours—sometimes more and sometimes less.

“This fact of the existence of these zones around the sun and the earth, their twelve divisions, and the knowledge of their different qualities was undoubtedly known to the ancients, but is unknown to the moderns. As the mystics and occult thinkers of India thought on these laws they discovered that there are zones in the heavens, one above the other. For instance, immediately surrounding the earth, there is a sphere that is made up of earth-thought and earthy qualities, just above this and surrounding it is another sphere made up entirely of certain thought-elements of a higher quality, and again above and surrounding this is yet another sphere, made up of still higher mind and Spirit-thought, and so on indefinitely. We believe that the old masters who studied these things most carefully gave names to each of these spheres, names significant of their qualities; for there is a law of mind that has been called inspiration through which one, by placing the thought upon any one of these spheres, may draw in, and become the embodiment of the qualities embodied in that sphere. Much might be said on this subject, but it is enough to say that this is the law of recollection (*re-collection*) so common to the human mind. What has been said of the laws governing the zodiac surrounding the earth, is equally true of the zodiac surrounding our sun, but the qualities surrounding the sun are of a much higher order.

“In order to get a correct understanding of these things, it is necessary to let go of, and to separate our minds from, the Hindu namings of these different zones, and to unite our thought with the fact that these zones exist, and of their order in the heavens; for we believe that even the Hindus who had this knowledge at one time, have now really lost the knowledge of the order, and are dwelling

wholly upon the names of the qualities of these separate zones. We believe that there are but few men now living, in India, or anywhere else in the world, who know this great order, therefore when you read the Hindu writings, you do not find this order, you simply find the names of the qualities and the descriptions of qualities. Therefore it is unwise to dwell on their descriptions of qualities, and not to search for, and to find out, these elements of mind, and the order of them. This finding out for oneself will enable one to take a step higher and to obtain a comprehension broader than that possessed by the descendants of the great masters.¹

“Let any one who wishes to get a clear idea of these zones, take any central point, as the earth, and around this draw a zone, call it the sphere of the earth mind, draw another belt outside of that which call, if you please, the intellectual mind, and still another outside of that and call it the occult or psychic mentality, and another outside of that again, and call it the soul mentality, the next beyond that, call the first zone of spiritual consciousness, and so on *ad infinitum*. This may give one a suggestion that may enable one to study the spheres surrounding our earth, and also the spheres surrounding our sun.

“We have given the foregoing in as brief a form as it is possible for us to give it, for time and space do not permit of elaboration.”

The above is a valuable contribution to our collection of ideas concerning the zodiac, and we hope to publish the views of other authorities on the subject.

The author of *Solar Biology* in a “special notice to astronomers and astrologers” says: “Those who study the science of Solar Biology thinking it will amalgamate with astrology or aid in astrological prognostication, will find that it cannot be so used, as it is a distinct science using different data and arriving at entirely different conclusions. . . . The difference between the two sciences (Astrology and Solar Biology) in relation to the two zodiacs used by them (astrologers and astronomers) is this: Astrologers use the moon's zodiac and the momentary motion of the earth as it moves through the

¹ As to the order of these zodiacs please see diagram number 5 of *Solar Biology*.

twelve signs of that zodiac by means of its revolutions on its axis, Etc., etc."

In his explanation of Diagram V. the author says of the Earth's zodiac—"The full functions of man's physical nature find expression in the earth's zodiac on a reduced scale from that of the Sun's zodiac, though in reversed positions, and having relation to polarity instead of quality."

The only real difference between astrological methods and Solar Biology is that the earth is there used as astrologers use the Sun; thus on March 21st the earth would be said to be in Libra, being placed in the opposite sign. The Moon's place is the same in both systems, but in Solar Biology the planets are placed in the opposite signs to those in the Ephemerides used by astrologers.

This last statement requires a certain amount of qualification being literally true only of the more distant planets, the heliocentric longitudes being used instead of, as with us, the geocentric longitudes. A careful study of chapter xiii of *Casting the Horoscope* should, with the foregoing explanation, serve to make clear the relation between the two systems.

HORARY FIGURE FOR ZEPPELIN RAIDS.—*Question.*—Will German airships make a raid on London? Map: x m8, xi m29, xii f16, i v24, ii z20, iii v8; ☉ 19.20, ♃ 21.36, ♀ 2.33, ♁ 11.47, ♂ 8.19, ♃ 24.56, ♃ 2.21, ♃ 15.38, ♃ 28.23.

"On the night of 31st May," writes our correspondent, "I felt a desire to cast a figure and see if there were any indications of a German airship raid over London.

"The time I commenced the horoscope was 9.15 p.m. I had got the places of the Sun, Moon and part of fortune, when I was interrupted and had to leave it three or four times, so when I settled down to finish the map it would be roughly about 11 o'clock. I was deeply engrossed in my calculations when I was startled by a terrific explosion, which seemed to me only a few hundred yards away. My wife and I rushed into the garden, where we heard a succession of awful explosions rapidly following one another. I must confess I was more than startled, for we realised the Zeppelins had arrived at last! and we stood helpless, not knowing but that we might be in the track of the murderers! But providence was watching over us, for the airships had passed over and commenced their intellectual work a little way beyond my place. A cousin of my wife's had two bombs drop in the front garden of her house, one, a fire bomb, rolled down the front garden into the basement, but fortunately the firemen came quickly and put the fire out, one man only was slightly burned on the face.

"Please accept my thanks for the many happy hours I have spent reading MODERN ASTROLOGY."

Answers to Questions¹

PLANET ON CUSP.—When a planet is placed exactly on the cusp between two houses and half-way through a sign, how is one to judge its influence concerning matters connected with both the houses in question? I enclose a map shewing Neptune in 8 204° with ♃ 21° on the cusp of the eighth; now as the native is a Libran would ♃ & ♁ Δ ♃ lead one to expect an exceptional union from this position and Neptune's influence more likely to be felt in the house which is angular? Apart from ♃ Δ ♃ the aspects in this map seems so good that one would hardly judge Neptune's influence here to be unfavourable for marriage. Horoscope: x 81, xi m2, xii z3, i z33, ii m21, iii f23; ☉ 27.16, ♃ 15.58, ♀ 12.25, ♁ 13.3, ♂ 10.44, ♃ 13.46, ♃ 17.42, ♃ 2.45, ♃ 20.32. (311)

A planet on the cusp of a house cannot affect two houses at the same time: when a planet is within 5° of the cusp of any house it begins to affect that house. Its value in the middle of a house is a question of judgment. In all questions of signs and houses the influence of the sign must be studied; there are no hard and fast rules applying to every horoscope, and for this reason the student requires to give individual study to each map. In the map you send Neptune affects the eighth house and this influence should be judged as in the sign Taurus.

You are probably thinking of the general rule that the planets in the western portion of a nativity all affect marriage; but here the ordinary rules must be first observed, the lord of the seventh, planet therein, etc., and lastly the influence of the setting planets. In the map you send the Sun *first applies* to the conjunction of Mars. If a female, Mars is the marriage influence in this case, Neptune only acting as a secondary influence. If a male, the first application of the Moon to Saturn should be noted.

Neptune's influence when affecting marriage provides *the unknown quantity*. It is impossible to judge accurately the direction it will take. In a horoscope where deception is shown, deception will be met; where pure love is given, pure love will be received, etc., etc.

¹ Questions must be of GENERAL INTEREST. They should be written upon one side of the paper only, a separate sheet of paper being used for each separate question, and addressed to Question Department, "Modern Astrology" Office, 40, Imperial Buildings, Ludgate Circus, E.C. Name and address of sender should be attached to each question.

If you would know more about Neptune and marriage find out the mystery of Endymion.

END OF LIFE.—The fourth house is generally considered to show the conditions likely to exist at the end of life. But we are told that the first, tenth, seventh and fourth houses typify, and represent birth, life, death and immortality, respectively. One notes also that the Sun setting on the western horizon in the evening causes the death of another day, and the physical conditions then in operation would, by analogy, correspond with old age passing into death; and in the same way, midnight would represent the after death state. But in practical Astrology we always refer to the fourth house as indicating the conditions and environment of old age. Please explain this apparent contradiction. (312)

There are many interesting explanations concerning the relationship of the fourth house to environment, etc. The most simple is that which represents MARS as the personal ego in its symbolical journey through the zodiac; the most complex is that which deals with the ego's reaction to environment. Every horoscope is both symbolical and particular; for instance the planet Mars is concerned with the emotional soul in every human being and as the ruler of the sign Aries the first sign of the zodiac, and also the first active principle to evolve (Kama), it symbolically represents a person's birth, life, death, and immortality; through Aries birth, Capricorn (exaltation) life, Libra (detriment) death, Cancer (fall) immortality. The old age condition of Mars in Cancer, for this causes longevity, shows the completion of the martial influence.

There is another interpretation. The sign Cancer, fourth sign of the zodiac, is symbolical of the beginning and the end; meaning that in the seed is the *promise* of the future. In a deeper study of Astrology and by understanding certain laws, as yet not publicly known, with regard to the pre-natal epoch, we can trace the beginning and the ending of physical life in the sign Cancer and the Moon. This subject will be dealt with in the new Astrological Institute along with other occult subjects.

RULER OF HOUSE.—I have seen it recently stated that in judging which planet rules a house (apart from any planet that may occupy it) one should take the sign which has most degrees within the house, and judge accordingly. For instance, if $\Omega 20$ is on the cusp of the 4th, and $\text{M} 20$ on the cusp of the 5th, you should take Mercury as the ruler of the 4th house, as M has 20° in the house as against the 10° of Ω . This seems contrary to the teachings of the old astrologers and of experience, and I should be glad to hear your views on the subject. Also please deal with the case where only the last 2 or 3° occupy the cusp of a house. (313)

The cusp of a house has primary importance in a question of this kind,

but it is never wise to ignore the nature of the *whole* house. It is a question of judgment, and to hold to any hard and fast rule on the subject is fatal when dealing with particular horoscopes. If a rule is necessary then we may adopt the plan of considering the joint influence: say $\Omega 20^\circ$ on the cusp of the fourth and $\text{M} 20^\circ$ on the cusp of the fifth, then the fourth house is ruled by the Sun and Mercury. If 28° of a sign is on the cusp of a house then practically the whole of the next sign rules that house.

MOON IN SIXTH.—In accompanying map the Moon is 4° below the cusp of seventh house, indicating partner (who is a Cancer person). In the sixth house it has indicated the series of illnesses (♁ ♁ asc) native has had, generally of a sudden unexpected character (□♁). Would it be correct to infer that the Moon has also rule over the seventh house and that, for instance, ♁ □♁ in ninth could influence matrimonial legal complications? Horoscope:—♁ 1, ♁ 28, ♁ 17, ♁ 2.33, ♁ 7, ♁ 24; ♁ 24.17, ♁ 28.30, ♁ 12.0, ♁ 24.25, ♁ 24.46, ♁ 27.23, ♁ 29.52, ♁ 1.24, ♁ 9.30. (314)

Yes.

TRANSLATION OF LIGHT.—If a planet is separating from an aspect to another planet and applying to an aspect to the cusp of a house, will it carry the influence of the second planet to the cusp? (315)

Yes, in our opinion. We cannot remember whether the matter is referred to in any of the older books.

BAD TEETH: (July, p. 294).—A correspondent abroad writes as follows: "I have Saturn almost δ M.C., in Pisces, semi-sextile Uranus. Have had constant trouble from boyhood, and suffered beyond all possibility of description. Very few teeth left, and dentists, even the best, seem incapable of doing *all* their work well. Nearly always some important portion turns out to have been defective. This began early. One of the biggest London men tried three sorts of instruments and failed to take out a double tooth. Later, another London man (a very good man too) succeeded (partly) while I was under gas, but LEFT IN a big fang, which had to be removed, a dozen or more years after, from the middle of a painful abscess. Italian and American dentists have done work which had all to be redone after a while.

"Later a supposed very clever man did his (expensive) work so badly as to utterly spoil two sound teeth since lost to which he attached others."

Other correspondents write in a similar strain. In two cases the affliction to Saturn is from Uranus.

Obiter Dicta

"An *obiter dictum*, in the language of the law, is a gratuitous opinion, an individual impertinence, which, whether it be wise or foolish, right or wrong, bindeth none—not even the lips that utter it."

OLD JUDGE

BELGIUM: AN APPRECIATION

In his famous lecture which was forbidden by the Italian Government, Maeterlinck declared that what Greece did for western civilisation at the time of the great Asiatic invasions, Belgium has done for the Latin civilisations.

He says that she saved the world by throwing herself across the path and by allowing herself to be trampled to death in order to give the champions of justice the necessary time—not to succour her, for she was aware that she could not be succoured in time—but to assemble troops enough to free Latin civilisation from the greatest danger with which it has ever been threatened. He would have us believe that King Albert and his Belgians were not ignorant of the fact that by barring the way to the invader they inevitably sacrificed their homes, wives, and children. Far from having like the Spartan heroes an imperative and vital reason for fighting, they had everything to gain by not fighting, and nothing to lose—save honour. In the following words the spirit of Belgium is portrayed by Maeterlinck: "On the one side were pillage, fire, ruin, massacre, all the immense disaster which we are witnessing, and on the other, that little word 'honour' which also represents things of immense importance, but things which one cannot see or which can only be seen clearly enough when one is very pure and very great. That a man more highly placed than the rest should perceive what this word represents and sacrifice his life and the lives of those he loved to what he perceived—such a thing has been seen here and there in history, such men have not unrightly become the objects of a devotion which raises them to an eminence almost divine. But the spectacle of an entire people, great and humble, rich and poor, savants and unlettered, sacrificing themselves deliberately for something which is *invisible*—that I declare, has never been seen before, and I say it without fear that any one can contradict me by searching through the history of mankind."

This writer believes that his country-people are "happy and proud" in their suffering, vaguely feeling that this suffering will regenerate them like a baptism of confidence and glory, and that it will ennoble them to the end of time in the memory of man; that

an unforeseen breath, coming from the secret reserves of the human race, from that which is best in the human heart, has passed suddenly over their life and given them a soul of the same heroic mould as that of their King.

They did what had never been done before, and it is to be hoped, for the good of mankind, that no nation may ever be called upon again to do it. At the time when the conscience of the world, weakened by too many years of prosperity and of too selfish realities, was about to undergo some kind of waking, Belgium raised what may be called the political morality of the world several degrees. It has been indeed raised suddenly to a height which it had not yet attained and from which it cannot drop back, for this example is so splendid and has burnt itself so deeply into the world's memory that it must create a sort of new religion and establish definitely the level on which human conscience, loyalty, and courage must stand.

From The Commonwealth.

O. H. M. S.

From a circular, sent to us for distribution amongst our staff in an envelope marked O. H. M. S., we extract the following:—

- (1) Eat less meat.
- (2) Be careful with your bread.
- (3) Waste nothing: to waste food is as bad as to waste munitions.
- (4) Save especially in all things which have to be got from abroad, that is to say, food and drink of all kinds, tobacco, etc.
- (5) Use home products whenever possible, and use them sparingly.
- (6) Before you spend anything, think whether it is absolutely necessary to do so.
- (7) If you have the opportunity—grow your own vegetables, etc.

If the value of abstinence from flesh foods were generally known the world would be greatly benefited. In *The Perfect Way in Diet* by Dr. Anna Kingsford and Edward Maitland, the following passages occur in condemnation of a flesh diet:—"Of the superior orders in the celestial hierarchy—of those, that is, who, being Gods and Archangels, are to the Supreme Spirit as the seven rays of the prism are to light, and the seven notes of the scale are to sound—the knowledge appertains to the Greater Mysteries, and is reserved for those who have fulfilled the conditions requisite for initiation therein. Of those conditions the first is the complete renunciation of a diet of flesh, the reason being fourfold,—spiritual, moral, intellectual, and physical, according to the fourfold constitution of man. . . . Buddha, it will be observed, classed with the practice of bloody sacrifice the habit of flesh eating, and included both in his unsparing denunciation. The reason is not far to seek. Man as the microcosm, resembles in all things the macrocosm, and like the latter, therefore, he comprises within his own system an astral plane or

circulus. In eating flesh, and thereby ingesting the blood principle,—flesh and blood being inseparable,—he sacrifices to the astral emanations of his own magnetic atmosphere, and so doing, ministers to the terrene and corruptible. Thus it is to 'eat of things offered to idols,' for blood is the food of the astral eidola, and the eater of blood is infested by them. . . .

Let us say boldly, and without fear of contradiction, from those who really know, that the Interior Life and the clean Heaven are not attainable by men who are partakers of blood; men whose mental atmosphere is thick with the fumes of daily sacrifices to idols. . . . Abstinence from bloody oblations on all planes, is therefore the gate of the Perfect Way, the test of illumination, the touchstone and criterion of sincere desire for the fulness of Beatific Vision. No man being a shedder of blood, or an eater of flesh, ever touched the Central Secret of things, or laid hold of the Tree of Life."

Madame Blavatsky in the *Key to Theosophy* points out the evil effects of a meat diet. "One of the great German scientists," she says, "has shown that every kind of animal tissue, however you may cook it, still retains certain characteristics of the animal which it belonged to, which characteristics can be recognised. And apart from that, every one knows by the taste what meat he is eating. We go a step further and prove that when the flesh of animals is assimilated by man as a food, it imparts to him, physiologically, some of the characteristics of the animal it came from. Moreover, occult science teaches and proves to its students by ocular demonstration, showing also that this 'coarsening' or 'animalising' effect on man is greatest from the flesh of the larger animals, less for birds, still less for fish and other cold blooded animals, and least of all when he eats only vegetables." Further on she says, "We believe that much disease, and especially the great predisposition to disease, which is becoming so marked a feature in our time, is very largely due to the eating of meat and especially of tinned meats."

THE KING OF ITALY'S HOROSCOPE (p. 287 note):—A correspondent writes from Cannes: "I have failed as yet to procure an official statement as to the exact birth hour of the King of Italy, but will continue my efforts, and hope to succeed.

"Probably the explanation of the apparent discrepancy is as follows: The time of Italy differs from ours by nearly an hour (55 mins. to be exact). Suppose birth at 10.45 p.m., Italian time (as given by Zadkiel); Reuter's correspondent might not get his information for at least a few minutes: it would take him other few minutes to get to the Telegraph office and take his turn:—say at 11.15 p.m. He would, QUITE NATURALLY, turn Italian time into English time for the *English papers*, which would give almost exactly 10.15 p.m. as quoted.

"I have heard 10.35 quoted as the birth hour, but without any guarantee, so this is of no value. The King of Italy is well known as a great numismatist and is said to possess a magnificent collection of coins."

Astro-Phrenology

By W. J. SIMMONITE, *Author of many works on Astrology*

(Continued from p. 429, September issue, 1914)

41. TIME. The organ of time is essential to the man of business, the musician and historian, as it tends to give a faculty of remembering dates and other periods of time, the succession of events, and so on.

Situation.—The organ of Time is situated in the middle region of the forehead, on each side of Eventuality. It is governed by Mercury well located in the ascendant; it is essential to versification and time in music, which will be pure and usefully developed when Venus and Mercury are in favourable configuration with each other. Mercury in good aspect to Jupiter, either of these planets being in the first house, leads to a right estimation of punctuality as well as punctuality in engagements. The value of time renders this faculty more than usually necessary.

Deficiency.—When the organ of time is small, we find Saturn or Jupiter in bad aspect with Mercury, then the native is letting one duty tread on the heels of another and scarcely one thing is done in due time and order.

Abuse.—Persons with this organ large are fevered by delay, they become irritated about trifles of time that they may be kept waiting by others and thus incur a charge of bad temper.

42. TUNE. The organ of Tune bears the same relation to the ears that the organ of Colouring does to the eyes. It is ruled by the ascendant, Libra and Venus, and this planet well situated in the first will give a large development and produces the feeling for music, and is particularly pleasing in calming the passions and producing pleasure by means of perfect innocence.

Situation.—This organ is situated above the external angle of the orbit of the eye, as high as the middle of the forehead, close to time, between that organ and constructiveness. It is generally more

prominent in the heads of the Italians and Germans than in those of the English and French.

Abuse.—This organ, when over large, as is often the case when Venus is in the fifth or seventh house, leads the possessor into society and too frequently into pleasures more enervating and sensual; these are to be feared, and the musician should remember that as the noblest employment of his faculty is to praise God in the Highest, so nothing can be more debasing than the prostitution of it to unworthy purposes.

43. LANGUAGE. This organ gives the power of expression, and a facility for easily reducing thoughts to words. Language is chiefly ruled by Mercury in Gemini and the ascendant, or if Mercury be free from affliction when Gemini, Virgo, Libra or Aquarius ascend, a graceful speech and the organ is pure.

Situation.—This organ lies on the back part of the bone that forms the roof of the eye. A large development is indicated by the prominence and depression of the eye, this appearance being produced by convolutions of the brain situated in the posterior and transverse part of the orbitary plate, pressing downward and outward in proportion to its convolutions.

Large.—When language is large the native will have Mercury and Venus in good familiarity either in the tenth or first house; then a formal linguist or most insufferable talker, or perhaps both, will be produced.

Small.—A small development will be the result of Mercury rising strong in Capricorn or Pisces; what is meant by being strong is well aspected in the ascendant; hence indifferent scholarship, a want of facility in expression, and a disposition to be taciturn. Mercury in aspect with the planet Saturn will give but a small organ, but then the writings of such a person contain hardly a useless word, so that they are often more valuable and interesting than the works of the other class.

Abuse.—Mercury in Pisces, Sagittarius, or badly dignified generally makes a speechifier of small worth, a talker for the mere sake of talking, who frequently loses sight of reason and subject as well as his own good sense. The best use is a felicity of diction in describing the sentiments and opinions of the individuals so that they may be exactly comprehended by others.

Letters to the Editor

HINTS TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Letters of general interest only are inserted. Writers of signed articles are alone responsible for the opinions contained therein. Correspondents desiring acknowledgment or reply will please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

Letters are inserted at the earliest possible opportunity, but are sometimes unavoidably held over through lack of space. Correspondents will please remember (i) that *all* communications should be written upon *one* side of the paper only; (ii) that planetary positions, *as well as birth data*, should be given where possible; (iii) that information should be put as concisely as is compatible with clearness.

Neglect of these considerations may cause otherwise valuable letters to be excluded from these pages.

“ASTROLOGY AND SOCIAL RECONSTRUCTION”

DEAR SIR,

With regard to some of the interesting points in M. Matthew's letter (p. 304 July), anyone of astrological experience who has tried it in the small affairs of life will, I think, agree that it becomes petty and weakening to be constantly attempting to choose times from the ephemeris. But in addition, these times will surely often conflict with our own “directions” and if anything is to be followed it should presumably be these personal indications first. If it is the public affair of laying a foundation stone or launching a ship then by all means choose a good time from the ephemeris and avoid moments such as those when the Lusitania first entered the sea! Again, this letter is a useful reminder that astrologers should pay far more attention than they do to physiological facts and anyone who has been personally interested in the event will have been aware that the moment of conception can never be made a certainty and though we may eventually discover some law affecting this in relation to union, all astrologers will agree that the moment of conception is far the most important.

A good deal of our conventional system of morals is traceable to early Church teaching which had to draw a sharp line of contrast between its precepts and those of the so-called pagans. The Greeks, for instance, had what we now consider some grave defects in their ideas of sex morality but we cannot deny that they had also clearer and nobler views of the dignity of the human body and had the idealism to reverence a godlike beauty of form where the early Church was lost in asceticism, contempt for the body and distrust of the beauty of woman.

As a general principle, no doubt it is wise that any avoidance of conception should be discouraged but at the same time there is no

religious basis whatever for such prohibitions as the Roman Catholic religion enforces along these lines. Sex force, we know, is essentially a power, and capable of being used in varying ways, though it is unquestionably misused and over-stimulated by many things in modern life. There does seem every likelihood that advanced people of the future will separate union from child creation and those who wish for information on the subject will find a more sacramental idea of union put forward in one of the books of Dr. Alice B. Stockham and also reproduced by Edward Carpenter, though the idea is not one for all the world. As to the importance of ardent love between parents, the irony would seem to be that many women, owing to early lack of hygiene and attention to perfect physical development, are incapable of reaching any depth in such feelings, while a few take actual pride in such insensitiveness due to distorted ideas of sex and chastity. Under such conditions, union for whatever purpose must be far from ideal. What it all comes to is that with some temperaments, a sacramental union for the deepening of unity and the blending of two natures should be fully recognised apart from the careful consideration due to the creation of children.

Again we have the interesting practical problem; do astrologers, etc., really have children whose horoscopes show them to be of the "coming race"? There are plenty of parents surely who could provide data for publication? Most of us believe in Reincarnation and that, apart from questions of personal ties between present child and parent in past lives, an Ego of the advanced type will be given to parents whose emotional, mental or spiritual attitude is such as will suit that Ego and give it a good start in training and broad education as required by the progressive type it is.

Now let us have answers from Astrologers, Theosophists, etc., with the practical evidence of children's horoscopes and let us hear if these people really chose special planetary hours or trusted to a high love ideal and their hopes that worthy children would be given them?

Yours faithfully,

A PARENT OF A NEW AGE CHILD.

THE GREAT WAR

DEAR SIR,

In connection with your remark about the horoscope of a monarch being typical of the nation over which he reigns, I cannot help thinking that the three monarchs Victoria, Edward and George had horoscopes very significant, not only of the country but also of the times during which they reigned.

Queen Victoria had Gemini rising, making Mercury her ruling planet; and this was certainly typical of the times in which she lived, with the galaxy of literary men, poets, novelists, etc., who flourished during her reign.

King Edward, with Jupiter the star of peace rising in Sagittarius, has well been named the peacemaker. His reign was short, and it almost seems as if he was removed to make way for the Great War.

That war is of course clearly shown in King George's chart, with Mars the War-God ruling. We can only hope that such favourable positions as you have pointed out, such as Mars being in the congenial sign Leo, and Neptune, ruler of the seas, rising may insure success.

Another thing I have noticed, all young people between the ages of 18 and 24 (all born between October 1 1891 and December 3 1897) have Uranus, the planet of sudden and unexpected happenings, in Scorpio the death sign. A great proportion of young men killed at the war are between these ages. Their sisters, sweethearts and wives are of course about the same age. These probably have Uranus in 3rd, 5th or 7th house. Indeed, I have noticed in several horoscopes that such is the case. One girl whose brother has been killed has Uranus on cusp of third house. Another, whose sweetheart is at the war has the fateful planet in the fifth. One poor "war bride" has Uranus in the fourth, signifying the home, in square to Venus.

I am,

Davidshill, Daby,
Ayrshire.

Yours faithfully,

URANUS IN GEMINI.

[Another correspondent sends us the following nativity of a three weeks' bride, which has some bearing on the latter portion of this letter. The lady was married in London on the 30th of last May at 10 a.m. Her husband went to the Front on June 8th and was shot in the temple and instantly killed in the third week in June. Note ruler ♃ in ♑ first applies to ♂♂ and ♃ in ♎ the marriage sign. *Horoscope*.—x 228, xi ♑o, xii ♂ 18, i ♄3, ii ♄19, iii ♄6; ☉♄ 17.8, ♃♑6.2, ♄♄ 12.42, ♀♑29.30, ♂♄13.27, ♃♄ 3.21r, ♃♄0.49, ♃♄13.56r, ♃♄ 29.17.]

THE WAR

DEAR SIR,

In your May issue there was a very interesting letter from Miss M. Matthews relative to the horary map for the outbreak of the War (11 p.m. G.M.T. 4/8/14), and events certainly seem to bear out her description of it as a 'remarkable figure.' It may not be a fortunate map but Venus, our ruler, is in her own decanate of Virgo and disposes of Mars, Germany's ruler, by close conjunction, while Saturn sub-ruler of the ascendant is strong in the Aquarius decanate of Gemini as against the Moon sub-ruler of the descendant accidentally dignified but in its detriment in ♃♄♃ and ♄.

In considering this map I have come to the conclusion that instead of the orthodox method of taking the tenth house as the fourth of the enemy the German map should be obtained by assuming ♃ 26.3 actually rising. A comparison of the British and German maps on these lines is as follows:

	x	xi	xii	i	ii	iii
Great Britain	♃ 25.34	♁ 19	♆ 26	♄ 26.3	♄ 20	♁ 8
Germany	♁ 20.2	♁ 19	♄ 10	♄ 26.3	♄ 28	♁ 10
♁	♄	♁	♄	♄	♄	♁
♁ 11.41	♄ 28.39	♁ 22.34	♄ 23.27	♄ 23.57	♄ 18.77	♄ 28.6
		♁ 9.337	♁ 28.29			

In the German map Libra on the cusp of the eleventh (for Austria) and Sun lord of the ninth, Mars ruler of the Ascendant in the tenth and our ruler Venus also part ruler of the M.C. and elevated above Mars, seems to accord with the facts and probable course of events. In the London map Jupiter *r* on cusp of eleventh shews our allies are not able to render us much support but Leo on cusp of the natural and actual fifth agrees with the splendid assistance we are receiving from our Dominions across the sea. The German map suggests international bankruptcy in two years and both maps 3½-3¾ years as the probable duration of the war.

The following aspects and events seem more than mere coincidences:

- 3 Feb., 1915. ☉ midway between ♄*r* and ♄*r* ☉*r*. German submarine "blockade" announced.
- 18 Feb., 1915. ☉ midway between ♄*r* and ♄*r* ☉*r*. German submarine "blockade" started.
- 18 March, 1915. ♀ midway between ♄*r* and ♄*r* ☉*r*. Failure of Dardanelles naval attack.
- 18 May, 1915. ☉ ☽ Ascendant (26 8 3). Coalition government formed.
- 20 June, Sunday, 1915. ☉ ☽ ♄*r* (in 2nd Finance). £900,000,000 War Loan announced on the 21st.
- 9 July, 1915. ♀ ☽ ♄*r* (in 2nd, Possessions). Surrender of German South West Africa to Gen. Botha.
- 21 July, 1915. ☉ ☽ ♄*r* (in ♁). Settlement of Welsh Coal Strike.

If premises based on the above are correct, the following positions would appear to indicate the crisis of the campaign, after which the star of Germany should begin to set:

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| 1915 | | |
| 29 July. | ♀ ☽ ☽ <i>r</i> (in ♁) | } Possibly commencement of the British 'thrust' in France and Flanders and probably great victory in home waters and at the Dardanelles. |
| 29 July. | ♀ ☽ ☽ <i>p</i> (in ♁) by direction ¹ | |
| 2 & 4 Aug. | ♀ ☽ ♄ <i>r</i> and ♄ <i>p</i> (in ♁ and ♁) | |

Another interesting speculation, arising out of the British operations in Egypt and Mesopotamia, concerns the Anglo-Israel Theory and the common idea that we are in the "latter times." If these theories are true the United States of America as an off-shoot of the House of Israel (Isaiah xlix 20) *must* come into the war—ostensibly perhaps against Germany but really to help in recovering the Promised Land "from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates, so that the House of Judah shall walk to the House of Israel and together come to the land of their inheritance" in accordance with Jeremiah iii 18 and 14. Probably the conjunction of Mars with

¹ This conjunction took place in ♁, 10.36 p.m. 5/8/14, equivalent to + 359 day after the outbreak of war.

Saturn *r* (16 August) or with Saturn *p* (11 September) will lead to the breaking off of diplomatic relations between the States and Germany. The stationary position of Uranus on 23 October next at ♁ 11.44 8 ☉*r* is also inimical to Germany's foreign policy if the map referred to above is correct.

London 25/7/15

Yours faithfully,
H. D.

PEACE PROSPECTS

DEAR SIR,

I have intended for some time to write down some of my calculations and thoughts concerning the horoscopes of the rulers of the European nations who are engaged in this great war.

First I notice there was a New Moon in King George's progressed horoscope in April last, followed closely by the sextile of the progressed Moon to his radical Moon and ascendant, and this progressed Moon reaches the conjunction of the radical Mars in September next. Now I think this must bring into activity the Sun sextile Moon aspect of 1916, especially as it is backed up by many good transits during the coming three or four months. Also there is Neptune, an important planet in the King's horoscope, which is in conjunction with Sun progressive on July 19, sextile Moon radical August 18, and trine Ascendant radical September 19. Then between July 24 and 29 the Sun is conjoined Sun and Moon progressive sextile Moon radical and conjoined Mars radical respectively. Then again in September the Sun forms good transits and aspects to these points in conjunction with the planet Venus. This is followed up in October with Mars forming transits and aspects to these same points between October 9 and 19.

Now if we turn to the map for the French President we find there is also a New Moon in his horoscope due this month of July, and this is exactly conjoined with Moon radical and sextile Jupiter progressive. This must set in motion the solar aspect of Sun sextile Jupiter progressive, and this is accompanied by good transits and aspects of the Sun and Venus, between August 15 and 21 and again between October 8 and 15, followed up by the progressed Moon sextile Sun radical in December with excellent transits and aspects of Mars about November 19 and 22 and December 10 to 12—Mars becoming stationary on December 31 within orbs of Sun radical and Moon progressive.

This seems to point to good success in the western theatre of the war, especially when we turn to the Kaiser's horoscope. Here we find the progressed Moon forming unfavourable aspects with the progressed Mars and Saturn and the radical Neptune, during the months of July, August, September and October, with some very unfavourable transits and aspects of the Sun and Mars, between July 29 and August 14. Again, unfavourable transits of Sun and Jupiter

occur between September 14 and 25. The reason why I mention the transits of Jupiter is because Jupiter is not in a favourable sign in the Kaiser's nativity. Another point I wish to mention is that Neptune on the 19th of this month, July, left the sign Cancer and entered the sign Leo, and I believe this planet transiting his first house, within orbs of the trine Neptune and Mars radical, has enabled him to help up his system of conceit and deceit, but this will be lost to him from the present date.

Now if we turn to the horoscope of the Emperor of Austria we find the progressed Sun within orbs of the square of the radical Moon and Saturn, with the progressed Moon on the cusp of his ascendant this month of July and opposition the radical Mars in the seventh house and this is backed up with unfavourable transits of Sun and Mars between August 12 and 22, while in December the progressed Moon reaches the semi-square of the radical Moon and Saturn with unfavourable transits and aspects of Mars between November 14 and 23, with Mars stationary on December 31 within orbs of the radical Sun and Moon. These are unfavourable influences and I shall be surprised if he outlives this present year.

All this looks favourable on the side of the Allies in the western theatre of war and gives some hopes of bringing it to a finish. I am not however forgetting that Saturn is transiting King George's fourth house and casts an ugly square to Neptune in his natal figure during the end of this month of July and the beginning of August. Also Mars is transiting the same place during the first five days of September and passing on to the square of Saturn on the 24th. These are critical times for Britain, but I think they will work more as internal troubles in the country, like the present crisis in South Wales.

There is just one more point in regard to the Kaiser's unfavourable directions. When Mars by transit reaches the opposition of his progressed Moon on August 6 it will be within orbs of his radical Mars and Neptune. Mars being in the sign Gemini this looks as if the United States may take action against him.

Yours sincerely,

W. PINCHIN.

20/7/15.

A CORRESPONDENT writes:—"In the 'Prophetic Vision' of Count Tolstoy before his death, in response to an oral message from the Czar, he says: 'But about the year 1915, a strange figure enters the stage of the bloody drama. He is a man of little militaristic training, but he will hold most of Europe in his grip till 1925. He is already walking the earth, a man of affairs. A mission is assigned him by a superior power.'—Might I suggest, from what I know of both the radical and progressed positions of the horoscope of the present Pope Benedict XV., his ability to amply fill the bill."

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THE WISE MAN AND THE FOOL

ANSWERING a question on "Astrological Predictions relating to the War" at a lecture given before the Blavatsky Lodge in June last we made a prophecy that the war would end when the world had learnt the lessons that the war had to teach. We have underlined the word prophecy because we think it is necessary to emphasise the true meaning and value of the word in view of our permanent heading that this journal "is devoted to the search for Truth concerning Astrology."

We frequently hear of predictive statements being made, by persons who have no real love for Astrology, with the intention that they shall be considered as successful prophecies should they turn out to be true. These irresponsible statements are not only harmful to the cause we espouse, but they give our critics the opportunity to deride a subject they do not understand. We know very well that it is possible to predict the outcome of certain influences, but we are not always so sure that we know the *exact* time-limit of any occurrence.

A questioner at the Blavatsky Lodge lecture, a student of Astrology, expressed his opinion that the war would last three years,

and he added that Sepharial had also stated that the war would last this time; though at what date either thought the war would terminate was not stated. If three years from the commencement of the war was meant, then this student (Mr Snowden Hall), and Sepharial would give us to understand that the war would end in July or August, 1917. We mention this because we do not consider these men to be irresponsible students, they have studied the subject for many years. We do not wish to cavil at any qualified student's predictive statements, for we know that their interest in Astrology is as sincere as our own; but we do think that the whole question of prediction should be thoroughly ventilated, with a view to changing our outlook from a *fatalistic* to a much wider and broader attitude of mind with regard to the predictive side of Astrology.

The fatalistic astrologer, being a fatalist, must necessarily believe in the TIME factor as a rigid element in all his calculations; and while he remains a fatalist he must adhere to his principles, and predict accordingly. This type of student is always inclined to be pessimistic and therefore prone to see the evil side of life in preference to the good. The God he believes in is a just God, but not always merciful. The philosophic astrologer, on the other hand, is usually an optimist and sees in all things a divine purpose; to him it is manifest that God has a plan, and he sees in that plan enough latitude for the exercise of individual free will as shall allow for effort, which is sometimes stronger than destiny—or rather, stronger than *fate*.

So far as the student is concerned it is a question of temperament. So far as Astrology itself is concerned it is a question of understanding its principles, and its ancient teachings.

Fortunately we have some authority to fall back upon, and as authority carries so much weight with many we may take as our guide in deciding between the fatalistic and the philosophical astrologer, the authoritative statement of the ancient astrologers that the wise man rules his stars and the fool obeys them.

If it should appear that we have a bias in favour of the philosophical astrologer, it must be assumed that our long practical experience has brought the conviction that whatever attitude the astrologer may have adopted in the past, the present and the future require a more liberal interpretation of the science of Astrology than

that which has been current hitherto. We have for many years been in the transition stage with regard to astrological interpretation, as is evidenced by the repeated statements that the Stars Incline, they do not Compel; and that Character is Destiny. These statements are preparatory to the final realisation of the ancient maxim, The Wise Man rules his Stars.

The fact is evident that the wise men have not out-numbered the foolish in the past, and it came to pass therefore that the astrologer in times gone by found more men obeying their stars than ruling them, and so he felt more satisfaction in seeing the realisation of his predictions than in giving apparently useless advice to men bidding them strive to overcome the adverse influences.

Sooner or later every interpreter of astrological influences will have to discriminate between the classes of people for whom he expounds the meaning of the stars.

There are undoubtedly many persons who *are* compelled by certain influences to obey the dictates of their own lower nature, and for this class it is quite easy to predict a fall under certain temptations, causing them to commit acts of folly that could have been avoided had they exercised sufficient strength of will. We have tabulated a large number of cases where predictions for this class have come true. Alas, that it should be true that men are still the slaves and not the rulers of their senses.

There is another class of persons for whom the astrologer can never make *accurate* predictions, not because they have wholly ruled their minds or senses, but owing to a failure on their part to respond to external influences. They are usually the very self-centred persons, wrapped up in their own shell of isolation or indifference. They are the people who never commit themselves to mistakes, and for the most part consider themselves high above the stars. These persons generally live narrow lives, into which few events of any importance intrude. Influences that stir others to do noble things leave them cold and unmoved.

If we analyse the subject we shall find that the secret of fate and free will lies in *response* to influences, and we may translate this response into freedom of choice and judge accordingly. But the most fatal mistake that has ever been made in predicting is that of judging

events arising out of "directions" without sufficiently studying the radix or ROOT from which all future influences are derived.

No student of Astrology, so far as we are aware, has been able to discover the *radical figure* for the outbreak of the present great war. Many *times* have been suggested as the right time, but they are all based upon events arising out of the real moment when the genesis of the war took place. Herein we meet the problems of fate and destiny, the problems that arise out of God's will clashing with man's will.

These ideas lead us to make the only prophecy we think it is justifiable to make with regard to the ending of this great war. We say with conviction *that this War will end when the world has learnt the lessons that the War has to teach.*

This may be next October, it may be next spring, or it may be three years from the time it began, or any other time. If the war was planned by God, or Nature, or any other Intelligence to *commence at a certain moment in time, and to end at a certain hour already fixed* by that Intelligence, then are we faced with a terrible prospect, in which we find ourselves puppets in the hands of an INEXORABLE FATE, and all our efforts hopeless to deliver us from a prearranged bondage from which we can never hope to escape, and death alone—perhaps hardly even death—can set us free. Any interpretation of Astrology based on this idea is soul killing and decidedly inimical to all ideas of evolution and progress.

The reader may think it strange that we strike the same note many times, but it will require striking many times again before its sound echoes through the world and proclaims the truth about the music of the spheres.

"Be not deceived, God is not mocked. Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap."

This is the text for our astrological sermon that the stars incline, they do not compel. This is the scriptural teaching from which we draw our authority to reiterate the statement that CHARACTER IS DESTINY.

Man plans and makes wars; and the wars are God's opportunity to reveal Himself in the heavens; for He is in fire and passion of Mars as well as in its devotion. He is in the murderer that slew the Archduke Ferdinand, and in the units of the Red Cross staff who tend the wounded victims of the war that followed a murderous act.

God is immanent in every part of His universe, in the apparent evil and in the good.

Birth and death are pains to be endured for a necessary experience stretching from the cradle to the grave. Students of Astrology have the great advantage of learning some of the closest secrets of Nature, and through this science may *understand* those riddles of the universe that are problems to so many, and for which theories may be found that can never be so satisfactory as the demonstrations of Astrology.

Let us awake to the truth that every human being is a seed of divine life planted in the soil of a material world, and destined to grow into conscious realisation of divinity. Having awakened, let us help every seed to unfold its divine properties by pointing out the upward tendencies of the finer forces and influences in distress, the upward tendencies of the soul. Time is a thing of the PAST, our Fate is a thing of the FUTURE, therefore let us forget the past and live in the future and identify ourselves with the upward arc of the great circle of LIFE. We are not troubled by war because we have none of the warring elements in ourselves. We have outgrown those depressing influences which bind men as slaves to the earth. The war is a great lesson to those who need the lesson; they will profit by obeying the blind and compelling influence of the Martial war lord who energises and stimulates our seeds into *action*.

Those among us, who are not self-deceived, know that the world required a great lesson to check the materialistic apathy, indifference and selfishness that prevail; and having taken ourselves in hand we therefore let the martial influence pass over us, like a great wave, without allowing ourselves to be drowned or swept off our feet in the fear and anxiety of a world's murderous passion. Anger, lust and greed, these are the deadly sins that must be cured by the purging of what for want of a better understanding men have termed "God's wrath." We may look at the problem of the war from whatever standpoint we wish, but the deeper we look the more convinced shall we be that the war, begun in anger and stimulated by lust for power and greed for worldly possession, will not end until the world has learnt the lessons the war had to teach.

National Astrology

New Moon 8/10/1915, 9.42 p.m. G.M.T.

	x	xi	xii	i	ii	iii
(1)	♁ 10	♄ 16	♁ 3	♁ 13	♁ 29	♁ 17
(2)	♁ 25	♄ 3	♁ 19	♁ 24	♁ 9	♁ 29
(3)	♄ 13	♄ 28	♁ 11	♁ 12	♁ 26	♁ 15
(4)	♄ 28	♄ 20	♁ 16	♁ 26	♄ 9	♁ 6
	♁ 14.31	♄ 6.46	♄ 21.28	♁ 0.34	♁ 20.49	♁ 16.6
			♁ 11.49		♁ 2.27	
	(1) London	(2) Berlin	(3) Petrograd	(4) New York		

THERE are some strong aspects and positions in this map.

Saturn is rising in Cancer over the greater part of Europe; it is in square to the two luminaries and Venus in Libra on the fifth cusp at London but in the fourth house at Berlin; but it is in trine to Jupiter in Pisces, which is in the tenth house from London to Berlin, and in the ninth house further eastward.

The rising of Saturn in its detriment, Cancer, and lord of the seventh, eighth and ninth houses, shows much trouble and discontent affecting most nations of central and western Europe. The poorer classes especially will feel the pinch of circumstances resulting from the war, and outcries, protests, and appeals for amelioration of conditions will be heard from more than one quarter. Saturn weak and squaring its dispositor, the Moon, is a most unfortunate influence; but the Sun also has the square, and the upper classes will be almost as much troubled as the rest. Many deaths will take place, including some who are well known in the state, possibly even in royal circles.

With Mars lord of the eleventh house and squaring Mercury, a good deal of acrimonious political discussion will take place and changes are likely in one or more of the Cabinets; but governments within the region mentioned will make great efforts to organise national resources and to remove hardships and distress.

The trine of Jupiter to Saturn shows government intervention in financial affairs with the probability of success and the removal of the worst of the difficulties. This is a likely time for one of the belligerents

to float a loan, to rearrange taxation, and to reorganise national trade, finance and labour. But money matters, both national and international, will not be under favourable influences, and the heavy outlay in the past will be felt now and will cause trouble; failures are indicated as well as disastrous fluctuations in stocks and shares.

Jupiter culminating and strong by sign is rather favourable for a more pacific and less irreconcilable feeling between the nations; allies will be drawn more closely together; friendly intervention is probable; the navy will gain credit and new ships be launched or made ready and royal functions take place in connection with army and navy; and the air service will attract great attention and gain success. The square between the lords of the first and seventh houses, however, is a heavy drawback to the idea of peace and will stir up troubles that will cause internal disharmony within the nations, due to the distress of all and for all but chiefly the people.

The following shows how the place of the lunation falls in various horoscopes; most of them are unfortunate. It will be noticed that Jupiter, Saturn and the two luminaries are all in angles when transferred to the horoscope of the German Emperor, the cusps of which are rather similar to those of the lunation.

KING GEORGE V	♁ ○ ♄ ♄	LORD KITCHENER	♁ ♄ ♄ ♄
KING OF ITALY	* ♄ ♄ ♄ ♄	KING OF NORWAY	♄ MC □ ♄
CZAR	♄ ♄ □ ○ ♄	GERMAN EMPEROR	□ ♄ Δ ♄
PRES. POINCARÉ	♄ ♄ □ ♄ * ♄ ♄	AUSTRIAN EMPEROR	□ ♄ ♄
KING OF BELGIUM	♄ ASC □ ○	QUEEN OF HOLLAND	♄ ♄
		GENERAL JOFFRE	♁ ♄

Saturn will be stationary before going retrograde on October 29 at ♁ 16° 30' which is near enough to the ascendant of the German Emperor to be unfortunate for him; it is also near the opposition of his Mercury.

Uranus will be stationary before going direct on October 22 at ♁ 11° 44', and it will receive the opposition of Mars from ♁ 11° 46' on October 30, which all students will recognise as falling evilly for the German Emperor; but as a set off to this, Jupiter transits the cusp of his mid-heaven on November 1.

Jupiter was in opposition to Mr Asquith's Sun shortly before the reconstruction of the government and the formation of the Coalition, and it repeats this position in October.

PEACE PROSPECTS

As far back as last January, in a summary of the probable events of the coming year, we pointed out that peace was impossible during the first six months of the year, but that during the second six months, beginning with July, there would be several occasions on which attempts of some sort towards peace might be made. In our comments on the July New Moon we called attention to the position of Jupiter in the seventh house, but added that peace could not actually come about then. These anticipations have been fulfilled. During the July lunation a large number of references to peace from important sources were made public. The Pope was reported to be making efforts to secure an armistice, and comments were made on this in various countries. Then the German Emperor made an offer to Russia of a separate peace through the King of Denmark, and this was refused. The United Press of the U.S.A. invited the German Emperor to give his views on peace, and received a reply from Von Bethmann-Hollveg. Several Dutch and Swiss Newspapers published articles on peace, believed to be inspired from Germany. A semi-official statement was issued that Germany was willing to consider reasonable peace proposals from the Allies; and a German order of the day in Flanders stated that peace was certain in October. All this came to nothing, as we anticipated, but it was quite in accord with the mundane significations. Further developments are likely to appear in September and October as we have elsewhere stated.

MORE BOY BABIES.—Zurich, June 26: Statistics of births in Vienna since last October bear out the popular belief that more boys than girls are born in time of war. Part of the figures dealing with mothers of the poorest classes—fugitives from Galicia and Bukovina—show that of 559 children born 314 were boys. The average proportion is 108 boys to 100 girls, whereas these figures give 128 boys to 100 girls.

A similar preponderance in male births is given by the Vienna War Sponsors' Society, whose records show their protégés number 140 boys to 100 girls. Among both classes referred to there is a considerable increase in the number of twins born. (Reuter.)—*Daily Express*, 30/6/15.

GERMANY'S POSITION IN THE GREAT WAR.—At the moment of going to press (last week in August), we have received a long article from Mr W. Becker, of Oranienburg, letters from whom were published in *MODERN ASTROLOGY* for December 1914 and March 1915. This article we propose to print entire in our next issue, with any comments that seem called for. Mr Becker writes well, and the article calls for attentive examination.

Astrology and Social Reform

By THE EDITOR

II.—SENSUALITY AND PASSION

BEFORE we consider the astrological aspect of the part men and women will have to play in the reconstruction of our social life, let us enquire further into the call that is now coming to women as the wives and mothers of the future. After the world war, the conditions with regard to women will have altered to such an extent as to make women freer and more independent than they have ever been before, and for the first time in our history the majority of women will be able to give themselves freely to men of their choice, in a marriage that will be *equal on both sides*.

The demand for a pure relationship has hitherto been onesided, man having demanded that woman should be pure and untainted. The day is now fast approaching when the woman will demand that the man shall be equally as pure. If we are to have a thorough reconstruction of society in the future, the false notions we have held with regard to marriage will have to go, otherwise separations and divorces will continue, and the more lamentable evil that arises out of confusion of ideals.

A woman's influence in love and marriage should count equally with that of a man's, and it is for women to be firm and true, without fear, in their demand that the fathers of their children shall be as pure in spirit as they are in body.

It should not be a rare thing for a man to have retained his purity and feel morally responsible for his conduct as well before as after marriage, and it should not be admitted that it is not so necessary for a man to be pure as for a woman, an admission based upon a false impression of true social life. Inferior animal-men may hold polygamous views, but no *human* being should admit that promiscuous intercourse is necessary or a satisfactory excuse for immoral sexual life.

If a man cannot control his animal nature he should recognise his moral weaknesses and refuse to marry a clean and healthy woman, who remains in ignorance of his weakness; or he should set to work and purge himself of his uncleanness in order that his offspring should be untainted by magnetic adulteration. If he finds this impossible, then in fairness he should mate with a woman who holds the same immoral views as himself.

If a woman must come whole and complete to her husband, why should she not demand that a man be equally whole? In this lies the secret of woman's future greatness and the purification of social life.

Before the astrological side of this question can appeal to those interested, we must understand the social conditions necessary for the application of astrological laws, and why we must first look to women to save the race.

Male and female children are born naked into this physical world, under the protection of a male and female parent. In a normal issue of male and female births, a male is positive and forceful, and a female negative and receptive, two halves of one whole, neither superior nor inferior, for the one cannot do without the other.

Given a fair start in life, although the female may turn to the left and a male to the right they will eventually meet in the circle of destiny and unite. Moving in a straight line, obeying the moral laws of life, their course will bring all the necessary experiences which shall fit them to become good and useful members of a healthy society; but moving in a crooked line, their experiences will often produce miserable and unhappy lives, and when they meet their mates, discord instead of harmony will most likely be the result. Nature by her subtle laws seeks to restore the broken harmony in various ways, understood by thoughtful astrological students.

When we study human nature astrologically, there can be no question as to sexual equality, for we then gain a true sense of proportion with regard to the whole subject, which places the sexes on an equal footing so far as their evolution and destiny are concerned.

Previous to the descent of the spirit into the lower worlds there is no sex. Sex begins when the celestial zodiac, which is a homogeneous whole, is broken into two equal halves of positive and negative, or masculine and feminine, signs. One of the keys to unlock the mystery

of the zodiac concerns the unfoldment of spirit through the sexes. The celestial zodiac is the Garden of Eden, where we first hear of Adam and Eve. Reading Genesis i. 27 with the right understanding, we find that Adam and Eve are one. "And God (Elohim) created man in his (their) own image male and female created he them (him)"; and in the second verse, "Male and female created he them (him) and called *their* (his) name Adam."

The soul is sexed, but not the spirit, and the female soul may occupy a male body, as can the male a female body. In this lies the secret of our social confusion, our unhappy marriages, and immoral offspring. To restore the broken harmony of social life, we must restore woman to her true place as wife and mother.

Owing to the complexities contained in the science of Astrology, the symbols of the Sun and Moon are used, for simplification, as representatives of the positive and negative halves of the zodiac, and for this reason the positions of the Sun and Moon in the same degree, in a male and female horoscope respectively, are taken as symbols of agreement, owing to the free interchange of magnetism which follows. Marriage, to be harmonious, must be based upon pure magnetic relationship, and if the best offspring is to result, there must be no adulteration of the magnetism on either side. Falling in love is a magnetic attraction produced by the meeting of two currents of influence, which are capable of blending harmoniously, either sensationally, passionately, or spiritually.

"Falling in love" is a term which explains what is meant by a strong attraction of the two sexes, but Love, in the true sense of the word, has nothing whatever to do with the falling of two persons into a mutual embrace or into any connection that may follow the first meeting. Love is a spiritual recognition of the Self embodied in another form. Speaking for the moment from an ordinary astrological standpoint, a woman "loves" sensationally and instinctually, or spiritually and intuitively. Passion may enter into her love, but it is not a normal condition for the expression of the negative or feminine zodiacal signs.

This may be explained through a study of the sign Scorpio, a soul sign common to male and female alike. Scorpio is the sign in which the full measure of passion can be best expressed, it is the sign in

which male and female meet as one for generative purposes; it is also the sign of regeneration for both sexes. It is recognised by all astrologers as the "accursed sign," the sign of sin, in which the creative forces fall into generation. It is also the sign of strength, will and purpose, equal in its power of greatness and goodness to its capacity for evil. Essentially a feminine sign, it is the turning point in human evolution, and the secret of its turning lies in *self-control*.

Scorpio has always been the sex sign, governing as it does the generative organs and the generative system, and it is to the principle contained in this sign that we must look for social re-generation, and only through the soul of woman can this work be carried out. The six negative signs of the zodiac are feminine signs, and they are summed up in Virgo, the pure virgin matter sign, and Scorpio the passionate regenerative sign.

The Sun and the positive signs of the zodiac symbolise the male, and the Moon and the negative signs of the zodiac the female. The planets are neutral in this respect, having each a positive and negative house for expression. Apart from sensation, passion, or spirituality the Sun and the Moon are electric and magnetic centres, and produce nothing more than magnetic rapport, but the planets act otherwise, although there are special cases where the luminaries have a transmuting influence. Astrologically speaking, passion is not sensuality, it is that which changes and transcends sensuality, as we shall see when we study woman's nature in relation to the sign Scorpio. Without passion there is very often lacking strength in offspring, therefore passion should be understood by both men and women. Astrologically, sensuality is more often found in the sign Taurus (governing the body), than in the sign Scorpio, governing the emotions and the soul. In Scorpio is the great driving force that uplifts and raises the soul as well as degrades it when used selfishly. To help astrologically in our work of social re-construction we must understand sex, and try to explain it so that all may understand. In every sign we shall find a vice as well as a virtue, and in this respect all signs are dual with objective and subjective expressions.

Taurus is a creative sign from the subjective standpoint. It is the sign of voice production, speech, singing and creative sound; it is also the sign in which sensual delights are indulged and where true

passion loses its soul in form. All bodily gratification of the senses may become a vice in the sign Taurus. In this sign lies woman's strength and her weakness. The fulfilment of the sign Taurus is a perfect and well-developed form, out of which may rise the most soul-inspiring vocal expression, or the most sensual and seductive attraction. A Taurus woman may choose which side of the Taurean nature she will cultivate, and, true to her nature, the Taurus woman may easily place a man on the horns of a dilemma.

The transmutation of passion is a woman's greatest physical achievement, and no true woman should be afraid of it, but should try to understand it, for it is a soul gift in which the divine fire is called from heaven in the act of physical creation. No woman who has an ardent and intense love nature can fail to arouse this passion, which comes when she bids it, and having fulfilled its mission, passes on for a period regulated by Nature, and the attractive force draws her husband to her at the time when the heavens pour forth the influence. A sensual woman rarely has passion but may often have the sensation which passes as passion, while a spiritual woman who is pure may know of the highest passion, the difference being that a pure woman controls and uses passion while the sensual woman stimulates or abuses it. Animal "love" is sensual when abused; human love is not without passion when rightly used, and it unites the male and the female in a union that sanctifies, and very often spiritualises, the creative act. In our work of social re-construction we must understand passion and use it wisely. It is the motive that decides the right use of passion in all its manifold modes of expression, from the passion of wifehood to motherhood.

To understand passion we must understand the elements concealed in a mutual strong and virile sign Scorpio. Passion raises the consciousness out of the body, sensuality locks up the force in the body and makes the form grossly material, and while passion refines, intensifies and humanises, sensuality coarsens, deadens and animalises.

Passion must be pure on both sides, for when adulterated, it is poison, and leads to hatred and death.

Passion is the midway point between sensation and compassion, it is Scorpio between Cancer and Pisces.

(To be continued)

The Length of the Precession Cycle

A SURVEY OF THE QUESTION

1. THE following is a fair example of a question that is constantly being asked:—

Is it correct that the ecliptic and the zodiac of constellations exactly coincide every 25920 years. Referring to astronomical works I find that the precession of the equinoxes complete the circle in 25867 years. This would give an annual movement of $50''\cdot1$. According to the 25920 years' cycle mentioned on p. 252 of MODERN ASTROLOGY for June 1914 it should be exactly $50''\cdot2$ per year. Could you tell me the exact difference per year between the zodiac of the constellations and the zodiac of the ecliptic. If it is $50''\cdot2$ will you please tell me what are the factors causing this difference? The object of these inquiries is to ascertain the exact measurement by which the Indian Zodiac would fall behind the Zodiac of the ecliptic in one year.

As this matter is of considerable importance astrologically, we will take advantage of the opportunity to give a short statement of what is and what is not known astronomically on this subject. It is difficult, if not impossible, to find in any astronomical work a full and explicit account; usually the information given is only partial, and as this partiality is not specifically stated, the reader naturally supposes himself to be in possession of the facts when in reality he is not.

THE KNOWN FACTS

2. The pole of the heavens, that is to say the point of the heaven to which the earth's axis is directed, is known to have a movement among the stars. This movement amounts to about $20''$ annually, and is in the direction of a meridian of about 24 hours of Right Ascension, or, as it might otherwise be expressed, towards the first point of Aries. This much is definitely known, and anyone who is in doubt may assure himself of the fact by the recorded declinations in various years of stars having an R.A. of about 24 hours and also stars of R.A. about 12 hours—he will find that the N.P.D. (north

polar distance) of these stars is decreasing in the first case, and increasing in the second, and that by a rate of about $20''$ per year, using round numbers.

3. Another thing that is known, is that the ecliptic longitudes of the stars have increased since the time of Hipparchus and Ptolemy by a rate which is approximately equivalent to $50''$ a year: this is known from a comparison of the recorded longitudes of stars as given by Ptolemy with their longitudes to-day, and also by the observed alteration in the right ascension of stars from year to year at the present time—alterations which the perfection of detail in modern observatories has enabled astronomers to measure with great precision.

4. These are the two known facts, and now we come to explanations of them.

LUNI-SOLAR PRECESSION

5. If the pole is slowly revolving about the pole of the ecliptic as a centre, then, the distance of these two poles being $23^{\circ}28'$, the annual movement of $20''$ which the pole makes and which is at right angles to the solstitial colure,¹ will cause the colure to move towards $\Upsilon 0^{\circ}$ with an annual speed which can be calculated according to a well known theorem in spherical astronomy by the following formula:

$$20'' \times \operatorname{cosec} 23^{\circ} 28' = 50'' \text{ approximately.}$$

That is to say, the solstitial colure is moving towards those stars situated near $\Upsilon 0^{\circ}$ at an annual speed of about $50''$. Now the equinoctial colure, by which we determine $\Upsilon 0^{\circ}$, being always by definition at right angles to the solstitial colure, it follows that both colures are moving among the constellations in the direction Aries-Pisces-Aquarius by $50''$ annually, causing all stars to increase their longitudes annually by the same amount. This is what is meant by the "Precession of the Equinoxes," and the only reason it is called the precession of the Equinoxes and not the precession of the Solstices, is that it was first noticed in connection with the equinoxes, and that it

¹ The "colures" are two great circles of the celestial sphere at right angles to each other, and passing through the poles. The solstitial colure passes through the points 90° and 180° of celestial longitude, and therefore through the pole of the ecliptic also; the equinoctial colure as its name implies passes through the equinoctial points $\Upsilon 0^{\circ}$, $\alpha 0^{\circ}$.

is practically much easier to determine the exact point of the equinoxes where the Sun's declination changes rapidly, than the solstices where his declination remains nearly constant for some time.

6. The foregoing paragraph should be read with attention and if necessary re-read, for it holds the key to the whole difficulty surrounding the precession problem.

7. When it is noticed that the speed of movement of the colures derived by formula from the polar movement (par. 5), coincides with the speed derived from ancient and modern observations (par. 3), it is natural to conclude that here we have the explanation of the phenomenon and that no further difficulty, other than mere details of precision, can exist.

8. This conclusion was, in fact, reached by astronomers as early as the time of Newton and it has not yet been abandoned. Newton sought for a physical explanation of the phenomenon and hit upon the ingenious idea that it might be due to the joint attraction of Sun and Moon upon the earth's equatorial protuberance, the earth not being a perfect sphere but an oblate spheroid.² And this explanation has since been accepted by astronomers as final. Grant in his account of it says, "By means of several ingenious suppositions he succeeded in bringing the problem within the reach of his geometry, and computed the quantity of precession due to each of the two disturbing bodies (*Principia*, book iii., prop. 39). The imperfect state of mechanical science, combined with the intricacy of the subject, happened indeed in this instance to betray him into a mistake³; but his solution of this great problem was on the whole sound, and Laplace who has critically examined it, has not failed to point out its excellent merits (*Méc. Cél.* xiv., ch. i)."⁴

² We do not know that the earth is an oblate spheroid; it is an inference, based on the assumption that our explanation of the variation of gravity at different places on the earth (as determined by the pendulum) is correct. Should our present conception of gravity be at fault, as conceivably it may be, our notion of the shape of the earth may require readjustment.

It is proper to add here that trigonometrical surveys made with the greatest care and precision afford evidence tending to prove the spheroidal figure of the earth, but as Newcomb remarks: "As yet, geodetic measures cover so small a fraction of the earth's surface that an accurate determination of the earth's figure cannot be derived from them; measures of the force of gravity, as given by the length of the second's pendulum, are therefore still most relied upon for the purpose in question."

³ [We are not told what this mistake was, nor of what nature.]

⁴ *History of Physical Astronomy*, p. 39; by Robert Grant, F.R.A.S.

9. The foregoing explanation is held to account for precession, or rather, for most of it—what is called the "luni-solar precession."

PLANETARY PRECESSION

10. The remaining ingredient of precession, known as the "planetary precession" is exceedingly small, less than a fifth of a second of arc annually, and operates in the contrary direction, so that it tends to make the total precession (known as the "general precession") less than the "luni-solar precession."

11. Planetary precession is conceived to be brought about in this way: Laplace established mathematically the existence of an "Invariable Plane" or mean plane of all the planetary orbits comprising the solar system, and as the result of his investigations gave the position of this plane and the movement with reference thereto of the various orbits. The plane of the Earth's orbit being the same thing as the Ecliptic, if this moves with reference to the stars or, what comes to the same thing, with reference to the Invariable Plane, the points of coincidence of the Ecliptic and Equator which constitute the equinoctial points will not occur exactly where they otherwise would; and this deviation constitutes the planetary precession.

GENERAL PRECESSION

11. Before passing on to any critical remarks, it will be of interest to give the latest adopted values of the annual speeds of movement referred to. The following are taken from Newcomb's *Spherical Astronomy*, 1906, and are the values actually used in compiling the national ephemerides used by astronomers:

Date	<i>n</i>	<i>p</i>	<i>l</i>
"	"	"	"
1850	2005.11	5036.84	5024.53
1900	2004.68	5037.08	5025.64
1950	2004.26	5037.33	5026.75

These are the motions per century, and must therefore be divided by 100 to indicate the *annual* motion: three dates are given, and the rates of movement at those dates, from which it can be seen that the rate according to accepted theories varies very slowly and minutely. The letter *n* indicates the polar motion described in paragraph 2, *p* the

uni-solar precession described in paragraphs 5-9, and l the general precession resulting from the combination with this of the planetary precession described in paragraphs 10, 11; $p-l$ will therefore give the total planetary precession in longitude: all being per century and not per annum. The information here given provides an answer to the specific question quoted in par. 1, in which the annual rate of the general precession is asked for: $50''256$ may be taken as the best value at present obtainable.

12. Apart from minutiae of detail, that is the whole matter as it at present stands. With respect to the quantities in the foregoing paragraph, they are the *joint result* of observation and theory; certain observations of admitted accuracy, are examined with great minuteness in the light of certain accepted theories (*e.g.*, gravitation), and the foregoing figures represent the highest degree of precision it is possible to obtain by these means. It is however necessary to remember that if the fundamental hypothesis on which they are worked out does not truly represent the action of Nature, accuracy of observation and delicacy of mathematical investigation will not save them from being misleading.

THE PRECESSION CYCLE

13. Now we come to the length of the Precession Cycle. Dividing 360° by one hundredth of l , mean value, from par. 11 gives us for the whole cycle 257878 years: but we must not disguise from ourselves that in this we are tacitly assuming that the rate remains (at least approximately) constant during the whole cycle, and we have no warrant for this assumption. It is important not to lose sight of this, or we may be led into false reasoning. There can be no doubt whatever, as the result of repeated and very careful investigation, that the present speed of precession approximates closely to $50''2$ per annum, and that it has not extravagantly deviated therefrom during the past, say, 1,000 or even 2,000 years. But this does not warrant us in assuming that therefore it *cannot* have deviated to any appreciable extent from this value throughout the whole cycle. In fact some evidence can be offered that the true value of the whole cycle may be nearly 32,000 years, as we shall see later.

THE AYANAMSHA

14. Up to this point we have dealt with what is known of precession and its results, also its assigned causes, as determined from observation during the astronomical period, *i.e.*, the last 2,000 years, and as explained by modern theory. In short we have reached the summit of orthodox teaching on the subject, and it may therefore be proper to deal with the question of "ayanamsha" or distance between the Hindu Zodiac of Constellations and the Western Ecliptic Zodiac of Signs. From what has been said it will be clear that the divergence between the two is proceeding at the rate of $50''25$ per annum, and the only remaining question is the length of the ayanamsha at the present time. The following values (at the Epoch 1900 A.D.), have been claimed by various writers:—

18	0	13	Sutcliffe, <i>The Hindu Zodiac</i>
19	36	7	W. G. Old, <i>New Manual of Astrology</i>
20	30	7	N. C. Iyer, <i>Brihat Samhitā</i>
23	0	0	G. H. Keskar, <i>Combined Introductory Astrology</i>
19°	to	27°	Various estimates made to Mr Leo when in India

The difficulties of the subject are well summarised in MODERN ASTROLOGY for April 1912, p. 139, and readers concerned in this question are referred to that article. The value suggested by Sutcliffe is supported by an argument which needs following in detail to appreciate. It is impossible to give a definitive answer to the question, and the enquirer can only be advised to study the subject for himself and form his own opinions. On pp. 190-192 of last volume will be found a letter from an Indian student indicating the employment *in one single horoscope* of differing ayanamshas varying between $19^\circ 52'$ and $22^\circ 35'$ —thus showing the urgent need for a straightening-up of Eastern astronomical methods, and the untrustworthiness of the current almanacs circulating in the East. A safe value to adopt, tentatively, would seem to be 20° .

CRITICISM OF PREVAILING THEORY

15. We now come to criticism of the prevailing theory of precession and of its effect upon star catalogues.

16. When successive catalogues of stars constructed for epochs

20 or 30 or more years apart are examined, it is found that the recorded, *i.e.*, the observed places do not coincide with those computed on the usual theory of precession.⁵ The discrepancies, after being verified by comparison with other catalogues, are therefore considered to be due to what is called "proper motion"; that is, they are supposed to be due to the actual motion of the distant star across the line of sight. The movements thus attributed to the stars are enormous, amounting in one case at least to 80 miles a second, a speed far above that of a cannon ball; these movements, moreover, are taking place apparently in all directions, so that a kind of warfare with sidereal bullets would seem to be taking place in the heavens. This, if we accept the theory at present held that all discrepancies between observed and computed positions are to be classed as actual motions of the stars on their own account.

17. There is something in the foregoing assumption that the mind rebels at—certain types of mind at any rate,—this entirely casual movement on the part of the heavenly host seems inconsistent with one's innate conceptions of law and order, and therefore one is indisposed to accept such ideas unless compelled. Therefore, if any suggestion can be brought forward tending to show that these apparently casual movements are in themselves actually systematic, and only appear casual because some essential fact has been overlooked, such suggestion is worthy of examination. A suggestion of this kind is associated with the name of Drayson; but before proceeding directly to it, we must refer back once more to paragraph 5, where the rate of precession was shown to be related to the polar motion of 20" annually.

18. It was there shown that this motion would appear to take place round the pole of the Ecliptic, that is to say, at a constant distance therefrom. As Sir John Herschel puts it in article 316 of his *Outlines of Astronomy*, Third Edition, "the pole describes a circle in the heavens around the pole of the Ecliptic as a centre, keeping constantly at the same distance of 23° 28' from it," etc. The radius of our circle of polar movement is therefore 23° 28'.

⁵ The influence of nutation is left out of account in the present argument since it is separately allowed and accounted for.

19. Even a schoolboy at the bottom of the Euclid class would not say that the circumference of a circle can vary its distance from the centre. And yet, incredible as it may seem, and as the reader is certain to consider it—till he investigates,—that is what official astronomy has maintained, virtually, during the whole of the past century! At the time Newton framed the explanation of precession given in paragraph 8 it was supposed that the Obliquity of the Ecliptic was invariable. It was then 23° 28'. It is now 23° 27', and is known to be decreasing at the rate of about 47" per century at the present time. The Obliquity of the Ecliptic, or in other words the Sun's greatest declination, is the measure of the angular distance of the pole of the equator from the pole of the ecliptic; this follows from a geometrical necessity. If, therefore, it is *decreasing*, no matter how slowly, the pole of the equator cannot be moving round the pole of the ecliptic AS A CENTRE.

20. It is necessary to emphasise the meaning by large type here, else the reader may fancy that there is only a quibble involved, as has indeed been maintained by more than one astronomer to whom the anomaly has been pointed out. The decrease in the O.E. has been held to be due to a real motion of the ecliptic itself, shifting its position among the stars. This movement of the ecliptic among the stars may take place, but it cannot under any circumstances explain the decrease in the O.E., which depends upon the *relation* between the earth's axis and the ecliptic: if therefore the ecliptic (plane of the earth's orbit) is moving relatively to the stars and the earth's axis partakes of this movement, then the relation between the earth's axis and the earth's orbit remains unchanged, and hence no alteration in the O.E. is possible. The decrease however is undeniable. Therefore,—and from this conclusion there is no possible escape,—the inclination of the earth's axis to the earth's orbit is changing; and, equally therefore, the pole of the ecliptic cannot be the CENTRE of the motion of the earth's pole commonly held to be the cause of precession.

A PERTINENT QUESTION

21. From this we see that whatever be the path taken by the pole it cannot be a circle of 23° 28' radius about the pole of the

Ecliptic, nor can it be a ditto-ditto of $23^{\circ} 27'$ radius—for the circumference of a circle does not vary its distance from its centre. The question then remains, *is* the path of the pole a circle at all; and if so, what is the centre of that circle? An astronomer of the name of Drayson in 1859 set himself to examine this question, and after a great deal of painstaking investigation⁶ came to the conclusion that it could be answered in the affirmative in both parts.

DRAYSON'S ANSWER

22. Drayson's answer was, that the pole of the heavens traces a circle of $29^{\circ} 25' 47''$ radius about a point in the heavens $6^{\circ} 0' 0''$ from the pole of the ecliptic and situated, in 1900, upon a meridian of $17^{\text{h}} 55^{\text{m}} 18^{\text{s}}$ R.A.⁷ These figures may be regarded as approximate, for a trifling variation in any one of them would entail a corresponding alteration in the others; but any such uncertainty must be confined within very narrow limits, thus $6^{\circ} 0' 0''$ should perhaps be $5^{\circ} 58'$ or $5^{\circ} 57'$, for the approximation has been carried very close.

23. The consequences that ensue from the truth of the last paragraph are quite surprising, and as they seem to receive confirmation from sources having no apparent connection—*e.g.* star catalogues and geology—and as this confirmation seems increasing rather than diminishing with time,⁸ the subject seems to merit a thorough and impartial investigation. A reader of this magazine is now engaged in this, and may later on perhaps publish the result of his researches, but meanwhile readers may like to investigate for themselves. *The Change in Climate and its Cause*⁹ reviewed in these pages in June 1914, gives a very clear and simple account of these consequences, with some illuminating diagrams, together with a good deal of *geological* evidence which offers support to the theory—

⁶ As the present writer has assured himself, having read all his books on the subject and followed both argument and evidence.

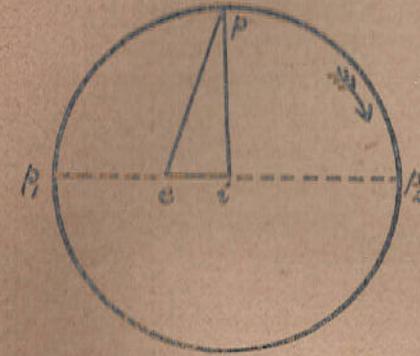
⁷ These figures, and the calculations from which they are derived, are given in *Draysonia* (Longmans, 3s. 6d. net).

⁸ Drayson's books appeared 1873, '74, '83, '90, '96: he died in 1901.

⁹ By R. A. Marriott, 1914: London, E. Marlborough & Co., 51, Old Bailey, E.C., 1s. 6d. net.

though Drayson himself disliked that word, claiming that he had proved this path of the pole to be a demonstrable fact.

23 (a). The main idea is exhibited in the appended diagram, where the circle represents the actual path of the pole during one



complete cycle of precession, *i* the centre of that path and *e* the pole of the ecliptic; *p*₁, *p*, *p*₂ show successive positions of the pole at intervals of about 8000 years, and *p*₁*e*, *p**e*, *p*₂*e* represent the magnitude of the obliquity at those dates. The position of *e* and *i* is sensibly constant during a complete cycle. The present position of

the pole is very close to *p*₁, a position which will be reached about 400 years hence. The direction of motion is indicated by the arrow.

23 (b). An attentive study of this diagram will reveal the essential features of the whole system, although unexpected dependent features present themselves later. We know from what has been said that

$$\begin{aligned} ei &= 6 \quad 0 \quad 0 \\ ip = ip_1 = ip_2 &= 29 \quad 25 \quad 47 \\ \therefore ep_1 &= 23 \quad 25 \quad 47 \\ \text{and } ep_2 &= 35 \quad 25 \quad 47 \\ ep &= 29 \quad 0 \quad 0 \text{ approximately} \end{aligned}$$

The Obliquity is therefore now approaching its minimum, is at the present time decreasing slowly, and will continue to vary but slowly for several thousand years—present annual rate $0''\cdot465$. Four thousand years hence it will be increasing at an annual rate of $2''\cdot033$, or more than four times its present rate of decrease. Four thousand years later still the annual increase will be about $10''\cdot8$ or more than *twenty times* its present rate! These points *p*₁, *p*, *p*₂, etc., of the cycle may be put tabularly thus, using round numbers:—

Date	Obliquity	Annual Variation
B.C. 30,000..... <i>p</i> ₁Mid-Temperate period.....	$23\frac{1}{2}''$	$0\cdot0''$ to $0\cdot5''$
21,500..... <i>p</i>Glacial Period begins.....	$29\frac{1}{2}''$	about $10''$
13,500..... <i>p</i> ₂Mid-Glacial period.....	$35\frac{1}{2}''$	$0\cdot5''$ to $0\cdot0''$
5,500.....Glacial Period ends.....	$29\frac{1}{2}''$	about $10''$
A.D. 3,000..... <i>p</i> ₁Mid-Temperate period.....	$23\frac{1}{2}''$	$0\cdot0''$

Attentive consideration of the phenomena hereby determined, will show striking effects. During historic periods, say the last two or three thousand years, the world's climate has not undergone any *marked* alteration, and for any given latitude climatic conditions to-day appear to be much as they were at the commencement of the Christian era. This is in accordance with the above table, which shows a very slight variation in the O.E., changing with extreme slowness. Eight thousand years ago, how different! Not only six degrees added to the midsummer altitude of the Sun, in all latitudes, but a very rapid increase from year to year: a hotter summer and a colder winter, becoming each year hotter and colder, and that with an *increasing intensity*. What changes of feature may not have been brought about by such singular conditions, so unparalleled in the brief times covered by our historic annals, though apparently hinted at in tradition and in mythology (see Mackay's *Sphinxiad* and other writings, also the *Secret Doctrine*).

23 (c). The Drayson cycle so briefly outlined in the two foregoing paragraphs thus unrolls a marvellous panorama of climatic possibilities. Taken *merely as an idea* it is a conception at once bold and simple, like the diurnal rotation of the earth, and, like that, may possibly prove to be the explanation of a number of scattered phenomena not at present supposed to have any inter-relatedness. The latest geological views as shown by an article in the *Candid Quarterly Review* for August 1914, seem to point to Drayson's polar movement as a key to the *successive* glaciations which incontestable evidence establishes in many parts.

LENGTH OF THE CYCLE

24. For further details the review just referred to should be consulted, in which are given several books which may be studied by those interested, or competent to criticise. The immediate bearing of this problem on the question which gave rise to the present paper, is the fact that if Drayson is right the value of the Precession Cycle instead of about 26000 years SHOULD BE about 32000 years, a difference which is of high importance to students of National Astrology, Ancient Mythology, and other topics embracing vast

periods of time; of especial interest also in this way, that the passage of the equinox through the constellations would not take place at a uniform rate as hitherto supposed. Does this account, one is tempted to wonder, for the *varying extent* of the zodiacal constellations—Cancer, for example, in Flamsteed's Atlas occupies only nineteen degrees.

25. In paragraph 23 it was said that the consequences ensuing from Drayson's discovery, if established, are surprising. The accompanying Comparative Summary is taken from Marriott's *Change in Climate*:—(see next page).

That all these results should ensue from one single movement, is indeed surprising; but a careful study of Drayson's books makes clear their bearings.

26. It remains to show why Drayson's precession cycle should be 32000 years as against the 26000 years usually attributed. In the diagram *ep* shows, as regards its length, the obliquity at any time, and as regards its direction, the direction of the solstice, 270° R.A. If *e* were the centre of polar motion, and *ep* the radius, then the annual change in the angle *pep* would be $20'' \times \operatorname{cosec} 23^\circ 28'$ or $50''^2$ annually, as shown in paragraph 5; resulting in a cycle of $360^\circ \div 50''^2 = 26000$ years, using round numbers. But *i* being the centre and *ip* the radius we have $20'' \times \operatorname{cosec} 29\frac{1}{2}^\circ = 41''$ for the annual motion, resulting in about 32000 years for the complete cycle.

27. The reader is now in possession of the known facts regarding precession, and of the conventional explanation of these facts, together with the anomalies thereby involved, and also, of an explanation which it is claimed fits all the facts and in addition supplies keys to problems which the conventional explanation leaves untouched.

A SUGGESTION

27 (a). It is of course conceivable that precession may be due neither to the luni-solar attraction on the equator nor to a "second rotation," as Drayson terms it, about the axis *i* in diagram. An hypothesis likely to find favour with astrologers, is that the annual precession of the Sun at equinox is due to a real motion of the Sun in its orbit, just as the diurnal forward movement of the noonday meridian

A COMPARATIVE SUMMARY

1. Drayson states, in opposition to [orthodox] astronomy, that the Glacial Periods were contemporaneous at both Poles.

2. Drayson maintained that errors in sidereal time existed, which by his data could be corrected. In 1892 the error by Drayson would be 41.28 seconds, according to de Horsey's calculation (*Drayson's*, p. 39).¹⁰

3. Drayson can compute the Obliquity of the Ecliptic for any year, past or future, without observations.

4. Drayson from his data can compute the R.A. and Dec. of any star for any year, in the past or future, from *one* accurate observation.¹¹

4 (continued). Drayson's ONE movement—the annual motion of the Pole—called by him "the second rotation" of the earth, accounts for:

5. Drayson shows that the supposed movement of the entire solar system is only apparent since the effect is produced by the motion of the pole of the heavens towards the culmination point of maximum obliquity, the position of which accords closely with the mean of several astronomical observations directed to ascertain the *apex of solar motion*.

6. Drayson has shown that a complete explanation of the enigma of the acceleration of the Moon's mean motion is furnished by adopting his centre of polar motion.

7. Drayson, giving precise dates, states that the last glaciation began 23700 B.C. and came to an end 5624 B.C.; [and that it was contemporaneous at both poles].

1. The views held by astronomers regarding the Glacial Periods, will, on their own showing, have to be abandoned.

2. Mr. Stone in 1892, then Radcliffe Observer at Oxford, working from a wholly different basis, asserted that sidereal time was incorrect by 41.51 seconds (*R. Astr. Soc. Monthly Notices of date*)¹⁰: (See footnote on next page).

3. This can only be done by orthodox astronomy by constant observation, [or, by means of an empirical formula derived from observation during the past few hundred years].

4. Astronomers can apparently do this only from several observations at wide intervals, to arrive at a mean for application to the star in question. For an approximate forecast they are limited to a few years ahead¹¹: (See footnote on next page).

(a) The progressive decrease in the Obliquity and its rate.

(b) The time and duration of the Ice Ages.

(c) The changes in the colatitudes of stars.

(d) The error in sidereal time.

5. It is generally accepted by astronomers that the whole solar system is moving at a definite speed towards a point in the constellation Hercules which is termed the "apex of solar motion."

6. "Gravitation alone is incompetent to explain completely the observed motion of the Moon . . . astronomy is at a standstill for an explanation": *Pall Mall Gazette*, scientific article by "E. S. G."

7. Croll's theory, which has the support of astronomers, states that the Glacial Period began 240,000 years ago and came to an end 80,000 years ago. From evidence in America and Sweden, geologists reckon that it passed away some 7,000 years ago, and agree generally with Professor Prestwich's opinion that it only lasted some 25,000 years in all.

[Further, that it would appear to have been simultaneous at the poles and not alternately at each, as Croll's theory would necessitate.]

is due to a real motion of the earth in its orbit. Only, on this hypothesis there should be discoverable a stellar body which does not change its longitude from year to year, just as the Sun does not appreciably change its meridian distance at noon from day to day, and the existence of such a body has not yet been demonstrated; not that this disposes of the hypothesis, for this solar centre need not necessarily be visible by *our* light. Drayson's "second rotation" is not incompatible with this idea of a solar orbit; indeed, they may both be but two ways of viewing a single phenomenon. But to make this clear to the mind requires a well-mounted globe, placed on a good large table in a spacious room, so that the effect of various movements of the globe or of other bodies in relation to it, could be studied: the first step is to arrange the ecliptic pole vertical, and to imagine the *annual* motion as representing a rotation about this axis. Then, the pole of second rotation (diagram point *i*) should be set uppermost, and the cyclic revolution of 30000 years regarded as representing a rotation about the *i* axis. Analogy then suggests that since orbital revolution of the earth explains the first phenomenon, orbital revolution of the Sun might explain the second. The globe so mounted is singularly helpful to the imagination.

POINTS FOR INVESTIGATORS

27 (b). The means of examining critically Drayson's polar motion is furnished by the published star-catalogues of the various observatories, which may be utilised in two ways: (i) the possibility of calculating with precision the correct place of a star for a time 20 to 100 years ahead or back, and its verification by means of catalogues for the two dates; (ii) in diagram, the direction of movement of pole at any time is, by Drayson's doctrine, at a maximum in a direction at right angles to *pi*, whereas by the current doctrine

¹⁰ [The remarkable concordance of these two items may possibly make this the *first* point investigated by the enquirer: if so, he is likely to be disappointed, as the vital factors concerned are so entangled and confused that it is exceedingly difficult to assure oneself whether any fundamental connexion exists or not, and the temptation to regard it as a casual coincidence carelessly assumed to be significant, becomes almost overwhelming. If undertaken later, after the whole question has been well examined, one is likely to approach this point of the investigation with a better appreciation of the difficulties and of the way to tackle them.]

¹¹ [This is perhaps the strongest item of evidence, since it admits of investigation by any intelligent person who cares to consult the published catalogues of stars for different years; and it admits of delicacy in test. In this respect Drayson's movement seems to be in a different category to nearly all other unorthodox astronomical doctrines, or cosmological theories: they depend for their status on their inherent plausibility—they are insusceptible of proof; but Drayson's is expounded in such a form as to exhibit its trustworthiness or falsity on its own passport so to speak.]

this precessional movement of the pole has its maximum along a line at right angles to pe , pe lying along a meridian of 270° R.A. and pi along a meridian of about 269° R.A. The method of testing (i) is explained in *Draysonia*, ch. vii, viii. In order to test (ii) one needs to examine the changes in north polar distance of a number of stars situated between 22^h and 25^h R.A. in a period of say twenty years or more. If precession in n.p.d. really reaches its maximum along the meridian $24.0.0$, then the examination of a number of stars close to that point ought to show a convergence of maxima towards that point, since any real or "proper" motion of the stars might fairly be presumed to be masked by a tendency in one direction of one star being counterbalanced by an equal tendency of another in a different direction; whereas, if this maximum should show itself along 23.55 R.A. it would offer the strongest possible inferential proof of Drayson's data, and coupled with (i) would supply proof indisputable.

27 (c). In making any serious investigation of this problem on these lines, it is necessary carefully to bear in mind two things, (1) the movements of the zeniths of different observatories brought about by the polar motion,—a movement at present left out of account by astronomers, although a little reflection will show that it must occur as well if e be the centre as if i , and indeed be GREATER if e be the centre: this movement of the zenith is explained with lucidity in *Untrodden Ground*. For this reason investigation should be conducted with two catalogues issued by the *same* observatory, so that, the zenith movement being the same in both cases, no unnecessary discrepancies will be introduced: the 1880'0 and 1900'0 Greenwich catalogues might be suggested as suitable. (2) Further, it would be only fair to take into consideration the manner in which such catalogues are prepared, which is briefly as follows: A number of observations of stars are taken during a term of say seven to ten years, averaging perhaps 5 or 6 per star with some notable exceptions; these observations, often widely separated in time, are then lumped together, and their dates likewise, resulting in a 'mean position' and a 'mean date'¹²; this

¹² It is not intended to imply that there is any "slovenliness" involved in this method of thus averaging the star-observations, which have of course first been properly 'reduced' by the usual process: it is a convenient and legitimate method of minimising labour. The mean date is always stated in the catalogue.

mean date is in most cases *not* the Epoch for which the catalogue is published—instead of 1880'0 for example the mean date may be 1877'4 or 1883'7. The mean position as thus found is therefore corrected to the epoch of the catalogue; this is done *by means of the very hypothesis whose truth or falsity* is under examination, namely, that the n.p.d. decrease is at a maximum along precisely $24.0.0$ R.A. The effect of this is to create a certain amount of inevitable tending towards this point as a maximum, as the result not of pure observation but of observation amalgamated with a modicum of this true-or-false theory. The recorded positions of the stars are therefore affected not only by the unavoidable errors of observation, exceedingly slight in all probability, but also by what might be called this *artificial* error (if Drayson be right), self-created. This adds greatly to the task of examination, and adds strong presumption of HASTINESS on the part of those who profess to have examined Drayson's system and to have discovered its hollowness,¹³ since the only way to eliminate this possible-source-of-error is to compute the star's position back again to the mean date (always given), and take that as epoch and position instead of the tabular—which complicates the whole process.

27 (d). In addition to these *notabilia*, one has to keep in view that all star places have been reduced with corrections for refraction, nutation, and aberration. We thus have *four* sources through which minute—probably very minute—errors may creep in. These minute errors are altogether insignificant for test (1) in paragraph 27c, but they become not inconsiderable in connection with test (2). Thus: the maximum annual movement is in the close neighbourhood of $20''.05$, and for a 2° distance on either side of the meridian of maximum changes only about $0''.02$, that is the successive values run about $20''.03, 20''.05, 20''.03$. Suppose, then, from some cause an error of

$$\begin{array}{r} +0''.5 \text{ in the 1900 catalogue position} \\ -0''.5 \text{ 1880 } \quad \text{''} \quad \text{''} \\ \hline \text{total error } 1''.0 \text{ in the difference for 20 years.} \\ \text{or, } 0''.05 \text{ 1 year.} \end{array}$$

¹³ See for Example *Untrodden Ground* . . . ; *a Review*, by Capt. W. Osborne Moore R.N.: Charpentier, 46 High St., Portsmouth, Nov. 1900; likewise a review of Marriott's "Change in Climate" in *Knowledge* for July 1915.

This not extravagant supposition, it will be seen, shows how considerably the maximum-point might be shifted by one or two very trifling errors occurring in that vicinity. The investigator of this problem has therefore before him a task worthy of the nicest discrimination and the soundest judgment.

27 (e). Drayson has described *how* he arrived at his discoveries, if so we may term them, in a small pamphlet now out of print but which may be seen at the British Museum entitled *Important Facts for the Consideration of Astronomers and Geologists*, published in 1896. It is perhaps a little to be regretted that he did not deal more explicitly with this in his earlier works.¹⁴

27 (f). Those who intend to investigate the matter are recommended to read, first Marriott's *Change in Climate* already alluded to, next De Horsey's *Draysonia* (Longmans), and then Drayson's own works beginning with *Untrodden Ground*; remembering that a man may have clear ideas and a firm grasp of a principle without necessarily expressing himself with a commensurate clearness: Drayson's style is not obscure, but his way of writing is apt at times to give the impression that he has misunderstood certain elementary astronomical matters; a fuller acquaintance with his works dispels that idea.

A COINCIDENCE?

28. Before proceeding to a Summary, in which the points dealt with in this paper will be briefly reviewed, it may be of interest to mention an item bearing upon the length of—not the precession but the *obliquity* cycle; (according to Drayson the two are one). In Newcomb's *Tables of the Sun* the following expression is given by which the obliquity of the ecliptic can be found for any past or future date, using 1900 A.D. as a starting point.

$$23^{\circ} 27' 8'' \cdot 26 - 46'' \cdot 845 T - 0059 T^2 + 00181 T^3$$

Now looking at this formula, in which T represents the time in terms of the century as unit, plus if after and minus if before 1900 A.D., we

¹⁴ The splendid 8-figure logarithm tables of Bauschinger and Peters now enable more delicate calculations to be made than were feasible when Drayson wrote, and should be used if available to check his results; failing that Shortrede, Brins or Schron—Chambers will hardly give sufficient accuracy in all cases.

can see at once if we make $T=0$, we have left $23^{\circ} 27' 8'' \cdot 26$; for all the right hand side of the expression falls away. But it might be possible so to choose T that the whole expression

$$(-46'' \cdot 845 T - 0059 T^2 + 00181 T^3)$$

should itself be equal to zero, although T itself was not. This value of T can easily be found, by an ordinary equation, to be 162'51 centuries or 16251 years. From which we see that the obliquity would have *regained* its present value after the lapse of 16251 years; in other words, the pole would have completed half its cycle. Twice 16251 gives 32502 for the whole cycle, which is near enough to Drayson's cycle to be of some evidential value; especially when it is remembered that neither Drayson nor Newcomb pretend to such minute accuracy as a few decades, over such an enormous period. If the *maximum* value of the bracket be computed we find it $+93'97$ or $-91'80$ giving 18577 years for the half cycle and 37154 for the whole; but this only shows that the polar path determined by this admittedly empirical formula, is not of true circular form. The maximum variation of the obliquity shown by it is only $1\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$, so that it is in no sense identical with Drayson's. But that its period of variation should be so nearly accordant with Drayson's is a fact worth noting, since the formula is based purely upon a mathematical development of the collected results of OBSERVATIONS, and is not founded upon any *principle*: *i.e.* on any single simple idea such as Drayson's "second rotation." And it may therefore be admitted as inferential evidence of some value.

SUMMARY

(The numbers in brackets refer to the paragraphs)

(a) Two movements of the earth's pole are known: (i) a movement in the direction of 24 hours right ascension or thereabouts, at a speed of about 20'' annually; (ii) a movement towards the pole of the ecliptic, at a speed of about 0''·47 annually [2, 19].

(b) The former movement gives rise to the precession of the equinoxes [5], the latter to the diminution of the Obliquity of the Ecliptic [20].

(c) These two movements may be, and presumably are, merely

coördinate measurements of *one* (curvilinear) movement, which curvilinear movement may be circular but if so cannot have the pole of the ecliptic for its centre [21].

(d) According to accepted theories these two movements are not regarded as related but receive independent explanations, the first being regarded as chiefly due to luni-solar attraction upon the earth's equatorial protuberance, and the second to a movement of the plane of the ecliptic which has also a one-per-cent effect upon the first movement, [7-9, 10-11]. When these two explanations are viewed together, stereoscopically as it were, they are perceived to involve anomalies for which no satisfactory defence has been offered.

(e) Drayson's polar movement substitutes for these two supposedly unrelated movements of the earth's axis, a single movement about a well-defined point as centre with a closely determined period of rotation. These are represented by the position of *i* in diagram, namely $6^{\circ} 0' 0''$ from pole of ecliptic *e*, and $29^{\circ} 25' 47''$ from the pole *p*; present position of pole, a little below *p*₁; annual decrease of angle *pie*, about $40''9$; value of angle *epi* in 1900, $1^{\circ} 10' 27''3$, and hence R.A. of *i* at that time $17^{\text{h}} 55^{\text{m}} 18^{\text{s}}.2$. [23a-23c.]

(f) Proof or assumption of the truth of Drayson's doctrine would result in a precession cycle of about 32000 years as against the 26000 year cycle (round numbers) at present accepted, and of a varying instead of constant rate of precession [26].

(g) The same cycle would also be a cycle of Obliquity Variation. In this connection it is interesting, and perhaps significant, that Newcomb's formula as at present accepted indicates a period of about 32000 years and a path roughly circular, though its centre does not coincide with Drayson's. [28.]

(h) Drayson's theory admits of very delicate investigation and testing, the method of which is ably but simply described in De Horsey's *Draysonia*. But in making such tests the reader should consider the conditions under which star-catalogues are compiled, and very carefully weigh both pros and cons in the case either of agreement or discordance. [27b-27f.]

A. H. B.

Obiter Dicta

"An *obiter dictum*, in the language of the law, is a gratuitous opinion, an individual impertinence, which, whether it be wise or foolish, right or wrong, bindeth none—not even the lips that utter it."

OLD JUDGE.

THE ROOT OF WAR

"We believe that down in the inner consciousness of every man who is responsible for the present European strife, there is a genuine sorrow for those who have been wantonly sacrificed, and for those who are still bearing the burden of the struggle. Those who are primarily guilty of bringing on the war, and those who are in the firing line, are alike victims of a false sense of loyalty to national pride. No doubt the great minds, when unruled by the fierce passion of human conquest, were just as loyal to their national pride in the achievements of their people along the higher and more desirable lines of human development.

"We believe that it would be safe to say that there is not one of those possessing the power to end the struggle but would gladly say the word, were it not for the pride which forbids his being the first to admit of seeming defeat. All that holds them to the struggle to-day is the same instinct that held the savage in the primitive battle of tomahawk and spear, that animal fear of the shame of defeat. That impelling element is as dominant in the strife now waging as it was in the earliest stages of human intelligence. So long as man seeks dominion over his neighbor, no civilisation will be strong enough to overcome it. No matter if there be those who have risen far enough above the animal instinct to be governed by the higher spiritual forces; there are always those who have not yet attained that level, and through them the greed for revenge and the pride of place is ever fostered."

The Ether Wave.

WHEN IN DOUBT

LET him who gropes painfully in darkness or uncertain light lay this precept well to heart, "Do the duty which lies nearest to thee," which thou knowest to be a duty! Thy second duty will already have become clearer.

CARLYLE.

ASTROLOGY AND HORSE RACING

By "Sagittarius"

HAVING been for some years a keen student of Astrology and also of Horse racing, I have been struck by the singular inability of lay prophets to predict the winners of races, as well as by the apparent violation of form too often displayed by the horses themselves.

If horses were machines of definite and invariable capacity the prediction of their positions in races would be a matter of mathematical certainty, but they too often, being like ourselves of a mutable character and subject to similar caprices of temperament and variations of physical well-being, will be at the head of the field one day and the other end on the next. Not being a believer in blind chance or hapless fatuity and being convinced that there is a law and reason underlying everything in the universe, I said there must be an astrological explanation of these contradictions, and set myself to discover it.

I have not succeeded in being able to predict the winner of every race with certainty, but I have discovered that the planets play a large part in the game of chance and that Astrology does and can point out the "Winners." I am not the first to claim to be able to do this, certain other public astrologers having laid claim to much greater precision but I think with less result.

THE MOON AN INDICATOR

Such evidence as I have been able to collect points to the Moon as being chiefly concerned with events of this kind, and this is quite agreeable to what we know of her nature astrologically, being exalted in the sign of material possessions (Taurus) and having rule over the more ephemeral and material side of life.

I have reasoned—and found my reasoning borne out by results—that the Moon would testify most closely to the result of the principal race on any day, generally speaking the race with the largest stakes.

FAVOURITES

And that when the Moon was powerfully placed, separating from good aspects and applying to the same, especially to the trine of the Sun, Jupiter or Venus, the popular fancy would either win or be in the first three, but when the Moon was afflicted or separating from unfortunate aspects the favourite did not win. Now this I have generally found correct, and an invaluable guide to such sportsmen as are in the habit of speculating on the result of a race, for I have noticed that a horse which has been a "hot favourite," starting at an absurdly short price, would, when the Moon has been afflicted,

lose and probably not be in the first three, making havoc with the money of the populace.

As examples, in the "New" Derby run at Newmarket this year the Moon was in her own sign Cancer, in trine to Jupiter in Pisces, and the favourite, Pommern, won; but on the day of the New Oaks, the Moon was in Leo opposed by Uranus,—the favourite, Vancluse, was hopelessly beaten and an outsider (H) won at 20 to 1 against, much to the surprise of the sporting prophets and the public generally.

So much then with regard to favourites, but though we know that a favourite will not win, we have no guide as to what horse will.

A MORE DEFINITE INDICATOR

I have considered the result of a race from an astrological standpoint as a composite factor being a blend of the horoscopes of the Owner, Trainer, Jockey and horse, and, apart from the difficulty of obtaining reliable birth data, a problem of considerable complexity; but taking the Moon as the chief indicator, with the sign in which she is placed and the aspects she receives from other planets, we have something to go upon.

Admitted that the Sun is the centre of our system and that he acts by means of rays of lights and other vibratory rays or wave lengths on surrounding bodies, and that the Solar rays on analysis by spectroscope or prism are found to contain the spectra of other planets—that is, each planet has a characteristic spectrum or colour, and a planet when in aspect or definite angular distance with the Moon, a negative and reflecting body, will impress its own colour or spectrum on the Moon, which reflects it on mundane things generally.

A COLOUR SYSTEM

We know that one of the features of racing is the colour worn by the jockey, and the occult student will recognise that these colours are not without meaning but to a certain extent denote the ray to which the owner responds and further that such colours will be prominent on a day agreeable to the lunar aspects.

Thus on a day when the Moon is in aspect with Mars, we expect Martial colours to predominate, and when in aspect with Saturn, Saturnian, and so on.

And this I have found to be the case, the only thing in which a little experience is necessary is to determine the modifications due to sign position and blending of several aspects and colours. As far as I have gone I find the following colours and planets to correspond:—

SATURN: Black, dark blue, grey; sometimes green.

MARS: Lurid red.

VENUS: Turquoise blue and delicate colours.

JUPITER: Purple.

SUN : Orange, or golden brown ; white.

MOON : Silver, white, green, pale yellow.

NEPTUNE : Blue, green and delicate colours.

URANUS : Black and white and chequered and striped colours.

Of course in the interpretation of conflicting aspects considerable skill and experience are required and due account has to be taken of the class and capabilities of the competitors, for it is not reasonable to suppose that a horse of the first class will be beaten by a donkey merely because the latter carries fortunate colours, but *ceteris paribus* the colours will show on which side the "luck" will tell.

SOME EXAMPLES

(i) On Friday April 9 the Greenham Stakes were run at Newbury and this was the chief race of the day. The Moon was in Aquarius, ruled by Saturn, and in conjunction with Uranus, in trine with Saturn. The conjunction with Uranus was inimical to the favourite and the race was won by an outsider (Sunfire), starting at 6 to 1 against and carrying black colours.

(ii) The Great Metropolitan Handicap was run at Epsom under the following aspects :—) in ☽ sep. ♂ ♃, ☐ ♂. Here again the aspects were against the popular fancy and the favourite was unplaced. From my colour theory we should expect the colours of ♃ and ♂ to figure prominently and such was the case: Fizyaina won at 100 to 6 against, colours black, cherry-hooped sleeves. Laveco was second at 100 to 7 against, colours navy blue and silver grey. Third was Deadend's Song (9 to 1 against), colours scarlet and white hoops, black stripes.

The Moon being in her own sign we might expect her colours to win—but as she was afflicted her colours, white and silver grey, were "placed," though not first.

(iii) The Esher Cup, Sandown Park, April 22 :—) ♂ ♃, ☐ ☉, Δ ♂, ♀. Here the Moon has some good aspects, but the evil are too strong. The favourite lost, the race being won by The Vizier 10 to 1 against; colours scarlet, with blue collar, cuffs and cap: (☐ Δ ♂).

(iv) The 2,000 Guineas, April 28, Epsom :—) ☐ ♃, Δ ♃, ♃. Pommern, the favourite, won at 2 to 1 against; colours, pink and green stripes. Tournament second, at 100 to 6 against, colours black and white stripes.

(v) Salisbury Cup, run Salisbury, May 21 :—) ☽ ♂ ♃, Δ ♂. Hare Hill won at 100 to 15 against; colours neapolitan violet and primrose hoops. Gay Lally second, colours white, with one black hoop, and red cap: 6 to 1 against. Verger II third, 100 to 7 against; colours red and yellow stripes.

This must conclude a brief essay on a subject with which I hope to deal more fully on a future occasion. It is impossible to cover the whole subject in the course of a short article.

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INTERNATIONAL ASTROLOGY

DISPASSIONATELY viewing the present situation, and our judgment is of no value when we allow feeling, personal bias, or politics to enter into our considerations, there is a reason why this War should be entirely different from any other known War that has gone before. When the Kaiser "dropped his pilot"—Bismarck—he became, to our mind, responsible for the destiny of Prussia and Germany.

When King Edward died King George likewise became responsible, though in a less degree, for the destiny of the British Empire.

We have said, and we believe our statement to be a sound one, that Emperors and Kings are figure-heads representing or symbolising the state and condition of a nation at the time of their coming to the throne; and their influence either waxes or wanes according to the nature and quality of their nativities. We do not, however, believe that every detail of a nation's growth and progress is seen in that nativity.

Is it true, or false, that Great Britain has been Weighed in the Balance (see MODERN ASTROLOGY for July, 1910, p. 281) since the commencement of the Great War? If true, then does it coincide with

King George's horoscope, which has the Moon in Libra and Saturn also in Libra, the sign of its exaltation?

Has the ascension of King George to the throne coincided with a period of unrest, an unrest that began almost immediately on the death of King Edward the Peacemaker? If so, are we justified in assuming that Uranus near the cusp of the fourth house in square to the Moon in King George's nativity agrees with this peculiarly widespread unrest in the British Empire since the beginning of his reign? Once more, is the square between Venus and Mars in the King's horoscope as rulers of the seventh house (open enemies) and the first, itself significant of a Great War during his reign or not? (See our comments on page 282 of the Royal Number of MODERN ASTROLOGY already referred to.)

Is it true, or false, that the moral status of the German War party has suffered an eclipse since the War began? If true, does it or does it not coincide with the position of Mars conjunction Neptune on the midheaven of the Kaiser's horoscope?

Is it true, or false, that the Kaiser through his agents in America has done all in his power to gain the friendship of America? If true, does it coincide with the position of the planet Jupiter on the cusp of the twelfth house (enemies) in Gemini?

Is it true, or false, that the economic side of Germany's welfare has been a special study of the Kaiser, both prior to and during the War? If so, does this coincide with the economy and thrift attributed to the planet Saturn in the second house?

Is it true, or false, that Germany's contempt for a "scrap of paper" caused the violation of Belgian neutrality? Then does this coincide with the weakness of the planet Mercury in the sixth house of the Kaiser's horoscope, considering also that *it is in sesquiquadrate with Uranus in the eleventh house, the house of friends?*

This is scientific astrology as applied to nativities, or we know naught of Scientific Astrology.

We have published Mr. Becker's article for the purpose of showing what a German astrologer thinks, as against ourselves; not so much for the present value of his interpretations, as for the assistance of the student who is able to give his attention to National Astrology.

Germany's Position in the Great War

NOTE BY THE EDITOR

As announced last month, we are publishing in this issue an article on "Astrology and the War" written from the German standpoint.

We have from the first been very outspoken in regard to the war, and have unequivocally expressed our astrological opinion that Germany cannot win in this great contest. The author of this article however holds the contrary view, and while we are not afraid of the charge of national bias which he is pleased to prefer against us, yet we are glad to offer a hearing to an open opponent since healthy criticism is a good thing.

The point of view of German astrologers has been allowed opportunity of expression in this magazine several times since the commencement of the war, one article being printed entire in the original German, along with a translation (pp. 117-135, March), besides two long letters from the author of the present article which appeared in December and in March. To the first of these two letters we appended a Note (p. 579), the concluding lines of which we may here repeat:—

"But our readers will understand, we hope, that the pages of MODERN ASTROLOGY cannot be opened to a discussion on the pros and cons of the War as a war. This magazine is devoted to the search for truth concerning Astrology, and that aim would not be furthered thereby. We welcome, and invite, comment on or criticism of our ASTROLOGICAL views of the course and likely termination of the Great War, but cannot spare space for controversies whose proper field is the daily newspaper or monthly review. For this reason we have refrained from any detailed reply to Mr Becker's letter, paragraph by paragraph, having confined our notes to points where we thought our correspondent had been insufficiently explicit, or where we were

able to indicate evidence access to which was presumably not in the writer's power."

In his second letter Mr Becker availed himself of this paragraph to excuse himself from citing his authority for statements made (see p. 148, March), but apparently he has since forgotten it!

We think the best reply to his asseverations is—to publish them. We therefore print his article without alteration or condensation, only adding a few headings here and there to break up its undue length.

ASTROLOGY AND THE WAR

SOME CRITICISMS AND COMMENTS

By W. Becker

Over a year has now passed since the great War commenced and big battles and heavy slaughter still goes on in east and west; but with the fall of Warsaw and Kowno and of the other fortresses on the Vistula the beginning of the end is near at hand and the fortunes of the War are practically decided. The rout of the Russian forces being complete—having lost in three months (May to July) alone over three quarters of a million men in prisoners of war—and the great offensive movement of the English-French alliance on the Western theatre of war which has been announced several times during this year ending in complete failure, it must be plain to all observers that the German-Austrian combination is and will be victorious along the whole line.*

Now during the past months the Editor and others have in the pages of this magazine given vent to their opinion upon many of the horoscopes and phases of the war, but when reading them I often marvelled, how much national prejudice and bias can warp and distort the judgment of otherwise sane and careful people. If Astrology were truly a science and if those practising it were truly Uranians, then such could not happen, or if differences in opinion and judgment do occur, it should be possible by a rational discussion to

* The conquest of some of the German colonies by Great Britain and her allies is only temporary and of little importance, since the ultimate fate of the colonies will be decided on the battlefields of Europe.

clear up the points of difference and to point out the roots of errors and mistaken judgments. To this purpose I shall offer in the following some criticisms and comments from a different standpoint and to show your readers how things look from the German side.

First let me say that while I appreciate the metaphysical side of Astrology in respect to this war which the Editor with so much insistence preaches month after month in these pages, I do think that this can be overdone, especially if one important link in the chain of reasoning is left out of consideration and if the outcome of the war does not answer the prognostications. There can be no doubt, once we have given our thoughts to it, that stellar causes depict themselves in the actions of men as well as of nations, but it is also true that the more direct causes of such (as an expression of stellar causes) are to be found in the thoughts, ambitions and desires of men, and the importance of this should be equally insisted upon. The war is nothing but the accumulated effect of selfishness, greed, anger, hatred, envy and ambition, generated by men against men, and by nation against nation, and carried on in thought and desire day after day, month after month and year after year by all of us (for the exceptions to this are very few and far between), which in the aggregate work out as the national thought and aspiration, giving it shape in the higher worlds and setting it up there as a living entity, and charging the astral atmosphere with the black clouds that clairvoyants describe, which from time to time must burst and discharge themselves on the physical plane in violent disruptions of the human family. Now as long as the bulk of the human race remain in the animal-man state and have not reached the state of the true Thinker, as long as force is resorted to to settle human disputes and to be the *ultimo ratio* in the affairs of nations, so long will war be a necessity on this globe and the peace movement will be of little avail. (A kind providence took away from the physical plane just before the war broke out what may be called the three chief supporters of this movement, Baroness Suttner, Mr W. T. Stead, Mons. Jean Jaures, representative of three nations now at war, saving them no doubt much anguish of heart which the war most probably would have caused them.)

It is therefore the importance of thought and desire as generating Karma, of selfishness, hate, greed, ambition and lust of power being

the germ in the first instance and later on helping in the building up of astral clouds and currents which at given times pour down upon mankind in the shape of wars and slaughtering, that to my mind is not sufficiently pointed out, and which the Editor seemingly leaves to the Theosophical movement to disseminate. But for this national thought-atmosphere and the astral currents around us each one of us shares the burden of responsibility in the same measure as he or she gives vent to such feelings, thoughts and desires, whereby he or she strengthens their tendencies. Not till the bulk of the people become truly human and realise the power of thought, and leave off thinking thoughts of selfishness, greed, hate and material ambition will wars become a thing of the past. What a contrast offers this war to the peace movement of a few years ago and what a disillusion this war has been for many!

In the light of these considerations it is of no use and is quite beside the mark to say, that *if* the German Emperor had ruled his stars, this war would not have broken out. This war has been in the air for many years, owing to the selfish designs of the various powers engaged in it, and it is an absurdity to lay the blame for it at the door of any single nation or their ruler. On the whole the fault is collective. On the physical plane in particular the origin of this war is traceable to the murder at Sarajewo, instigated by Russia, and the promised support of the latter by England and France in case of war, but these are only the result of causes set going previously by the ambitious designs of rulers, statesmen and people.

Another important factor in the origin of wars is the misunderstandings and differences of language of the various people, as well as the sometimes intentionally, sometimes unconsciously, distorted ideas set current and circulated in the press about other nations. For instance in England and America it is commonly believed that the German mind is fed and fostered in the war feeling by the philosophy of Nietzsche, and the Editor in the War Number follows the same idea, even publishing as important on this account the horoscope of Nietzsche. Now this is as fallacious an idea as any can be. Nietzsche has certainly a following in Germany, the same as any other great philosopher, but to say it colours the German mind to the extent said in England and America is decidedly overshooting the

mark. Nietzsche was at one time fashionable with some sections of the people—years ago—the same as Bergson is now abroad, and I should say that of all philosophers it is Kant, who most influences the German mind, and also, especially since the war began, the writings of Fichte, whose stirring appeals to the German nation are to-day read as much and even more so as they were over a century ago.

Then the writings of General von Bernhardi are mentioned as showing the ambitious designs of the Germans, which being translated into English have a hundred times greater circulation over there and in America than they have in the original. Here in Germany they are comparatively unknown and are not taken seriously by the leading people and papers, scarcely spoken about, but in England and America they are given a circulation and importance by certain newspapers and statesmen, which they do not possess; for what purpose is pretty obvious.

THE HOROSCOPE OF KAISER WILHELM II.

This brings me to a consideration of the horoscope of the German Emperor, who in the opinion of English astrologers is mostly responsible for this war, because the planet Mars is considered most prominent in his horoscope. I have mentioned before that in my opinion the horoscope of the Ruler of a nation cannot be taken as representative of the fate of that particular nation, and I wish now to state my reasons for this a little more explicitly. I am quite aware that in Mundane Astrology it has been customary and traditional to look with regard to the fate of a country to the horoscope of its Ruler, and this rule was quite justified and right in olden times, when the king of a country was truly and autocratically the Ruler of his people, when everything was seen to and ordered by him, and when there was no division of power in the state. Advisers he had, but none to share his power. Ruler and Country were therefore identical in a very close manner, such as does not exist to-day. The country and the people belonged to the Ruler and he dealt with it and them as he pleased or as he thought right. On his demise he often divided the country among his heirs, leaving them to enlarge their share according to their ability by marriage, buying or conquering from neighbours.

But during the last century or two a great change has come over modern states, the beginning of which goes back to the great Revolution and the establishment of the Commonwealth in England. Since then the power of the kings has been curbed considerably; there has been a division of power and in some cases the King or head is a mere figure-head of the nation, over which he nominally rules. In England for instance the real power and the decision with regard to events rests with the Government as representing the people—especially the inner circle of the Cabinet, and not with the King, who only does what he has been advised by his Ministers. Similarly in all Republics and constitutional Monarchies to a greater or lesser extent, and this tendency to a greater division of power becomes stronger every year with the spread of democratic ideas. It seems we are going to have a greater Democracy for the human race in the future, than was hitherto the case, a kind of leavening up in order to ensure a swifter progress in common, and with it there must inevitably be a greater division of power and responsibility, than has been in the past.

This fact, which cannot be ignored, of necessity makes it impossible to read the fate of a nation or country out of the horoscope of the personal head of it, for Astrology deals with real powers and energies, and when the king or ruler has not got the actual power to express his will in the direction of affairs, when the decision and the guidance of the country's force and energies rests with other persons (the ministers of State, nominally the advisers of the head, but in substance the rulers), then the horoscope of the Ruler cannot be indicative of the fate of the country. That can only be seen from the horoscope of those who actually and truly impose their will in the direction of its affairs. But since in most modern states this power is divided between several persons, we would have to get all their horoscopes and make judgment from a sort of compound horoscope, whereby we have to bear in mind how far also the division of power goes and which share falls to each of them; a procedure obviously difficult and almost impossible. In order to judge about the course of events in the life of a country, we must therefore have recourse to the usual maps for the Sun's ingress into the signs, the lunations, great conjunctions, transits and so on for the seat of government as the place of power in that particular country. A horary figure for the

commencement of any great undertaking or venture, the declaration or beginning of a war shows the influences at work in this particular direction and indicates the outcome of it. Such maps I believe to be of far greater importance than is mostly considered, and should not be disposed of as "merely horary."

NOT REPRESENTATIVE

Under these circumstances it is also plain that the horoscope of the ruler of a country cannot be representative of its condition—socially, morally or otherwise; if such inferences are drawn from it they would become utter nonsense.¹ Take for instance the horoscope of the German Emperor in respect to the financial condition of Germany. A greater contrast there could hardly be. Germany has during the twenty-six years' reign of the Emperor been enormously prosperous and the increase in the national wealth has been at a far greater rate than that of most other countries, England included, and to-day the financial position of Germany is the soundest of all the countries involved in this war. Germany has been the only country in which at the commencement of the war there was no necessity for granting a moratorium, enabling an adjustment to the sudden getting out of gear of the financial machinery. Even England had to confess her instability in this respect, whereas in Germany things went on as before and no such extra measures were needed. This greater security and stability of the German financial position should not be left out of consideration. But the horoscope of the Emperor shows rather the contrary tendencies, and if one analyses his horoscope closely, it reveals his financial position quite accurately. We find Saturn in the second house in opposition to the Sun in the eighth, which taken alone is by some considered to be a bankrupt's position with ordinary people, but we have to look a little closer. Both heavenly bodies are in "reception," which considerably modifies and tones down the evil influence of the opposition. Being in fixed signs it confers some steadiness in the financial affairs and the effect of the

¹ [And yet the following statement in the *Hamburger Fremdenblatt* during the week ending 2/10/15 gives direct support to our view that the German Emperor is representative of the German people: "We have an ideal before us. . . . Our ideal is materialised in William II."—EDITOR.]

opposition works itself out in difficulties through great expenses which the exalted position of the native necessitates (accentuated by Mars in the tenth square Venus). Three times during his reign his Civillist, which he receives as King of Prussia, has been raised on this account. Another exceedingly good influence in this respect is further the fact that the great benefic Jupiter throws a trine aspect to the Sun and a sextile to Saturn, which smoothes down all difficulties by the helping hand of friends (Jupiter in the eleventh). The aspect from Jupiter to the Sun further shows advantages through legacies from friendly-disposed persons, not related to him by ties of blood, which he received on several occasions and by which he has benefited substantially. But altogether the indications in his horoscope do not in the least correspond with the financial position of Germany.

THE ASCENDANT

I also wish to point out, that the horoscope of the Emperor as published in the November 1914 issue must be put aside as incorrect. I am quite aware that correction by the pre-natal epoch yields the ascendant \ominus 19.55, making the time of birth 6 minutes earlier than the officially stated time 3 p.m. But as the ascendant in this case is hyleg it behoves us to look into the question of the rising degree a little more closely, since directions to this point are of particular importance. Now in Manual 8 "The Degrees of the Zodiac Symbolised," the description of the degrees gives sometimes a clue to settle doubtful points, and the Editor has on several occasions testified to the genuine seership of Charubel. In this Manual the 21st degree of Cancer is described by him as follows:—"A king, an emperor, or commander on horseback. This is the degree of power, and should raise the native to some post of honour where he will be in a position to command, rather than obey," and in view of this description I think there can be no doubt that the 21st degree of Cancer was rising at the time of birth, and so the horoscope published in 1001 *Notable Nativities* must be taken as correct. The true time of birth most probably was only 1 or 2 minutes earlier than the officially stated time.

With regard to the judgment of this nativity I am of opinion that most of what English astrologers have written about it, and especially

of the awful fate in store for Germany in consequence of this war, which they read out of it, is entirely wrong owing to an unjust national prejudice and bias. That the end of life will be sudden and the terminus vitæ not peaceful and natural probably most astrologers will agree. But beyond that English astrologers overstep the rules of judgment when pronouncing upon the fate of Germany from the Emperor's horoscope. If the Editor had been true to his own way of judgment, he would not have written his severe interpretation of it, which comes to light only now since the war began, although the horoscope had been known to him for many years.

WHERE ENGLISH ASTROLOGERS GO WRONG

The cardinal mistake of English astrologers in their pronouncements upon this nativity is, that they leave out of consideration the fact that neither Moon opposition Uranus nor Sun opposition Saturn, upon which they base their severe judgment, occur in cardinal signs nor are they angular. If any such fate as they pronosticate for him and Germany were to take place, then the positions would be angular, but they are not. And this is an all-important difference! Does not the Editor teach in his various textbooks that angles relate to actions and the external world, working out as fate, succedent houses to the feelings, and cadent houses to thoughts in general? And other authors also insist on the importance of angular positions as regards fate. Does the Editor mean to say, that because in this case the Moon is in the sign of her "fall," that every person born with Cancer rising and having the Moon in Scorpio, from this position alone is destined to have a "fall" of some sort in life? I think not. It depends on the horoscope as a whole, and supporting positions there are not. For Sun and Saturn are in reception, which is considered generally as a good influence. Detriment in the case of the Sun cannot mean much, for the influence of the Sun taken alone is good in any sign; only the influence of Sol is stronger in some signs than in others (Aries and Leo). On the other hand compare the horoscope of Napoleon I., where we find Saturn opposition Moon, from the tenth to the fourth. Here the fall is clearly marked by angular position in cardinal signs with neither body receiving support by good aspects.

There remains then only the strong position of Mars in the tenth house in conjunction with Neptune. This English astrologers consider to be the most baneful influence, without reason as we shall see. Mars in the tenth possesses "accidental" dignity, corresponding to the sign of his "exaltation," has moreover the very strong trine aspect to the Moon and the ascendant, also the sextile to Uranus. Neptune, nearest to the M.C., possesses essential (being related to Pisces) and accidental dignity, having the same aspects as Mars, with the evil aspects to both much weaker than the benefic ones. How can anybody then out of "dignity" judge of the greatest humiliation possible? The idea of it is illogical and absurd, as every unprejudiced person should perceive at a glance. Unprejudiced American astrologers (the Editor himself mentions² two in the February 1915 issue) concur in this.

The Moon in Scorpio is through the supporting benefic aspects much stronger to the good than English astrologers suppose it to be. If one were to accept the new aspects of Mr George Wilde, then the Moon as ruler is also in good aspect to the Sun, Saturn and Venus, making the influence still stronger to the good.

THE RULING PLANET

Some authors teach that if Cancer be rising at birth, then the planet governing the sign which contains the Moon, should be taken as ruler of the horoscope, and by following this rule Mars becomes ruler in this case. In any case Mars has in the first place to be considered in all matters relating to war, and he being most prominent in the horoscope of all rulers engaged in this war, well placed and supported by strong good aspects, there can be only one conclusion, namely that the German Emperor will be the most prominent and successful of all the crowned heads. According to an old author, Firmicus Maternus, whom some German astrologers follow largely, "Mars as ruler of birth in the tenth indicates a man strong in arms, who has luck and gains advantages in war outside his fatherland," and

Not in connection with this topic however.—ED.]

that the judgment of this ancient author is free from prejudice will surely be conceded by all. It is being fulfilled now that German armies gain such brilliant victories on Belgian, French and Russian soil.

Mars placed in Pisces at birth gives, as I said before, the clue to the motives and indicates that the whole of his ardent nature and the readiness of the German army and navy are used solely for the purpose of ensuring peace for his empire and that he would not make war except in the defence of the country. His horoscope shows also the Sun trine Jupiter, which indicates an honest, upright, sincere and truthful person, so that there is not the slightest justification to doubt the truth of the statement with which he began his Manifesto to the German People on the Anniversary of the beginning of the great war. He said:

"One year has gone since I had to call the German people to arms. A very hard and bloody time has come over Europe and the whole world. Before God and History my conscience is clean; I have not desired this war."

and this sufficiently answers the accusations of English astrologers as to his motives. It is well known, that the Emperor's fondest hope and wish has been to be in future history known as "der Friedenskaiser," as the Peace Emperor, and all his actions and aims were directed with this purpose in mind. It is also a fact that on several occasions during his reign he kept the peace in Europe when the chances for a German success in War were far greater than last year; I mention only the times of the Boer war and of the Russo Japanese war, when England and Russia respectively were otherwise fully occupied. The two oppositions mentioned before are however an enormous strain upon his feelings and he must have suffered in them through this war immensely, especially by the traitorous and treacherous behaviour of his ally, the king of Italy (shown by Moon opposition Uranus).

Now after more than a year's warfare the reader should compare the prophecies of English astrologers with the facts of the war, and he will no doubt notice the glaring discrepancies between them. Where have been the great victories of General Joffre during this summer, where the glorious brilliancy of Britain's star during April 1915, and the victory after victory which the allies were to score from

April onward? Instead of which there has been the failure before the Dardanelles and in France and Flanders the iron wall of the German army, against which the French and English storm in vain, making no noticeable impression on it. If they gain a little one way, they lose more in another, so that on the whole they do not get "any forrader," yet make a great tam-tam about their forward movement.

GERMAN UNITY

And what a contrast there is in the behaviour of the various people towards the war. In Germany there is utter unity prevailing, to assist each other and the government in every possible way, there is still the undaunted courage and confidence, the determination to win at all costs. In France the same feeling is mixed with distrust of the Allies and disappointment at the Russian failure. In England the criticisms in the press and in parliament, the constant labour difficulties, strikes and so on throw a curious sidelight upon the unity of the English people, which is a bad omen for the future and the outcome of the war for England. And a disgraceful condition of affairs is moreover revealed by the ammunition problem and its difficulties for England. What a lot of talk and measures had to be taken to solve the same questions which in Germany were done quickly, satisfactorily and without much ado in a private way by the superior organisation and enterprise of the German people. The Editor truly stated in the June number, p. 242, that "the bulk of the British nation is too 'stodgy'—too self-centred and far too apathetic and indifferent at present"; and this fact, they not responding quickly enough to new things and ideas, makes them unfit for further progress. The German people on the other hand are quick, alive to new ideas and adaptable to new methods and surroundings, and they therefore constitute the nation most fit as vehicles for human progress, for which reason by their superior organisation and intelligence they are winning this war and will take the lead of the nations of the world.

"Might is right" is a principle which to my knowledge no serious person in Germany dreams of taking as a guide for action. If the Editor reads this out of the horoscope of the German Emperor (*Mars the War Lord*, p. 41-42), then it is one more conclusive reason for my

argument, that the horoscope of a ruler cannot be taken as representative of the nation over which he rules.

Neither is the Hymn of Hate approved of by the great majority of Germans. Representative men of various shades of opinion have distinctly stated that they do not share the sentiments contained therein and many of the great newspapers have given the same opinion. But extremists there are in every country, and no doubt some sections of the German people glory in their anglophobia, but they are in no way the most influential part of the people and cannot by any means be taken as representing the whole of the German population. There is however no doubt in the mind of any German that England is their worst enemy to-day and that it will be a very hard fight between the two, about the outcome of which we have every confidence.

RULING ONE'S STARS

It is a very erroneous idea which the Editor states in his "Observatory," (p. 240) that all the blame for this great war is to be saddled upon the German Emperor, because he did not rule his stars and control the martial influence which was pouring through him when in 1914 the planet Mars had by progression arrived at the square to his radical Sun. How far he has done so and how far not, is to my mind not a question for any human being to judge; for it wants superhuman powers to do so correctly, for we are very insufficiently acquainted with the intentions of the powers that guide human progress. The statement on p. 23 of this journal that the German Emperor "is to all intents and purposes the agent by which the dark powers are seeking to destroy the world" is an absolutely unwarranted assertion. Such and similar vilifying remarks which are made by English astrologers generally in almanacs and in the press are nothing but the glamour of the street as voiced by the newspapers and clothed in astrological language. There is nothing in the known rules of Astrology which can justify any such remark; they characterise themselves as blatant national prejudice and are not to the credit of English astrologers. I challenge any reader to give chapter and verse out of any textbook of Astrology supporting the above mentioned and similar statements about the German Emperor. He is at present

the best hated man in the world, as was also the case with Bismarck during the time he wielded the power of Germany—and this speaks volumes for his worth; but of course the enemies blinded by national prejudice and bias, cannot see that. Astrologers however ought before all stand above the level of national thinking, but I am sorry to say, English astrologers do not come up to this Uranian standard. German astrologers and metaphysical papers keep at least free from personal attacks upon foreign rulers and statesmen; why cannot English astrologers and papers do the same? It is a pity that the pages of this otherwise so well conducted journal are disfigured by giving space to a so-called reported speech of the German Emperor as on p. 537 of the December 1914 issue, which on the face of it bears the stamp of being an utter fabrication, and by the screeching hysterics of Marie Corelli, p. 70 February issue.

THE KAISER'S RESPONSIBILITY

There is also no sense in the Editor's attempt to put the blame upon the German Emperor for the use of gas bombs and of gas in the German army (p. 245). He does not supervise every measure that the army leaders think it necessary to employ, any more than King George is responsible for the use of dum-dum bullets—prohibited by international law—by parts of the British army in this war.* Or shall we make Neptune rising in the horoscope of King George and the Moon applying to the opposition to it answerable for this? Moreover the use of poisonous gas and of gas bombs is no new thing in warfare. Did not the English make use of lyddite shells and bombs in the Boer war? and the Japanese during the siege of Port Arthur made also use of gas bombs extensively. Do not the English and French compete with the Germans in this kind of warfare? But of course, if your enemy is more successful, then it is only right to hurl execration and abuse at him. This kind of thing may be very well in the daily

* Although this has been denied by the English government, I can state emphatically that beyond any shadow of doubt it has been proved that thousands of English soldiers in France and Belgium had during this war, especially in the beginning, been using dum-dum bullets, for on the German side we have seen the frightful wounds inflicted on our soldiers, and moreover have found them on hundreds of prisoners taken and captured whole stores of them at Maubeuge and other places.

press, but it is certainly misplaced in an astrological journal; it is not scientific Astrology, which the Editor wishes to put before the public. We all admit that war is a most cruel thing and ought to be done away with; mankind will surely in due time rise above it, but as long as it stays with us, there will with the development of the human mind always be new methods of warfare and it is no use to cry out against such. The knights of old, clad in iron armour and fighting with lance and sword, thought it very likely a most contemptible thing of their adversaries, after the invention of gunpowder, to fight from a safe distance against them by shooting iron balls from rifle or cannons with such dreadful effects, instead of coming to close grips as they would wish for. In their frightfulness how mean and despicable they must have thought their foes to be. But things are continually changing and with the advance of science new methods inevitably come to the fore. If England cannot keep up to date, so much the worse for England. But vilifying your enemy is a sure sign of losing your temper and with it the coolly reflecting reason which is so necessary to win a fight. Moreover has not an English Admiral coined the phrase and urged it publicly that "moderation in war is imbecility"? So why complain of others?

THE ENGLISH CHARACTER

But it is generally admitted, even by many Englishmen, that perhaps the worst side of the English national character is cant and hypocrisy, which shows itself in a glaring way in this war. Even the pages of this magazine are not free from it, when on many occasions assertions are made against Germany as indubitable facts, which represent only one side of a question at issue, the other side of which is not being told. Germany and the Germans, at least those fighting, cannot be painted black enough; they are being called "Huns" "barbarians" and what not, because they effectually secure that which is deemed necessary in the interests of their country; in the eyes of Englishmen a cardinal sin. But what the English government does in the interests of Britain, that is all right, and they are even censured that they do not go far enough. It is in the interests of England to reduce Germany into submission by all possible means,

and as England claims to rule the ocean by her fleet, by this means she cuts off Germany entirely from all foreign supplies by sea. Now as Germany in times of peace was to a certain extent depending on foreign supplies of foodstuffs and other raw material for her manufacture, the English government intended, by cutting off this supply, to starve the German people into submission and to cripple German trade and shipping, regardless of the suffering that such a procedure would entail upon the innocent civil population. That Germany does resist such a diabolical plan, which is against all human feeling and against international conventions—according to which war should be restricted to those carrying arms, not against non-combatants—by all means in her power is pretty obvious. The submarine war now going on is the natural answer to it. England wants to cut off Germany's supply, Germany retaliates by the means at her disposal.* That innocents have to suffer thereby to a large extent is unavoidable. It sometimes happens that merchant ships have to be torpedoed without warning, because many of them are being armed by the English government—another breach of international law, as is also the misuse of neutral flags (as recommended by a secret order of the British admiralty), the molestation of neutral shipping and so on.

LAWLESSNESS

Another point where England set the course in overturning international law is with regard to private property. Hitherto it had been agreed upon that private property should be respected by all warring parties, but England was the first to set it at naught. All civilised nations had for many years tried to establish the same principle with regard to shipping, so that the capture of merchant vessels of the enemy, provided it carried no contraband of war, should be forbidden. Every seafaring country, but one, was willing to agree to this, but in spite of many congresses and discussions on the subject it never became international law, for the sole reason that Great Britain

* In the *Economist* is pointed out the uselessness of the English government's plan which instead of weakening, strengthens the position of Germany, saving the nation's wealth.

declined to accede to it, and that merely for selfish reasons; she did not wish to part with the right to freebooting in case of war. So that if the submarine war against merchant vessels still goes on, England has got only herself to blame.

Fortunately for Germany, England will not succeed in her starving out plan, for the Germans are a scientific, ingenious and adaptable people, that can quickly adapt themselves to new circumstances and conditions, and so we at once put our house and country into order by organising and co-ordinating everything that is needed for life and now we are independent of foreign supplies. We have no superfluities of some things hitherto imported, but we are not starving and shall not be. For what we cannot get from abroad we turn out substitutes and so England's plan is foiled. But the plan and the intention of England must notwithstanding be stigmatised as a crime against the spirit of Humanity, which speaks heavily against her in the eternal account, when she is being weighed in the balance. All her protestations, that she fights in the interests of the smaller nations, is nothing but a hollow sham, as her actions in the past distinctly speak against her. Look only at her treatment of India, the Boer republics, Egypt, Persia, etc. Either they must do as it suits England or they are being subjugated. England now by every means at her disposal tries desperately to drag other countries into this great war and to do the fighting for her, she feeling that her own strength and that of her present allies are insufficient to beat down the German alliance. So far she succeeded only in getting Italy to join her, but it made no difference and will make none, for this war is a fight of brain, organising power, adaptability and endurance, and not of numbers, nor of money. Now this asking for help and assistance is indirectly a confession of weakness, and the desire to let others do most of the fighting is anything but heroic and great.

NO REPUBLIC

Then there has been on several occasions mention made of a German Republic being established soon, when the Emperor is to lose his throne. Let me tell your readers that all such talk is idle moonshine. There is not the least likelihood of it. From the

horoscope of the Emperor I do not judge that he is going to lose his throne and there never was a time when there was greater security for it—at least among his own people. The German people are unanimous in their belief that he played his part in the great drama admirably and that by his wise and firm rulership he is leading Germany to victory. All classes of the population, the Socialists included, are most enthusiastic in their support of him. The rumour of a German Republic most probably arose from the fact of there being a strong Socialist party in Germany, and they being thought Republicans to a man, people abroad guessed that they would on the first occasion make a revolution and depose the Emperor. But this is a childish belief and shows that the originators know little of the German people. The Socialists in Germany are all true patriots and with them the country comes first, the question, whether president or monarch, afterwards.

THE ILL-FATED LUSITANIA

In the June Number we are given the horoscope of this liner which held for many years the blue ribbon of the Atlantic and was torpedoed by a German submarine on May 7th. This "criminal deed" of the Germans raised a howling outcry in England and America and the Editor has also something to say about it in the same tone; but what is said there is only one side of the case. Let me put the other side.

The *Lusitania* was not only an armed merchant vessel, but was built, destined and used also as an auxiliary cruiser of the British Navy and mentioned as such in the Navy list. This fact alone was in itself sufficient for her to be attacked by any German man-of-war without warning. But the *Lusitania* carried also on her last voyage a great quantity of ammunition from America for the British government to be used in this war against Germany. Now can any man in his senses think that the German government would allow the delivery of this contraband of war and not try by all means in her power to prevent this? It would have been a criminal neglect of their duty if they did not all they could to prevent this large quantity of ammunition reaching its destination, in order to save the lives of thousands of brave German soldiers who would inevitably have been

endangered if this ammunition came to be used by the English. If it be said that the submarine should at least have given fair warning, then the answer is that such was impossible in the nature of things, for the *Lusitania* with her great speed and size could easily either have escaped or put the small submarine out of action, therefore there was no alternative but launching the torpedo. The blame for this awful and regrettable disaster rests solely upon the British government and the Cunard line, the latter for carrying passengers on board a ship loaded with ammunition and thereby trespassing against the law of the U.S.A. forbidding such. That the liner would meet such a fate was moreover announced distinctly and definitely before she sailed from New York, so a timely and fair warning was given to all intended passengers. It was their own fault if they met their death or sustained grievous losses. Consideration of humanity must be put aside about such tragic occurrences, for just as "Charity begins at home" so the children of one's own nation come before those of the wider humanity. Neither can it be said that neutrals have a right to travel with any ship and wherever they please; or if they do so they must take the consequences. Nobody would dream of taking a holiday near the trenches, so why should he go to the English coast, which is just as dangerous since it has been declared as "territory of war." The mentioned verdict of a jury can make no impression upon Germans, who can only consider it as a very insular expression of opinion. If Germany rejoices at the successful torpedoing of the *Lusitania*, then it is not from a feeling of wickedness at the loss of life, which is generally regretted, but that the enemy has been made to feel the power of Germany and that she has the means at her disposal with which England has got to reckon. It was a palpable hit, a "bullseye"; hence the angry outburst of temper. The wave of ill-feeling directed against Germany on this occasion will do her very little harm, it is like a cloud of astral smoke that will soon pass by. But to call this "a colossal act of folly" and to bring it in connection with the German Emperor's horoscope passes any but an English astrologer's understanding. As well bring the man in the Moon in connection with it.

GERMANY'S RULING SIGN

In the March number some correspondents give it as their opinion that Cancer should be taken as the ruling sign of Germany and not Aries, because they have met some Germans who showed somewhat the Cancer type of features and because they have found Cancer to be conspicuously placed in the horoscope of Germans. I must say that these are very inconclusive reasons and to accept such conclusions would be very rash. Such reasons have as much value, as if I were to maintain for example that Cancer is not the ruling sign of Scotland because I have seen hundreds of Scotchmen who did not show the characteristic features of Cancer people, but rather the Aries, Taurus or Scorpio type (*i.e.*, the Scotch soldiers) with strong, raw, bony and muscular bodies. But to my mind it wants something far more than the little experience any single person may have in this matter to pronounce a definite opinion as to which sign rules a particular country. I think it wants a far more corroborative research in national events, as distinct from the persons belonging to a particular country, and testimonies as to that, ere we are justified to deviate from the classification we have received from the older authors. Of course, every student is entitled to his own opinion in the matter, but it certainly is not scientific Astrology for the Editor to take this assumption as fact and to state on p. 242 "Germany is destined to evolve her opposite also, ☾—♋."⁸ He at least should stick to true scientific methods and not make statements based upon pure assumption. We should be getting into a fine farrago of nonsense, if everybody is allowed to allocate the rulership of countries at his own sweet fancy and to base prophecies upon it. This would lead to an enormous muddle, through which the science we have at heart is sure to suffer in the eyes of thinking people. Of course, it renders judgment difficult, if two countries are under the same sign, in respect to the same thing or affair, as for instance Germany and England in this war, but this in itself is not a reason to deviate from

⁸ [The reference, as will be gathered from the context, is to the horoscopes of King George and the Kaiser as representing England and Germany respectively.—EDITOR.]

the classification received. I think it is best, as far as the political rulership of countries is concerned, to hold on to the classification received, in the way as stated in the manuals on *Mundane Astrology* and to alter them only after mature and careful investigation by a number of students, who give this matter special attention.

A SENSATIONAL STORY

In the May number Mr T. F. Allen tells a sensational story which he thinks "conclusively gives the lie to all the protestations of Germany's representatives and apologists." Without wishing to question his own personal veracity I must say his story is a rather tall one, and he himself furnishes a reason why no credence should be given to it. It is quite obvious to any rational person, that if there were any truth in his story, the American newspapers with their pro-British sympathies would make substantial use of such "thrilling copy" and not miss the opportunity to put it in glaring headlines. If no American paper published the story of the remarkable incident he relates, although a number of editors and newspapermen know of it, then the conclusion is quite plain, that they do not think much of it. Their esteem of it is a sufficient answer to the contents of the story. It can only count with people who would believe anything of their adversary.

On p. 92 another writer thinks ☿ ☽ ♃ will serve the German Emperor the same fate as Napoleon I., because both have this conjunction in common. He cannot have judged the horoscope carefully, otherwise he would find, as most astrologers would agree, that Napoleon's fate was astrologically due, not so much to Mars conjunction Neptune but to Saturn opposition Moon from the tenth to the fourth house, both therefore angular and not receiving any good aspect from other planets. Saturn in the tenth gave Napoleon the inordinate ambition, and the opposition to the Moon indicates his fall.

THE SOLAR ECLIPSE OF AUGUST 1914

With regard to the fortunes of the war the importance of the total Eclipse of the Sun which occurred soon after the outbreak of the war on August 21st, 1914, should not be overlooked. The eclipse

fell in the sign Leo, and according to all tradition a total Solar Eclipse effects most injuriously all the countries under the rule of the sign in which the same takes place, and under that of the opposite sign in the zodiac, especially if the eclipse be visible there. The eclipse was visible over the whole of Europe and under the rule of the sign Leo are France and Italy, under that of Aquarius is Russia, all of them are in consequence of this eclipse suffer most. And this most important eclipse of the nations engaged in this war. falling in the sign Leo is in itself a sure indication that the countries under the rule of the signs in question cannot win and are badly beaten. But English astrologers conveniently ignore that. Aquarius rules also Prussia, but most likely only Prussia proper, the present provinces of East and West Prussia; and of these especially East Prussia suffered considerably by the Russian invasion during the first months of the war, the Russian Cossacks burning and looting there like true Asiatic barbarians, doing damage to the tune of many millions.

THE WAR BETWEEN ITALY AND AUSTRIA

Now that Italy has entered the fray, it will be interesting to see what fortune is written in the heavens for Italy as the aggressive party. The Italian government could not have chosen a worse possible moment for commencing hostilities, than midnight (M.E.T.) of the 23rd to 24th May 1915. The figure of the heavens for this time for Vienna, where the declaration of war was delivered, is as follows (the figure for Rome does not differ very much):

	x	xi	xii	i	ii	iii
	7 3.45	7 23	13 12	7 43	7 3	8 10
☉		♄	♃	♂	♁	♅
♁	11.44	23.30	23.1	2.15	28.24	23.45
♂	20.31 N	0.5 N	25.34 N	10.37 N	10.7 N	23.45
♁				3 31 S	22.44 N	15.40 S
♅					16.47 S	28.11
♅						20.13 N

Uranus is seen rising in Aquarius with only a quintile aspect to Mars, showing that the war came as surprise to many. The Moon is setting in Virgo in exact opposition to the rising Jupiter and both are in square to Mercury, which sufficiently indicates the treacherous part played by Italy upon her hitherto ally in the negotiations before the war. The Moon applies to the trine aspect with the Sun and the sextile with Neptune. Aquarius rising makes Saturn ruler of the

ascendant, denoting the challenger Italy, but Saturn is very badly placed in the figure in Cancer and in the fifth house. Saturn in the sign of his detriment shows the lust for power and the very greedy, egotistical and rapacious tendencies which induced her to enter the fray. The sign Leo on the descending angle makes the Sun ruler of that portion of the map, denoting the challenged party, Austria-Hungary. Now we find the sun and Saturn in semisextile aspect to each other, but the aspect is separating. The semisextile is generally considered a very weak aspect, and this indicates that both parties have hitherto been on friendly footing, but that the friendship has been of a very lukewarm nature and is now being broken off. The tie between the two has never been a very strong one, as their interests in many directions do not harmonise. Saturn receives a sextile aspect from Mars and Venus which seems to indicate some initial success, but as Saturn has no dignity in Cancer and is badly placed in the fifth, it must be taken as showing defeat in the end with heavy losses and poverty resulting from it. Saturn and Venus are in zodiacal sextile to each other and as the aspect is from the second house, it shows financial assistance from allied powers; but these two heavenly bodies are also in mundane square to each other, which indicates that the financial help received will turn out to have placed but an enormous burden upon the people which will impoverish the country.

On the other hand we find the Sun, denoting the challenged party, Austria-Hungary, strongly placed on the cusp of the fourth house and fortified by a trine aspect from the Moon in the seventh. The fourth house ruling the end of things and the Sun on the cusp of it being an exceedingly strong position, there can be no doubt that the party indicated by this body will in the end be victorious, even though the aggressor Italy may in the beginning gain some slight advantages. Mars, the God of War, is in exact square to Neptune in Cancer in the sixth, which indicates heavy losses on sea for Italy, whereas ☉ * ♃ gives the victory on sea for Austria. Together with Moon opposition Jupiter it denotes also great danger of infectious diseases and of epidemics for both parties, arising from ignorance of the people and insanitary conditions that cannot cope with the enormous losses sustained and give the needed help for the wounded.

It is noteworthy that the position of Mars in this map is very near the M.C. in the horoscope of the King of Italy, while Saturn in this map is exactly on the M.C. in the horoscope of the Emperor of Austria.

Italy will reap no profit from her treacherous action, but will be plunged heavily into debt and brought near to ruin, and thus receive the just punishment her treachery deserves. This horoscope is quite in harmony with the horoscopes of the other parties engaged in this war, and confirms my opinion that the English-French-Russian-Italian alliance will not win. The absence of any tangible success by the Italians during the first months of the war is quite in keeping with the above mentioned prognostication.

CONFIRMATORY EVIDENCE

In the January number 1915 some quotations are given of what an American astrologer, Mrs Catharine Howard Thompson, prophesies about the war. She confirms quite independently what I have said about Germany and the German Emperor, and as she is an unprejudiced observer whose natural tendencies are rather towards England, as she is a born English woman, her utterances deserve every attention. Mrs Thompson has also been kind enough to send me a copy of a prophecy by the late Commander Morrison (Zadkiel the first), based upon the great conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn on January 26th 1842, when a change into another triplicity took place, and which he published in 1842 as his "Legacy to the English People." This Legacy contains some very striking and unpalatable truths and warnings for England, and the Editor would do a service if he published it in full. There is every indication of large parts of it finding their fulfilment through and in consequence of the war. I will only quote the following:⁴

⁴ [NOTE BY THE EDITOR.—As we have before us a copy of the first and only edition of this book, published by Sherwood & Co., of Paternoster Row, in 1842, we have thought it right to print in a parallel column what "Zadkiel" really said. We cannot spare space in this issue to publish the whole of the *Legacy*, though we may do so later. The alleged "quotation" has been so manipulated that it is difficult to say exactly what words are taken from the original, or from what part of it; passages appear to have been taken from different pages of the work and pieced together as though representing a continuous extract, which it is not. What one can say, without hesitation, is that certain words and phrases have

THE 'QUOTATION'

"The first house or Ascendant always represents the common people, and occurring in ten degrees of Capricorn we must look for very unhappy events attending great and Royal persons and strange accidents to them; also the transmigration, *abdication* or change of place of some King, Prince or eminent person of rank; and the revolt of nobles and the common people by some covetous or grasping Ministry which will cause insurrections all over England. It also shows great moral and political changes in the condition of the people, caused by sudden and violent revulsions in society brought about by taxation and oppression, *which will eventually overthrow the present reigning house, as in the past history of England. Powerful open enemies will be bought off* and there will occur great and serious detriment to the nation by means of foreign war loans, whereby much wealth will leave the country which will fall into the hands of England's enemies and she will lose many ships and much merchandise.

"The lord of the Ascendant is the noble Jupiter who is here out of all dignity and very much afflicted by the conjunction of Saturn, showing that the people will lack respect, will be disobedient and break the laws; and they will also be afflicted more or less by their enemies.

THE ORIGINAL

'The ascendant signifies the common people, or general state of the realm in this Kingdom of Great Britain; and this great conjunction happening therein, one of the most obvious results may be judged of by the following rule, given by Wm. Lilly, at page 21 of his work on Eclipses (printed in 1652), as to the first decanate of ♄:—"In the first decanate, or ten degrees of ♄, it imports unhappy chances attending great men, and strange casualties unto such; the transmigration or oft-shifting of places of some king, prince, or person of eminent rank and quality; and it implies the revolt or rebellion of nobles, and others of meaner quality; viz., of the common people. It imports a covetous prince or magistrate, by reason of his oppression, shall cause insurrections."

'This applies to solar eclipses, the effect of which endures at the farthest only as many years as the eclipse lasts hours. But here we find the same unhappy influence become a radix for the judgment of celestial phenomena for above 200 years to come; whence there is too much reason to fear that a prominent feature in the history of the next two centuries will be not only great moral and political changes in the condition of the people, but that these will be the result of sudden and violent revulsions in society, brought about,

been interpolated which do not appear in the original at all. These we have taken the liberty of PRINTING IN ITALICS, in order to show their importance and frequency. Where we say '[passage omitted]' it is to be understood that the "quoter" has omitted the passage referred to, not that we have struck it out of Mr Becker's typescript.

[We do not charge Mr Becker with being a conscious party to this piece of literary fraud, which seems to have first appeared in an American astrological magazine, and was severely commented upon by Sepharial in the August number of the *British Journal of Astrology*. The word "garbled" has surely never received better illustration!

[The astrological figure is as follows, and the reader may judge it for himself: x 29.21, xi 11.26½, xii 7.9½, i 7.24.53, ii 9.0, iii 11.26½; ☉ 5.55, ♀ 28.38, ♁ 11.57, ♃ 26.31, ♄ 15.17, ♅ 18.54.1, ♆ 21.46. Zadkiel does not give the position of, nor make any reference to, Neptune, which planet was however in 16.22.]

"Jupiter also rules the church, and shows important changes coming, and he represents noblemen, judges and lawyers who will not be able to escape the coming storm, which will fall upon all classes alike, and the fury of the mob will be spent on venerable edifices devoted to religion and law.

"In the second house we find Mars, and being in conjunction with Uranus is powerful for all kinds of mischief. Mars here denotes accidents by water whereby the trade and property of the people will be injured; and it shows attacks upon commerce and ruination of shipping by public enemies of the neighboring ruling powers, and there will be many bloody sea-fights [passage omitted] and the Moon in Cancer the figure shows a multiplicity of naval forces opposed to England and secretly undermining her in war! May her best friends take warning and may the Government of England never neglect the wooden walls of England. WE SAY, FORTIFY THE THAMES! We should advise measures to prevent a fearful and fatal overflow [passage omitted] and bombardment which, if no steps be taken to meet the consequences, will go wellnigh to ruin the port of London, to beggar some of the greatest merchants of the day, and drive the country to the verge of bankruptcy. The evils will be felt far and wide, and years must roll away before the country will recover the shock to her commerce and her naval supremacy; therefore we pray God that it may be averted, or, woe to that great city of London!

"With the Sun in the second house, the people will lose their wealth, and their rulers will covet the fingering and disposing of it, and the people will live and die poor. Venus in the ascendant indicates luxury and extravagance which will lay the foundation for the nation's weakness and tribulations. [About 29 lines omitted.] As Mercury in this figure rules the sixth and ninth houses, which affect

it is to be apprehended, by taxation and "oppression." And we even foresee that, from the lord of the 7th, who denotes the public enemies of the nation, being in their 2nd or house of property, recourse will be had, at some future day, to the method of purchasing by gold, in lieu of deeds of arms, the forbearance of those enemies. We perceive great and serious detriment to the nation by means of foreign loans, whereby much wealth shall leave this country, and fall into the hands of her foes.

The lord of the ascendant is ♃, who is here discovered out of all his dignities, and afflicted by the malign and potent conjunction of ♄; wherefore as Ramesey saith, at page 228 of his *Astrologia Munda*, "The people shall exercise cruelty, oppression, and injustice; and shall be disobedient, and break the laws," &c. The position of the ♄ in the house of enemies, and going out of her dignities, imports, alas! that the people will be "grievously afflicted and molested by their enemies," as saith the above writer. But as ♃ is a general significator of religious orders of men, and he thus afflicted and debilitated, many and important are the changes and mutations which shall fall upon all classes of churchmen during the reign of this great conjunction. Noblemen, judges, and lawyers, also, shall find great changes in their affairs. They may not hope to escape the whirling gusis of the coming storm, sweeping and violent as it may be expected to fall upon all such classes. And too much reason is there to expect that the furor of infatuated mobs will be spent on the venerated fabrics of religion and law; and that the most essential changes and mutations in these matters shall occur is beyond all doubt. Alas! that an uneducated people should exist!

[The foregoing is all that Zadkiel says about the ascendant or first house. It furnishes a sufficient test of the trustworthiness of the "quotation."—ED.]

"religion and the health of the people, we conclude, therefore, that government deficiencies caused by unwise and protracted wars, public sickness and sorrow will reduce the people of England to such a state of pecuniary distress, that the revenues of the Church will be seized to meet the difficulty. Mercury, lord of the house of sickness indicates an epidemic of Cholera Morbus, cramps and spasms, and coagulated blood in the veins which is always attendant on that fatal epidemic and this sickness will be one of the causes of national and pecuniary distress. Mars in the house of Money shows that the people will be driven to want and be burdened by taxation; and as the first face of Aquarius is on the cusp of this house, the Ancients described it as 'a face of continual trouble for money and profit, never at rest even in toil, yet always poor and indigent.'

"The third house denotes friendly neighboring nations, current news and the Post Office. The position of Neptune and Herschel on the cusp of this house shows sudden quarrels and disputes with neighboring nations who wish to remain on friendly terms, chiefly about naval and maritime affairs; also the suppression and dissemination, through the press, of false news, whereby the people will be deceived by the Government as to their

(continued in next column.)

"true situation and danger; also many strange and unexpected events connected with public railways and other modes of conveyance to-day unthought of, will be accepted."*

"The sixth house signifies the health of the nation and its armed naval power and the State religion. The sign on this house is Gemini, which is London's ruling sign; therefore that city will suffer from a disease produced by corrupt blood and some epidemic brought in by ships and by hordes of refugees which will cause extensive ravages, and as this house represents England's armed forces and is ruled by Mercury, it denotes a great change in maritime warfare and a decline of power in the naval forces of the Kingdom, in which [words omitted, 'about the year 1875'] some treachery on the part of the Allies of Great Britain will cause the flag of England to drop. Let the Ministers of England in that day take warning. The naval power of the country will surely feel these effects and the mode of naval warfare will undergo a complete change; and before many years have passed, destruction will be hurled [words omitted, 'at the foes of this country'] by means of instruments at present unknown to us, and these dangers in naval warfare will be attended by much bloodshed and suffering and heavy expenditure."

THE PROPHECIES OF NOSTRADAMUS

This war has also been the means of drawing attention to the prophecies of another great seer, I mean Michael Nostradamus, whom Goethe in his "Faust" set such a fine literary monument. Michel de Nostradame lived from 1503 to 1566 and was in his time a physician and astrologer of great repute in France, with a particular knowledge, based on the Kabbala, of the planetary cycles and periods, which enabled his inner vision to look far into the future of his country and

* This paragraph admirably describes the relation England-Germany.—W. B.

other European nations. His prophecies are clothed in the shape of poetic fourliners or quatrains, and strung together in hundreds, termed centuries, and deal with the future from his time up to the year 4000 A.D. During his lifetime he was often consulted by Royalty, by whom he was held in high esteem owing to his wonderfully correct prophecies. Of historical events he foretold the French Revolution, giving even details which are truly astonishing; mentioning for instance the fate of the king, the Tuileries, which were not in existence at the time of his writing, giving the name of the captor of the king, the march of the 500 etc. We find in his quatrains also the rise and fall of Napoleon I., the second Empire and other great events mentioned.

But the curious feature of his prophetic utterances is the fact that they are clothed purposely in very veiled language with mostly no dates given in the quatrains, which are all mixed together, so that they cannot be put into chronological order. Parts of the quatrains have by various students of him been recognised as referring to past history, and after the event it is astonishing what clearness and pithiness is revealed therein. A great many quatrains naturally—those referring to the future—still await interpretation and fulfilment. A German astrologer, Albert Kniepf of Hamburg, has made Nostradamus a special study and he has written a booklet, *Die Weissagungen des altfranzösischen Sehers Michael Nostradamus und der Weltkrieg*, (Hephaestos Verlag, Hamburg 26, Preis 50 Pfg.) in which he puts together some of the prophecies of Nostradamus which he claims refer to the present great war. And as Nostradamus certainly stands head and shoulders above all the prophets of the last centuries, his utterances deserve the utmost attention. Take for example

Cent. x, 100: Le grand empire sera par Angleterre
Le pempotan des ans plus de trois cens;
Grandes copies passer par mer et terre,
Les Lusitains n'en seront pas contents.

which may be translated as: "The great world empire of England will stand for over three hundred years; then there will be great movements of troops on water and land which will not please the Lusitanians."

If we reckon the beginning of the British world empire from the time of the defeat of the Spanish Armada, the span of over 300 years

which Nostradamus gives to the British Empire will have run its course and the third line may very well refer to the great movements of troops now going on. The last line is indistinct and may refer to the Spanish or Portuguese people (or perhaps to the Lusitania incident?); many verses in Nostradamus' lines contain a play upon words.

Cent. ii, 57: Avant conflict le grand tumbera,
Le grand a mort, mort trop subite et plainete,
Nay miparfait la plus part nagera,
Au pres du fleuve de sang la terre feinte.

which we may translate as:—"Before the onslaught in the great conflict takes place the Great One will be done to death, dying too early and much regretted, from the Imperfect (people, viz., the Russians) many will be drowned, near the great river the earth will be saturated with blood." The drowning of many may refer to the enormous Russian losses on the battlefields and in the lakes of East Prussia, and the river refers to the Vistula. The death of the Great One obviously refers to the murder of the Archduke Franz Ferdinand, end of June 1914.

Cent. iv, 46: Bien deffendu le fait par excellence,
Garde toy Tours de ta proche ruine:
Londres and Nantes par Reims fera deffense
Ne passe outre au temps de la bruine.

which may be rendered: "Defending may be a good and excellent deed, but beware Tours of your approaching ruin. London and Nantes are defended by Reims, but will not out last the time of embitterment."

Other quatrains, referring most likely to the present war are also v 93, ii 99, ii 94, iv 39, iv 22, iii 23; and many more. I will close with *Cent. ii 83* as important:

Le gros traffic d'un grand lyon changé,
La plus part tourne en pristine ruine,
Proye aux soldats par pille vendangé,
Par Jura mont and Sueve bruine.

which translated means: "The great traffic of the grand Lion changeth, the greater part is entirely destroyed and becomes a prey to soldiers, the other reduced to the state of former times."

I do not claim to have rendered an absolutely correct translation, as I go mainly by the German translation, so slight differences may occur; but the contents as a whole should make the reader ponder over England's position and induce English Astrologers to revise their judgments. The actual events at any rate will compel them to do so.

Oranienburg, August 20th 1915.

W. BECKER.

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Thus far Mr Becker. With the astrological arguments adduced we have no quarrel; they stand or fall on their own merits. Everyone has a right to his opinion, and no one can refuse sympathy to the patriotic ardour which induces a writer to read all omens in favour of his own people—that is natural and proper. But when we come to assertions that are not matters of judgment or opinion, but are either true or false as statements of fact, these things stand in a different category. The reader under these circumstances has no opportunity of forming his own views, he must either accept or reject, and his criterion is likely to be the personality of the speaker.

Having therefore given our German contributor now on three several occasions opportunity to express his views, and incidentally to make statements not supported by anything beyond assertion, we think we have sufficiently allowed fair play to an opponent and may now in turn allow something not astrological to be said on behalf of England. We therefore print in full Sir Edward Grey's account of the Anglo-German negotiations, as published in the daily papers of September 1st, 1915.

SIR EDWARD GREY'S STATEMENT

FOREIGN OFFICE, *Tuesday*.

An account of the 1912 Anglo-German negotiations was published in the semi-official *Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung* last month. This account was misleading, and was no doubt intended to mislead, and made it appear that the British Government had at that time rejected what would be regarded in many quarters as a reasonable offer of friendship from Germany.

In these circumstances it may be as well to publish a statement of the facts compiled from official records here. Early in 1912 the German Chancellor sketched to Lord Haldane the following formula as one which would meet the views of the Imperial Government:—

1. The high contracting parties assure each other mutually of their desire of peace and friendship.
2. They will not either of them make or prepare to make any (unprovoked) attack upon the other, or join in any combination or design against the other for purposes of aggression,

or become party to any plan or naval or military enterprise alone or in combination with any other Power directed to such an end, and declare not to be bound by any such engagement.

3. If either of the high contracting parties becomes entangled in a war with one or more Powers in which it cannot be said to be the aggressor, the other party will at least observe towards the Power so entangled a benevolent neutrality, and will use its utmost endeavour for the localisation of the conflict. If either of the high contracting parties is forced to go to war by obvious provocation from a third party, they bind themselves to enter into an exchange of views concerning their attitude in such a conflict.

4. The duty of neutrality which arises out of the preceding article has no application in so far as it may not be reconcilable with existing agreements which the high contracting parties have already made.

5. The making of new agreements which render it impossible for either of the parties to observe neutrality towards the other beyond what is provided by the preceding limitation is excluded in conformity with the provisions in Article 2.

6. The high contracting parties declare that they will do all in their power to prevent differences and misunderstandings arising between either of them and other Powers.

ONE-SIDED

These conditions, although in appearance fair as between the parties, would have been grossly unfair and one-sided in their operation. Owing to the general position of the European Powers and the treaty engagements by which they were bound, the result of Articles 4 and 5 would have been that, while Germany in the case of a European conflict would have remained free to support her friends, this country would have been forbidden to raise a finger in defence of hers.

Germany could arrange without difficulty that the formal inception of hostilities should rest with Austria. If Austria and Russia were at war, Germany would support Austria, as is evident from what occurred at the end of July 1914; while as soon as Russia was attacked by two Powers, France was bound to come to her assistance.

In other words, the pledge of neutrality offered by Germany would have been absolutely valueless, because she could always plead the necessity of fulfilling her existing obligations under the Triple Alliance as an excuse for departing from neutrality. On the other hand, no such departure, however serious the provocation, would have been possible for this country, which was bound by no alliances with the exception of those with Japan and Portugal, while the making of fresh alliances was prohibited by Article 5. *In a word, as appeared still more evident later, there was to be a guarantee of absolute neutrality on one side, but not on the other.*

It was impossible for us to enter into a contract so obviously inequitable, and the formula was accordingly rejected by Sir E. Grey.

Count Metternich upon this pressed for counter-proposals, which he stated would be without prejudice and not binding unless we were satisfied that our wishes were met on the naval question. On this understanding Sir Edward Grey, on March 14, 1912, gave Count Metternich the following draft formula, which had been approved by the Cabinet:—

England will make no unprovoked attack on Germany, and pursue no aggressive policy towards her.

Aggression upon Germany is not the subject, and forms no part of any treaty, understanding, or combination to which England is now a party, nor will she become a party to anything that has such an object.

Count Metternich thought this formula inadequate, and suggested two alternative additional clauses:—

England will therefore observe at least a benevolent neutrality should war be forced upon Germany; or

England will therefore, as a matter of course, remain neutral if a war is forced upon Germany.

This, he added, would not be binding unless our wishes were met with regard to the naval programme.

SUSPICION VINDICATED

Sir Edward Grey considered that the British proposals were sufficient. He explained that, if Germany desired to crush France England might not be able to sit still, though, if France were aggres-

sive or attacked Germany, no support would be given by his Majesty's Government or approved by England. It is obvious that the real object of the German proposal was to obtain the neutrality of England in all eventualities, since, should a war break out, Germany would certainly contend that it had been forced upon her, and would claim that England should remain neutral. An admirable example of this is the present war, in which, in spite of the facts, Germany contends that war has been forced upon her. Even the third member of the Triple Alliance, who had sources of information not open to us, did not share this view, but regarded it as an aggressive war.

Sir Edward Grey eventually proposed the following formula:—

The two Powers being mutually desirous of securing peace and friendship between them, England declares that *she will neither make, nor join in, any unprovoked attack upon Germany.* Aggression upon Germany is not the subject, and forms no part of any treaty, understanding, or combination to which England is now a party, nor will she become a party to anything that has such an object.

"NEUTRALITY"

Sir Edward Grey, when he handed this formula to Count Metternich, said that the use of the word "neutrality" would convey the impression that more was meant than was warranted by the text; he suggested that the substance of what was required would be obtained and more accurately expressed by the words "will neither make, nor join in, any unprovoked attack."

Count Metternich thereupon received instructions to make it quite clear that the Chancellor could recommend the Emperor to give up the essential parts of the Novelle (the Bill then pending for the increase of the German navy) only if we could conclude an agreement guaranteeing neutrality of a far-reaching character and leaving no doubt as to any interpretation. He admitted that the Chancellor's wish amounted to a guarantee of absolute neutrality, failing which the Novelle must proceed.

Count Metternich stated that there was no chance of the withdrawal of the Novelle, but said that it might be modified; it would be

disappointing to the Chancellor if we did not go beyond the formula we had suggested.

Sir Edward Grey said that he could understand that there would be disappointment if his Majesty's Government were to state that the carrying out of the *Novelle* would put an end to the negotiations and form an insurmountable obstacle to better relations. His Majesty's Government did not say this, and they hoped that the formula which they had suggested might be considered in connection with the discussion of territorial arrangements, even if it did not prove effective in preventing the increase of naval expenditure.

Sir Edward Grey added that if some arrangement could be made between the two Governments it would have a favourable though indirect effect upon naval expenditure as time went on; it would have, moreover, a favourable and direct effect upon public opinion in both countries.

A few days afterwards Count Metternich communicated to Sir Edward Grey the substance of a letter from the Chancellor in which the latter said that, as the formula suggested by his Majesty's Government was from the German point of view insufficient, and as his Majesty's Government could not agree to the larger formula for which he had asked, the *Novelle* must proceed on the lines on which it had been presented to the Federal Council. The negotiations then came to an end, and with them the hope of a mutual reduction in the expenditure on armaments of the two countries.

As regards the origin of the Great War, and the responsibility for it, the reader has now before him the statements of Mr William Becker and Sir Edward Grey, and is free to exercise his own discretion as to which he accepts. As to the outcome of the war, we must leave the justification of our views to the future.

Contrary to expectation Mr Becker's article has absorbed practically the whole of this number. We have given a more than fair hearing to the German side of the question, and do not intend to open our pages to it again. Will those readers who wish to answer any of Mr Becker's charges please make their replies as BRIEF as possible.—ED.

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THE PRESENT OUTLOOK

THE question as to when this War *will* end is frequently asked, and in reply to enquiries we can say that we are still hopeful that the War will end in the spring, or during the first half of the coming year 1916. We are well aware that we are the only students of Astrology who have publicly made this statement, and at the same time we quite agree with those students who think that the War may last for many years if it does not end during the first half of 1916; for then it can only become a war of exhaustion and a long drawn out affair with no satisfactory finish. However we have said elsewhere in this issue under the heading of National Astrology what we judge from the mundane maps. The passage of Jupiter through the sign Aries will undoubtedly benefit Great Britain.

The Kaiser has had exceptional "luck" with the transit of Jupiter through the midheaven of his horoscope, but that luck is going to change, and Britain will have a little luck of her own soon. The Kaiser's army did very well in France but it only got so far, it also did well in Russia, and only got so far; the same thing will in all probability happen in the Balkans—it will get so far and no farther.

There has been no chance about the Kaiser's success in either military or diplomatic affairs, and it is quite in keeping with the astrological cause to find him benefiting by the transit of Jupiter; but he will soon have shot his bolt and by the time Jupiter enters the sign Aries he will have spent his forces.

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If our British statesmen knew even a little of the divine wisdom of Astrology what an enormous waste of time, money, and energy could be saved! We said quite plainly, over five years ago, that the British Empire would be "Weighed in the Balance and much would depend upon the patriotism of her people." If Lord Derby does not succeed with his recruiting scheme what shall we say of British Patriotism? We sincerely hope and pray that conscription may not come for British men, who cannot be the same after having to be *forced* to defend the land of their birth against its enemies.

We are glad King George has spoken, and he will do well to speak again especially when Jupiter is passing over his ascendant and enters England's sign in 1916. The King could do much under this influence, and he probably will, for he can inspire with confidence those who are in doubt about Britain's future while the beneficent influence of Jupiter pours down from the heavens upon him.

Britain has surely learnt her lesson by now that RIGHT is Might, and that indifference is poison in the blood where right action is concerned. If Britain were to go down now, it would be ages before she could rise again.

If British statesmen could only realise that Britain's hope for a great future lies in India, where Britain's star is exalted! India should be made the faithful friend of Great Britain, for if ever India is lost then Britain's star is surely on the wane, and there is not one in a hundred astrological students who would not endorse this judgment.

India is the richest and most valuable possession Britain holds, not only so far as material welfare is concerned but spiritual welfare also. The martial nation who holds India finds its greatest exaltation in Indian welfare.

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It is very curious to note the resemblance of Britain's representa-

tive horoscope, through her monarch, with that of a certain nation who called upon their astrologers to read the "handwriting on the wall": (*Daniel v. 25*). The words were MENE MENE TEKEL UPHARSIN. Daniel interpreted these words as follows:

MENE: God hath considered thy ways.

TEKEL: Thou art weighed in the balance and found wanting.

Astrologically interpreted the meaning is *Mene*, the Moon, *Tikel*, divided; or,—the Moon—the balance divided.

Our representative horoscope, in the nativity of King George, shows the Moon in the sign of the balance, Libra, and the planet Saturn—the divider—also in Libra the sign of the Balance; and that sign is setting, in the seventh house, the house of enemies.

We have dealt with this coincidence in the Royal Number of MODERN ASTROLOGY issued in July 1910, and it is not necessary at the present time to enlarge upon it. Suffice it to say that we have never known of anything more likely to prove the truth of Astrology to an unbeliever.

United, Britain will stand and overcome her enemies, but divided she will surely fall.

We are approaching a perilous time for the Government, shown by the conjunction of the Moon and Saturn in the eleventh house of the Quarterly Figure (p. 464). Some very critical problems will have to be faced, and if our statesmen are not wise there will be much dissension, a tendency to force resignations, etc. The ruling powers will be sorely perplexed as to the right course of action to take.

There can be no disguising the fact that Great Britain is in grave danger, and the representative horoscope has shown it all along; but Britain can pass safely through the danger *if she will not allow herself to be divided against herself*. We are not interested in the political schemes of party politicians, but we do know that without unity in the political camp Great Britain can easily be divided against herself, and then her troubles will be more serious than we care to imagine. Fortunately Saturn, the Dissolver and the Divider, is in the sign Cancer, which cannot fail to affect the Kaiser, and he may find Bulgaria and Constantinople dividing influences so far as his military forces are concerned.

FATHER ZEEBOLD'S PROPHECY

"Vanoc," the fearless writer for the *Referee*, has done us a service by unearthing a prophecy based upon a study of the heavens. The following appeared in the issue for October 31st:—

In the archives of Ceylon the Dutch records at Colombo contain a prophecy of Father Zeebold, dated A.D. 1012, and a report from the Chief Administrator of Soerabaya to the Official of Samarang, dated 1742. The Ceylon Government archivist, Mr. R. G. Anthonisz (the courteous translator) reports that the Dutch MS. of the prophecy is apparently about 1745. The pedigree of this prophecy, the translation of which, from Vol. 977 D of the archives, follows, is not tainted—as popular prophecies are usually tainted—with the invention of "evidence" after the event happens. Father Zeebold was a monk who lived in the year 1012 in the cloister Zureken, at Herfert, in Saxony. Here is the prophecy:

When I Zeebold had studied all the characteristics and movements of the heavenly signs, I found from the position of these stars, following natural cause and effect, that the Imperial Power will not be permanently established till the year 1216, when a hero would, by chivalrous daring, bring in the double eagle and wield the empire with renown, making also subject to him Austria, Hungary, and Bohemia, and holding sway over these Kingdoms, while his house also continued to flourish up to the 18th century, when, in the year 1740, there will come confusion, rebellion, and great discord, and the empire be divided into three branches. Italy will suffer want and the city of Rome be laid waste. Thereafter will a victor, by great prowess, possess himself of the double eagle and rule the empire with renown until at last the Lion of the North appear and assail the lands with much fierceness; then will the red lion cast the eagle into the vale of darkness and once more rouse the white swan to anger; and he will maintain the empire for a long time till the Great God in his infinite honour and power break it up and make an end of it.

Thus the prophecy of Daniel will go no further, and in the fulfilment of Nebuchadnezzar's dream will be seen that the end of the world is near.

FATALISTS, CASUISTS, AND IDEALISTS

We are right glad to note that Sepharial has spoken out with regard to the three distinct types of astrological students, fatalists, casuists, and idealists, as he significantly terms them in an article headed "Astrology Reviewed" in the *British Journal of Astrology* for November.

Whatever differences we may have had, or are likely to have in the future, we have always recognised Sepharial as an astrologer—

one of the very few who we can say does know what he is talking about when speaking or writing on astrological subjects. We fully endorse his closing remarks:—"Without in any way disposing of Astrology as a physical science, it is high time that we learned to interpret the facts of that science in the light of the higher spiritual teaching to which we have access. Otherwise we shall debase the science and enslave our own souls. In such case it were better that our Astrology had never been written. As a physical science Astrology has an immense future before it, but as a fatalistic creed it is not worth an hour's study."

We would like to see other students express their opinions as frankly and sensibly; we should then be nearer to agreement and less likely to differ in our opinions than we are at present, for practically all the differences between astrologers arise through their holding those views which Sepharial has classified into the three main groups of fatalists, casuists and idealists.

SCIENTIFIC ASTROLOGY

A correspondent sends us an astrological paper and draws our attention to the Editor's remarks on "Scientific Astrology" on the first page and "Birthday influences during October" on another page, in which "the fate of every child born during the month" is given. Our correspondent's comments are somewhat sarcastic, particularly with regard to the Editor of the paper being unknown and the absence of his name at the end of his "observatory" notes; and suggests that he is either an amateur student or is ashamed to append his name. We do not know who the Editor may be, but we think he is very inconsistent in claiming to be "an exponent of strict scientific astrology" and "to hold the premier place among contemporary journals, both in the old and new world."

The inconsistency lies in publishing Birthday influences regarding the fate of every child born during certain days of the month.

Persons who make such claims, either in journals or almanacs, are either wilfully deceiving the public or have no knowledge of scientific Astrology. There are twelve signs in the zodiac, and all of them rise in turn during the 24 hours. Are readers intended to under-

stand that it is a matter of no importance which sign rises in a horoscope? Most students regard rising signs as marking off twelve distinct types of men; and members of all these twelve are born every day of the year; but "birthday information" of this sort rises superior to the zodiac.

Again, most students consider that it makes a considerable difference in which houses of the heavens the Sun, Moon and planets are placed; whether they are rising, culminating, or setting, are above or below the horizon. But the whole of this subject is ignored in such "scientific" birthday information as this. A person's fate is apparently regarded as independent of the positions of the planets in the houses of the heavens!

The editor says under his heading of Birthday Influences for October that a child born on Friday the 1st October "will be clever but proud, careless and unlucky in love." During the whole of that day Venus is in trine aspect to Uranus: Venus is also near the parallel of Jupiter,—will that make the child unlucky in love?

We need not waste time or space with this "scientific" Editor. He either knows or does not know that this is not Natal Astrology, and he either gives the "information" to sell his paper to the unwary, or he bases his Astrology on anything but scientific grounds. "The fate of every child born during the month" is deliberately misleading. Let the following facts suffice:—In the month of February 1914 a man was hanged in Manchester for a murder committed in Oldham. This man was born 15th February 1894. The birthday information given in one of the so-called astrological almanacs for 1894 gave "a child born on the 15th February will be very fortunate and rise in life and will be *well conducted and of good morals*"! His rise in life was on the gallows!!!

There is another small matter that it may be well to mention. There is a lady writing articles on Astrology who professes to be a qualified astrologer when she cannot cast a horoscope correctly. We have seen readings from this lady based on horoscopes where the planets have been read as in houses where they are not.

If there are psychics who use horoscopes as the medium between themselves and their clients, it is hardly fair to deceive people by

leading them to think they are astrologers when they are after all but psychics—good, bad, or indifferent. Astrology is first a science, and only those of a scientific and philosophic turn of mind should handle the subjects and any psychic who professes to be an astrologer, writing what we know to be sheer nonsense devoid of all astrological merit is a quack, a humbug, and a charlatan—whether she knows it or not, and it does not in any way mitigate the evil when (as in some cases) such people refuse to take money for the work done.

We feel keenly about this matter, for we *know* the harm it is doing to work which all readers of this magazine are striving for, *viz.*, the re-establishment and purification of the ancient science of Astrology.

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For the purpose of clearing up some of the outstanding scientific questions relating to Astrology our pages have recently been used for articles that were not of general, or public, interest. It is necessary at times to deal with technical questions in our pages since we declare that our magazine is devoted to the search for TRUTH concerning Astrology, and not only to interest the casual reader.

We have made certain valuable discoveries concerning Natal Astrology which have satisfied us that what has been termed Natal Astrology by many writers is almost entirely Horary Astrology. But we shall deal with the subject more fully in the coming issues of this magazine, in which we hope to publish horoscopes of men who have been engaged in the War.

EASTERN AND WESTERN METHODS

Some letters have been placed in our hands written by a Hindu who states his "conviction that Western astrologers are on the wrong track" and after an explanation was offered to him to clear up his difficulty he states that he is more than ever confirmed in this view, and he asks in one of these letters "will Mr Leo refute the Hindu system if he can."

In support of his claim that we are wrong in using the ecliptic zodiac for Astrology instead of the constellations he quotes Sepharial's *Manual of Astrology*, pages 209-11 and 228; yet contrary to his claim

we find Sepharial supporting the use of the ecliptic zodiac, as we know he has always done in common with *all* Western astrologers.

The following brief summary of the facts may be helpful.

THE PRECESSION OF THE EQUINOXES

The question of bearing of precession upon Astrology is constantly being raised by students, and many references to it have appeared in MODERN ASTROLOGY. Whether precession has, or has not any bearing upon astrological studies, depends entirely upon which zodiac the astrologer is following. *There are two zodiacs* (1) that of the ecliptic, and (2) that of the constellations.

(1) The ecliptic zodiac is the Sun's annual apparent path through the heavens, as seen from the earth, which of course is the result of the earth's revolution round the Sun. This zodiac begins where the Sun crosses the Equator on its northward passage, about March 21 each year. The effect of precession here is simply to make the fixed stars appear to move forward at the rate of about 50" of longitude every year. That is all. No rectification or correction for precession is required. This is the zodiac used by all Western astrologers in ancient and modern times; it is that in terms of which the ephemeris is calculated every year; and it is what is meant by every European and American astrologer when he speaks of "the zodiac."

(2) The zodiac of constellations consists of twelve groups of stars, called by the same names as the twelve signs, but not occupying the same longitude. This is the zodiac employed by Indian astrologers. If the constellations are regarded as relatively fixed, the effect of precession is to make the ecliptic zodiac appear to move backward at the rate of about 50" of longitude each year. Therefore any astrologer who wishes to make his calculations and predictions in terms of the constellations must (a) ascertain the distance in longitude (called the Ayanamsha) between the first points of the two zodiacs for the given year, and then (b) convert the ecliptic positions of Sun, Moon, and Planets as given in the ephemeris into terms of the zodiac of constellations. This is best done by calculating the horoscope in the usual way from the ephemeris and then subtracting the Ayanamsha from the longitude of Sun, Moon, Planets, and every cusp of house.

Unfortunately the length of the Ayanamsha is greatly in dispute, and this surrounds the subject with uncertainty. Estimates have varied from eight to thirty degrees, but an average of about twenty degrees is followed by many.

The question therefore resolves itself into this:—Which is the true zodiac?

In our opinion each of these is a true zodiac. The ecliptic is determined by the relations of the Earth to the Sun. It belongs to our earth only. Its effects are due to certain energies, partly physical, and partly superphysical, which exist within the sphere of aura of our earth and which are called into activity by stimuli proceeding from Sun, Moon and Planets and impinging upon the earth. This is the zodiac that is nearest to us, and under which we are all born.

The constellations surround the solar system as a whole at an immense distance. Their influence seems to be more universal than personal, and is much more difficult to understand than that of the signs.

I am sure this young Hindu means well, but, as he states in one of his letters, he is "woefully ignorant of Western methods." If that is so he should study them before he condemns them, as we have studied Eastern methods. We should have dealt more extensively with Eastern Astrology on our return from India had we not found the whole of the ground covered by Sepharial in his manual. If the statement that TWENTY-FIVE YEARS DAILY PRACTICE HAS SATISFIED Mr Leo that the ecliptic zodiac (as ordinarily employed by Western astrologers) is THE ONLY ZODIAC THAT CAN BE USED IN NATAL ASTROLOGY, is of any value to Mr Tarachand he is welcome to it.

At a conference held in Bombay while we were in India it was stated quite seriously that had it not been for Western methods and Western energy Astrology would have died out of India during the next 50 years.

THE KING'S ACCIDENT

The very regrettable accident to His Majesty King George happened, according to the newspapers, between 11 and 11.30 a.m. on 28/10/1915, while reviewing troops on the west front, "somewhere in

France." As the place is not stated, it is impossible to calculate an exact map for the time of the accident, but it is evident that the third decanate of the sign Sagittarius was rising. The accident was caused by the King's horse rearing, startled by cheering, and Sagittarius is the sign of the horseman. The King's horoscope of birth shows Jupiter in the third decanate of Sagittarius afflicted by the opposition of Uranus, so that the places of these two planets were respectively rising and setting at the time. But the progressed horoscope for October 1915 shows $\cap 24^\circ$, the third decanate of Gemini, the opposite sign to Sagittarius, rising, thus inverting the positions of the two signs at the time of the accident.

The coincidences do not end here, for by direction the progressed ascendant is between the oppositions of the progressed and radical Jupiter, the ruler of Sagittarius; and the progressed Moon was at Leo 8.47, in semi-square to the cusp of the progressed ascendant for October. There was therefore a complete chain of (astrological) cause and effect running through these influences.

The transits were also remarkable: Mars over Moon p. and semi-square Ascendant p.; Uranus opposition Moon p. and sesquiquadrate Ascendant p.; the Sun square Venus r. and opposition Mars r.; Mars just gone over its own place; Mercury over Saturn r.; Venus opposition Mercury r. These are a strong list of unfavourable transits, and they afforded stimulation to the current directions previously mentioned.

In our review of the King's directions in December 1914 (p. 548) we predicted danger to His Majesty's health, although we did not foresee the precise form the danger took in this instance, an accident while on horseback. We notice that Raphael in his 1915 Almanac (p. 71) speaks of "personal danger" to the King, and mentions October as one of the dangerous periods.

CORRESPONDENCE LESSONS IN ASTROLOGY.—Miss Maud Margesson has been awarded a CERTIFICATE OF MERIT.

Mr F. C. Marchand, of Ohio, U.S.A., has been awarded the DIPLOMA OF MERIT

National Astrology

AN ASTROLOGICAL FORECAST OF NATIONAL TENDENCIES

From Christmas 1915 to the Spring Quarter, 1916

WHEN the Sun enters the sign Capricorn on the 22nd of December the Moon will be in conjunction with the planet Saturn, and but for this unfortunate conjunction the map for the quarter would be very promising for PEACE. The conjunction, however, is not favourable for any peace arising out of *victory*, and is more likely to lead to a Compromise than a victorious Peace. Indeed, if the Allies were not pledged to fight this War to a finish a Compromise might have been probable.

To a great extent Germany is favoured by this map, owing to the position of Jupiter in the sign Pisces, which is the culminating sign in the Kaiser's nativity, and it will afford him an exceptional opportunity to make favourable terms, more favourable than he would at any future time be likely to obtain.

A Mutable sign rising at the time when the Sun enters Capricorn denotes that the influence of the quarterly figure will only endure for three months, so that whatever benefic influence it may have in favour of any kind of peace expires when the Sun enters the sign Aries on the 20th March 1916.

There is one very important consideration however; this map links up that for the Spring Quarter, in which the planet Venus occupies the seventh house and is near enough to the cusp to bring its influence into the western angle; and what is more, the *Sun then is applying to the conjunction of the planet Jupiter and Jupiter is in trine aspect to Mars!*

It is quite clear from this that very strenuous efforts will be made to bring about peace, from Christmas 1915 to the end of the Spring of 1916, and that these efforts will grow stronger until the June or Summer Quarter of 1916. In view of the setting of Jupiter and Venus between the Christmas and the Summer Quarter we feel inclined

With this preface we may now study in detail the maps and give the result of our opinion so far as it concerns Great Britain (London), Germany (Berlin), Russia (Petrograd), and America (New York).

THE WINTER SOLSTICE

(See Map on p. 464)

Virgo rises and Jupiter is setting in Pisces in sextile to Venus in Capricorn in the fifth house and in trine to the Moon and Saturn, which are in conjunction in Cancer in the eleventh house; and Jupiter is free from bad aspects. These positions are the same for that area of Europe comprised between London and Vienna, except that at Berlin and Vienna the Moon and Saturn are in the mid-heaven, as they also are at Petrograd, Constantinople, and the east of Europe generally. Jupiter is in the sixth house at Petrograd, Constantinople, and the Balkan region, except at Belgrade, where it is only five degrees below the cusp of the seventh.

As was pointed out a year ago, this setting position of Jupiter, strong in its own sign and well aspected, will exert a benefic and pacific influence over the whole of that part of Europe which is influenced by it; and the questions arise—What precise meaning are we to attach to this position? To what extent will its influence be exerted in favour of peace?

Every student will realise the importance of Jupiter in the seventh house in this map when we add that *during the whole of 1916 and 1917 there is no map for equinox, solstice, New Moon, or eclipse that shows pacific influences equal to this: viz., Jupiter in the seventh house, strong in its own sign, well aspected, and free from bad aspects.*

Of course it does not necessarily follow that if peace does not come during this quarter it cannot come during the next two years; but we are apparently justified in inferring that a peace during those two years would be attended by more delay and greater disadvantages to all concerned than at present, and that it would be more in the nature of compulsion than of voluntary agreement.

We believe in the free will of nations as much as in that of man, and that no nation is divinely compelled either to make war under bad

planetary positions or to make peace under good ones if it is unwilling to do so. A nation is only a collection of men, and if the man has any free will the nation must necessarily also have some, subject to the limitations and restrictions imposed by the fact that the nation has less self-consciousness, less unity, less integration than the average man. But although he possesses some measure of free will, the average man seldom exerts it. The separate man and groups of men respond almost automatically to the changes good and bad that are shown in the heavens, and seldom exert their freedom of will either to pursue good or to avoid evil. That is why astrologers are fairly safe in wording their predictions as if there were a fatalism involved in the subject, and as if nobody could escape it, although we believe this view to be incorrect.

Following the ordinary interpretation of positions, it seems that the powers will be more inclined to an armistice, a truce, or to peace, and that the severity of the conflict will be lessened in some respects and for a time. Some friendly power will attempt to intervene in order to lessen or end the struggle; allies will be drawn more closely together in friendly bonds; and visits will be exchanged by important persons. If the old rule of the fifth house signifying ambassadors is correct, official or unofficial messengers are likely to be actually passing between the countries, either openly or privately, and terms and conditions will be under actual consideration. Jupiter is nearest to the cusp of the seventh house at Berlin and Vienna but is in the sixth house at Petrograd, and this suggests that suggestions and feelers towards peace are likely to proceed from the central powers, but that Russia, Turkey and the Balkan states will be obstacles in the way. With this exception the influences shown in this map are more pacific for west and central Europe than at any time since the outbreak of the War, and nothing so good will recur during the next two years.

The positions are not wholly unfavourable for trade and money, but great economy and thrift will be necessary and some failures are to be feared. The state of affairs will press heavily upon the poor and the working classes as well as upon wounded soldiers and sailors; measures for relieving their necessities and for organising employment will be in active operation in the various countries. Parliaments or administrative bodies will be occupied in considering these and similar

questions, and in some parts the task will be a very thorny one because of Moon conjunction Saturn in the mid-heaven in central and eastern Europe. In Great Britain and France affairs will be unlucky in parliament; changes will probably take place; there is danger of altered plans, of failure of some measure or purpose, and the government will be unpopular and in danger of defeat. From Berlin eastward some section of the people will be at variance with their rulers: one or more of the governments will be unfortunate and unpopular; and something like downfall and disgrace are threatened to statesmen.

Had this country been at war alone and the rest of Europe at peace, the trine of Mars to the Sun and Mercury would have justified the prediction of the triumph of our arms abroad and good fortune for our fighting men; but here the same positions hold good all over Europe, and the only distinction that can be drawn is that at Petrograd and the extreme east of Europe Mars is more elevated than elsewhere. This points to Russia as likely to benefit through her army and navy. France and Italy will also receive increased martial energy, but it will be attended with danger because Mars becomes stationary in the last degree of Leo on December 31st, Ω 29.49; and as this is on the threshold of Virgo, Turkey, Greece and Switzerland may suffer from discord, fires and accidents.

The positions of Jupiter and Venus indicate an increase in the number of marriages and of births. Theatres and places of entertainment will benefit and an easier feeling will prevail in social life than was the case a year ago. Cases of scandal are likely to arise out of the opposition of Venus to Neptune.

At New York the culminating Jupiter and setting Venus show success at home and peaceful relations abroad, but in spite of this the rising of Saturn and the Moon show trouble, and discontent, with privation among the poor; and some cause of financial or political trouble will arise out of foreign affairs.

The stationary position of Mars will fall unfortunately in the horoscopes of President Poincaré, the Emperor of Austria, the King of Sweden, the Tsarevitch, Mr H. H. Asquith, and the German Emperor.

THE PRESENT MONTH

New Moon, 6 December 1915, 6.4 p.m.

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(1)	\times 14	Υ 20	Π 7	ω 15	Ω 1	Ω 19		
(2)	\times 28	Υ 7	Π 22	ω 26	Ω 12	ω 1		
(3)	Υ 17	Π 2	ω 14	Ω 14	Ω 28	ω 18		
(4)	Υ 1	Υ 23	ω 20	Υ 2	Ω 13	Π 10		
\odot -D	Υ	Υ	δ	α	β	Υ		
	Υ 13.32	Υ 8.25	Υ 4.58	Ω 26.5	\times 19.25	ω 15.24	ω 12.35	Ω 2.25
	(1) London	(2) Berlin	(3) Petrograd	(4) New York				

Jupiter is culminating in Pisces, in trine to Saturn rising in Cancer but in square to the luminaries in Sagittarius in the sixth house. The position of Jupiter is fortunate for the king and government, for its influence is pacific and promotes prosperity and tends towards a relaxation of the strain of war, and relieves and minimises the trouble shown in other parts of the map; and this applies to France and Belgium as well as Great Britain. But there will be much distress in these countries; and discontent arising out of the war and the state of foreign affairs will be felt by nearly all classes. The working classes will feel this most and are likely to attempt strikes and similar demonstrations of dissatisfaction. Genuine attempts to relieve distress and to organise the resources of the nation and empire at home and abroad will be made by the authorities and should go a large way towards succeeding. Aspirations for peace will probably be freely expressed in this and other countries.

Naval affairs will be prominent; new vessels will be built and launched; some losses must be expected; oversea trade will be busy; this country and its allies will be successful at sea. The labour world will be busy in spite of difficulties and distress. Diseases of throat and lung will be prevalent, and a good deal of sickness will be abroad, but it will be possible to cope with it successfully. The death-rate will be rather high, especially among the poor and the aged. Accidents and death by aviation, motor car and rail are threatened.

Saturn is nearest to the cusp of the ascendant at London and Paris, and its depressing influence will be felt in Great Britain and

France. Jupiter is closest to the cusp of the mid-heaven in Belgium and Holland, and will benefit those two countries. The map is not quite so important at Berlin and Vienna, for Saturn and Jupiter will both be removed from the angles there. Uranus will be setting at Petrograd signifying foreign troubles, and Neptune will be rising at Constantinople, bringing an unsettled and disorganised condition of the country. Venus culminates at New York, benefiting the country as a whole through trade and foreign affairs, although the planet is quite without aspects; but there will be discontent among the workers and the lower classes, and strikes threatened.

The place of the lunation falls unfortunately in most of the prominent horoscopes.

KING GEORGE	♁ ⊙ Δ Ψ	PRES. POINCARÉ	♁ ♃ Δ ♃ ♄
KING OF ITALY	♁ ♃ ♄ Δ Ψ	CZAR	Δ ♃
GERMAN EMPEROR	♁ ♃	KING OF NORWAY	Δ ♃ ⊙
QUEEN OF HOLLAND	Δ ♃	THE POPE	♁ ♃ ♄ ♃

AN EASY METHOD OF FINDING THE APPROXIMATE LONGITUDE OF THE PLANETS.—Under this title in the August issue of *Knowledge* appeared a quick and ready means of calculating the heliocentric longitude of a planet for any date past or future, by means of the following simple formula:

$$L' = L + mt + A. \sin mt$$

in which L' stands for the required hel. longitude of planet on given date, L for the longitude of perihelion, m the mean angular velocity per day, t the time in days since perihelion, and A a constant peculiar to each planet. The way in which A is arrived at is explained in the article, which also contains a table of the values of L , m , t etc., for each planet (not including the Moon however). The heliocentric longitude being ascertained in this way, the geocentric may be found therefrom by means of the method given on p. 194 of *Casting the Horoscope*.

The inventor of the method, Prof. Herbert Chatley, D.Sc., M.I.C.E.I. (who will be remembered as the author of an article on the "Theory of Intersecting Vibrations and its application to Astro-Psychics" in *MODERN ASTROLOGY* for September 1912), states that while the longitudes thus obtained show small discrepancies as compared with the standard ephemerides, these are not cumulative and "the calculations can be extended over thousands of years forwards or backwards without an error of more than a degree." Diagrams explain the method, but no example is given and, perhaps by an oversight, the application of the method to the Moon is not referred to.

An Open Letter

(Sent to all the papers in Washington, D.C.)

MY DEAR MISS WILBUR,

My attention has been called to an address you recently delivered in which you make the rather startling declaration that "the light of the stars can so poison the air as to make men crazy to fight and kill one another."

It grieves me to realise that a woman of your evident ability should fall into so serious an error as to even admit the blasphemous idea that the Creator has so constructed His Universe that any of its members are permitted or even able to exert radically evil influences upon His children in human form.

I cannot spare the time to write at length, but my sense of duty and devotion to my science and art, as well as to all my fellow creatures, impels me to make at least a feeble effort to set right one whose errors are fraught with mischief not only to herself but to the many that naturally look to her for instruction and guidance.

There is absolutely no such thing as an evil principle or a principle of evil in nature! All that which the old astrological text-books and writers define as evil is no more evil intrinsically than is lightning, fire, dynamite, powerful acid, or other forces and agencies that comparatively few people have learned how to handle with impunity, but all of which when intelligently directed are capable of eminently useful service.

Let me briefly define for you the influence of Saturn—that planet which astrologers from time immemorial have designated as the "Greater Malefic" or the most evil and malignant of all the planets.

Saturn represents the cold, contracting, limiting and crystallising force or influence in nature. The metal astrologers and alchemists have always associated with Saturn is lead, which is one of the dullest, heaviest, most lifeless and inert of all the metals. One of the ancient names of Saturn was "Chronos" from which the word chronic is derived. It is a well-established fact that the effects of Saturn are always unusually durable and his afflictions assume a chronic character.

Everything in nature has its positive and negative poles, the extremes of which are as far apart as the east is from the west.

Those children of men who are only capable of responding to the lower or negative vibrations of Saturn are aptly described as cold, calloused, crabbed and covetous. They are naturally melancholic and morbid, grasping, selfish, suspicious and avaricious; narrow, bigoted, surly, mercenary and

morose. But those who through the refining crucible of powerful experiences have evolved to that state in which they are capable of manifesting the higher or positive vibrations of Saturn may be described as cool and calm, cautious and collected, careful and conscientious. They are grave, studious, patient, contemplative and temperate, reserved, persistent, steady, constant, exact, impartial, sedate and dependable.

You will notice that all the adjectives used to describe the Saturnian characteristics are such as naturally are associated with cold. And whether the human manifestations will be along the higher or lower lines depends upon the stage of evolution to which the soul has attained. The same heavy, dull and lifeless lead which acts like dead weight on the feet of the unevolved, or those children of Saturn who have not been spiritually born out of the crucible of Life's experiences, becomes transposed and plays its part in making them steady and dependable. The lead in their character then performs a function similar to that of the centre boards or keels of sailing vessels, or plummets, balance wheels, etc., which are so commonly made of lead because of the heavy weight it enables mechanics to concentrate within small compass.

It is not because the ether or atmosphere was poisoned by the planetary or stellar vibrations that the great war in Europe was precipitated; nor is that the reason why any of the evils that men do and suffer from must eventuate. But it is because of man's ignorance and persistent violations of Nature's laws that they are helplessly and blindly swayed by the celestial vibrations instead of enjoying serene and calm ability to so adjust themselves as the sailor, because of his understanding of the laws governing the winds and currents, is able to so manipulate his rudder and sails as to cause any wind to take his vessel in any direction in which he chooses to go. It is all a matter of intelligent and conscious direction of Nature's forces and obedience to Her laws. Jesus said:

"Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap."

This applies to nations as well as to men. And it is because men and nations for centuries have sown the seeds of violence and disorder and blindly paid their obeisance before the altars of Mammon that the terrific conflict now raging in Europe became inevitable. But deplorable as it is, the far-seeing wisdom and wonderful love of God will cause even this abomination to contribute to the service of His children and to the furtherance of His Kingdom on Earth.

Trusting that the suggestion I have herein made will assist you to a more reverent respect for the wonderfully perfect and marvellous mechanism and alchemic essences of the Universe of which we are a part, I remain,

27/7/1915

Yours fraternally, FRANK THEODORE ALLEN.

Letters to the Editor

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Neglect of these considerations may cause otherwise valuable letters to be excluded from these pages.

MR WILDE'S ASPECTS

DEAR SIR,

Mr Becker's appeal to the new aspects in the Kaiser's horoscope is somewhat unfortunate. If the Moon is, as he suggests, in sexi-Vintile Saturn and Tri-quargenile Venus, they would add some good qualities to the personal character and would assist his health, but such aspects would be wholly ineffective as regards his honour and his position as King. They cannot save him from that overthrow threatened by the promissors Mars and Neptune, since they not only afflict the M.C. but the Sun; Neptune by the Semi-square and Mars by the Noni-Sexaquartile.

That the ascendant in the Kaiser's horoscope is Cancer 22°30' there can not be any doubt whatever and this brings Venus in Mundane trine to the M.C. fairly close, and the Sun in Mundane sextile to the M.C. These are the only "saving graces," but they can hardly contend successfully against the heavy affliction of the Sun and M.C. even if the Sun is within orb the Septi-Vintile and not the Unde-Tricibinile Jupiter, for the Sun is certainly Qui-Sedecile Uranus, which means that his friends cannot save him. The proof that the Asc. in the Kaiser's horoscope really is the 23rd degree of Cancer, I will put into the editor's hands very shortly, as I cannot go fully into the matter in this brief letter.

Yours faithfully, GEO. WILDE.

"GERMANY'S POSITION IN THE GREAT WAR"

I.

DEAR SIR,

I have been interested in the above article which is in reality an apologia for Germany and the Kaiser and contains rather too much political bias for an astrological discussion.

It appears that the public both in Germany and this country only know as much as the authorities like to tell them, so that we must not dogmatise too much on facts for which we have only hearsay evidence. It has been fairly conclusively proved however:—That Germany violated the neutrality of Belgium. That some of her soldiers have been guilty of terrible excesses. That Germany has prepared long and thoroughly for war. That on several occasions both the Kaiser and Crown Prince have made very inflammatory and militant speeches in which one might catch the refrain "Deutschland über alles" "Mailed fist" and other *peacemaking* (?) expressions.

Further there can be little doubt that the War is the outcome of the Slav opposition to German propaganda and expansion in the near East.

Mr Becker must *know* a fact known to nearly everyone acquainted with German life, and that is that there is a wide gulf between the civilian and the military classes, for in many cases the civilian hates the military or Junker class; and it is this class which has been responsible, in my opinion, for the policy of German expansion and aggression. We are not in a position to lay the guilt or blame wholly at the Kaiser's door, as he is not an absolute monarch, but we do know that in many of his speeches he has betrayed the manner of the "War Lord."

Whether Mr Becker believes it or not, I for one submit that the destinies of Nations are reflected in the horoscopes of their rulers, notwithstanding that English astrologers may or may not have been too severe in judging the Kaiser's *personal* horoscope. At one time Mr Becker says the horoscope of the ruler does not reflect the nation's destiny, and then a little later he tries to prove that the Kaiser's horoscope proves the invincibility of Germany.

My own opinion of the Kaiser's horoscope is that it shows a mistrustful and envious nature, and I think that the mistrust and finesse there shown produced this war. He is one who is not only jealous of the prosperity of others but he always mistrusts their motives.

I do not think the British nation is or has been guiltless but I certainly think that they have proved themselves to be on a much higher plane morally and spiritually in the course of this war.

I believe honestly that most Germans (and many of a high moral nature) think themselves the aggrieved party—the innocent victims of a European conspiracy. But does it not behove Uranians and searchers after eternal truths to recognise in these cataclysmal wars the lower and elemental nature of man and the errors of those who have not ruled their stars? What does it matter to Uranians who gains *material* advantage from the War?

We see in War the imperfection of the present political and social systems which lead to these titanic struggles for material possessions:—♂, ruler of Aries, achieves 8 possessions in a primal stage of civilisation. But ought we not in the 20th century to have

progressed beyond this primitive stage? There is surely enough substance in this world for Germans, English, French and Russians without having to tear one another's throats for the means of subsistence!

Let Mr Becker co-operate with our worthy Editor and spread the new gospel of astral philosophy in Germany. Do not let us forget that Mars also rules Scorpio the "accursed sign" of revenge, and, as Germany has learned in Alsace-Lorraine, you cannot stamp out national prejudices with the sword; and every soldier slain in this war leaves a heritage of hate to the enemy. You cannot inculcate Kultur with the sword, for Germany was far more powerful with the pen than she is likely to be with the sword.

As Mr Becker says, the Kaiser has a strong military horoscope and undoubted talents and capacity for military operations, and has proved a doughty opponent.

But other considerations are necessary to permanent success. As Napoleon said, an army marches on its stomach, and one of the weak spots in the Kaiser's horoscope is the opposition of Sun and Saturn from second and eighth; for this undoubtedly shows financial difficulties just as ♂♂♄ in ♋♌♍ in ♀ shows the rise of the German navy and mercantile marine under the present Emperor, and also the advent of the submarine, as well as those methods of diplomacy and espionage peculiarly German. But ♂♂♄ is also ☐♀ and this shows the extravagant loss of life amongst the German forces, as well as the extravagant expenditure on armaments; also it shows that the Kaiser's and Germany's fair fame will be smirched with tales of outrage and rapine. I myself believe that the Kaiser has many good qualities and even religious ones, but he is an autocrat and also obsessed with the glamour of World Conquest: (♂♂♄ in ♋ in 10th). He may to a certain extent be the victim of circumstances, for as Saturn opposition Sun shows he will meet with great opposition not only from abroad but from within his own country. Sun trine Jupiter from Aquarius and Gemini shows that the Kaiser has some good qualities, that at least he is genuinely interested in the welfare of humanity; only the glamour of war is too strong for him, and he must be obeyed: opposition to his wishes brings out the ☉♂♃ qualities and thence ♂♂♄, ☐♀. He has a weak Venus, showing that the finer feelings are liable to be blinded by passion. He has a weak Moon from the personal side, showing a vindictive inclination and a tendency to covet the possessions of others (♀); and further this Moon nature is intensified by the opposition of Uranus making him act suddenly and erratically. In spite of the caution shown by Saturn opposition Sun, he is likely at times to be very impulsive and once the die is cast his egoism will not allow him to admit wrongdoing. Jupiter in Gemini in twelfth trine Sun may bring him charity from Gemini countries and in this case the Germans have plundered Belgium and obtained much money from her, and the United States (another Gemini country) may intervene on his behalf. I believe

however that $\odot \ 8 \ 6$ (ii-viii) will be the deciding factor in the war. Should however the Kaiser be forced to abdicate he may find a home in the U.S.A.

I agree with Mr Becker that we have some faults and that Ψ rising in Υ in our ruling horoscope shows the chaotic state of the country and the vacillating nature of the government during the present reign, which has misled Germany and other nations as to our real strength and policy. Let us all hope that the conclusion of the war, whenever it comes, will see the entry of the Aquarian Era.

I am Sir,

Yours fraternally,

Folkestone, 5/11/1915

W. P. COOK.

II.

DEAR SIR,

The article of Mr W. Becker only shows that National Astrology is not yet a fixed science and can be interpreted both ways. Leaving aside all predictive items, I think then that the matter should be looked at in the light of influences which have already proved to be effective, and first it should be well to remember that Life is generally dependent on the law of rhythm. Life's progress is not a direct and unchecked march onwards, it is rather a progressive tide, going on by successive flows and ebbs. As far as perfection is not yet reached, evil with its receding tendencies must be made allowance for. We make three steps onward and we recede one, then we push forward another five steps and we have to go backwards another two, but yet in the end, progress is made. This, as I think, is the true general meaning of the influence on human destiny of the direct and retrograde march of the planets which recurs methodically.

As a direct influence on the progress of the war, I find it is eminently suggestive to study the recurrence of the direct and retrograde march of Uranus, together with the recurrence of the maximum and minimum orb of the opposition of Uranus and Neptune, as per list below. This shows that since the beginning of the war which was at the medium point between the previous maximum and the next minimum, that is in the course backwards towards a closer opposition, every time we have a change coinciding with the variations of Uranus and with the minimum and maximum orbs of the opposition afforded by the variations of Neptune. In October 1914 the last steps of retrograde Uranus, leading to a minimum orb of the opposition, saw the intervention of Turkey. In May 1915 the last steps of direct Uranus, shortly after reaching the maximum orb, saw the intervention of Italy.

Again, the last steps of retrograde Uranus, just on reaching the next minimum orb, led to the intervention of Bulgaria. This bids fair that in May 1916, if the war is then still going on, with the last steps

of direct Uranus and the reaching of the next maximum orb we have to expect another intervention on the side of the Allies. For it seems a fact that Germany scores when Uranus has been retrograde and the opposition is at its highest, and the Allies have their turn with Uranus direct and the opposition widest. This looks like a sanction from on high.

	Ψ	Ω	Orb of opposition			
1912 Apr. 1	$\approx 20.59D$	≈ 2.54	11.55			
May 1	21.14	3.26	12.12 max.			
— 8	21.22	3.28R	12.6			
Oct. 10	25.55	$\approx 29.31D$	3.36 min.			
— 30	26.1R	29.42	3.41			
1913 Apr. 4	23.13D	≈ 6.57	13.44			
May 1	23.25	7.30	14.5 max.			
— 13	23.38	7.33R	13.55			
Oct. 14	28.9	3.37D	5.28 min.			
Nov. 1	28.14R	3.45	5.31			
1914 Apr. 7	25.26D	10.59	15.33			
May 1	25.36	11.31	15.55 max.			
— 18	25.54	11.37R	15.43			
Aug. 1	28.21	9.42	11.21			initiation of war
Oct. 25	Ω 0.25	7.41D	7.16 min.			intervention of Turkey
Nov. 4	0.27R	7.49	7.22			
1915 Apr. 10	$\approx 27.39D$	14.59	17.22			
May 1	27.47	15.30	17.43 max.			
— 21	28.8	15.40R	17.32			intervention of Italy
Oct. 23	Ω 2.37	11.44D	9.7 min.			intervention of Bulgaria
Nov. 1	2.40	11.47	9.7			
— 6	2.41R	11.50	9.9			
1916 Apr. 10	$\approx 29.52D$	18.55	19.3			
May 1	29.59	19.29	19.30 max.			
— 25	Ω 0.25	19.42R	19.17			
Oct. 26	4.51	15.47D	10.56			
Nov. 1	4.53	15.48	10.55 min.			
— 7	4.54R	15.51	10.57			

	max.	min.		max.	min.
May 1 1912	12.12		May 1 1914	15.55	
Oct. 10 —		3.36	Oct. 25 —		7.16
May 1 1913	14.5		May 1 1915	17.43	
Oct. 14 —		5.28	Oct. 23 —		9.7

	max.	min.
May 1 1916	19.30	
Nov. 1 —		10.55

In Mr Sinnett's book, *The Spiritual Powers and the War*, it is said that the reason why the cause of the White powers does not triumph at once is because these must never attack but always expect to be attacked. We have assisted lately at what seems to us a most deplorable failure of the Allies in their Balkan diplomacy, which might have been prevented by a timely show of strength. But the errors of men work the justice of God, and it may be that it was destined that this should be so, in order that the powers of evil should be left every opportunity. Ebbs and flows must recur, as the planets

must proceed by direct and retrograde motion, and in the universal tide of life even the eventual triumph of justice and truth cannot escape the swaying process in strict accordance with the law of Rhythm.

Bilbao, 4/11/'15.

Yours very sincerely,
JULIO FERMAUD.

III

SIR,

(i) On p. 425 Mr Becker says: ". . . to-day the financial position of Germany is the soundest of all the countries involved in the war, Germany has been the *only* country in which at the commencement of the war there was *no necessity for granting a moratorium*, enabling an adjustment to the sudden getting out of gear of the financial machinery" (italics mine). And on page 573 of last December issue he said: "Germany has certainly not sought this war with France, England and Belgium; it is of their own making." It seems strange that all the provokers were unprepared financially and only the unsuspecting victim ready with realisable securities!

(ii) Mr Becker writes an article of 12,000 words and sends it to the Editor of a magazine published in a country with which his own nation is at war, in the serene confidence that this Editor will publish it entire, (else surely he would not have troubled to write it all out?), notwithstanding the fact that the bulk of the article is controversial rather than astrological and therefore outside the scope of our journal. In doing this he seems to be unaware of the very real, however unintentional, tribute he is paying to the love of fair play—a fair field and no favour—which is one of those English characteristics which he forbore to include among those cited on p. 433.

Yours faithfully,
ONLOOKER.

IV

SIR,

Qui s'excuse, s'accuse.

M. WYNTER ROBINSON.

ASTROLOGICAL PREDICTION RELATING TO THE WAR

DEAR SIR,

An article appeared in the October issue of MODERN ASTROLOGY in which my name is mentioned (p. 382) and I should like, by your courtesy, to make some comment upon it.

In the course of the article it is stated that "this war will end when the world has learnt the lessons that the war has to teach," a fact

which should be obvious to any student of such a science as Astrology. Also, the opinion is expressed that the whole question of prediction should be thoroughly ventilated with a view to changing our outlook from a fatalistic to a much wider attitude regarding the predictive side of Astrology.

Agreed; but in connection with such an event as this war the question might well be asked what is a fatalistic attitude? Space will not allow of an examination of the pros and cons of fate versus freewill, but in this connection it is difficult to say where one begins and the other ends. It seems to me that the war comes under the heading of what is known in occultism as "ripe" causation. The matrix of the ultimate outcome was formed on the astral plane when the war commenced, and I doubt whether the Kaiser himself has the power to interfere with the form in which it will be precipitated on the physical plane. So far as the ordinary mortal is concerned freewill does not appear to enter into the problem.

The result having assumed definiteness in the astral, it follows that as coming events cast their shadows before, those astrologers who are sufficiently intuitional and skilled in their art, should be able to predict when the war will end and on which side victory will rest.

The philosophical treatment of Astrology may appeal to experienced students, but at the present stage in the world's development the making of accurate and definite predictions by astrologers would do more to convince thinking people that Astrology was a true science than years of labour devoted to expounding the philosophical side of the subject.

Definite predictions regarding the progress and outcome of the war were made by the Editor in his pamphlet "When the War will end" published in January last. Many accurate predictions have appeared in MODERN ASTROLOGY in the past, but so far as this war is concerned the Editor made the same error as most other English astrologers, and fixed the dates of the principal events and termination of the war too early. I was from the first of the opinion that the war would be a long one, that it would result in a victory for the Allies, and that before peace could be concluded arbitration would be necessary. In some notes which appeared in the April issue of *The Superman* I fixed the signing of peace as likely to take place during the autumn of 1917, but I must admit the "time limit" is difficult to determine.

I am of opinion that the German resistance will collapse unexpectedly within six months from date, owing to military, economic and financial pressure. Internal troubles in Germany appear likely to follow, and before peace terms can be decided prolonged and difficult negotiations will be required.

The year 1917 will, I judge, be a truly psychological one, during which radical changes in the Governments of several countries will take place.

Mr Becker's article in the November issue illustrates the fact that it is possible for one to be well versed in the technical side of

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