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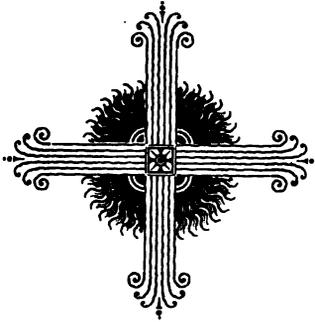
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Lessons in Astrology for Beginners.

BY APHOREL.

SECTION II. NO. I.

DIRECTIONS.

THERE are several methods of "directing" used by Astrologers, but ere I take the "directional" part of the nativity given in my lessons in the previous numbers in hand, I think it will be well to make clear to the student what is meant astrologically by "directing" or "direction."

It is generally known to students that each of the planets possess a specific influence, and produce certain effects when they are in certain positions with the others, termed by Astrologers "aspects," as I have previously taught. "Directing" is nothing more or less than finding out by arithmetical calculation when the luminaries, or any of the planets, arrive at certain degrees of, or aspect certain parts of the zodiac. It is found by experience that the degree of the zodiac held at birth by a planet is impressed with the influence of that planet, whether or not such planet may be there when another may have travelled (or, as it is termed, "progressed") to that degree, or "aspected" it in its course through the zodiac; and to find out by calculation the time when such aspects will be formed, is termed "directing," and the period when such aspects may be completely formed is called the "arc of direction," which, upon being turned into time, will shew the date when events may be expected to occur to the native according to the nature and quality of the influences then formed, *i.e.*, good or bad, unless there are other directional influences also in operation that may hinder, retard, or otherwise affect it.

There are two methods (out of several) that are chiefly used; one generally called the Ptolemaic and Placidian, worked by the semi-arcs of the planets; and the other is termed the Arabian.

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The former system, judging by the public predictions that have emanated from a public annual (whose ruling spirit affects to comparatively ignore the Arabian method), does not appear to be reliable, and as it requires a thorough knowledge of mathematics and more time than the generality of students have at their disposal, it is not by any means so popular as the Arabian method, especially as the results from the Ptolemaic and Placidian system are so unsatisfactory.

Those interested should test the system for themselves, and will find Simmonite's "Arcana" one of the best books to guide them, but unless they can get the time of birth **within a quarter of a minute (which few can)**, the predictions arrived at from the directions by this method will be months, nay, years wide of the mark. My friend "Sepharial," if the numerous demands on his time permit, purposes working the directions of certain notable natii, both by the Ptolemaic, and the system taught by him in these pages. Our readers may then be able to judge for themselves by the results.

The other method is termed the Arabian; it commends itself to all, from those who may have received a meagre education, to those who have had the advantages of a liberal one. It is extremely simple, no mathematical knowledge being requisite, and another point in its favour is that but little time is required to master its principles. It is based upon the scriptural prophesy, viz.: "A year for a day and a day for a year," and it is upon this method I purpose working the directions in our example natus, by the rules laid down by "Sepharial," as given in our volume I. (see page 87, *et seq.*), with certain modifications and additions.

Another simple system has been recently discovered by an able contributor to the columns of this magazine, and, as far as I have been able to find out, it has never been even hinted at in any authors. It will be explained and demonstrated in due course, but as this latter system is entirely new, and I have not yet had time to test its principles, I refrain from commenting further upon it; but will now proceed to take out the directions in the natus on page 73, vol. I., first advising all who may be desirous of following me, to commit to memory "Sepharial's" rules, given on page 87 of Vol. I.

(To be continued).

Astrology and the Bible.

THERE is scarcely a book written on Astrology but what has for its introduction certain portions of the Holy Scriptures in order to prove how the Almighty Creator ordained to a certain extent the science of Astronomy and revealed Astrology to mortal man, by which he may foresee, or rather prophecy, events to come; but some of the strongest points which the Holy Bible contains upon the science, and how it was worked, I consider have been overlooked by some writers. One may commence at the first chapter of Genesis and go through the whole Bible, and if he does so with an unprejudiced mind, he may see the "figure of Astrology in every book he reads; but it is not my desire to tire our readers with every quotation which may be brought forth, or which have been noticed before, but to simply draw their attention to one or two points which may have escaped the observation of many, and then leave them to "search the Scriptures."

My object is to assist fellow students who have a difficulty in convincing their friends and non-students of the righteousness of the science, and not exactly to prove its perfection.

Some people look upon one as an unholy being if he speaks in favour of Astrology, but there were always "Astrologers" and "soothsayers," and if one can put his finger upon a passage of Scripture and show how he is following the line of the "true Astrologers" and how God Himself ordained this very science through which to make known His will to His prophets, or that they spoke by this science through His inspiration, it will have a wonderful effect upon all concerned.

The few points I will touch upon are with reference to Joseph, Balaam, Isaiah and Daniel. Astrology, as we understand it to-day, was understood by Jacob and his family, for we find that Joseph (the dreamer) dreamt the "Sun, Moon, and eleven stars bowed themselves to him." The lad not knowing what this meant, ran to ask his father the interpretation of it, when Jacob told him, without any hesitation, that his father and mother and eleven brethren should bow down and serve him, the Sun representing his father, the Moon his mother, and the eleven planets, we may suppose, were the eleven signs of the zodiac, himself being the twelfth.

The twelve signs of the zodiac are said to be symbolical of the twelve tribes of Israel. It may be well to mention a curious

coincidence in the Revelation of St. John; when describing the "Heavenly Jerusalem," he says, "there were twelve gates on the north, south, east and west, each three gates, and named after the twelve tribes of Israel."

Take next the 22nd chapter of Numbers, and read the case of Balaam, who in the 13th chapter of Joshua is called a "sooth-sayer." He appears to have been well-known as a man who had some mysterious knowledge of blessing and cursing, as it is called, but it does not appear that he is to be looked upon as a "true prophet," but one who doubtless was puffed up with pride and worked the science for his financial advancement. God, however, made a mouth-piece of him this time to confound Balak by inspiring him to answer his questions truthfully. It appears that he must have worked by Horary Astrology, considering the different times and places he was asked the same question; but in this case the times and places appeared to be always against Balak.

The next point is one of the strongest on the science of Astrology which I find in the Bible. This is the case of Hezekiah. When Isaiah told Hezekiah that the time had come when he must die, he without a shadow of doubt spoke through Astrology, for when he found that Hezekiah "wept sore," he asked again the question if he should die, to the effect that a mistake had been made in the calculation of the Sun's arc, and that the Sun-dial of Ahaz should be put back ten degrees. "And the word of the Lord came unto Isaiah, saying, behold I will add unto thy days fifteen years; and I will bring again the shadow of the degrees which is gone down in the Sun-dial of Ahaz ten degrees backward." This is very conclusive. If the Sun's arc did not indicate Hezekiah's death, why should the "word of the Lord" mention the Sun at all? This is nothing more or less than the "primary directions" of to-day. The calculation of fifteen years as against ten degrees may be accounted for by "secondary directions," as we call them, and shows how the Almighty God inspired Isaiah, His chosen prophet, to speak His word, and make known His will through this science; and as He is "the same yesterday, to-day and forever," He undoubtedly uses the same method of inspiration to-day to those whom He has chosen to be His "true prophets."

One more; not the least of Astrologers we find in Daniel; indeed he had the royal appointment as the "Chief of Astrolo-

gers," and were he not one, or did not believe in or practise the science for prophetic purposes, zealous man that he proved to be, he would have scorned such a title. Without quoting every word of Daniel v., allow me to suggest that the eastern kings were Parsees or such-like Sun worshippers, and that the palaces of Babylon were very carefully constructed with pillars, sun-dials, &c., doubtless for astrological purposes.

Belshazzar saw a shadow which alarmed him, as a man's handwriting on the wall. Probably the transit of a planet across the Sun would cause the same. No one but the chief of the Astrologers could reveal the thing to him. Daniel doubtless holding such an office, had the record of the birth of the king and his children, with directions worked out, so that when asked a question by his royal master, was not at a loss to answer him. This strange conjunction of the heavenly bodies, Daniel at once knew, was (to the king) to be interpreted as *Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin*.

There is another point worthy of mention, viz., when Daniel shews Nebuchadnezzar the power of his knowledge and told him finally, "Thy kingdom shall be sure unto thee after that thou shalt have known that the **heavens do rule**."—*Vide* Dan. iv. 26.

ANTHONY BIGWOOD.

Notes on Recent Events.

At the May Eclipse we predicted that from the position of Mercury on the cusp of the seventh house in close sextile to Jupiter, "There will be much excitement in connection with our foreign affairs; some foreign difficulty will be brought to a successful close, and credit gained thereby." This has been fulfilled in the signing (on June 15th) of the Anglo-American Agreement in reference to the Behring Sea Question, and in the renewal (on 28th June) for a period of six years of the famous Triple Alliance. This was announced by the German Emperor, at Hamburg, on June 29th.

The lunar eclipse of May, with the Moon rising, which signified trouble to the people, has coincided with the 'bus strike (the moon was in Sagittarius, the sign of the "horseman") at London, which lasted a week. The June eclipse fell close to the ascendant of London, and the strike began the next day, June 7th.

A terrible railway accident occurred in Switzerland on June 14th, whereby over sixty lives were lost. On that day the Moon was separating from the conjunction of Saturn and applying to the square of the Sun.

Lunar Aspects for August.

THE Moon is in good aspect with the planets on the annexed dates in August, and the influences then operating will be benefic, **but it must only be taken in a general sense**, as remarked on page 283 (which see):—With the Sun, 4th, 10th, 15th, 24th, 28th; with Mercury, 1st, 6th, 12th, 17th, 26th, 30th; with Venus, 3rd, 9th, 14th, 23rd, 28th; with Mars, 9th, 14th, 23rd, 28th; with Jupiter, 2nd, 12th, 17th, 21st, 25th, 29th; with Saturn, 2nd, 12th, 17th, 25th, 30th; with Uranus, 1st, 6th, 15th, 19th, 31st.

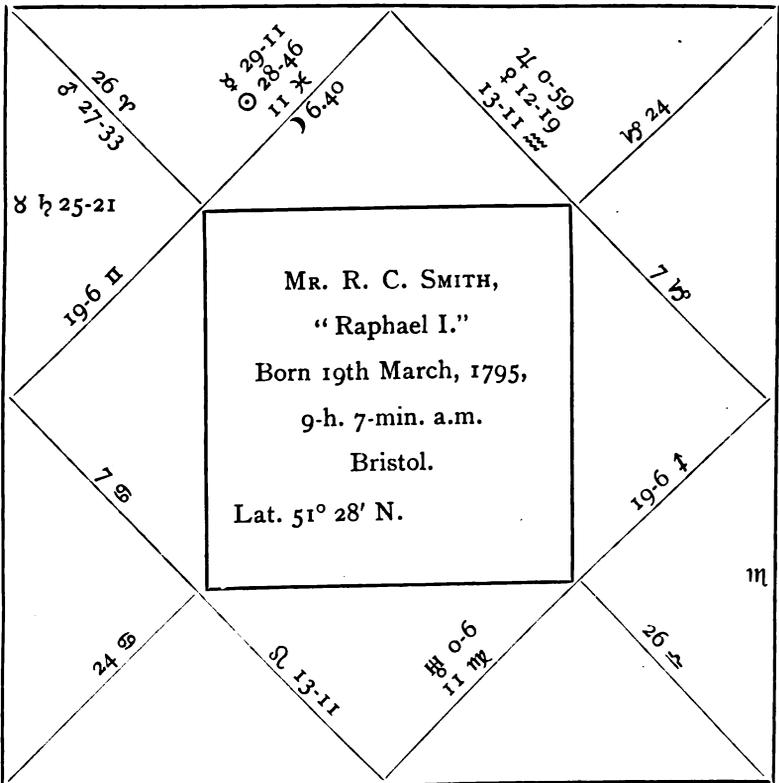
Horoscopes of Notable Astrologers.

No. I.

ASTROLOGICAL students, and all others who may be interested in the science, owe a debt of gratitude to two men whose names, or rather *noms de plume*, have become household words, and justly so, for it is due to their efforts that the science holds its present position. Up to the time of their labours Astrology had degenerated to a mere form of predicting, of a very low order; its truths had been obscured by rubbish. These two men came, and, to a great extent, cleared the obstacles from the path by the publication of their works, and we, in this 19th century, have reaped the benefit. These are “notable” men in every sense of the word, and it is but fitting that their horoscopes should be in the hands of every astrological student, and we should be doing injustice to their memory if we did not include their horoscopes in our columns. Commander R. J. Morrison, R.N., or “Zadkiel,” the name he is generally known by, is the author of “The Grammar of Astrology,” and the founder of the almanack that bears his name. He likewise produced a modern edition of Lilly’s “Christian Astrology” (the horary part), besides many other works on Astrology. His contemporary, R. C. Smith, or “Raphael,” is the author of several works, the best of which is undoubtedly “The Manual of Astrology.” He also produced an almanack which bears his *nom de plume*. His horoscope follows; that of Commander Morrison will appear later. Both of these are “notable” men and will be revered by all Astrologers.

THE NATIVITY OF R. C. SMITH, "RAPHAEL I."

Author of "The Manual," "The Astrologer of the Nineteenth Century," &c., &c.



SPECULUM.

PLANET.	PARALLEL OF DECLINATION.	MUTUAL ASPECTS.
☉	0 S 29	* ♃, ∠ ♀, * ♃ ♂ ☿
☾	11 S 24	par. ♃ and ♂ app. ∠ ♂
♃	3 N 2	* ♃, * ♃, ∠ ♀
♀	15 S 32	∠ ☉, ∠ ☿
♂	10 N 35	par. ☾ ∆ ♃, □ ♃
♃	20 S 14	* ☉, □ ♂, ∠ ♃
♂	17 N 20	* ☉, * ♃, □ ♃
♃	12 N 10	par. ☾, ∠ ♂, □ ♃

♃'s approximate place is ♃ ♃, ∆ ☾, □ ♃.

RAPHAEL was born under the 19th degree of the celestial sign Gemini, a sign noted for the number of fixed stars of the first magnitude therein. His significator is Mercury, who is just entering the notable sign Aries, in conjunction with the solar orb, and beneficially configured with the two superior planets

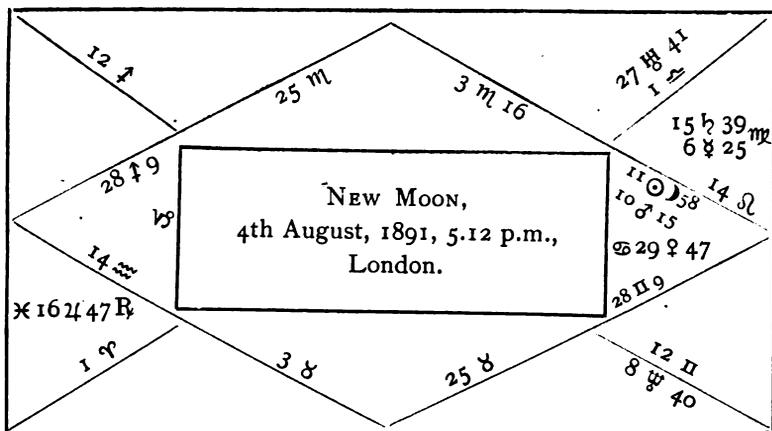
Saturn and Jupiter, but in ill aspect with Venus (semi-square). Venus is culminating in a sign I consider peculiarly suitable to Mercury; this position would give him popularity, but the ill aspect to his significator would cause much ill-feeling on the part of certain members of the opposite sex, and who would somewhat affect his honour and reputation. He was a true "son of Mercury," which his numerous writings bear testimony to, the good aspect to Saturn giving him that patience so necessary when making researches and experiments, and the good aspect to Jupiter giving that high moral tone which permeates the whole of his writings. Three planets in fixed signs gave him his determination, the parallel of Moon and Uranus the originality that bore chiefly on the occult, the force and energy that characterised his studies and publications on astral philosophy emanating from Mars' trine aspect to Uranus, assisted by the Moon's parallel to them both; whilst the Moon, in a fruitful sign near the cusp of the eleventh, produced him many friends, yet as she separates from the opposition of Uranus, he would experience annoyances at the hands of many so-called occultists, who doubtless were jealous of his popularity, from the fact of Saturn squaring Uranus both from earthy signs.

I judge his financial affairs were not very grand, although the Sun and Saturn are in good aspect to Jupiter. Mars upsets their good intentions by an evil square, and he also afflicts the Moon, who rules his house of finance. Space forbids further elucidation, I therefore leave the natus of this worthy apostle of astral science for the student's closer investigation.

"Raphael," on page 59 of his almanac for 1891, in writing of the Prince of Wales' directions, observed "Venus in exact square to Uranus looks like some scandal." This has certainly been fulfilled in the recent Baccarat case. The case began on June 1st with the Moon in the fifth house (and ruler of the ninth) at the May eclipse, in square to Mars (ruler of fifth and twelfth). The position of the Sun in the seventh house applying to the square of Saturn in the tenth in the same figure, seems also significant.

At Ottawa, on June 6th, the luminaries and Mars were in the mid-heaven. We predicted as follows:—"In the States, but more especially in Canada and the British Colonies north, foreign relations will improve, but evils will fall upon the peoples and the governments. Prominent persons will die." This was fulfilled in the death of Sir John Macdonald, the Canadian Premier, on the very day of the eclipse, June 6th, at 10.15 a.m., local time. At the time of death, Saturn was rising.

Mundane Astrology.



IN this figure the lord of the ascendant, Jupiter, is well placed in his own sign, Pisces, in the second house. This is a good testimony for wealth, commerce and the revenue; but since he is opposed by Saturn, part lord of the ascendant and second, the month will not pass without fluctuations in the money market, with commercial troubles and failures. The lunation is in the royal sign Leo, in close conjunction with Mars, lord of the mid-heaven. Saturn and Mercury, the latter lord of the sixth, are also in the eighth. This seems to point to sickness and death, especially of prominent, learned and wealthy persons; possibly also to murders and crimes. Venus in the seventh house, squared by Uranus from the ninth, will bring unpleasant scandals before the public.

At Dublin, Uranus is on the cusp of the tenth house. There will be renewed troubles connected with the government of that country, and some prominent person may die.

From Berlin eastward, the Sun, Moon, and Mars will be in the seventh house. From Athens eastward, Saturn and Mercury will be also in the seventh. In this part of Europe foreign troubles are likely to be very acute; there will be much international irritation and martial feeling.

At Calcutta, the luminaries and Mars are in the fourth house, which is unfavourable to the Viceroy and government. Venus on the nadir brings trouble to women. Uranus in the sixth may cause much disease.

At Melbourne, Jupiter nearly culminates, strengthening the rulers and bringing prosperity. The luminaries with Mars in the

third bring about railway accidents. There may be irritation between neighbouring states. Some learned persons will die.

At Washington, the Sun, Moon, and Mars culminate; Scorpio rises. This is a good omen for national prosperity and honour; some fortunate event of great national importance will happen; but it is not without its dangers to the President and to public men. There will be death among legislators.

Useful Notes.

A PLANET in a mundane house influences the whole of that house, and matters pertaining to it. The strength and aspects held by such planet, also the house it bears rule over, must be regarded.

* * * *

A sign "intercepted" in any house denotes, amongst other things, obstructions or hindrances to things related to the house in which it occurs, and in cases where two signs are "intercepted" the difficulty of furthering business, &c., signified by the house is greatly increased.

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A satellitum of planets in any house denotes that at various periods of life the native in whose natus it occurs will have a "run of luck" and a series of misfortunes, the time of which can be ascertained from the directions.

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The "elevation" of a planet has great signification in natiivities, and he that has the lord of his ascendant in "elevation," generally overcomes his enemies.

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It is suggested by a correspondent that since Neptune has been in Gemini (the ruling sign of London), strikes have been prevalent, especially affecting capitalists, and this he attributes to Neptune. It is undeniable that during the above-named period strikes have been rife, whether due to Neptune's power or not, but if it **does** proceed from this distant planet, something momentous should occur when he comes to the degree ruling London, viz., $17^{\circ} 54' \text{ II}$. Students must notice this.

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Mercury will sometimes prove anareta if afflicted at birth or by direction, and the Sun will be often found to be the "killing" planet, when the Moon is "hyleg" or "giver of life," but death does not occur unless the Moon be afflicted.

Table of Aspects for the Guidance of Students.

Compiled by R. PURSGLOVE.

Degree and Sign.	∟				✱		□		△		◻				150°		8
	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌	♍	♎	♏	♐	♑	♒	♓	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌
1	16	16	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	16	1	1	1
2	17	17	2	2	2	2	2	2	17	17	2	2	2
3	18	18	3	3	3	3	3	3	18	18	3	3	3
4	19	19	4	4	4	4	4	4	19	19	4	4	4
5	20	20	5	5	5	5	5	5	20	20	5	5	5
6	21	21	6	6	6	6	6	6	21	21	6	6	6
7	22	22	7	7	7	7	7	7	22	22	7	7	7
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10	25	25	10	10	10	10	10	10	25	25	10	10	10
11	26	26	11	11	11	11	11	11	26	26	11	11	11
12	27	27	12	12	12	12	12	12	27	27	12	12	12
13	28	28	13	13	13	13	13	13	28	28	13	13	13
14	29	29	14	14	14	14	14	14	29	29	14	14	14
15	30	30	15	15	15	15	15	15	30	30	15	15	15
16	1°	1°	16	16	16	16	16	16	1°	1°	16	16	16
17	2	2	17	17	17	17	17	17	2	2	17	17	17
18	3	3	18	18	18	18	18	18	3	3	18	18	18
19	4	4	19	19	19	19	19	19	4	4	19	19	19
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23	8	8	23	23	23	23	23	23	8	8	23	23	23
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EXAMPLE.—If the ☉ is in ♏ 9°, the semi-square will fall in ♎ 24° and ♌ 24°, the ✱ ♋ 9° and ♌ 9°, &c., &c. The left hand column is the zodiacal sign in which the planet is, and the signs in line those in which the aspects fall.

R. P.

On Pre-natal and Post-natal Directions,

WITH A NEW METHOD OF DIRECTING.

By "LEO."

CHAPTER I.—THE PTOLEMAIC SYSTEM.

MY object in writing these pages is to demonstrate that astrological directions are twofold, pre-natal and post-natal, or those that arise before birth, and those that arise after; also to point out that pre-natal directions are deserving of more attention than has hitherto been given to them.

There are two chief systems of directing in vogue at the present day, the primary (including under this term Placidian and Ptolemaic), and the secondary or progressional. They are both of interest, and they should be studied side by side. There are, doubtless, other systems yet unknown to the world, but these two are the only ones I intend to refer to here.

The division of directions into pre-natal and post-natal applies to both systems. Therefore, for present purposes, I classify directions as follows:—

- 1.—Primary pre-natal.
- 2.—Primary post-natal.
- 3.—Secondary pre-natal.
- 4.—Secondary post-natal.

The difference between primary and secondary directions may be thus defined:—

In primary directions the earth is represented as turning round on its axis, while the planets are stationary in the zodiac.

In secondary directions the planets are represented as moving in the zodiac without reference to the axial motion of the earth.

Let us consider the primary directions first.

At the hour of sunrise the Sun is on the eastern horizon, and in the course of twenty-four hours it appears to move once round the earth, making one complete circuit of the twelve houses. This motion is of course solely due to the axial rotation of the earth, and not in any way to the motion of the Sun. It is necessary to have a very clear conception of this fact where dealing with primary directions, otherwise their true nature will never be understood.

Take, as an illustration, the horoscope of the Emperor Frederick of Germany (given in "Urania"), where the Sun is on

the cusp of the eleventh house. The earth will turn round in an easterly direction, which is equivalent to saying that the cusp of the mid-heaven will really drop down eastward towards the Sun until the two meet. When they meet the Sun will be on the cusp of the tenth house, and the direction M.C. δ \odot will be formed. The Sun will appear to have left the eleventh and passed up across the tenth on to its cusp. But in truth the Sun will never have moved at all (save a very small fraction of a degree in the zodiac; it is the mid-heaven that revolves eastward, not the Sun that rises southward. In fact, the whole motion is mundane, and not in any way zodiacal.

Note.—In the natus which I have taken as an illustration the meridian will pass over $26^{\circ} 18'$ of right ascension before it meets the Sun, and, since each degree is equal to one year of life, the direction in question will operate during the twenty-seventh year of life although it was formed within two hours after birth.

This direction is formed shortly **after birth**. It is an illustration of a post-natal direction.

Now take any other natus in which the Sun, instead of being eastward of the meridian, is to the westward of it; instead of being on the cusp of the eleventh house is on that of the ninth. What will happen in this case when the direction M.C. δ \odot is being formed?

The earth turns round eastward, and, since the Sun is to the west, it would seem at first sight impossible for the meridian and the Sun ever to meet naturally. The earth must stop and then turn westward before such a direction can be formed. And yet it is formed. It was formed a short time (two hours, more or less) **before birth**, and is an illustration of a pre-natal direction, or a direction which operates during the after life of the person and yet has its true origin before the child is born.

The Emperor Frederick's natus will illustrate this point also, for he had Saturn in the ninth house. The direction M.C. δ \odot converse measures $12^{\circ} 54'$, or to the end of his thirteenth year. This conjunction was formed a short time before birth, and in working it out we represent the earth as turning backward (westward), or, to put it differently, as reassuming the position which is occupied a short time before birth. In this direction, as in the one first mentioned, the planet does not move; it is the cusp of the tenth which retrogrades to meet the planet, and not the latter which advances to meet the cusp. In fact all these

primary (Placidian and Ptolemaic) directions are purely mundane, and if it were not for the earth's motion, they would never be formed at all. Thus if we take the cusp of the tenth, or any other house, and imagine it moving with the earth in the usual direction of the signs, any aspect (direction) caused by such motion may be classified as post-natal, because it is formed by terrestrial motion after birth; while if we represent it as reversing the usual motion and retrograding through the signs, we are making it take up successive positions which it occupied before birth, and therefore any new aspects (directions) formed by that motion are properly described as pre-natal.

Every primary direction without exception can be classified thus, and shewn to be formed either before or after birth, and to be caused entirely by mundane motion, or the rotation of the earth on its axis.

Thus far we have dealt solely with the directions of angles to planets; it now remains to elucidate, on the same method, the directions of planets to planets. These are at first sight rather more complicated, but the same rules apply nevertheless. In working them out, it is first necessary to understand the important difference between the zodiacal place of a heavenly body (or its position in the signs and degrees of the zodiac) and its mundane place (or position in the twelve mundane houses). Thus, in Queen Victoria's horoscope, the Sun's zodiacal place is the third degree of Gemini, and his mundane place is on (just above) the cusp of the ascendant. These two positions coincide at birth, are one and the same, but the subsequent motion of the earth on its axis separates them, and so causes new aspects (directions) to arise. In this particular case, as the earth revolves eastward and the ascendant moves on through the signs, the Sun's zodiacal place appears to rise, until presently the cusp of the ascendant will arrive at the third degree of Leo, which is in sextile to the third of Gemini, where is the Sun's zodiacal place; when this happens, the direction asc. * ☉ **direct** is formed, which is obviously post-natal. By this motion of the earth, the Sun's zodiacal place will have appeared to rise through the twelfth and eleventh houses; but if we now reverse this motion, and represent the cusp of the ascendant as retrograding through the signs (reassuming the successive positions it occupied just before birth) it will ascend through Taurus and Aries, retrograding until it arrives at the third degree of Aries, and when this happens the

direction asc. $\star \odot$ **converse** is formed, which is of course pre-natal. By this motion, the zodiacal place of the Sun will seem to have dropped down below the ascendant (by a reversal of its ordinary motion) and passed through the second house. These two are illustrations of the direction of a planet to the aspect of an angle.

Let us proceed with the same horoscope for another example. The Sun's mundane place is on (just above) the cusp of the ascendant. As the earth revolves by post-natal motion, and the cusp of the ascendant is carried on through Gemini and Cancer, this mundane place will presently arrive at the third degree of Leo, and when it is there the Sun's mundane place will be in sextile to his zodiacal place, and the direction, $\odot \star \odot$ **direct**, will be formed. This is post-natal. By a reversal of this motion, the Sun's mundane place is made to retrograde through Taurus and Aries until it arrives at the third degree of Aries, and when this happens it is once more in sextile to the zodiacal place (in the third of Gemini), and the direction, $\odot \star \odot$ **converse**, is formed. This direction is pre-natal, and these two are illustrations of "the direction of a planet to its own place," which phrase is a misnomer, for the planet is perfectly stationary. It is the mundane place of the planet that moves away from its zodiacal place. Indeed, so great a mistake is this phrase, if taken literally, that it is not the planet which we direct at all, but the planet's radical place. In primary directions it is the planet's places which we deal with, and **never** the planets themselves. The planet really moves away directly after birth, and does not enter into our calculations at all. It is the mundane place and the zodiacal place that we have to consider.

On this point Mr. Pearce says, in the *Text Book of Astrology*, Vol. I., "It must be premised that in primary directions the place of a planet in a nativity is considered as the planet itself, as the heavenly bodies are believed (and rightly so) to impress the nature of their influences on the places held by them at the moment of birth as fully as if they were always located thereon," though as a matter of fact they will quickly move away. Thus if we direct the Moon to the conjunction with Jupiter, we mean the Moon's place (zodiacal or mundane) to the conjunction with Jupiter's place (mundane or zodiacal). The planet itself is ignored, and only enters into the secondary or progressional directions, never into the primary.

Now let us return to the Emperor Frederick's natus for an illustration of the direction of planet to planet. The Sun is in the eleventh house 25°♈ , and Saturn is in the ninth 12°♏ . What will happen when the direction $\text{♁} \text{♄} \text{♁}$ **direct** is being formed? The earth revolves eastward, and the cusp of the tenth house passes onward through the signs carrying Saturn's mundane place with it, and this motion will continue until Saturn's mundane place has advanced to that degree of the zodiac in which the Sun was situated at birth. The Sun's zodiacal place will then be in conjunction with Saturn's mundane place, and the above direction, which is post-natal, will be completed. If we now represent the earth as revolving westward, or reassuming the positions it held before birth, the Sun's mundane place will appear to retrograde through Libra and Virgo until it arrives at the twelfth degree of Virgo, when it will be in conjunction with Saturn's zodiacal place, and the direction $\text{♁} \text{♄} \text{♁}$ **converse** will be formed. This is pre-natal. These are illustrations of the direction of planet to planet.

Let us now take, in the same natus, two illustrations of the direction of a planet to the aspect of a planet. If the earth revolves eastward in the direction of the signs, the Sun's mundane place will be carried onward through Libra and Scorpio until it arrives at the twelfth degree of Sagittarius, which is in square to Saturn's zodiacal place, and the direction $\text{♁} \text{♁} \text{♁}$ **direct** will then be completed, which is post-natal. If this motion is reversed, Saturn's mundane place will retrograde with the earth through Virgo and Leo until it arrives at the twenty-fifth degree of Cancer, when it will be in square to the zodiacal place of the Sun, and the pre-natal direction $\text{♁} \text{♁} \text{♁}$ **converse** will be formed.

Thus far we have only dealt with those directions which are technically called "zodiacal," though, as we have seen, they are solely caused by mundane motion, the axial rotation of the earth. It now remains to refer to the directions commonly called "mundane." The names "zodiacal" and "mundane," here used for two different kinds of directions, do not refer to the cause or origin of the directions—do not signify that the one is formed by zodiacal motion and the other by mundane motion, as might be supposed, for both alike are mundane in this sense; but relate to the nature of the aspect. A zodiacal direction is an aspect in the zodiac. A mundane direction is an aspect from one point to another of the mundane houses.

To exemplify the distinction. In the Emperor Frederick's natus, the Sun is on the cusp of the eleventh house (in 25°♋), and Saturn in the ninth (in 12°♉). To form the direction $\text{♁} \square \odot$ **zodiacal converse**, Saturn's mundane place retrogrades by pre-natal motion through Leo until it reaches the twenty-fifth degree of Cancer, when it will be in **zodiacal** square to the Sun's zodiacal place. But to form the direction $\text{♁} \square \odot$ **mundane converse**, Saturn's mundane place must retrograde until the Sun's zodiacal place has advanced to the **mundane** square of Saturn's mundane place, which falls in the twelfth house.

Since directions are thus divisible into "zodiacal," "mundane," "post-natal, or direct," and "pre-natal, or converse," any one direction in any horoscope is fourfold. For example, in the Emperor's natus there are four squares between Saturn and the Sun.

- $\odot \square \text{♁}$ **zodiacal direct.** Post-natal.
- $\odot \square \text{♁}$ **mundane direct.** „
- $\text{♁} \square \odot$ **zodiacal converse.** Pre-natal.
- $\text{♁} \square \odot$ **mundane converse.** „

In the case of some aspects, when the two bodies are close together, this list might be doubled. Thus in Queen Victoria's horoscope, where the Sun and Moon are side by side, we have:

- $\odot * \text{♁}$ **zodiacal direct.** Post-natal.
- $\odot * \text{♁}$ **mundane direct.** „
- $\odot * \text{♁}$ **zodiacal converse.** Pre-natal.
- $\odot * \text{♁}$ **mundane converse.** „
- $\text{♁} * \odot$ **zodiacal direct.** Post-natal.
- $\text{♁} * \odot$ **mundane direct.** „
- $\text{♁} * \odot$ **zodiacal converse.** Pre-natal.
- $\text{♁} * \odot$ **mundane converse.** „

In the nomenclature of these directions, that planet is placed first the **mundane** place of which moves, by axial rotation, to the aspect of the second planet. In regard to the words "direct" and "converse," it would probably be productive of less confusion, and conduce to a better understanding of the true nature of the directions, if they were either supplanted by "post-natal" and "pre-natal," or else used together with those words.

We may sum up what has been said in the present chapter as follows:—

1. Primary directions (zodiacal and mundane) are two-fold: pre-natal, or those formed before birth, and post-natal, or those formed after.
2. They do not deal with the real motion of the planets, but

only with the relative motion of their zodiacal and mundane places.

3. That is to say, they are not caused by the motion of the planets themselves in the zodiac, but solely and entirely by the axial rotation of the earth.

4. They are therefore purely mundane (or terrestrial) in their origin.

(To be continued).

Fortunate and Unfortunate Days.

By CHAS. HATFIELD.

IN calculating for the favorable and unfavorable days for each month, the Moon should be in aspect to a planet's place by application, as that will have a tendency to produce better effects than when the direction is past, and judgment must be used as to what effect will be produced on any particular day, as all the effects which a planet may govern cannot happen at one time.

The Science should be adapted to the affairs of a person's life, and to the profession which they may follow in particular, and those who deal with the public should always consider the Moon in aspect to the Sun; those who deal with moneyed men should consider the Moon and Jupiter, while those who travel should consider the Moon and Herschel, and those who deal with literary characters should consider the Moon and Mercury, and each should transact their business under the particular influence which the planet may govern.

When a visitor wishes to know what has occurred on any particular day, note what planet's place the Moon aspected upon that day, and give judgment accordingly, and if a question refer to another person, and the querent desires to know the condition of their mind, or what they are doing at any particular time, note what planet the Moon may affect in the horoscope of the person inquired about, and judge from what it may indicate.

For an example we will take the horoscope of Mr. Augustus Harris, 18th March, 1852, 6 a.m., published in the *Astrologer's Magazine*, No. 8 (Ψ was in $9^{\circ} 38'$ of κ). On January 31st, 1890, the Moon was in square to his Mars, which indicates that he would quarrel with a short, stout, dark-complexioned Mars man, yet on same day the Moon was in good aspect to his Jupiter,

which would moderate the evil in a measure and make him fortunate in money matters, also for dealing with stout men, with full foreheads, hazel eyes, thick hair, strong will, firm—of the nature of Jupiter.

Use judgment in the same manner in respect to the other planets, as this is a reliable system to follow, and when the planets denote losses, or deceit on the part of those you may deal with, do not think if those referred to appear agreeable and honest, that such is the case, for the results will eventually be as the direction may denote, and rogues always appear polished and affable for the sake of the furtherance of their schemes, and the science will always be found truthful, although we may sometimes err in giving judgment.

I have found in many cases in reading a horoscope that when a planet is posited in its own sign at birth, that the day which the planet may govern is generally a fortunate day for the native, and when the planet has been in opposition to its own sign, that those days have been unfavorable ones generally, and this should be considered in calculating for the good and evil days.

When the Sun is posited in Leo, Sunday is a favorable day, but when in Aquarius the day is unfavorable.

When the Moon is posited in Cancer, Monday is a favorable day, but when in Capricorn the day is unfavorable.

When Saturn is posited in Capricorn, Saturday is a favorable day, but when in Cancer the day is unfavorable.

When Jupiter is posited in Sagittarius or Pisces, Thursday is a favorable day, but when in Gemini or Virgo, the day is unfavorable.

When Mars is posited in Aries or Scorpio, Tuesday is a favorable day, but when in Libra or Taurus, the day is unfavourable.

When Venus is posited in Taurus or Libra, Friday is a favorable day, but when in Aries or Scorpio the day is unfavorable.

Although this method is very truthful, yet the days when the Moon excites the place of a planet should always be considered.

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Eclipses are almost invariably followed by earthquake shocks. The eclipse of June 6th caused shocks in Italy on the same day, followed by renewed activity of Vesuvius.

The Earth and the Electric Railway.

FOR some months past the Greenwich observations on the earth's magnetic currents have been interfered with in a mysterious manner. This disturbance consists in a continuous vibration of the registering needles, commencing just before seven o'clock in the morning, going on all through the day, and terminating shortly after eleven o'clock at night. This went on for a long time on week-days only; but on Sunday, the 5th of April, and on every succeeding Sunday up to the present time, the interference has been experienced, from about one o'clock in the afternoon till about ten p.m. or a little later. It has now been determined that these disturbances are due to the Electric Railway between Stockwell and the City, corresponding, as they do, exactly with the working hours on that line, the Sunday disturbances not beginning until trains were run on that day. The surplus electricity seems to become diffused in the earth and travel far, since the registering stations are many miles distant from any portion of the railway in question. Some five or more years ago, Mr. Ellis notes, a similar disturbance was registered in the circuit on the south bank of the Thames. The cause was not traced at the time, although it has been conjectured to be in some way connected with the electric "installations" in progress at the time. If these continue, and if underground wires are insisted on, the Greenwich observations on terrestrial magnetism may at once be discontinued.—*Daily Graphic*, 13/6/91.

In reply to correspondents who ask us to publish maps or give particulars of events likely to happen in various towns and districts of America, Australia and New Zealand, under the head of Mundane Astrology, we reply, first, that our space forbids much further extension under this head; and second, that it is to some extent unnecessary. A figure drawn for the capital town of any country is believed to pre-signify all the events of national importance that are to happen within the limits of that country. Thus a map for London rules the whole of Great Britain and Ireland; a map for Paris rules France; one for St. Petersburg rules European Russia; and so on. If space permitted it would be quite possible to analyze these maps more closely in the case of a large country, and thereby ascertain in what quarter of the country definite events were likely to happen. This would be done by erecting maps for the different large towns in various parts of the country, and then comparing them with the map for the capital town. But even this is only worth investigating in the case of very large countries. For towns that are not very far apart, the planetary positions are often practically the same, so far as Mundane Astrology is concerned at least.

We may add that we shall be at all times very pleased to hear from correspondents abroad who will be good enough to send us particulars of important events that happen in their respective countries from month to month. It is easier for those who are on the spot to judge of the fulfilment of our predictions than it is for us who are far away. Such particulars of events are always of interest to our readers.

The Degrees of the Zodiac Symbolised.

(CONTINUED).

By "CHARUBEL."

- × 1°.—Symbol: A hand holding a roll of paper or parchment. Denotes one devoted to the calling of a copyist, a lawyer, or one having much to do with documents of one kind or other, but chiefly connected with the public.
- „ 2°.—Symbol: A very long ladder, such as is used by fire brigades. Denotes one possessed with a considerable amount of ambition. At the same time open to inspirations of a very lofty character. He or she will ever feel disposed to indulge mentally, if not actually, in speculations on a grand scale. A scholar, and one who may do much in his day towards the elevation and salvation of mankind.
- „ 3°.—Symbol: A luminous cloud, one of the woolpack type, isolated and sailing slowly on the azure sky. The cloud suddenly opens and pours out on the earth an influence resembling a shower of pearls of variegated hue. Whoever may have this degree on his or her ascendant will be the subject of numerous celestial gifts. He will prosper in matters temporal and spiritual. And that without apparent effort on his part. At the same time he will be liable to lose by recklessness accompanied with a degree of prodigality.
- „ 4°.—Symbol: A man holding the end of a rope in his hand, the other end out of sight in the heavens. Denotes one who will betimes develop a very peculiar psychological power which will place him or her in the condition to procure esoteric truths at will consciously. This belongs to a class of mediumship of a very high order.
- „ 5°.—Symbol: A black pall suspended, and a man in a gloomy enclosure looking at it despairingly; finally, he musters courage to lift the pall and enters a dark passage, which however, finally conducts him into the light of a glorious day. Whosoever thou art with this degree on thy ascendant, be prepared for trials; but don't give up in despair, for ere thy fortieth year will have expired, thy day will have dawned.
- „ 6°.—Symbol: A target. Denotes one who is endowed with great powers of concentration, and in whom the spirit of rivalry abounds. A military man and a good marksman.

- ✕ 7°.—Symbol: An extensive plain on which a dense fog hangs, but the fog is low and there is sunshine above. Denotes one ever liable to frustrations and confusion with worldly matters, consequently ever liable to go wrong and come to losses, but who in the meantime may have attained to great heights in matters spiritual and transcendental.
- „ 8°.—Symbol: The full Moon. Denotes a practical business person, one who readily allies himself or herself with the world's ways, and with ordinary matters in general. One never short of expedients. A little cantankerous, and not one of the pleasantest companions.
- „ 9°.—Symbol: A deep red star, a star of the first magnitude, on the ascendant; but a very short interval elapses between its rising and its setting. But when set, I see a pale golden light succeeding.
- This is a virulent degree. If this be thy ascendant, beware! Don't follow the dictates of passion, and don't yield to the desires of thy lower nature. If thou dost, a short and wretched life is thy lot; thou wilt die before thy prime be passed. But if by virtue of a firm resolve thou art able to overcome those elemental promptings, then thou wilt pass through the evil crises, and thereby ensure a long, useful, prosperous, and happy life.
- „ 10°.—Symbol: A fixed star. A transcendental Sun. It sheds a halo of supernal glory on the ascendant! The person having this degree will possess much psychic power. There will be much in his or her life not capable of explanation in the light of Astrology. He will possess most brilliant gifts, at the same time not appreciated by present-day world, simply because they will not understand him. His life will be long on the earth, and his influence will extend to future generations.
- „ 11°.—Symbol: The ascendant enveloped in gloom and blackness. This is the degree of death. I don't think that but few live or come to maturity who may have this ascendant. If they do, their life will be a misery so far as this world is concerned. I advise such to devote his or her energies to the spiritual side of nature. Here he may find comfort even when walking through the way where the shades of death abound.

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Letters to the Editor.

All correspondents should give full name and address, not necessarily for publication, but as a token of good faith.

N.B.—Writers of signed articles are alone responsible for the opinions therein contained.

DEAR SIR,—Since the publication of Sepharial's Rectification Scheme, I have tested the results obtained by it in a few instances; and thinking that the two following cases may be of interest, I forward them to you.

1st Case.—Female born at London, 10th January, 1880, 7.45 p.m. Starting from this time, I find that the twenty-ninth degree of Leo is rising. Rectifying it by Sepharial's method, I get $28^{\circ} \Omega 20'$, a very close agreement.

2nd Case.—Male, born 19th July, 1863, latitude Liverpool, 7.30 a.m. On applying the primary method of rectification advocated by Mr. Pearce, the ascendant was brought to $1^{\circ} \text{m} 5'$. Then testing by Sepharial's method, I get $1^{\circ} \text{m} 11'$.

These two agreements are very close, and can scarcely be accounted for on the theory of a mere coincidence.

There is one other subject I should like to refer to. In the first number of *Fate and Fortune* there was a note to the effect that the Prince of Wales was born "with Jupiter exactly on the ascendant, at 10.37 a.m." In the next number, Mr. A. J. Pearce, author of the *Text-book of Astrology*, argued that, "the moment of birth of the Prince of Wales was most carefully noted, and was recorded in the official bulletin as 10.48 a.m. I cannot, therefore, agree that we should rectify this to 10.37 a.m.; the utmost error would not—as accoucheurs will understand—be likely to exceed three or four minutes earlier."

Now what evidence is there in support of the statement that the time of birth "was most carefully noted?" I do not know of any. I also feel surprise at the calm assumption contained in the words "as accoucheurs will understand." I myself have been a medical student, and my experience points to the conclusion that unless the time of birth is specially required for astrological purposes no birth is ever very "carefully noted." In fact, it is usually the reverse. The physician is called out in a hurry some time, perhaps some hours, beforehand, and after a preliminary examination, settles himself down to wait wearily until the happy event shows definite signs of coming off. During the actual process of birth, the physician has no need to refer to his watch to note the time, and under ordinary circumstances would not do so until not merely the child had been born and had taken its first breath, but the after necessities of the case had been carefully attended to and the physician's task was over. Of course if the physicians in attendance took special note of the time in this case, my argument would fall to the ground, but even then we should have to enquire if the watch were accurate to the minute, and if so whether it were to local time or Greenwich time.

The only reason there is, so far as I am aware, for saying that the time was accurately noted in this case is the fact that it is given in odd minutes and not merely to the quarter hour. The time 10.48 looks, at first sight, scientifically exact. But inasmuch as there were no particular reasons for being so careful in timing, I maintain that the physicians only "averaged it" after the event, and that the time given by Sepharial may quite likely be correct. Probably the physicians' recollection was to the effect that it occurred "two or three minutes after the quarter," and it was put down accordingly.

From an astrological point of view Mr. Pearce's figure is not a

likely one. It is true that Jupiter is in his house and is elevated, but against this we must place the fact that Saturn is also in his house and is only $2\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ from the cusp of the ascendant, whereas Jupiter is 6° distant. Sepharial's figure, with Jupiter exactly on the cusp, seems to me certainly the more likely of the two.—Yours truly,
LEO.

DEAR SIR,—In response to Professor Hatfield's last communication, I have no objection to his offer to write up my horoscope for your columns providing you will afterwards allow friends who know me intimately to make a few observations thereon briefly, and at the same time, to complete the matter, it might be more satisfactory for you to make a few observations of your own from what you know of me; I may also state that I am well known to many men of repute in America as Mr. Richards, a name I travel under. The particulars of my birth are same as given in your April number, viz., 8.16 p.m., 17/7/38, at Margate, Kent, England, ascendant 28.53° ♉, and my name is R. H. Penny, *alias* "Neptune," and present address is known to the editor of this magazine.

I have tabulated Neptune's transit through my first, second and third houses, its aspects to the other planets in radix, and the aspects of the superiors to it, and I have calculated all the primary directions according to the Ptolemaic system, also the progressive or secondary method as well; so, if needed, I am in a position to prove what Neptune has or has not done in my horoscope, and to distinguish the events from those produced by other planets, although followed in quick succession. Some of the events if recorded in my own way would be amusing if not polite, but I am in no way disposed to enter into a wordy warfare over the matter, all I desire is that reliable facts may be recorded by competent men with more able pens than mine. Upon re-reading my former letter I cannot withdraw one remark therein, and students will do well by doing likewise so as to note the points of difference. I fully agree with Simmonite that Neptune partakes somewhat of the influence of Venus and can only be fully comprehended by spiritual-minded people, as celestial or filial love, perpetual lovers, not flirts, but those that live a never ending life of honeymoon love. Venus is more voluptuous and earthy. I entirely repudiate the events recorded as attributable to Neptune or agreeing with its influence. Firstly, he says Neptune gives long residence in one place and rarely removes. But **till after** my ascendant came to a conjunction with Neptune my parents never resided in one town twelve months, although located in a fixed sign. Now this worthy professor states that ♃ ♄ ♀ produced a defective judgment, a dangerous character, a liar, and one to be avoided. No, sir, in reply to this dictum, I positively deny this statement in *toto*, as not belonging to me in the least, and if there is one man living or dead that can say that it is my character you can publish that statement. At the same time I admit that I have always had a very defective memory for repetitions, talking like a book, word for word, and some of our best mathematicians have been the same, and you, sir, also know that I am no liar, and that no liar or slanderer cares for my company from experience.

Hoping that you will find space for this reply in next issue, as I have no desire to extend the dispute only to elicit truth, I remain,
dear sir, yours truly,

♃ ♄ ♀

which the ☉'s progressive place forms a complete aspect to the degrees on ascendant or M.C., with sign and house ☉ may be in.

5.—Note on what days after birth the ☉'s progressive place forms a complete aspect (or parallel) to the progressive places of ♀, ♂, ♃, ♄, ♅, ♆ and ♇, with sign and house they may then be in. Having set these down against the year corresponding to the day of formation, you will have a complete outline of the life as defined by the solar or primary directions.

I will now apply the foregoing to the female natus, 4.30 p.m., 25th June, 1890, which will be found on page 73 of Vol. I.

The student will find it advantageous to place in (say) red ink the days after birth against the day of the month, in the margin of Raphael's Ephemeris for 1890, page 12; thus:—The day of birth being the 25th, the day after (26th) will correspond to the first year after birth; therefore place against the 26th the figure 1, signifying the first year after birth. The 27th being the second day after birth, corresponding to the second year, place the figure 2 against that day, and so on until 70 is reached.

EXAMPLE.

Day after birth, corresponding to year of life.	Day of month.	Day of week.
...	25	W
1	26	Th
2	27	F
3	28	S
4	29	S
5	30	M

&c., &c.

This being done, have the scale of years, with the map of the nativity, at hand, turn to rule 1 and take ♃ first. By referring to the natus, the first aspect ♃ can form to the ☉'s radical place is the ♄, therefore when ♃ travels or progresses to 3° 59' of ♋, he will be ♄ the ☉'s radical place. On examining the column of the ephemeris having ♃ at the top, we find ♃ arrives at 4° 10' of ♋ on 10th July, which is 15 days after birth, therefore we insert opposite the 15 in the scale of years the following:

15 ☉ R ♄ ♃ P in ♋ in 8th house.

Which reads, "Sun radix conjunction Mercury in Cancer in eighth house."

N.B.—For distinction R represents the **radical** positions, and P the **progressive** places.

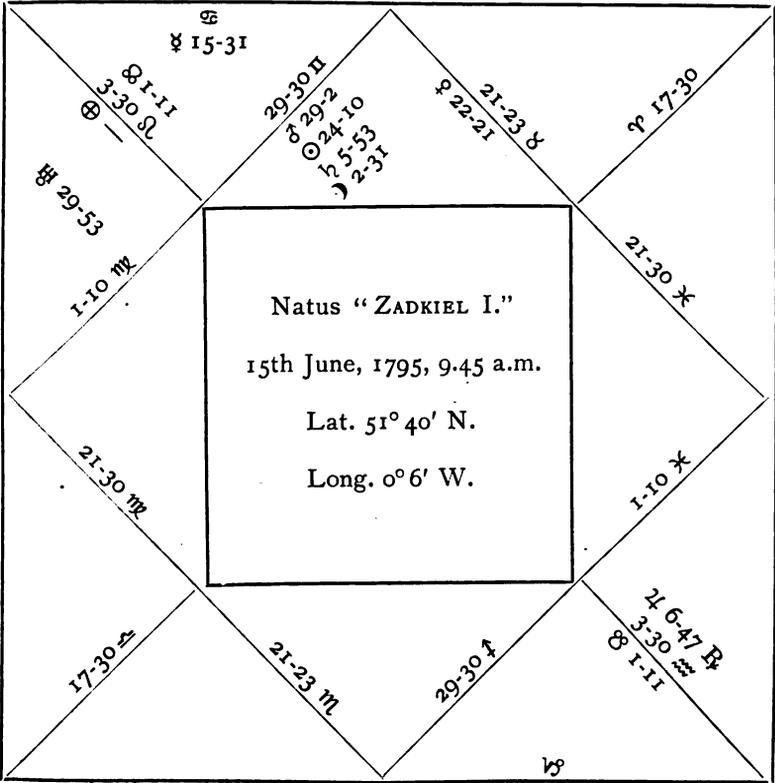
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Horoscopes of Notable Astrologers.

No. II.

THE NATIVITY OF COMMANDER R. J. MORRISON, R.N.,
"ZADKIEL I."

Author of "The Grammar of Astrology," "The Horoscope," "Zadkiel's Almanac,"
&c.



SPECULUM.

PLANET.	PARALLEL OF DECLINATION.	MUTUAL ASPECTS.
☉	23 N 20	☽ 24 par. ♀ * ☿, ♂ ♂
☾	16 N 27	△ 24 par. ♀ ∠ ♀
♁	24 N 23	Par. ☉ ∠ ☿, par. ♂ ∠ ☽
♂	16 N 44	Par. ☽
♃	24 N 11	♂ ☉, * ☿, par. ♀
♄	19 S 6	△ ☽, △ ♃, par. ♃ ☽ ☉
♅	19 N 39	△ 24
♆	12 N 12	* ☉, * ♂ ∠ ♀

WE have pleasure in presenting to our readers the nativity of "Zadkiel," which was erected by himself, consequently there is no occasion to test the figure. We see the first degree

of Virgo ascending, with the planet Uranus or Herschel within a degree of the cusp. The native is therefore under the influence of Mercury (together with Uranus, who is on the cusp), and as Mercury is considered to be a convertible planet, *i.e.*, partaking of the nature of the planet he is in closest aspect to at birth, he partakes of the nature of Uranus, and as Mars and Sun are in the same parallel of declination as Mercury, their influence also affects him. He has five planets angular. Venus is close to the mid-heaven, in her own sign (Taurus), in parallel to the Moon, whilst the Moon holds the same declination as Jupiter, hence he was a "popular" man. The strength of Venus and the other aspects concerned denote a "lasting name," as a **fixed sign** is on the cusp thereof, denoting permanent reputation. The Moon is in \angle with Mercury, and at the same time in "mutual reception" with him; this denotes "paper war," but no lasting damage. It will be noted by the student that the occult planet Uranus is in semi-square to Mercury; this would affect his judgment. The native believed in the "Part of Fortune" and the "Dragon's Head and Tail," inasmuch as he inserted them in his own nativity and lays stress upon them in his writings. This; however, is condemned by his successor, Mr. A. J. Pearce, as regards nativities, together with ourselves, and is in itself sufficient to prove an "error in judgment," to say the least of it, according to our way of thinking. The semi-square aspect of Uranus and Mercury always does affect the judgment, and it is borne out by the Moon likewise being in semi-square to his significator. The most clever men err, and the talented subject of this delineation was no exception to the rule. Had he lived longer, we are convinced he would have expunged the \oplus \otimes and \oslash from genethliology. The forcible planet Mars is manifest in his life and teachings; his writings possess great force, and his pluck is shewn by his starting and maintaining the almanack that bears his name, besides his other numerous astrological works. It will be noted that Uranus is in sextile to the Sun, and Mars and he ($\text{\textcircled{M}}$) is in a scientific sign. We have therefore no hesitation in saying that he was truly a "seer," and possessed remarkable scientific ability. We should say that if he had lived in modern times he would have made a speciality of electricity, telegraphy, or kindred subjects; note four planets in Gemini, Uranus on threshold of Virgo, and Jupiter in Aquarius, all scientific signs. The disposition is a good one; at times too liberal, \odot \square \uparrow ; many friends

of scientific attainments, and showing predilection for occultism, ☉ ☌ ☌ in ♀ cusp of ninth, * ♃.

He believed, with Longfellow, that "Life is real, life is earnest," and acted up to it. May we all follow his example and likewise revere the memory of a good man.

Lunar Aspects for September.

THE Moon is in good aspect with the planets on the following dates in September :—The Sun, 3rd, 8th, 13th, 22nd, 27th ; with Mercury, 4th, 9th, 13th, 21st, 26th ; with Venus, 2nd, 8th, 13th, 22nd, 27th ; with Mars, 7th, 12th, 21st, 25th ; with Jupiter, 8th, 13th, 17th, 21st, 25th ; with Saturn, 9th, 13th, 22nd, 26th ; with Uranus, 2nd, 12th, 16th, 24th, 29th ; with Neptune, 5th, 15th, 19th, and 27th.

Astrological Prizes for Students.

WE purpose offering, month by month, a volume of the *Astrologer's Magazine* for the best delineation of various nativities, the data of which we shall give. All horoscopes must be drawn, with speculum, in the way they appear in this work, written on one side of the paper only. If space permit, the best judgment will be published in these pages. All letters to be marked "Competition," and must reach us by October 15th. This period will enable our foreign students to compete. Subjects to be considered :—Personal description, mental qualities, financial prospects, marriage, travelling, health, illnesses liable to, honour, friends, enemies, probable length of life, &c., &c.

"Ida Florence" (female), born in London, on 13th July, 1891, at 3 hrs., 33½ minutes a.m.

The rising position of the luminaries and the culmination of Jupiter at the July New Moon are significant in connection with the visit of the German Emperor and the Prince of Naples, and the national rejoicing which accompanied the Emperor's trip. The opposition of Saturn from the lower meridian in the same figure has coincided with the showery weather which ushered in the lunation, and with the loss by the Government of the Wisbech Election. The intervals of warm and thundery weather have been caused by the proximity of Mars to the Sun.

On Pre-natal and Post-natal Directions,

WITH A NEW METHOD OF DIRECTING.

By "LEO."

CHAPTER II.

HAVING shown that pre-natal and post-natal elements both exist in the directions called primary, or Ptolemaic and Placidian, I now turn to that other system of directing sometimes termed secondary, or directions by progression; my object being to show that the same pre-natal and post-natal causes are at work here as elsewhere, with the difference that, whereas the post-natal directions by progression are well known to all, the corresponding pre-natal are unknown, and, so far as I am aware, have not been described in print by anyone but myself.

Directions by progression differ from the Ptolemaic in that, while the latter are caused solely by the axial rotation of the earth, the former depend entirely on the real motion of the planets themselves in the zodiac, and are not in any way related to this mundane motion. Therefore, if it is remembered that the word "mundane" is here used as applying to the earth's rotation, the primary system may be said to be purely mundane, and the secondary strictly zodiacal.

Whether any sound argument as to the relative value of the two systems is to be based on this contrast between the origin of each, I do not feel myself sufficiently learned to decide; but at least, whether it turn out to be sound or unsound, it is worth noting that here is a possible argument to the effect that since the secondary system is zodiacal, and the primary mundane in point of origin, therefore the former must be the more important of the two.

Post-natal directions by progression are well known. They are those described in Raphael's "Guide to Astrology" vol. II., and by Sepharial in his very valuable work "The Horoscope" (published in the first volume of this Magazine), and by Mr. Pearce in the "Text Book of Astrology," vol. I., chapter viii., "on secondary directions." They are worked out by representing the motions of the planets during the first day of life as depicting the fate and fortune of the native during the first year; the second day of life the second year; and so on.

Pre-natal directions by progression resemble the corresponding ones of the Ptolemaic system which I have described and analysed in chapter i., in being formed before birth, although they do not operate until the subsequent life of the individual. They are worked out by representing the motions during the first twenty-four hours *before birth*, as foreshadowing the fate and fortune in the first year of life. The aspects formed during the second day *before birth*, operate in the second year of life; those of the third day *before birth*, in the third year of life; and so on, going backward one day for each year of life.

In this method of directing, the planets all appear to retrograde in the zodiac, but, in doing so, their motion is precisely analogous to that whereby the converse (pre-natal) Ptolemaic directions are formed. That is to say, the planets in retrograding are not assuming unnatural positions, but are merely moving back into the places they occupied shortly before birth. The astral impressions, wrapped day by day like a garment round the unborn child, are unwinding and being made visible in the life history.

No believer in Ptolemy's system has yet denied the efficacy of converse (pre-natal) directions; indeed by many they are believed to have a greater influence than the direct (post-natal). By philosophical analogy it therefore should, and does follow that the secondary or progressional system has a corresponding converse (pre-natal) mode of directing; and this it is which I have just described.

When I have explained that these pre-natal directions are formed by taking the days before birth as representing the years of life, I have said quite sufficient to enable those of my readers who are fairly well acquainted with the ordinary method of directing to calculate these for themselves. The pre-natal method is worked out in the same way as the post-natal, with the difference that, whereas the latter moves forward day by day after birth, the former retrogrades day by day before birth. *Mutatis mutandis*, the same rules hold good in the one case as in the other. Sepharial's system is as true and as applicable in the pre-natal as in the post-natal, and his classification of directions into primaries and secondaries, with critical periods, is as necessary here as there.

To beginners, who have not yet studied any method of directing, and who consequently will not be able to work out this pre-natal method accurately from the brief description I have given in this

chapter, and who require definite rules for their guidance, I cannot do better than strongly advise them to fully master Sepharial's post-natal system, as described carefully and lucidly in the first volume of this magazine. When the post-natal is mastered, it will be time to turn to the pre-natal and co-ordinate the two.

I should like to add that no astrologer of the present day can afford to remain ignorant or careless of Sepharial's system, especially as regards its first principles. It is the most valuable contribution to Western Astrology that has appeared for many years.

After referring to the subject of sidereal time, which it is now necessary to elucidate, I will give illustrations of these secondary pre-natal directions from one or two known horoscopes, and will conclude with a few comments on the pre-natal method of directing.

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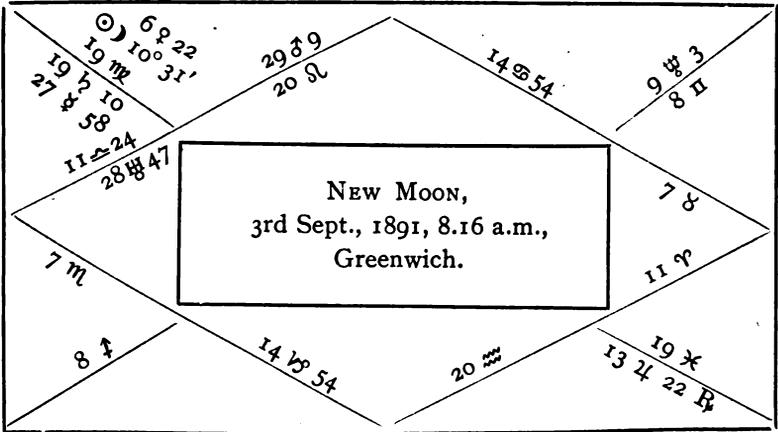
Notes on Recent Events.

Mr. William Henry Gladstone, ex-M.P., died at 5.30 a.m. on the 4th July, 1891, after a surgical operation. Sir Charles Forster, M.P., died 26th July, 1891, at 8.20 p.m., of paralysis. These two deaths are in accordance with the predictions concerning the death of eminent men, which we have had to publish on more than one occasion recently.

In the figure for the Summer Quarter, page 256, the evil Saturn was in the ninth house governing voyages, and accordingly we predicted that "Saturn's position indicates loss of life at sea and trouble in connection with shipping." On the night of July 5th, two steamers were in collision off Dover; one of them sank, and several persons were drowned. The moon at the time was on the place of Mars at the ingress. On 29th June a cannon exploded on H.M.S. *Cordelia*, killing six persons. The moon was then in Aries in square to Mars in Cancer, the influences of "fire" and "water" being thus evilly mingled.

On page 17 of Zadkiel's Almanack for the present year, we find the following prediction:—"A very beneficial measure will be passed by Parliament this month." This has been well fulfilled in the passage of the Education Bill. The Cathcart Lunacy case has fulfilled another prediction:—"There will be *une cause célèbre* in the High Court of Justice." Again:—"In France excitement will run high, as Mars enters the sign Leo." Leo has always been held to govern France, and the entry of the fiery planet into that sign has coincided with the terrible railway accident near Paris July 26th. Once more:—"An outbreak of cholera is certain to attend or immediately follow" the opposition of Saturn and Jupiter. Cholera in a severe form has already been reported from the East and has caused hundreds of deaths.

Mundane Astrology.



THE lunation falls in the eleventh house, separating from the conjunction of Mars, and applying to the opposition of Jupiter and conjunction of Venus and Saturn. The Moon is in parallel with Mars. These positions are fortunate for our colonial relations, but the presence of Mars may cause irritation. Venus in conjunction with Mars and parallel with Uranus may bring scandals to light. A member of Parliament is likely to die. Uranus rising causes strikes and discontent at home. There will be much crime brought to light.

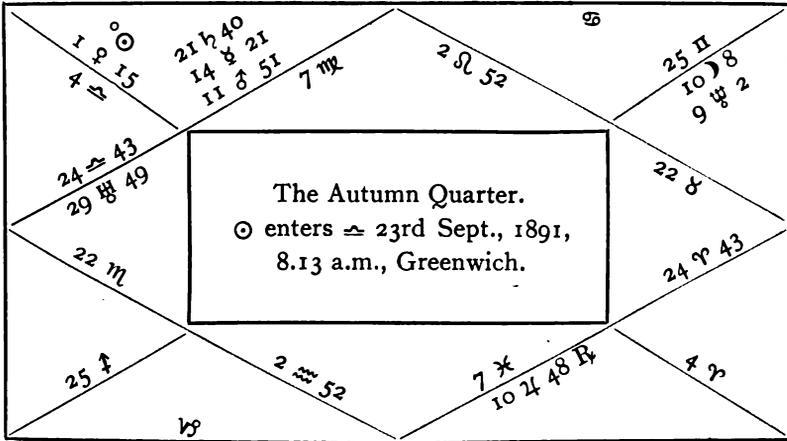
At Dublin, Uranus is on the cusp of the second. There will be commercial failures and money troubles in that country.

From Vienna eastward, Mars will be in the mid-heaven, and at Constantinople and St. Petersburg, the luminaries will also be therein. This strengthens the rulers of those countries but causes irritation, taxation, and high expenditure.

At Calcutta, Uranus culminates, bringing trouble upon the rulers. Some high personage will die. There will be storms and shipwrecks on the coast, and death in the realms of religion and literature.

At Melbourne, Jupiter rises and Saturn sets. The people will be prosperous, but feverish diseases will be prevalent and the death-rate high.

At Washington, Mars and the luminaries are in the second house. There will be extravagant expenditure and much excitement in commercial and money matters.



Uranus rising in this figure in evil aspect to Mars and Mercury presignifies strikes, riots and discontent among the people during quarter. Mercury besieged by the two malefics in the eleventh is likely to cause us colonial troubles, with death and difficulty in the Houses of Parliament. The position of the Government and prominent persons will not be satisfactory, sudden misfortunes will overtake them. Death will be busy among women and children. There will be many suicides and murders.

At Paris, Uranus is nearer the cusp of the ascendant. From Berlin eastward, Mars is in the mid-heaven, and at Constantinople and St. Petersburg, Saturn will be also therein. Hence, in this district, rulers and persons of position will be under very evil influences; there will be death in high places; governments will fall; and there will be danger of war and much martial feeling.

At Calcutta, Mars, Mercury and Saturn in the eighth foreshadow many deaths, much sickness and crime. From the Moon in the fifth, children and places of public amusement will suffer.

In Australia, there will be much sickness and a heavy death-rate. Venus setting brings about many marriages, but there are likely to be also many scandals in the divorce courts.

At Washington, Mars and Mercury rise, in square to the Moon in the mid-heaven. The Government will be in trouble and will lack support from the people. There will be many strikes, and some danger of fatal riots. Commercial and money matters will suffer. There will be several railway accidents.

On 18th July there was a fatal accident on the Manchester Ship Canal Railway. On this day the moon was in square to both Saturn and Jupiter.

The Degrees of the Zodiac Symbolised.

(CONTINUED).

By "CHARUBEL."

✕ 12°.—Symbol: A very large disc consisting of circles of light with dark grey interspaces. These circles resemble wheels within wheels, but which I find on closer examination to be spiral, all revolving. This symbol contains far more than I am able to express in words.

First of all, this native cannot live and have his being upon those ordinary lines along which the multitude are eagerly rushing. Secondly, his or her early life will be passed amid considerable confusion, attended with much apparent contradiction. He may seek to do as others do, but it will not answer. Next, he is inclined to give up in despair, but just at that critical moment an inspiration fires his inner self, a new light develops, he gets out of those dark interspaces where possibly he may have been floundering about for years on the circle of revolving light. Henceforth he is on his groove and is carried onward and upward. His path is the path of the just that "shines brighter and brighter till the perfect day."

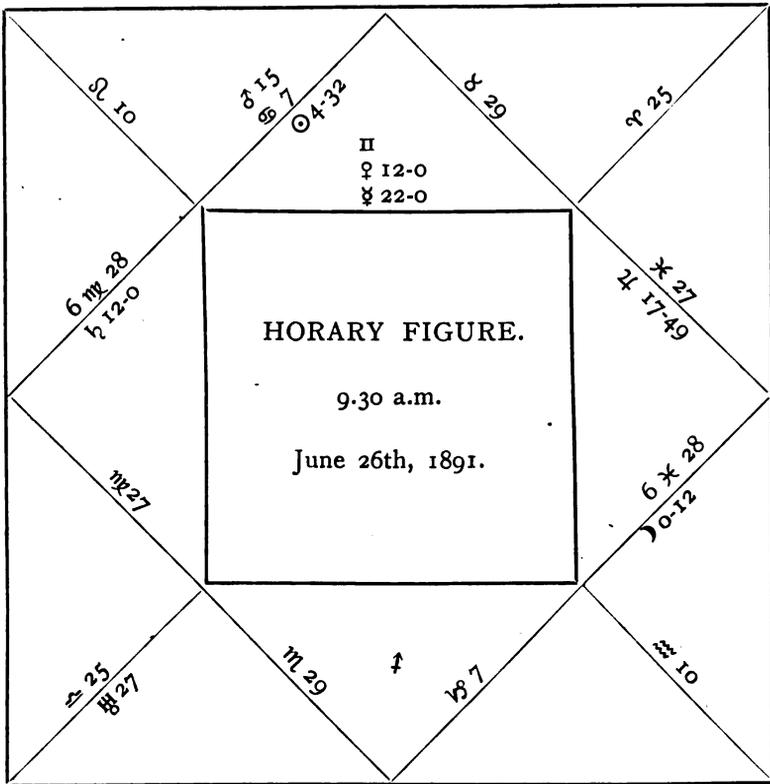
„ 13°.—Symbol: None; but I perceive that this degree is charged with evil, and wickedness of the most diabolical nature belongs to this degree, or is denoted by it. This nature will be subtle but plausible in appearance. Destitute of one spark of **real** sympathy. One who will ever prove treacherous to those who take him into their confidence. He is reserved, he is studious, but is favourite pursuit is black magic. Much of this is liable to modification, providing a benefic be on the ascendant or aspecting the same; but under the most favourable circumstances such a person will find very strong leanings to injure his fellow-men rather than do them good.

„ 14°.—Symbol: A field of ripe corn ready for the sickle. A cloudless sky and a brilliant sunshine. A most fortunate degree for all mundane matters. Health of body, peace of mind, a most happy disposition, prosperous in all worldly transactions.

- ✕ 15°.—Symbol: A hand with a sword in it. Just rising in the ascendant, a halo of golden light envelopes it. That sword is not for indiscriminate slaughter. It is to defend the right. Whoever thou art, thou hast a mission to accomplish, and thou wilt be armed with the necessary power and authority to execute that mission. Thou art a child of the sun. Thy pedigree must be looked for in the archives of **Ubellyah** * the solar world. But the poor worldlings, the inhabitants of this red planet, will not see thee as thou art seen by thy compeers.
- „ 16°.—Symbol: Two swords crossing each other. Denotes one nearly always involved in litigations and quarrels. A person of a repellant disposition.
- „ 17°.—A man with two horses ploughing. This is not to be taken literally, but physically or spiritually. The field denotes this world of mankind, and as the plough is the first instrument employed by way of preparing the earth for the reception of the precious seed, this native will be a pioneer or forerunner to prepare the way for a higher manifestation.
- „ 18°.—Symbol: A military officer mounted on a fine looking charger with sword in hand, on the top of a hill as if on the look-out. This degree denotes a strategist, one competent to organize a multitude or an army, and will possess abilities for commanding the same. This symbol is capable of two applications, the one temporal and the other spiritual.
- „ 19°.—Symbol: A man lying in a bed, a grey, dark cloud hanging over him. His chamber is also dark and gloomy. Yet his horizon looks bright. This denotes one who will be the subject of some heavy affliction during his younger days, but whose latter days bring health and other comforts.
- „ 20°.—Symbol: An angel blowing a trumpet. Denotes one whose office will be to publish to the world some important message. A message having a bearing on the social or spiritual condition of mankind. A preacher, a lecturer or some popular person.

* See *Occultist* for 1889.

Horary Astrology.



1st.—Will my husband leave a will or no? Jupiter and Mars rulers of the eighth house, viz., wills, legacies; the first-named angular, the chief ruler in the eleventh signifying hopes and wishes, Mercury co-significator of wills, strong in tenth, the quesited fourth, is an argument that he will undoubtedly leave one.

2nd.—Will the querent benefit? The lord of ascendant and seventh in evil aspect, the Moon just left fixed sign and falling from angle, are quite antagonistic to the querent. The Moon applying to trine of Sun, lord of the quesited sixth, is an argument that a favorite servant will have the bulk of the property, more especially as Sun is in a feminine sign in the tenth of figure, quesited's fourth; and Jupiter, lord of querent's fourth in square to Mercury, lord of ascendant, is quite confirmatory; no benefit will accrue.

3rd.—Is reconciliation possible? Mercury square to Jupiter, both in their own houses, Jupiter being chief ruler of fourth, with Mars ruler of cusp in ♃ to co-significator, the Moon. Decidedly no.

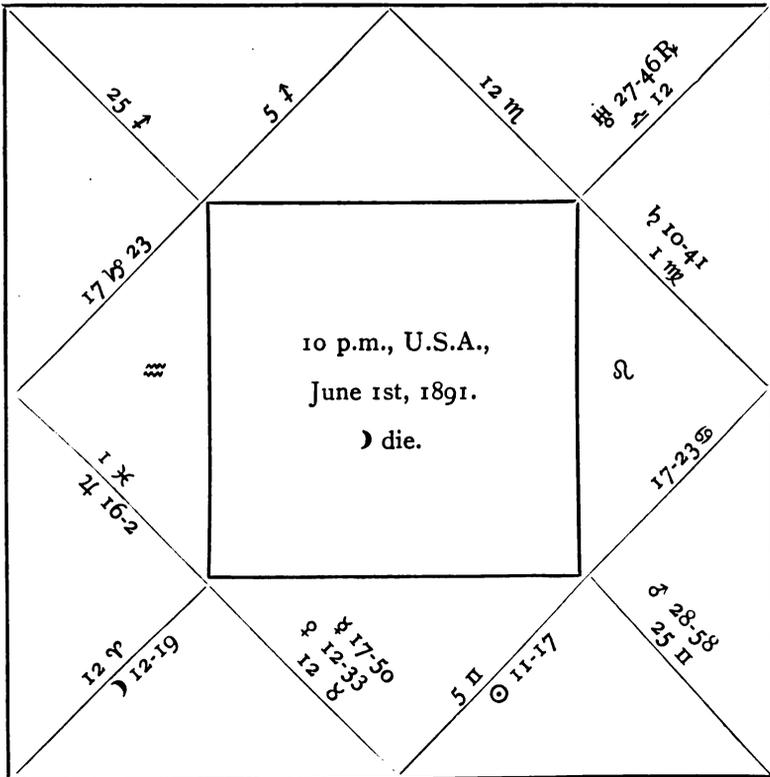
Another question, the same time by letter, which the figure will resolve :

Will anticipated child live? Saturn, lord of fifth angular in first, she will be born alive; the Moon in sixth, applying to opposition of Saturn, with Venus in square from 10th, with Jupiter and Mars lords of child's fourth, she should live ten or eleven days, not more, as Mercury and Venus are square from child's sixth, she will be born to suffer and speedily die. The sex is easily seen.

CASAEL.

Horary Question: Boy Missing from Home.

By CHARLES HATFIELD.



ON June 1st, at 10 p.m., a visitor called upon me, seeking through the science of astrology, information as to the whereabouts of a son who was missing, as his absence was causing her much distress. Erecting a figure for the time of the

question, I found Capricorn upon the ascendant, which described the querent, who was of rather lean body, with a sad, downcast expression, and, like Saturn, melancholy and gloomy by nature; had a drooping of the head, and was dressed in black and grey, the characteristic colors of Saturn.

The question referring to a child, I took Mercury, which was the lord of the fifth, as the significator of her son, and finding the planet in a fixed sign in an angle, I said he was in the city, and was probably confined in some place, as Mercury was in the twelfth house, which was to be so considered in the science, and being so from the fifth of the querent, which was the first house of the boy.

She would have it that her son had gone to the west, which I would not admit, as his significator was in an angle, and being in conjunction with Venus, I said he went to some place for pleasure, and also being in sextile to Jupiter, I said he had been in company with a companion, and was upon or near water sometime during the day; as Jupiter was in a watery sign and in an easterly quadrant, I said it was easterly from home.

As Jupiter was separating from an opposition of Saturn from the second and eighth house, I said she had met with losses of money, and had considerable trouble with her husband over money matters, and she admitted that her husband gave her but little money, and that her boy had stolen a sum of money from her only last month, when Jupiter was within one degree of a complete opposition to Saturn.

On June 3rd the visitor called again, at 8 a.m., and said I had told her truly, as her boy had been arrested for shooting and wounding another boy, and was confined at the hour she first called upon me; he had been upon the water with another boy that afternoon.

The visitor called in the hour of Mars upon each visit, and it is curious to note that she spoke of quarrels upon the first visit, and of firearms upon the second, which are governed by Mars; also of a sister, which is shown by Aries upon the third, which rules brothers and sisters.

The visitor desired me to describe her boy and his apparel, and as I found his significator in Taurus, I said he was short and inclined to be full-set, with a broad retreating forehead, and Taurus being a hairy sign, I said he wore dark clothing of a hairy or fuzzy texture, which she said was perfectly true.

Extracts from Astrological Authors.

The following is culled from Wilson's "Dictionary of Astrology."

IF a figure, on inspection, does not appear interesting, or if it be much confused with either weak or contradictory testimonies, he may be sure the question is not radical, but has been asked out of idle curiosity, or without any very energetic feeling as to the result, or merely to pass away time. It is superfluous, I hope, to advise him to avoid all strangers, and above all things *not to do anything of the kind for gain*. I cannot speak with certainty, but there is much cause to suspect, that those who do such things for profit lose their divining faculty, and can foretell nothing. The cord of sympathy is very fine, and may be easily broken when the mind is attentive to a different object. Perhaps this is one reason why they so often meet with the punishment they deserve; at all events it is a proof they are somehow or other miserably deficient.

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Placidus was the inventor of mundane directions, and so bigoted was he to this system, that he once, as he says, rejected the doctrine of zodiacal aspects *in toto*, but, it appears he soon discovered his error, as he makes abundant use of them in his "Thirty Nativities." How far the doctrine of mundane directions is consistent with truth, experience can alone determine. No doubt the planets operate on the earth according to their mundane position, this every day's observation will confirm, but that they have equal efficacy in directions is an hypothesis that rests upon little more than the assertion of Placidus himself, for his examples are not (in my opinion at least) satisfactory; indeed the doctrine of directions altogether seems to want correcting; there is something not quite agreeable to reason in the idea of the influence of a planet being transferred to his place in the radix, although it certainly seems true in parallels of declination. As to mundane parallels, those who consult the "Nativities" of Placidus will not find them quite infallible.

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I have not so much confidence in the efficacy of the new aspects (invented by Kepler) as he had, but experience alone can decide this question. Placidus only approved of the quintile, bi-quintile, and sesquiquadrate. I have more opinion of the

efficacy of the * than of the Δ , because the greatest changes happen when the D forms her last * to the O , previous to the δ . The effect of the \square is evident, as the tides are always lowest when the D is in \square to the O ; for this reason I conceive a \square of h and f to each other in a figure as a good position because they lessen each others influence. I likewise suspect the \square of u to be an evil aspect, as thereby his influence is lessened, for it is evident from the effect of the O and D on each other that planets oppose each others powers most at right angles. I suspect the g of a friendly planet to be a good configuration and equal to a δ , as we find the luminaries operate together the same at an g as at a δ . Of all configurations, I have most confidence in a zodiacal parallel; but I do not think so highly of a mundane parallel, nor of any mundane aspect. All these opinions, however, require the sanction of experience.

(To be continued).

On 6th of July, the Italian Ironclad, *Sicilia* was launched at Venice by the King and Queen in state; the ancient ceremonial of placing a ring on the vessel's prow to "wed the sea" being observed on this occasion. This event follows the fortunate position of Jupiter in the ninth house (governing shipping) at the July new moon, which fell on the day the vessel was launched.

We predicted on page 256—"There will be cases of scandal to attract attention"; this because Venus was in the seventh house (governing women) afflicted by a square from Saturn. The prediction has been fulfilled in the many divorce cases which have been commented on by the press recently.

The *Daily News* had a satirical leaderette on our July number, written in a lofty and condescending tone, but, it is needless to say, by someone whose ignorance of the subject upon which he wrote was complete. Amongst other things, our critic referred contemptuously to our prediction that Mars rising might cause strikes and riots. Well, that prediction has been thoroughly fulfilled in the extensive railway strikes in France and the riots which were threatened in connection with them. The article was full of errors. In referring to our reading of the horoscope of the infant daughter of the Duchess of Fife, our critic could discover nothing better than that the child was likely to suffer when teething. Our comments upon the horoscope in question were obviously intended more for those who had some acquaintance with Astrology than for complete outsiders, and what seems "jargon" to an inexperienced critic is plain enough to an Astrologer.

Some Thoughts on Horary Astrology.

I HAVE reason to believe that many of the readers of the *Astrologer's Magazine* are especially partial to the "Horary" branch of the science, and as many of our new subscribers and friends may be in doubt as to what Horary Astrology is I will therefore briefly explain it. Supposing that at any moment of time an idea comes into one's mind, or one is anxious about matters that may materially affect either themselves or their friends, and that they are in doubt as to whether such matters will turn out good or ill; if a map of the heavens be erected and the planetary positions inserted thereon for the exact moment the mind is really anxious as to whatever may be then occurring, this map will clearly show the exact state of affairs, what the result will be, and when the matter under consideration will be settled. Some artists are of opinion that the rules of Horoscopy will not apply to Horary Astrology and *vice versa*; for my part I fail to see why this should be so, inasmuch as in the one case it is the birth of the idea, and the other the birth of the body. The moment a thought or idea comes into our mind, and which thought or idea, if it take a practical turn, may become a tangible thing, that moment is the birthtime of the thought, and if a figure be erected and judged, the ultimatum and various matters connected with the thought or idea would be made manifest in precisely the same way as the future of a child is deduced from a map of the nativity. Most artists apply the same rules to both Horary Astrology and Genethialogy, taking the lord or ruler of the ascendant as the native's or querent's significator, whilst the others, who state that the rules of Horary Astrology must not be confounded with those pertaining to Genethialogy, take in an Horary figure the lord of the ascendant to represent the querent, but in nativities give the native the strongest planet in the figure as his significator. There is, however, in Horary Astrology one matter that I think it advisable to warn the student of and that is the matter of co-significator, or consignificator, as some term it. The student is taught that the ascendant and its lord are to be considered as the querent's "significator" and the Moon his "co-significator" likewise. This co-significator phase of the rules will not be always reliable. Take as an example a question of law: the ascendant, its ruler, with the Moon as co-significator for the querent; the seventh house and its lord for the adversary.

The ascendant is 16°♄ , therefore Saturn, ruler thereof, is the querent's significator, and, according to the old rules, the Moon is co-significator; but note, in **this case** the Moon rules the seventh house and is the adversary's significator, hence the Moon cannot represent **both** parties. I find it best to reject the co-significators and take the ruler of the ascendant solely for the querent, and those planets who bear rule over the houses which have reference to the matter concerned in the question propounded.

There are other quicksands in the sea of Horary Astrology, one of which is the effect of the lords of certain houses being located in others, according to old aphorisms, producing certain effects which are self-contradicting. I purpose to follow on with this later, besides other things in connection that I think should be overhauled.

APHOREL.

Hints between the Lines: Pre-natal Astrology.

By "SEPHARIAL."

I WAS glad to see the letter of "Leo" in your last, and to take note of the two cases of rectification he gives. It has been hinted to me that not sufficient evidence was given of the truth of the system, a hint which seemed to include the idea that the cases given as illustrations were the only ones within my experience. I may as well state right away that the rules for rectification were the result of over 100 test cases made by me during 1888, when I was living in Birmingham. The basic idea I got, as stated, from the Trutine of Hermes; the rules I discovered and formulated from my researches. Contrary to the received idea, I am not myself inclined to identify the pre-natal epoch with that of impregnation or conception. The fact that the period is approximately the same does not prove an identity. I believe that all the factors are included in the laws governing the process of re-incarnation, and that the period at which this astral vortex, represented by the figure of the epoch, is instituted, depends entirely upon the conditions set up in the individual sphere of consciousness by the past life of such individual. The aggregate of all past experiences is represented in the psychic, mental, moral, and spiritual state of an individual at the moment

of death, or more correctly, in the moments immediately succeeding that event; and it is this condition which will determine the period and the conditions under which that *ego* will again fall into matter, *i.e.*, re-incarnate; just as a stone thrown from the hand acquires a momentum up to the moment of its leaving the hand, by which it is at once determined where it will fall to earth; or just as the physical state of a person, at the moment of his going to sleep, controls the moment of his natural awaking; so, as soon as the causes of any action are expended, causes for reaction immediately assert themselves. All action is adjusted by reaction, sleeping by waking, birth by death, death by birth, and waking by sleeping. Applying this law of equilibrium to the question of natal astrology, I have long held the opinion that the nativity is nothing less than a set-off against the death which preceded it in the evolutionary cycle of the native, and the pre-natal figure represents the elements of this Karma in the process of aggregation.

It defines the potentialities evolved in the past incarnation which are so far unexpressed, and which, at the moment of the epoch, are in the state of astral precipitation. Whether or not these potentialities will have the conditions required for their full expression in this world of effects, is determined by the moment of birth and the astral influences attendant thereon.

Three kinds of Karma (cause and effect) are recognized by eastern metaphysics as acting on life in the triple terms of our consciousness: namely, past, present, and future. Prârabdha Karma are the causes set going in past lives, some of which may have had effect; their residue becomes Sanchit Karma in the present birth: *i.e.*, accumulated causes for good or evil; Krîmana Karma are the causes set going in the present incarnation, which will work out into future effects, in this or some following incarnation. In pre-natal astrology we have to deal with the first two kinds of Karma. The unexpended causes of the past incarnations are, at the time of the epoch, pressing into effect, and it is from the figure of the epoch that we draw our inference as to the sum total of the potentialities generated in the past birth, a fact which includes the idea of all preceding births, of which the last is but the natural outcome, and, in a certain sense, a synthetic expression. Following on this idea, I came to the conclusion that, as all causes are not represented in the horoscope of birth, this pre-natal epoch must be the source whence many

effects in the present life, not accounted for in the directions made from the nativity, must spring.

I therefore prepared the directions in my own and other cases from the figure of the epoch, and found, as I had anticipated, that, in cases where events had happened during the life, and for which no adequate cause could be found from the nativity, there were directions in full play from the pre-natal figure! Some of these cases I shall presently illustrate, and, in the meantime, I would advise the student to make a test of the matter for himself, either from his own or another well-known nativity. Having got the epochal figure by the rules given in the method for rectification, it is only necessary to treat it as if it were a nativity, and work out the solar and lunar directions in the manner already recommended in the "Horoscope."

The directions thus obtained should then be drawn up into order along with those calculated from the nativity; and it will then be seen that many influences are acting on the life from the epochal horoscope at times when there are none from the nativity. In other words, when the individual is not creating causes towards the generation of Kriomana (future) Karma, he is working off effects which arise from Prârabdha (past) Karma. He is thus continually in relationship with his past and future, reaping the harvest of bygone good and ill, or sowing seeds for future garner.

The system here set forth is different to that which has received illustration at the hands of our friend "Leo," although the idea is mainly the same, since it has for its basis the conception of **pre-natal influences** as affecting the present life. In this process the directions are made from the epoch towards the moment of birth, and not from the moment of birth towards the epoch as in the system now in illustration by "Leo."

A consideration of the pre-natal figure will show many points of character, disposition, etc., which are not, and cannot be indicated in the nativity, because they took their origin from another source, and are most undeniably connected with the past incarnations of the ego. All this presumes upon an acceptance of the doctrine of re-incarnation, a teaching which I have no hesitation in recommending to the study of the astrologer (be he Christian, Jew, or Pagan), as a doctrine which throws more light upon the anomalies of Astrology than anything which has hitherto been offered as an explanation. Something has been said about a "lost key." Here is a scrap of old iron with some-

thing of shape in it which has survived the "trenchant tooth of time"; perhaps it is not what you were looking for, but it may serve to turn a lock or two in the long corridors of the temple of wisdom.

My next will be in illustration of the facts herein put forward.

Useful Notes for Young Students.

IT is generally taught that Saturn in the tenth house brings ruin, disgrace, and discredit on the native. This is not always borne out, for if Saturn is well aspected at birth, it will not bring eventual ruin on the native. True, under an ill direction to Saturn, reverses will be experienced owing to the strong position of Saturn, *i.e.*, being in the principal angle of the figure; yet, as the evil direction passes over, the radical good will reassert itself.

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Legacies are generally foreshadowed if Jupiter is in good aspect with either Saturn or Uranus. The same effect is frequently produced by the lords of the second and eighth houses being well aspected, also by their aspecting one another beneficially.

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If Jupiter be ruler of the fourth, and located in the eighth in good aspect with the Sun and Moon at birth, an inheritance will undoubtedly come to the native at some period of life.

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Those individuals who have all or the greater portion of their planets below the earth, generally have fine reasoning abilities, whilst those who have the majority above the horizon have remarkably good intuition.

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Planets "scattered" in the various signs of the zodiac in a nativity generally denote much versatility; at the same time the aspects held by Mercury and the Moon must be considered, as it will materially affect what judgment might otherwise be deduced from the "scattered" positions of the planets.

Males who have Venus in sextile to Herschel are very fond of the society of young females, no matter what their own age may be, and those who have Mars in aspect to Venus are persons of very strong passions.

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If, at the same time, Saturn throws a good aspect to either, they do not shew it prominently, yet it is there all the same. Mars in aspect to Venus, especially if in a fiery sign, produces "love at first sight," but it does not often last; these sort of people frequently fancy they are "madly in love," but their ardour very soon cools.

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The Moon in good aspect with Jupiter at birth, especially if from the second and fifth houses, is an excellent testimony for gain by speculation; at the same time the other aspects held by them both must be regarded, as they may materially affect the good promised by the mutual aspects of Jupiter and the Moon.

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Luna and Uranus in good aspect produces a fondness for things out of the ordinary course. Astrologers, occultists, and chiromantists, whose nativities have been drawn, are generally found with the Moon and Uranus in configuration.

ERRATA.—On page 306, line 36, read January 31st, 1891.

Letters to the Editor.

All correspondents should give full name and address, not necessarily for publication, but as a token of good faith.

N.B.—Writers of signed articles are alone responsible for the opinions therein contained.

PROFESSOR HATFIELD AND MR. NEPTUNE.

DEAR SIRS,—In many respects I am in complete sympathy with Professor Hatfield in his many contributions to the *Astrologers' Magazine* and the late *Astrologer*. But regarding Neptune I must in all seriousness differ. I have had a large private practice, and an extensive professional experience in Astrology for twenty years, and have naturally had **some** experience with this planet. I have ♃ exactly on **the ascendant**, and nearly ♃. He has, **in my case**, been as potent for good almost as ♃; he, in fact, has been my **good demon**, so to say. I never lived in one place three years in my life, and have

travelled nearly round the world. I have several friends who have ψ **on the ascendant**, and they are **all** of them veritable gipsies, so to say, for roaming; in each case ψ **has acted purely benefic**. One lady, born May 20th, 1855, Sheffield, Yorkshire (a dear personal friend), has ψ in \times $17^{\circ} 52'$ and \times 16° on the ascendant. ψ is alone in the first house and ought to give his influx, which he does, and gives φ almost exactly, always acting as a **benefic**. Recently, a friend here in Colorado made some \$25,000 during the silver panic; ψ exactly on the cusp of the fourth by **transit**, and \times his \odot at birth. In fact, I could bring enough evidence to hang any man in a court of justice to prove that ψ is often a powerful benefic, that he makes a person restless, so to say, of any permanent location, and, in short, proves that at least half of what Professor Hatfield asserts to be false. Briefly stated, here is **my personal opinion, the result of actual investigation**: ψ , when powerful at birth, and **not** afflicted acts **always** as a benefic both by transit and direction. When cadent at birth, or otherwise weak, his power is not worth consideration, as its effects are almost imperceptible. When rendered **malefic** at birth by aspect and at the same time powerful, as being angular, &c., he **always** acts as a **malefic**; in other words he is like Venus in nature, **but mental** in his action instead of physical, but as **convertible** as φ , rendered good or bad, or negative, as the case may be.

The awful list of charges brought against ψ when in γ , *vz* Ireland, is pure **bosh**. There are cyclic laws in operation ruling countries and nations besides planets. A careful examination of other countries ruled by \times , γ , &c., and their history, during ψ 's last visit, will show that Ireland was groaning under a mightier force than ψ . But why is not Ireland quiet now? ψ left that γ long ago. But there! *Verb sap.*—Yours, &c.,

MENTOR.

DEAR SIR,—May I ask “Raphael,” through the pages of the *Astrologers' Magazine*, if he still has the confidence expressed in vol. II. of his “Guides,” of the efficacy and reliability of transits, or, as he calls them, “excitements”; that they force to action the pre-ordained effects (presumably the directions then in operation), whether he considers the transit to act **when** the aspect is complete, *i.e.*, exact, or whether the “long orbs” are considered by him. From a remark by “Sepharial” in No. 3 or 4 of this book, it would appear that “Raphael” was then experimenting when “Sepharial” wrote him (in 1884), and in a recent number “Raphael” stated he still considered “transits” as the “key” to his system. As from 1884 to date comprises a period of seven years, perhaps “Raphael” would kindly inform me what the outcome of his researches are as to the virtue of transits. It would, I am sure, be appreciated by the many students of his system, and by none more so than by

Yours in the cause,

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Lessons in Astrology for Beginners.

By APHOREL.

SECTION II. No. 3.

IT will be noticed there is a difference of about 11 minutes between ☿ progressive place 15 days after birth, and the ☉ radical place, but the difference is so small it may be virtually ignored (*vide* page 88, vol. I., paragraph 2).

The next aspect ☿ can form to the ☉ radical place is the semi-square (♌) 45 degrees, which falls in 18° 59' ♋, or roughly speaking 19° ♋; we find from the Ephemeris that ☿ progresses to 19° 19' ♋ on the 1st August, which is 37 days after birth, we therefore insert the following, opposite the 37 in the scale of years:

37 ☉ R ♌ ☿ P in ♋ in ninth house.

When ☿ aspects to the radical ☉ have all been taken out, the other planets must be treated in precisely the same way, and the results tabulated in the scale of years.

A similar process must be observed to find out when the planets by progression aspect the ♃ radical place, and the result entered in the scale of years (*vide* Rule II., page 313).

Rules III., IV. and V., on pages 313 and 314, must then be observed, and the results also entered in the scale of years as before taught. This being done, the outcome is, as Sepharial tersely puts it, "a complete outline of the life, defined by the Solar or Primary directions."

I think it well to inform the student at this juncture that the "orbs" of the planets must be ignored in directions, at all events by this system, and I again refer the student to page 88, paragraph 2, and Rule IV. on page 91. I shall have something further to say as to the "orbs" when dealing with the Lunar directions of this interesting nativity.

THE MUTUAL PLANETARY DIRECTIONS.

There are some artists who entirely ignore the planets' mutual aspects when taking out or working the directions. As these mutual aspects are taken into consideration when judging a geniture, in my opinion they should also be considered when

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directing, for they undoubtedly influence mundane affairs in a greater or lesser degree, according to the strength of the aspect, house and sign they may be in. They are of course inferior to the Solar directions, but they should be noted, and I advise the student either to compile a similar table to the scale of years, and the planets' mutual aspects inserted, or the scale of years may be utilized both for the Solar directions and the mutual aspects, as I purpose doing in these pages, as the space allowed me is limited.

N.B.—The same “*modus operandi*” is to be used in taking out these “mutual aspects” from the Ephemeris, as that adopted in extracting the Solar directions.

They fall under the two following rules:—

Rule I. Planets progressive to planets radix.

„ II. Planets progressive to planets progressive.

This having been done, the results should be entered in the scale of years, but they should be kept distinct from the Solar directions; and if the student does not care to have a separate table for the “Planetary directions,” the plan I suggest his adopting is the following one, as it shews at a glance all the Solar and Planetary directions, and the years they are in operation.

Example:—

SCALE OF YEARS.

	SOLAR DIRECTIONS.	PLANETARY DIRECTIONS.
<i>Year of Life.</i>	<i>Solar Aspects and their positions.</i>	<i>Mutual Planetary Aspects and their positions.</i>
45.	☉ R (in ☿ in 8th) * ☿ P in ♉ 9th.	♀ P in ♉ in 10th * ♂ R (♄ in 1st).

It is *not necessary* to insert the sign and house of the radical planets, &c., in this table, as all the radical positions should be fresh in the memory, but I have, in this example, inserted it (in parentheses) for the student's convenience. I do not purpose inserting these radical positions in the complete “Table of Directions,” but that is no reason why the student should not do so if so disposed.

If space is available in the next or following number, I hope to give the complete “Table of Directions” of this nativity, failing which, I purpose following on with the “Lunar Directions.”

Severe fighting has been reported in Chili, and some thousands have been killed and wounded. This follows the position of the luminaries in conjunction with Mars in the mid-heaven for that longitude at the August lunation.

Ethics in Astrology.

THE basic principles of all Ethics, by which the conduct of individuals is supposed to be regulated, seem to be (a) the solidarity of the human race, entailing the idea of the universal interaction of its units, and (b) the fact that the ultimate purpose of all change is evolution and progress.

Applied to Astrology, these tenets seem to have a particularly pregnant meaning. The fact that a man's life-sphere on this plane of action is conditioned and limited by the astral influences attendant upon his birth, more than by the particular environment into which he is born, admits of the exercise of a higher influence than that of either heredity, education, social custom, or national prejudice. It would appear that man's life-cycle is so exquisitely adjusted to the rest of the mechanism of the universe, as to admit of a full exercise of his peculiar functions without impeding or paralysing those of any other unit in the same system; for, unless some influence of a higher nature than that of physical environment were at work, a birth would be simply an expression of that environment as affecting its particular line of heredity up to the moment of its event.

A man stands in relationship to the whole human race, as an atom to the body of which it is an integral part. No other unit can effectively take its place until, under the law of evolution, the changes going on in the constitution make the necessary adjustment possible. The idea of solidarity includes that of harmony, and also that of co-operation, from which we argue that, whether consciously or unconsciously, every man is subserving some purpose, and fulfilling some special function in the economy of the universe and in the social constitution.

The aim of nature being progress, it follows that each person born into the world is naturally equipped for the work he is required to perform. But although we may admit a full equipment in each case, yet the use of such to its possible limit of power cannot be presumed. Herein lies the idea of human free-will and responsibility.

It will be interesting to enquire as to how this idea of responsibility should be accepted by those who are convinced of the planetary influences. With our conception of the harmony of universal laws, and the continual adjustment of natural forces and factors to the ultimate purpose in view, in which birth and death are merely incidents to incessant change, it is reasonable

for us to affirm that at any given period the position in which an individual finds himself, is that to which the whole working of the law of adaptation has brought him, and therefore that in which he is required by nature to function. There are two considerations which will enable us to fix the value of this unit of action, so far as its working power is concerned. These are the measure of freewill, and that of ability. To put the case axiomatically we may say: "the extent of freewill is the measure of responsibility, and ability is the limit of obligation." Therefore, according to the extent of his freewill and of his ability, every man is responsible to the world for the causes he sets in motion. In my own opinion, freewill does not consist, as is usually supposed, in the ability to control the course of events in one's life, but rather in the use we make of those events, and in our attitude, mental and moral, towards them. The motive for action is everything, so far as the individual actor is concerned; the action itself is more important to the world in which that action finds its effect. It is only by knowledge that we can regulate our thoughts and actions so that our motives may find due effect. Yet how often do we find that actions done with the very best of intention fail in their efficiency, merely because of our ignorance of the laws under which we are working! To give our best motives due effect it is requisite that we should have, in addition to self-knowledge, a knowledge of those with whom we have to deal. Nevertheless, I believe that every good motive has an inherent potentiality for good, and every evil motive a potentiality for evil. Motive is the soul of action, and action has an inherent beauty whenever the motive is good. When a motive finds effect in action, it is said to incarnate. But all incarnations are not beautiful alike. It is possible for a good soul to incarnate in a deformed body, but in such a case there is evidence of constructive disability. Thus in the Book of Enoch, chap. xiv., it is said, speaking of the process of the incarnation of souls; "They use the materials which are at hand, fabricating organs for themselves by instinct, and in the appointed time are born in the shape which they have formed for themselves. For man giveth not life to man, but the means only of developing life, and every man now living was the sculptor of his own body and organs. And this one maketh himself comely; and this one formeth himself unto learning; and this one fabricates organs that degrade him; and *this one is imperfect because he is unskilful.*"

The mere fact that an astrologer has better advantages for understanding the conditions under which he is living, than such as are ignorant of the astral science, renders him to that extent the more responsible in the affairs of life. If astrology does point to surer paths of action—if it does not confer a wider knowledge of the laws governing the manifestation of individual character, and a foresight of the nature of impending evils—then it ceases to be of interest to any but the mathematician, since it would fail entirely on the grounds of utility. As, however, the utilitarian aspect of astrology has so often been put forward as its greatest recommendation, it is not unfair to say that the astrologer is morally responsible, to the extent of his knowledge of the science, beyond those who are ignorant of it. There can be no doubt that the capacity, for good or evil, is considerably increased by means of this knowledge, and the fact that the consciousness of the individual is united to the use of this science, is one of the reasons why every student of astrology should endeavour to realize the full import and responsibility of his position once he comes to give advice to others by means of astrology, or to regulate his own actions by its light. The astrologer who claims greater ability to forecast the affairs for life than others not in possession of his knowledge, must not forget that his obligation to the moral law, and his responsibility to the world at large, is thereby increased to the extent of his claims.

As regards the ethical conception that all evolution tends to progress by means of change, we may commonly observe what reason itself would otherwise lead us to believe, that soul attributes and mental powers grow and develop by use, and that the disuse of any function tends to its final atrophy. It is by reason of this law that we can understand how two persons born under the same planetary influences, may function with an enormous difference of power in many ways, or in some special direction; and this difference is due to the uses made of the psychic and rational faculties in past incarnations. It is impossible otherwise to account for the "infant prodigy," or the "man of genius," than by an admission of progressive development along special lines extended through several successive lives. Moreover, there is no actual separation of the psychic faculties and the physical instrument through which they are correlated to the sense perceptions; and for this reason it is

argued that the brain and other physical functions receive not only their stimulus from the presiding soul, but that the organs themselves are primarily fabricated by the soul, and that each new atom that is taken into the system receives the imprint and seal of that intelligent power. Therefore, the astrologer who seeks for an ethical basis in the purpose of incarnation, can point to each horoscope as indicative of those planetary and astral influences under which the native can best function, not only for his own progress and development, but for that of the whole human race.

If anything of ethical beauty and utility can be illustrated by astrology, then it is our duty to put that forward as often as we essay the teaching of a science, which, when considered apart from its moral and utilitarian aspects, is apt to lead the mind to conclusions such as predestination, fatalism, etc., than which, perhaps, there are no greater barriers to the attainment of that ideal of human progress and perfection, which astrology, no less than other philosophies, places before the mind of man.

SEPHARIAL.

“A Friendly Hint.”

AS we have surplus copies of recent numbers, we shall be pleased to send a copy to any of our readers' and subscribers' friends and acquaintances that we may be favoured with. Our circulation is steadily increasing, and if each reader will send us the names and addresses of any friends who they may think would like a copy, we shall be very pleased to send one gratis. Will *all* our readers assist us?

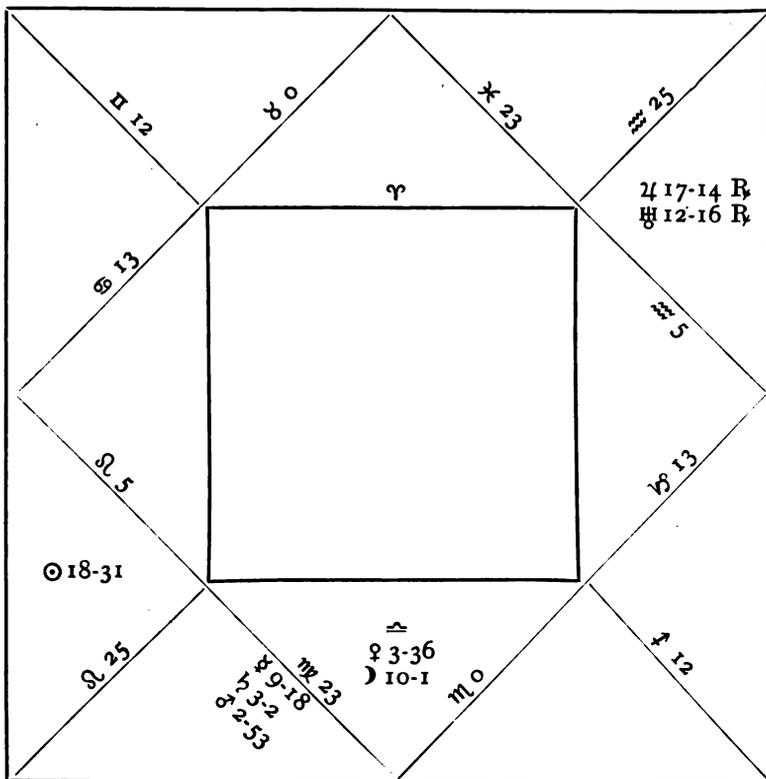
Astrological Prizes for Students.

No. II.

WE have pleasure in offering Vol. I. of the *Astrologer's Magazine*, handsomely bound, for the best delineation of the following nativity, “Charles Frederick ——, born at Walthamstow, near London, on 30th April, 1885, 9.40 p.m.,” the delineation to comprise the following:—Personal description, mental qualities, financial prospects, marriage, travelling, health, illnesses or accidents liable to, honor, friends, enemies, and probable length of life, &c.

Helena P. Blavatsky.

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MADAME H. P. BLAVATSKY, née Hahn, was born at Ekaterinaslav, in South Russia, at 3-hrs. 2-m. a.m. on the 31st July, 1831. These data, converted into the new style, Greenwich time, correspond to August 12th, 1831, at 0-h. 42-m. a.m. The sign Cancer, $12^{\circ} 40'$ is rising, and $\kappa 23^{\circ}$ is on the meridian. The Moon, ruler of the ascendant, is conjoined to Venus in \sphericalangle , in the fourth house. The figure is interesting as showing the degree to which persons, themselves versed in occult knowledge of a high order, may nevertheless be subject in no small degree to the general signature and influence of the planets. In personal appearance Madame Blavatsky was of the Cancer type; lymphatic, corpulent, of a pale dusky complexion, large forehead, full greyish blue eyes, small hands, delicate tapering fingers, broad and large bust, and sad brown hair. The Sun, Venus, and Mercury are all in their own signs, and to a large extent appear to have influenced the expression of her nature. Her erudition,

literary talent, and inexhaustible memory, were dignified by the grandeur and majesty of her solar nature, and beautified by the refinement and delicacy of the Venus principle. She was, to a much greater degree than her writings generally indicate, or than her manner would betray, under the influence of Venus. Her musical, poetic, and artistic talents were prevented by circumstances chiefly connected with her special mission, from ever having full expression; but there is no doubt that she possessed exquisite taste as regards form and color; she could play with considerable brilliancy impromptu upon the piano; and was keenly appreciative of good poetry. Mercury in its own sign in the third house, conjoined to Saturn and Mars, gave, in addition to literary ability, a peculiar spasmodic impulse to the temper. At times she would fire into passionate protest against the restraint which circumstances put upon her actions, or into a magnificent burst of eloquent denunciation of injustice in a manner which would have done credit to a Titan. Anon she was deeply thoughtful, strangely taciturn, and as uncommunicative as a sphinx! To the fire and energy of Mars was added the patience and steadfastness of Saturn, the combination being such as to confer upon the mind an individuality as strong as it was unique. The nature of Cancer agrees very strongly in many points with what we know of this remarkable woman. The thirteenth degree of Cancer indicates much aptitude in science and philosophy, one capable of great attainments in the intellectual world; a precocious mind and quick perception. The sign Cancer denotes:—A life of extreme vicissitude, subject to many and constant changes; a nature subject to agitation; emotional, but powerful and active. It gives a taciturn nature, an incisive mind; strong imagination, fertile intellect, but inclined to be fantastic; much power of assimilation; inclined to heroism induced by idealism or reading. Changeful, mobile, capricious, but capable of making many friends. A nature to which one must always be either entirely sympathetic or inimical. This sign gives discretion, independence of nature, liberality of spirit, and ability for many pursuits. It gives a phlegmatic temperament, subject to unreasonable irritation arising from extreme nervous susceptibility. It gives inclination to religion; versatility and eclecticism. It renders the nature peculiarly uncertain in some things; thus, the native may be dauntless, light-hearted, and unassailable one day, and the next may find him lacking in self-confidence:

cautious, timid, and depressed. A quick, changeful temper. Many voyages. Oftentimes it gives an aversion to marriage.

Much of the above, which applies generally to persons born under Cancer, is applicable to the life and character of the renowned exponent of Theosophy. The positions of the Sun, Mercury, and the Moon are significant by reason of the decanates in which they fall. That of the Sun denotes a phlegmatic spirit, great power of action, endurance, self-confidence, aptitude in arts, and love of the great and magnificent in humanity or nature. The position of Mercury shows aptitude in analytical sciences, a fertile mind, strong reasoning and perceptive faculties; while that of the Moon denotes a love of justice, truth, and virtue; strong sentiments of right-thinking and benevolent action; and a desire to protect the weak against oppression and intolerance. Many other points of interest might be deduced from a study of this horoscope; but these may well be left to the reader's own interpretation. The primary directions operating in the nativity at the time of death show evidence of the physical causes of that event.

58 ☉ P. ♂ ♀ P.
 ,, ☽ R. ♂ ♂ P.
 59..... Death ☽ ☐ ♃ P. secondary April, '91.
 60..... ☽ par. ☿ R. ,, nearly.
 61 ☉ P. ∠ ♃ R.
 ☉ P ∠ ♂ R.
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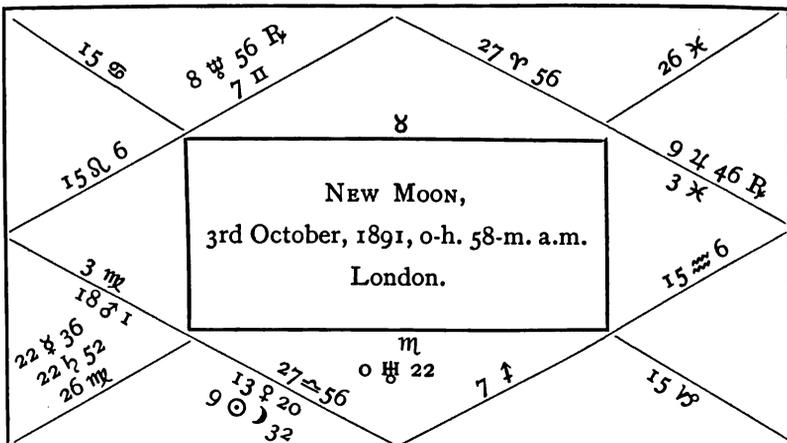
In calculating the directions from this horoscope for the year 1891, I mentioned that the spring of the year was a dangerous period, and I confess that during April my mind was very anxious on this point. When on April 26th, with the decline of the Moon, Madame Blavatsky fell ill, I was much alarmed, but as the aspect of the Moon to Saturn had already begun to separate from a square, I hoped that the result would not be fatal, but the nature of the primary directions warned me not to be over-confident. The result, however, was that death took place immediately after the formation of the New Moon—May 8th, at 2.25 p.m. Saturn was at the time near to its own place at birth and square to the Moon's progressive place, the latter being also afflicted by an opposition of Mars. The New Moon fell in square to the Sun's radical place. The cause of death, from a medical standpoint, was chronic nephritis (inflammation of the kidneys), which, under the primary influence of ☽ R. ♂ ♂ in ♋, had frequently made its appearance during periods of evil secondary

direction during the last years, as, for instance, in April and May, 1890—)) R ♄,)) ♄ P ♄; and again in August and September, 1890—)) ♀ P ♄,)) ☉ P ♄. The radical signification of this complaint seems to lie in ☉ 8 ♃ ♃ in ♋, ♀ ♀ in ♄, which would derange the blood and the kidneys, rendering albuminous, saccharine, and uric deposits almost certain. An attack of influenza was followed by sub-acute bronchitis under) in ♃ 6th ho. ☐ ♃. Meanwhile an albuminous deposit was making its way towards the heart, and it was this which finally and somewhat suddenly stayed the vital action. The following abstract of the natal figure is given for the benefit of those who wish to study the figure further:—M.C. ✕ 23°; asc. ☿ 12° 40'; four planets rising, two planets above the earth; ☉ ♀ and ♀ in their own signs; three planets in fixed signs; three in mutable; two in volatile; four in ariel signs; three in earthy; one in fire.

☉ ♀ *) 8 ♃ 8 ♃
) * ☉ ♂ ♀ Δ ♃ Δ ♃
 ♂ ♃ ♀ all ♂ in 3rd ho.
 ♃ ♂ ♃ in 8th
 ♃ lord of 7th ho., afflicted.

SEPHARIAL.

Mundane Astrology.

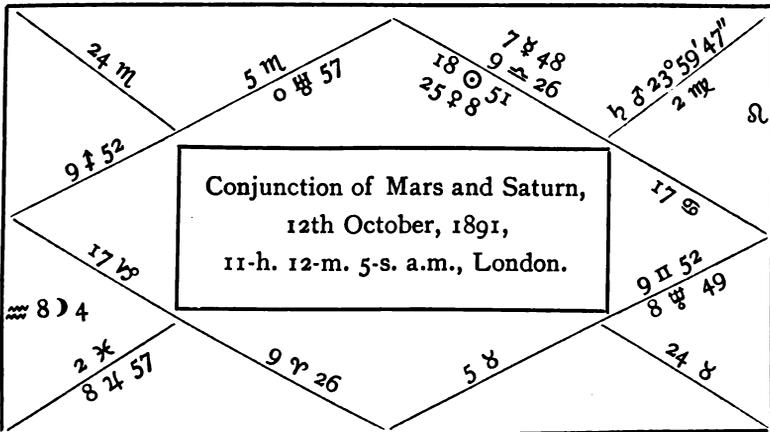


THIS figure is not a fortunate one, and the positions of the planets are rather conflicting. The lunation falls in the third house, in conjunction with Venus. Saturn and Mercury are on the cusp of the third, and both of them are in parallel declination with the Sun and Venus. Matters governed by the third

house (railways, the post-office, &c.,) will suffer severely; death, crime and distress will here be prominent. Uranus on the cusp of the fourth house is not favorable for the Government, and brings a likelihood of cold and unsettled weather. Mars in the second means failures, profuse expenditure and trouble in the commercial world. This last prediction applies with still greater force to central and eastern Europe, for there Saturn and Mercury will be also in the second. At Constantinople and St. Petersburg, Mars will rise and Jupiter set, bringing an unsettled and riotous state at home, but peace abroad.

At Melbourne, Saturn, Mercury, and Mars culminate, the luminaries and Venus being also in the tenth. Some prominent person will die suddenly; the governments will be hard pushed to avert defeat; and strikes and riots will cause trouble.

At Washington, Saturn and Mars in the fifth bring disasters in connection with taverns, schools, theatres, and places of public amusement. Uranus in the sixth brings much disease in his train.



This conjunction of Saturn and Mars, the greater and lesser infortunes, takes place in the zodiacal sign Virgo (ruling Turkey, Paris, Switzerland, &c.), and in the ninth house of the heavens (governing shipping, long voyages, religion, literature, and law). The conjoined planets are in evil aspect to the Moon in the second house (governing money), and one of the two, Saturn, governs the second house. During the rule of the conjunction misfortunes will fall upon the countries and towns governed by Virgo, the sign in which it takes place; strikes, riots and murders will be numerous, and the masses will suffer. Being in the ninth

house for Western Europe, there will be storms and loss of life at sea and disaster to shipping. Death will strike down some eminent literary man, and the church will suffer loss. Since the Moon is afflicted by the conjunction and in the second house, the commercial world and money matters generally will suffer, there will be many failures, and hardship will be widespread among the people.

At Washington, the planets are on the cusp of the twelfth house, and the Moon is in the fourth. This points to crimes, murders and misfortunes in connection with prisons and asylums; it brings many outrages and sudden deaths, and is not altogether fortunate for the ruling powers.

In Australia, the literary and religious worlds suffer, and some government comes near to be overthrown. There will be death and misfortune at sea.

At Calcutta, the conjunction is in the sixth house, bringing severe epidemic disease and sudden deaths. The Moon in the eleventh house brings trouble upon Parliament. The Viceroy and Government will not be strong. There will be trouble on the borders and with other nations.

The Degrees of the Zodiac Symbolised.

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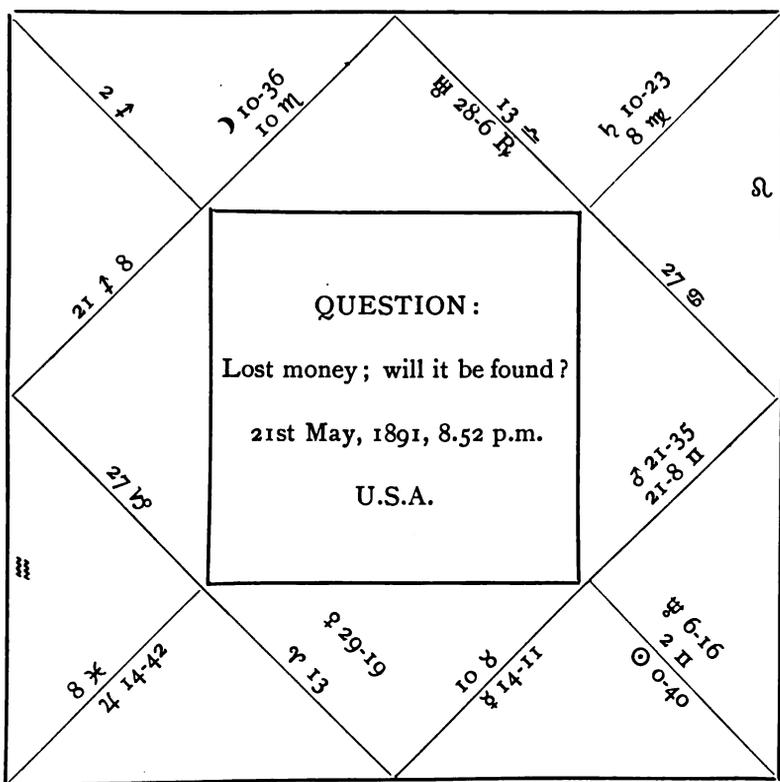
By "CHARUBEL."

- × 21°.—Symbol: A man walking in darkness with an old-fashioned lantern in his hand. Denotes one who possesses much individuality; very conservative in his predilections; one who will experience much adversity; at the same time, one who will find his way out of every difficulty, ever guided by a divine instinct, having an implicit faith in those religious truths as taught and practised by his forefathers.
- „ 22°.—Symbol: A man sitting at a table with a carving knife in hand, about to carve a round of beef which lies before him. An epicure, or one particularly fond of good living, but is harmless, and, as a rule, will be fortunate in the things of the world.
- „ 23°.—Symbol: A column of smoke ascending on a gigantic scale, followed by a terrible burst of flame. The phenomenon partakes of the character of an explosion. This degree is subtle; its events are sudden, always falling out

unexpectedly, and generally disastrously. He or she having this degree ascending should exercise caution in every undertaking, as such persons will be in danger of sudden losses in life, and a sad death. Note: *This is not fate*, but there will ever be a tendency in the direction already mentioned.

- ✕ 24°.—Symbol: One not capable of being described in words, but the signification is a person who will possess great magnetic powers; also, one who will in his day do much by way of destroying popularized evils—a reformer, a healer, and a philanthropist.
- „ 25°.—Symbol: A very large field of corn; a great number of reapers but a very few sheaves. Denotes one whose aspirations are high and whose motives are good, but one who will labour much without adequate results.
- „ 26°.—Symbol: A very high flag-staff, with a red flag floating on the top. An agitator, a person of great organizing abilities, a person of radical notions, a revolutionist.
- „ 27°.—This is an occult degree. The person born with this degree on the ascendant is *sure* to be possessed with strange influences. He or she will have a familiar or a spirit companion. He will be liable to obsession, the nature of which will be determined by his own tastes or predilections.
- „ 28°.—Symbol: A triangle with a round hole in the centre. A person possessing good and amiable qualities and many gifts, but who will fail to bring anything to perfection, owing to some defect in his body or his mind. Such are generally possessed of some secret notions, which being false, render all their other good intentions abortive.
- „ 29°.—Symbol: An old-fashioned clock. Denotes a person of very exact habits, very particular in matters of detail, will follow rules to the letter, a good disciplinarian, has no inventive powers, never brings out anything new, but give him a system and he will follow it—a truly mechanical mind.
- „ 30°.—Symbol: Two men striving to hold a mad bull with ropes about his head. Denotes a very self-willed person, one who will have his way, and one who is possessed with strong passions. This degree is in sympathy with the sign Taurus.

A Horary Figure for Lost Money.



ON May 21st, 1891, at 8.45 p.m., a female came to consult me in regard to money and a pocket book which had been stolen from her mother, who was ill and could not call to see me.

The Sun ruled at the hour, and described the female, who was stout, with full eyes, round full face, ruddy complexion, and had rather a strong voice, and as the Sun ruled the eighth house, which denotes the money of others, I said she wished to know whether the money would be recovered or not, and she also wished to know if deaths would occur in the family, when she stated that such was her thoughts.

Finding Mars in the seventh house, in a double sign, and in sextile to Venus, which was badly placed in Aries, in opposition to Herschel, I said there were two persons connected with the theft of the money, and neither bore a good reputation; that the man was tall, dark, with sun-burnt complexion, of a quarrelsome disposition, quick and impulsive, which Mars in aspect with Herschel would denote; and that he was connected with a female

who was rather lean, of doubtful character, and one who was given to bad habits. Finding both planets in an angle, I said they were both at her home at the hour of consultation, and were connected with her house, as lodgers or residents, and the sooner she got rid of them the better it would be for her. Finding Mars the lord of the fourth in Gemini, an airy sign, and in an angle, I said the money was upon the premises, and in the west part, upon a high airy place, where there were tall posts or partitions, and where the air could blow around it; and that the man was to blame, and that it was his intention to remove it at some convenient time; and finding the Moon in close trine to Jupiter, I said she would probably find the money, late that night or early next morning, when the Moon would be in perfect aspect with the planet.

She stated that there were two lodgers of the description which I had given, a male and a female, and rumour said they were unmarried, and the man had said he was about to leave the female and go easterly, and as I found Mars leaving a westerly sign and about to enter Cancer, I told her he would go east, probably to New York, as Cancer ruled that place; this I told before she stated the facts. On the following Saturday, at 5 p.m., a brother of the female came and told me that the money was found on the morning of the 22nd. It was found under a grape arbour, which was upon tall posts and an airy position, and from other facts it developed that the thief had taken the money and hidden it upon the arbour, and in the morning, while they had accidentally agitated the arbour, the money fell to the ground and was found.

CHARLES HATFIELD.

Queries.

- 24 in ♯.—(1) When they afflict the hyleg, as in the natus referred to. (2) When they afflict each other. (3) Mr. Hatfield omitted the year (? 1857 or 8); you can easily find it from the Ephemeris. (4) The 8th has nothing to do with the judgment (reputation) in this case as you should know; ♄ happened to rule both 8th and 10th houses, hence it was noted. (5) From experience; the houses ♃ rules, and the aspects thrown to him should guide the judgment. (6) Being slow in motion and almost stationary his influence is more powerful, *i.e.*, according to my experience. If you study the figures your queries refer to *carefully*, the reasons will be obvious, as you will readily be able to see. You appear to be somewhat addicted to "hair-splitting"; anyhow, I trust these replies will be found satisfactory.

For the last two months all England has been watching the daily bulletins issued as to the condition of Mr. Spurgeon, who has been probably the most popular preacher of his generation. We regret that we do not know, at present, the hour of his birth, for without that we cannot work out the directions with the accuracy we should wish, and cannot determine the date of the epoch or the epochal directions. He was born in Essex on the 19th June, 1834. His directions for the present time are:—

Post-natal—	⊙ P. 8 ♁ P.	) P. 8 ⊙ R.
		) P. Δ ♂ R.
		) P. □ ♃ P.
		) P. □ ♀ P.
Pre-natal—	⊙ P. ♂ ♂ R.	) P. 8 ⊙ P.
		) P. 8 ♂ R.

Lord Dartmouth, who died on 4th August, was born 12th August, 1823. In this case the pre-natal directions are not so significant, but the following post-natal were in operation:—

⊙ P. ♂ ♀ P. (nature ♃ at birth).	) P. 8 ⊙ P.
⊙ P. * ♂ P.	) P. 8 ♀ P.

As the time of his birth is not known to us, it is impossible to discover the date of his epoch; if it were known it is not improbable that some epochal direction would be found to correspond with death.

The German Emperor dislocated his ankle in July. During this year he is under the following directions, post-natal:—

⊙ P. par. ♂ P. 1891.	) P. ♂ ♀ P.
	) P. * ♂ R.

The conjunction with Venus near the cusp of the seventh house is significant of the renewal of the Triple Alliance. Next summer his Moon will meet the opposition of Saturn, which will bring him misfortune.

Reviews.

“SLACK’S HERBAL.”—1/- (J. Burns, Southampton Row). This concise book comprises 125 pages; it is well written; the chapter on “Rules for the Preservation of Health” is excellent; were they carried out by the community there would be fewer medical men. This Herbal should be in every house, for most of the “ills the flesh is heir to” are clearly described and prescribed for, besides much other useful information pertaining to the sick room being given, that has hitherto been omitted from similar *works*. We strongly recommend it.

“OUIJA,” the Egyptian Talking Board.—6/6 (J. Burns, Southampton Row). This is a remarkable modern production. The board is placed on the laps of two persons seated, a miniature table with a pointed end is placed thereon, the hands of the sitters lightly resting upon the table. A question being asked, the table moves to various words and letters on the board according to answer given. It is somewhat in the nature of “Planchette,” but there is no so-called “spirit-rapping” connected with it. Whether it acts by the minds of the sitters being in sympathy, or whether it is influenced by their magnetism, we cannot say, but as a rational mode of amusement for the winter evenings we can recommend it, having personally put it to the test.

N.B.—We shall be pleased to execute orders for either of the above on receipt of P.O.

On Pre-natal and Post-natal Directions,

WITH A NEW METHOD OF DIRECTING.

By "LEO."

CHAPTER III.—SIDEREAL TIME.

IN working out the ordinary post-natal directions (by progression), the rule is that each day after birth foreshadows the fortune during a year of life. But now, from the point of view of astronomy, it becomes necessary to ask the question—What is meant here by the word "day"? There is an important difference between the ordinary day (the "mean" day) and the sidereal day, and we must clearly understand which we have to employ, the ordinary mean time, or the sidereal. I reply most emphatically that we are to be guided by sidereal time alone, and not by the ordinary time as hitherto taught.

This has an important bearing upon both post-natal and pre-natal directions in respect of the period to which each one measures. For instance, it is each sidereal day (before or after birth) that indicates a year of life, and not the ordinary day. The first sidereal day before or after birth governs the first year of life, the second sidereal day the second year of life, and so on.

A sidereal day is one complete revolution of the earth on its axis.

A sidereal hour is one twenty-fourth of a sidereal day.

Assume that the first degree of Aries is on the upper meridian at noon on Monday. The earth will revolve on its axis, and the meridian will pass onward through the signs, from Aries right round to Pisces, until it presently arrives once more at the first degree of Aries. When it is there, the earth will have turned round once, and one sidereal day will have elapsed, but it will not then be noon on Tuesday, it will be about four minutes before noon. If we proceed in the same way, we shall find that the second sidereal day will end about eight minutes before noon on Wednesday; the third about twelve minutes before noon on Thursday, and so on, each one falling about four minutes earlier as we go forward. But if we reverse the process and go backward (by pre-natal motion) from Monday, each day will be complete about four minutes later. The first sidereal day backward will end about four minutes after noon on Sunday; the

second about eight minutes after noon on Saturday; the third about twelve minutes after noon on Friday, and so on.

It will now be easy to see what bearing this has upon astrology. If the birth is at noon on Monday, a figure drawn one sidereal day later will represent the planetary influences for the end of the first and beginning of the second years of life; and this figure will have to be drawn, not at noon but about four minutes before noon on Tuesday. A map drawn at the end of the second sidereal day after birth will represent the end of the second and beginning of the third years of life, and must be drawn about eight minutes before noon on Wednesday.

Similarly with the pre-natal. If the birth is at noon on Monday, the first sidereal pre-natal day will end about four minutes after noon on Sunday, and a map drawn then will represent the influences at the end of the first and beginning of the second years of life. The second sidereal pre-natal day will terminate about eight minutes after noon on Saturday, and a figure for that time will represent the influences for the end of the second and beginning of the third years of life.

A figure drawn for any of these times will be identical with the natus so far as the signs and houses are concerned; that is to say, the same sign and degree will be on the cusp of the ascendant as at birth, and the same sign on each of the other houses. This explains why the ordinary rule is correct when it tells us that, in drawing yearly maps, we must make the signs on the cusps of the houses the same as at birth; a copy of the radix to be afterwards filled in by the planets wherever they may happen to be.

But when the ordinary rule goes on to tell us that this skeleton map is to be filled in with the planets' places, calculated for the ordinary or mean time of birth, it errs; for directions by progression are governed by sidereal time alone, and not by mean time.

The correct rules for calculating the measure of directions, both post-natal and pre-natal, and for drawing yearly maps, will run, briefly, as follows:—

1.—Ascertain the day for which the map is to be drawn—post-natal or pre-natal.

2.—Knowing the sidereal time of birth (or the right ascension of the mid-heaven in time) find out at what hour and minute of the day this sidereal time fall due.

This is a simple sum in addition or subtraction.

3.—Having ascertained this, calculate the planets' places for this time, and fill them into a blank or skeleton map of the nativity.

In practice, as a matter of fact, the Moon's longitude and declination are all that it is necessary to work out. The other heavenly bodies move onward at such a relatively slow rate that, in most cases at any rate, it is sufficient to merely note the degree each one is in.

Some astrologers prefer to draw a fresh map for each birthday with all the planets' places inserted in each, but this appears to me to be largely waste of time, unless, for some particular reason, it is desired to go minutely into detail. The yearly maps in themselves give no very valuable information, except in pointing out the mundane house to which each planet has progressed, and this can always be seen at a glance by a comparison of the Ephemeris with the natus. Whether a map is drawn or not may be left to each one to decide for himself.

Some, again, reckon directions from January through the year to December, while others prefer to calculate from birthday to birthday. I myself usually employ the latter method as being, to me, the most convenient.

Let us now take an example of the method of working post-natal directions by sidereal time.

If the figure given by Mr. Pearce is correct, Queen Victoria's sidereal time of birth was 20-h., 18-m., 40-s. Her marriage took place at the age of 20 years, 8½ months. The nearest birthday to this is the twenty-first (representing the end of the twenty-first and beginning of the twenty-second years of life). The twenty-first birthday, in days, falls on the 14th June, 1819, since the day of birth was 24th May, 1819. Now, for what time on this day must the planets' places be calculated?

The birth was before noon (4.15 a.m.), therefore the sidereal time of birth must be subtracted from the sidereal time at noon, and as the latter is only 5-h., 27-m., 47-s., it is necessary to add twenty-four hours before the subtraction is possible.

Sidereal time at noon	...	29	27	47
„ „ of birth	...	20	18	40
Interval ...	... ..	9	9	7

The planets' places have therefore to be drawn for nine hours, nine minutes, and seven seconds before noon. Omitting the seconds as unnecessary, this is equivalent to 2-h. 51-m. a.m.

NOTE.—The nine hours nine minutes is of course sidereal time, and, to be correct, the co-efficient of time (about 10 seconds per hour) should be subtracted from it in order to convert it into mean time.

Sidereal time	...	...	9	9	7
Co-efficient ...	...	...	0	1	30
Mean time ...	...	...	9	7	37

This is equivalent, practically, to 9-h., 8-m., which is to be subtracted from 12 hours, leaving 2-h. 52-m. a.m.

As this co-efficient of time can never amount to more than about two minutes it is hardly worth the trouble of taking into account, for a difference of two minutes will make no appreciable error in the Moon's position.

Therefore, if it is desired to draw a complete map of the planets' places at the twenty-first birthday after the manner recommended by Raphael, those places must be calculated for 2.51 a.m. (or 2.52 a.m., taking the co-efficient of time into account), and not for the time of birth, 4.15 a.m., as hitherto taught.

But, as before mentioned, the Moon's longitude and declination are all that it is really necessary to work out minutely. Having done this, find the distance traversed by the Moon in a day (a year), divide by twelve, and this will give the motion for two hours (a month), and the aspects for each of the months in the year can then be easily calculated.

It will be noticed that the time for which the planets' places have to be drawn appears to retrograde. The time of birth was 4.15 a.m., but by the end of the twenty-first post-natal day, the sidereal time of birth has retrograded to 2.52 a.m., an interval of 1-h. 23-m., and the longer the life the greater will be this interval, which increases about four minutes per year (day), until in some cases it passes over midnight and gets into the previous day.

The pre-natal method is worked out in a similar manner, so that a second illustration will be unnecessary, but in this case the time for which the planets' places are drawn gets gradually later instead of earlier.

If the reader now clearly understands that he is to draw his maps and calculate his directions for the sidereal time of birth in every instance, post-natal as well as pre-natal, and not for the mean time, he will probably wish to enquire whether this makes any important difference in the directions.

Four minutes a day is a comparatively insignificant period of time when the days are converted into years, and, accordingly,

for the first few years of life this correction might be neglected. But in the course of fifteen days these four minutes will have grown into an hour, and, in thirty days, to about two hours; and, since two hours a day is equivalent to a month in the year, this correction for sidereal time will make a difference of one month for every thirty years of life. For instance, at the age of thirty the directions will be one month out if the correction is not adopted; at sixty they will be two months, and at ninety the error will have amounted to three months.

An error of one month is perhaps comparatively slight, as things go now-a-days, but the greater the age the greater the error, and I have therefore thought it best to point out plainly the true and accurate method.

“Error in calculation is as sinful as the murder of a Brahmin.” The primary system necessitates this accuracy, but it is to be feared that the very simplicity of the secondary system has fostered and encouraged careless and haphazard methods.

(To be continued).

Useful Notes for Young Students.

MERCURY and the Moon are generally considered to affect the mind and disposition, yet it will be found all the planets influence it for good or ill. Venus especially must be considered in this important matter.

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Venus is an earthy planet, and does not affect the higher qualities, unless Herschel and Neptune are beneficially configured with her, when the spiritual and idealistic faculties will greatly influence the earthly life, and her earthy tendencies will be diverted into the higher ones.

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Venus is the planet of love; those who have her well-aspected have a lovable disposition, and tastes for the fine arts. Females having Venus so aspected will have good taste; their choice and combination of colours will be good and tasteful; they will be fond of music, singing, and dancing (the latter especially), their disposition being a merry, volatile one; they do not appear to know the value of money, the word thrift being unknown to them.

Letters to the Editor.

All correspondents should give full name and address, not necessarily for publication, but as a token of good faith.

N.B.—Writers of signed articles are alone responsible for the opinions therein contained.

DEAR SIR,—Sometimes in travelling I introduce the subject of astrology, and the manner in which it is received is frequently most amusing. By the ignorant with a "loud guffaw." By the professedly intellectual people with the reply, "How few persons believe it, quite a minority." By others, "If the science was what you state, we should have more books on the subject." I frequently put the following question to the latter: If one is to judge of the truth of any science, theory, or romance from the number of published books, then "Jack the Giant-Killer" and many such like books will far outnumber the whole of the scientific literature of the present day, which usually acts as a quietus. To the second class I address some such remark as follows: Can you point to any period of the world's history when the majority followed truth and soberness and walked in Wisdom's ways? No! no! if we believe historians, the minority have been acceptors of the world's benefaction, and frequently have had to suffer the world's contumely in consequence; take any period of the past ages, philosophers have been few, and yet the writings of these men are quoted on every platform and pulpit. I am ashamed of many persons who believe the grand and oldest Science of the Stars, yet have not the courage to avow that belief before the world. It is fortunate for us our forefathers had more courage or we should be little better than slaves at this moment. We sing, "Dare to be a Daniel." Do we act it? Let us

Strive to be natural in all we speak and do,

So that our fellow-men may see us through and through.

Then, when Astrology is to the front, we can nail our colours to the mast, so that the first-named class of persons may eventually be led to think before they speak; but a little consideration will convince them there are more things genuine than those within the lids of their narrow vocabulary.

E. CASAEL.

Melbourne, Australia.

DEAR SIR,—As students in Astrology, we, with others who are fellow-students in this science living in southern latitude would like to ask a few questions, through your valuable journal, which you may probably be able to throw some light upon. Some of your readers might also be able to give a little information for our benefit upon these points in question.

Firstly: With regard to the houses and dignities of the planets, especially those of the Sun and Moon.

According to various authors who quote from Ptolemy, the Sun is given to the sign Leo for his house "*because* he there produces the greatest heat." Now, to those who live in south latitude, the Sun when in Leo produces the *greatest cold*; therefore such a reason cannot be used to show why Leo should be given to him for his house.

If Leo is the absolute house of the Sun, in which he has the most power *Astrologically* all over the world, then there must be another and much broader reason for it.

And again, "The Moon has her house in Cancer, as being *nearest*

to our vertex." This, of course, can only refer to north latitude; therefore, if that is sound reason, we in the south must give Capricorn to the Moon, because that sign is *nearest to our vertex*.

If it becomes necessary to shift the Sun and Moon to their opposite signs, we shall have to dethrone poor old Saturn and Herschel to do so, and in this case it would be reasonable to suppose that we ought to reverse the entire list of planetary dignities in the Southern Hemisphere. Pray, tell us the general opinion (if there is any) upon this evidently important question.

Secondly: The spring quarter begins in north latitude with Sol's entry into *Aries*, but our spring begins with his entry into *Libra*. Ought we to accept the Sun's entry into *Libra* as the beginning of our solar year?

Thirdly: The direction of the houses in the horoscope is changed in the South Hemisphere. The tenth house is our north angle, the fourth is our south angle. Are the directions of the signs of the zodiac in any way altered? Is *Aries east, Taurus S. by E., Gemini W. by S., &c.*? or ought we to reverse any of these points? As the directions of the signs are mostly derived from the triplicities, do these remain the same with us as in the north?

Fourthly: Should those who make use of the Moon's nodes in the south consider the south node, or tail, as the *fortunate* symbol?

And lastly (if the parsons will allow us that word): Concerning an awkward argument which may be brought against the doctrine of nativities. If all matters terrestrial are under the dominion of the Astral influence, as we believe them to be, and all animal life is connected therewith, how comes it that out of a litter of pups, or kittens, for instance, although born within a few minutes of each other, some are destined to live on in luxury, whilst some (*probably the majority*) are put to death within a day or so after birth? Can these opposite destinies, with regard to small animals, &c., be reconciled with the general rules of Astrology?

Hoping to find some replies to these (to us) important queries in a future issue of your very acceptable and interesting magazine, and wishing the publication every possible success,

We remain, dear Sir, yours respectfully,

DAVID COPE & EMERY GORDON MEDER.

In our August number we predicted as follows for the lunation:—
 "From Berlin eastward, the Sun, Moon and Mars will be in the seventh house; from Athens eastward, Saturn and Mercury will be also in the seventh. In this part of Europe foreign troubles are likely to be very acute; there will be much international irritation and martial feeling." This has been well fulfilled. The long-continued disturbed state of Crete has become acute within the month, and has caused trouble in Turkey and Greece. The visit of the French fleet to Russia at the beginning of August was the occasion of excited demonstration intended as a set-off against the Triple Alliance. In the London figure for the same New Moon, Venus was in the seventh house, showing goodwill abroad, and this has been fulfilled in the visit of the French fleet to England. Her Majesty reviewed the French and British squadrons at Spithead on August 21st, on which day the Moon was in conjunction with Jupiter, the greater fortune, in the watery sign Pisces.

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Lessons in Astrology for Beginners.

By APHOREL.

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26	M.C. ∠ ♃ P ☽ 8th	
27	☉ P " " ♂ " " "	{ " " " ∠ ♃ R & P " " ☽ 8th Δ ♂ R ♀ " ♃ 10th " "
28	" " ♃ 9th Δ ♂ P ♃ 1st	
29	M.C. ♂ ♀ P	{ " " " □ ♃ R ♀ " ♃ 9th ♂ ♀ R " " " * ♃ R & P " " " 8 24 P " " " " " R
30	♃ R * ♃ P ♃ 9th	
31		{ " " " □ ♃ R ♀ " ♃ 9th ♂ ♀ R " " " * ♃ R & P " " " 8 24 P " " " " " R
31	♃ R * ♃ P ♃ 9th	
33	{ ♃ R * ♃ P ♃ 9th ☉ P ♃ 9th * ♃ R	{ " " " □ ♃ R ♀ " ♃ 9th ♂ ♀ R " " " * ♃ R & P " " " 8 24 P " " " " " R
33	☉ P ♃ 9th * ♃ R	

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YRS.	SOLAR OR PRIMARY DIRECTIONS.	PLANETARY DIRECTIONS.
34	{ ☉ P ♀ 9th * ♃ P " " " ♂ ♀ R " " " * ♃ R	
35	☉ P ♀ 9th ♂ ♃ P ≈ 3rd	
36	♃ R ∠ ♃ P ♀ 9th	
37	☉ R ∠ " "	
38	{ Asc. □ " " " " P * ♀ P ♃ 10th	
39	{ ☉ P ♀ 9th ♂ ♃ R " " " * ♃ R	{ ♃ P ♀ 9th * ♃ R & P ♀ P " □ ♃ P ♂ P † 1st □ ♃ P ♃ 9th
40		♃ P ≈ 3rd Δ ♃ R & P
41		♀ P ♀ 9th □ ♂ R
42		{ " " " ♂ ♃ R " P ♃ 10th □ ♃ R
43	♃ R * ♂ P † 1st	{ " " " * ♂ R " P † 1st * ♃ P ♃ P ≈ 3rd ♂ ♀ R
45	☉ R * ♃ P ♃ 10th	{ ♃ P ♃ 10th □ ♃ R ♃ P ≈ 3rd " " R ♀ P ♃ 10th * ♃ R
46		{ ♃ P ≈ 3rd " " R ♀ P ♃ 10th * ♃ R ♂ P † 1st ♂ ♃ R & P
47	☉ P ♀ 9th ∠ ☉ R	{ ♃ P ♃ 10th ∠ ♃ R & P ♀ P ♃ 10th ∠ ♃ R & P ♂ P † 1st " " "
48		
49	" " " ∠ ♃ R	
50	☉ R □ ♀ P ≈ 10th	♃ P ♃ 10th □ ♃ R
51	{ ♃ R ♂ " " " " " Δ ♃ P ≈ 3rd ☉ P " * ♃ R Asc. ∠ ♀ P ≈ 10th	{ ♂ P † 1st ∠ ♃ R ♀ P ≈ 11th Δ ♃ P
52	☉ P " * ♃ P " 11th	" " " Δ ♃ R & P
54		♂ P † 1st " ♀ R
55	M.C. Δ ♂ P † 1st	♀ P ♃ 10th □ ♃ P
56	Asc. * ♃ P ♃ 10th	{ " " " ∠ ♃ R ♀ " ≈ 11th Δ ♃ P † 1st " " " * ♂ P † 1st " " " Δ ♃ R ♂ P † 1st * ♃ R
57	☉ P " □ ♂ R	" " " ♂ ♃ R
58	" " " ♂ ♃ R	" " " ♃ R & P
59		♀ P ♃ 10th □ ♃ R
60		♃ " " " ♃ R & P
61		♀ " " * ♂ R
62		
64	☉ P ♃ 10th □ ♃ R	
66	☉ R " ♃ P ≈ 10	{ ♃ P ≈ 10th Δ ♃ P ♀ " " ∠ ♃ P " " " □ ♃ R & P " " " ♂ ♃ R & P
67	{ ☉ P " □ ♃ P " " " ♂ ♃ P ♃ 10th " " " ∠ ♃ P ≈ 11th " " " par. ♃	
68	" " " ∠ ♀ P ≈ 11th	

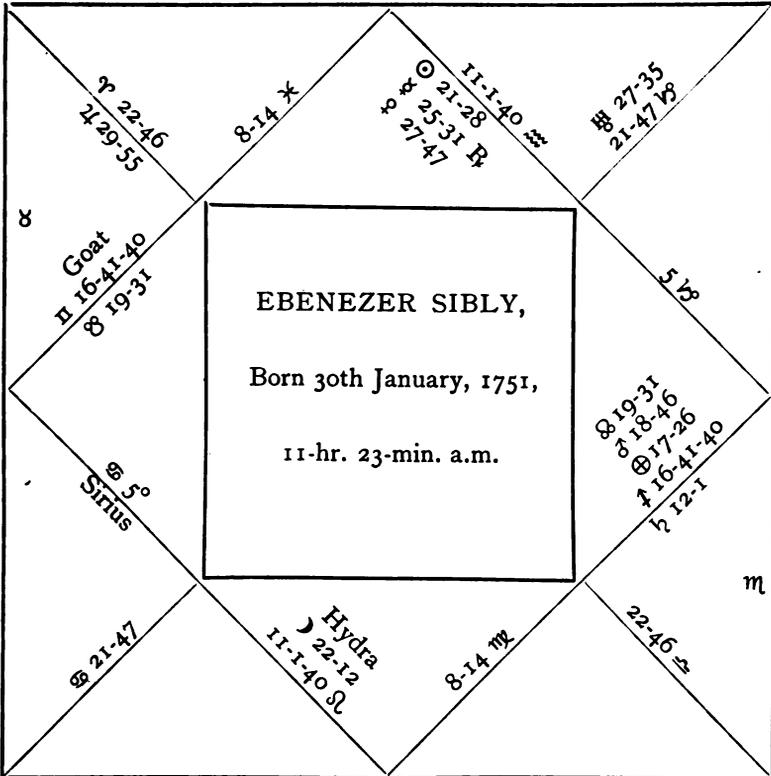
(To be continued).

Horoscopes of Notable Astrologers.

No. III.

EBENEZER SIBLY.

(Author of various Astrological Works).



SPECULUM.

PLANET.	MUTUAL ASPECTS.
☉	♃ ♄, * ♄, ☿)
☿	☿ ☉, Δ ,, ☿ ♄, ☿ ♀, app. Δ ♃
♀	☿), ♃ ☉, ♃ ♀, * ♃
♄	♃ ♄, ♃ ☉, ☿), * ,,
♃	♃ ♄, * ☉, ♃ ♃, Δ)
♁	♃ ♄, * ♀, * ♄, ♃ ♄, ♃ ♃
♂	♃ ♄, ♃ ♃
♁	♃ ♃, ♃ ♄, ♃ ♃

EBENEZER SIBLY, whose horoscope is given above, was born when the 17th degree of the celestial sign Gemini ascended. The nativity was drawn by himself, and as I have no Ephemeris for the year of his birth, I cannot check the figure,

although there is no doubt but that it is correct. The chief points to be noted are the Sun, Mercury and Venus being posited in Aquarius in the tenth house, Uranus being in Capricorn in the ninth. Mars and Saturn are in the seventh house in Sagittarius, and Jupiter on the threshold of Taurus in the twelfth house, whilst the Moon in Leo in the fourth is in opposition to the three planets in the tenth house. Mercury is the native's significator, and is opposed by the Moon; this denotes a sarcastic disposition, a hatred of any kind of control, but as Venus is so near Mercury, (the latter partakes of the nature of Venus), it may mitigate it a trifle, yet it must not be forgotten that Luna opposes Venus likewise. The scientific sign Aquarius on the M.C., and Uranus in Capricorn in the ninth (house of science) denote he had ability, but his judgment was faulty, for Uranus is afflicted, having no benefic aspect. His chief work, "An illustration of the Occult Sciences," gives abundant proof of this. It is a work comprising about 1000 pages, dealing with Astrology, black and white magic, witchcraft, &c. In this work he gives the effects which are supposed to emanate from the sextile and trine of the Sun and Mercury, which could only have existed in his brain, as they are never more than 28° apart. But more than this, in the calculation of George Wichell's nativity, the directions whereof are calculated in detail by the Ptolemaic and Placidian methods, he gives for the *native's death* the direction of the *Sun to the opposition of the Part of Fortune!* Our readers are by this time cognisant of the fact that we have not the slightest faith in either the Part of Fortune or the Dragon's Head and Tail. (It will be noticed he has inserted the three ☿ ☿ ⊕ in his own horoscope). For death to emanate from a solar direction to a point in the heavens where no planet was posited is manifestly absurd, to say the least of it. At the time Sibly judged Mr. Wichell's natus, he must have been under very strange influences. Another point in Sibly's natus that attention must be drawn to is the seventh house. I have no hesitation in saying that, from the fact of Mars and Saturn being there, his married life was a very evil one, and I am of opinion that it was unbearable, and that separations were resorted to. More than one alliance (or mésalliance) is shewn, and as the seventh also represents public enemies, he had plenty of crosses put in his way by his opponents. He has a fixed sign on his M.C., with his significator therein, hence his name will last, but his works will not be held in the estimation he may have desired

they should. His finances had many ups and downs, for although the Moon, who rules his second, is applying to the trine of Jupiter, the latter planet is afflicted by Mars, Saturn and Herschell, yet at same time in good aspect to Venus and Mercury. The good that came from the latter was entirely killed by the heavy affliction of the malefics. Sibly's "Illustration" was issued in parts at a time when no important works on Astrology were produced, and there is no doubt it gave an impetus to the science, and when Raphael, Zadkiel and Wilson came upon the scene it must have impressed them in some way. A great quantity of the contents are copied from other authors, but the work is of interest, as it contains numerous horoscopes of the Kings and Queens of England, notable men of past ages, astrologers, dwarfs, giants, twins, numbers of horary figures, and many other curious things connected with Astrology; and amongst other matters, gives the rules for raising the spirits of the dead! His book must have caused many who were ignorant of Astrology to study it, for it is very interesting reading; therefore, for this reason alone, he deserves the thanks of those who are students of Astrology.

[Should any student like to possess a copy of Sibly's "Illustration of the Occult Sciences," about 1000 pages, we have two copies, one of which we can offer. It is perfect, in the original old binding, and the price is 25/-, carriage free].

Remarkable Horoscopes.

[Contributions are invited from all our readers for this department; each horoscope must be accompanied by particulars, and correct time and place of birth must likewise be given].

No. I.

MALE born 3rd April, 1888, 8.45 p.m.; 7.29 m ascending, 21 Ω on meridian.

☉	☾	♃	♀	♁	♂	♄	♅	♆	♇
14 Υ 30	18 Υ 39	17 \times 5	18 \times 35	24 \sphericalangle 31	6 \uparrow 7	29 \oplus 36	15 \sphericalangle 15	28 \times 9	9
Dec: 5 N 42	20 S 28	6 S 59	5 S 48	7 S 16	20 S 22	20 N 49	5 S 22		

This child had a peculiar affliction. His head grew to an abnormal size (36 inches) whilst the remainder of the child did not grow. The head was not filled with water. It was a puzzle to the medical men. The child died 27th November, 1889. It will be noticed the ☉ is \square by ☾, g ♃ and \sphericalangle ♄, and the ☉ is in Υ , ruling the head, and the Moon, ruling the first four years of life, is afflicted by ☉ g ♄ ♅ and ♃, clearly showing the child would not survive infancy, and as g , ruler of ascendant, is in a cardinal sign, and all the malefics "elevated," the cause of death was an uncommon one.

(To be continued.)

“Uranus in Scorpio.”

THE occult planet Herschel, or Uranus, has now entered the occult and mystical sign Scorpio. This sign is sometimes termed the “serpent” sign in occult lore, synonymous with “wisdom.” The phrase, “Be ye *wise* as serpents,” from the Bible, will at once suggest itself to the thoughtful mind. Scorpio was considered, in ancient times, the “accursed” sign, and Gadbury, the Astrologer, a contemporary with Lilly, published a collection of nativities in defence “of the celestial sign Scorpio.” I am inclined to think that Uranus has great strength in Scorpio, and, as he takes about seven years to progress through one sign of the zodiac, we shall all be able to see whether I am right in so thinking. I anticipate the various forms of occultism, including that branch represented by this journal, viz., Astrology, will, during the next seven years, receive the study and attention of many who have hitherto ridiculed and derided it; matters pertaining to the higher life will receive more attention than hitherto. “Signs of the times” have already manifested themselves in the publicity given to the theosophical movement, which received a very important impetus when Uranus was on the threshold of Scorpio early in September. As Uranus greatly influences the higher functions of the mind, the present time is opportune for all interested in Astrology to introduce the subject in the circle wherein they may move. We shall be pleased to send gratuitous copies of our magazine to anyone whom our numerous readers may think likely to be interested in the most ancient of sciences, viz., Astrology.

Astrological Prize No. 3.

VOL. I. of *Astrologers' Magazine* is offered for the best delineation of the following nativity:—Harold, born at 0-h. 15-m. a.m., January 11th, 1887; lat. $51^{\circ} 32' N$.

FOR SALE.—Raphael's “Manual of Astrology;” Raphael's “Lady Witch and Oracle of Destiny;” Ptolemy's “Tetrabiblos,” translated by Ashmand; Zadkiel's “Legacy;” Zadkiel's “Handbook of Astrology,” vol. I. (Horary); Oxley's “Gem of the Astral Sciences” (minus plates); Oxley's “Supplement” to ditto (with plates); Simmonite's “Arcana of Astrology;” Eland's “Tutor of Astrology.”—F., 14, Knowle Road, Brixton, S.W.

Notes on Recent Events.

At the September lunation, Mars was in the mid-heaven of Constantinople, and Saturn was on the cusp of the eleventh house—governing Parliament. This was followed, early in September, by a change of ministry in Turkey.

Scorpio is one of the signs of the zodiac which have been frequently found to influence earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. On September 9th, with the Moon in Scorpio, and the Sun, Venus, and Mercury approaching the conjunction of Saturn in Virgo (Mars being also in Virgo), an earthquake took place in Salvador which did much damage.

The sarcastic wit of the *Daily News* scribe, who now and again makes pungent comments upon our astrological efforts, is inexhaustible. He produced a remarkable paragraph on certain notes in our September number. We had previously twitted him with writing about what he did not understand, but on this occasion he evidently thought he would be on safe ground, for his remarks dealt only with politics. Zadkiel predicted that "a very beneficial measure will be passed by Parliament this month" (July), and we claimed that this was fulfilled in the passage of the Education Bill. To this our critic appends the remark that an important measure generally is passed towards the close of a session. How would this rule have applied to the session of 1890 when the forces of the government were very disorganised? And is it every session that sees the passage of a measure of such importance as the Education Bill? Then commenting upon our claim that Zadkiel's prediction of a "*cause célèbre*" was fulfilled in the Cathcart Lunacy case, our critic remarked that there generally is an interesting case on in the Law Courts, which, Mr. Critic, is distinctly untrue. Our genial friend also noted that we had omitted to mention the visit of the French Fleet to Cronstadt, but considering that the paragraph in question was written a month in advance and before the political significance of the event had been commented on by the newspapers, we think that a very much superior person to ourselves (say a *Daily News* scribe) might be excused for not mentioning it. And now a word of advice. If our critics really wish their sarcasms to be felt by astrologers, there is only one way for them to proceed. Let them study astrology until they have some measure of acquaintance with the subject and can feel sure of writing about it without making some foolish mistake, and having done so let them turn their attention to the many real discrepancies and difficulties that are to be found in the ancient science, for that there are many contradictions and anomalies we do not for a moment deny, we might fill several numbers with them, and our thanks will be due to him who will enlighten us, who will not only pull down but reconstruct.

The question has been put to us, whether the recent extraordinary "Chronicle Boom" in Theosophy is signified by the entrance of the mystical planet Uranus into the equally mystical sign Scorpio. We content ourselves with merely noting the question for the benefit of our readers. At the September lunation, Uranus was rising. Those who regard Theosophy as the work of Satan may like to notice the coincidence that Uranus is certainly a malefic and that Scorpio is "the accursed sign." Neptune was on the cusp of the ninth at the September new moon, and Mercury, lord of the ninth, was in his own sign Virgo, not far removed from "Satan."

November 9th is the Prince of Wales' birthday. His directions for the present time are as follows:—

PRIMARY.	SECONDARY.
☉ P. ♂ ♃ P.	♃ P. ☐ ♀ R. = Sept., 1891.
♃ ♃ R. × × × ♂ R. = 1891	„ P. Δ ☿ = Oct., „
☉ P. ♃ ♂ P.	„ P. par. ♀ R. = Oct., „
„ P. par. ♃ P.	„ P. ☐ M.C. = Mar., 1892.
♃ R. ☐ ♃ P.	„ * ♃ = June „
Asc. ♂ ♀ (22° ♃)	„ P. ♂ cusp 8th = Sept., 1892.

The primary directions here are severe and it is fortunate that the secondary are of less importance. But we must not take too gloomy a view for the Sun is still near the parallel of the progressed Jupiter, and is progressing to the parallel of the radical Jupiter, while Venus is on the cusp of the ascendant (22° ♃).

In the figure for the Prince's epoch, Venus is rising in Pisces but badly aspected. Mars is in the seventh. Saturn is on the cusp of the mid-heaven in opposition to the Moon. This aspect is rather a startling one. Who can tell whether it refers to some severe misfortune in a past incarnation, something over and done with, or whether it is Karma that has yet to eventuate? If the latter, then woe to our future king! The following are his pre-natal and epochal directions:—

Pre-natal—☉ P. ♂ ♃ R. = 1889.	♃ P. ♂ ♂ P. = July, 1891.
♃ × × × ♃ = 1891.	„ P. „ ♀ R. = Feb. 1892.
☉ P. ☐ ♃ P. = 1892.	„ P. ♃ ♂ R. = Mar. „
	„ * ♃ = May, „
	„ P. par ♂ R. = May, „
	„ P. Δ ☿ P. = Nov. „
Epochal—☉ P. ☐ ♃ = 1890.	♃ P. par ♂ P. = Nov. 1891.
♃ × × ♃ = 1891.	„ P. Δ ♃ P. = Jan. 1892.
☉ P. ☐ ♃ = 1892.	„ * ♃ = Mar. „
„ P. ♃ ♀ P.	„ P. ♂ ♂ R. = Sept. „
	„ P. Δ ♃ R. = Oct. „
	„ P. ☐ ♃ R. = Oct. „
	„ P. par ☉ R. = Oct. „

The day of his epoch was the 2nd February, 1841, the last degree of ♃ rising. As far as we understand Sepharial's teaching, with respect to the epochal directions, it is to the effect that they only operate when they are not counteracted by natal directions. If this is the case, we think we may expect some misfortune to be brought about by the epochal opposition of the Moon to Mars next year. Our readers will remember that directions operate when Secondaries and Primaries agree in nature.

In reply to two correspondents in our last number, we beg to state that it is generally, and we believe correctly, taken that astrological rules and laws are precisely the same for both hemispheres, Northern and Southern. Our readers will find a note in *Fate and Fortune* dealing with this subject. When Ptolemy says that the Moon has her house in Cancer *because* that sign is nearest to our vertex, he says that which is ridiculous. Cancer is no nearer our vertex than Gemini. The houses of the Sun and Moon, the date of the commencement of the astronomical year, the directions of the signs, and the influence—if any—of the Moon's nodes, are the same all the world over. If it were not so no such thing as Astrology would be

possible, for the houses and signs would change not only for the two hemispheres but for every country and district in the world; confusion worse confounded indeed! The reasons for allotting certain signs to certain planets for their houses and exaltations have never yet been explained to the world at large. That there are sound reasons we do not for a moment doubt, but we think they are hardly likely to become the property of all on account of their deeply esoteric nature. Astrology (which includes astronomy) is one of the seven departments of human knowledge, and to fathom it fully requires a proportionate acquaintance with the other six. Modern exoteric astrology we have learnt from the ancients, and just as we have found that certain of their rules are of very doubtful value, so it is not improbable that here and there an exaltation or a triplicity may require re-arranging. Much new matter has been given out in our Magazine and elsewhere, and new regions have been opened up for those who have eyes to see and minds to understand; and there can be little doubt that more will be yet known before the close of the present century. The question our correspondent puts about the litter of pups we are hardly prepared to answer off-hand; astrology as applied to the birth of animals has received very little attention in England.

In our notice of the eclipse of the Sun last June, we predicted that, as the eclipse fell in the eighth house of the heavens, royalty would die within the rule of the eclipse. This has recently been fulfilled in the death of the King of Wurtemberg, who died at 6.50 a.m., at Stuttgart, 6th October. He was born 6th March, 1823. His directions for death were:—

Post-natal—☉ P. □ ♀ R. and ☽ P. ☿ ☿

Pre-natal—☉ P. ♂ ☿ P. and ☽ P. ☿ ☿

In our notice of the autumnal ingress, we predicted "death and difficulty" in Parliament. This has been fulfilled in the deaths of W. H. Smith (3 p.m., 6th October), C. S. Parnell (11.30 p.m., 6th October), and Sir John Pope Hennessey (the morning of 7th October). On looking through the almanacks we notice that we were the only Astrologers who predicted death in Parliament from the Autumn figure, although Saturn and Mars were both in the eleventh house, which has always been held to signify Parliament.

Notes and Queries.

- C. H. B.—Address "Aphorel," c/o Proprietors *Astrologers' Magazine*; the agent you will find on cover.
- A. G.—You are very kind; items of interest from your part of the world will be very acceptable and room found for their insertion. The many can help the few.
- PROCVON.—Make your symbols plainer; it saves us much trouble when these are clear. Yes; in the case of a female, ♀ afflicting ♀ causes many courtship troubles and delays marriage.
- VESTA.—The "square" map used in our pages is the ancient one, the modern one is circular, and is in conformity to nature. Were we to use the latter, the map would have to be engraved, which is very expensive, whereas the square ones are "set up" by our printers, and are, as you say, "well done." In sending queries, use which you please.

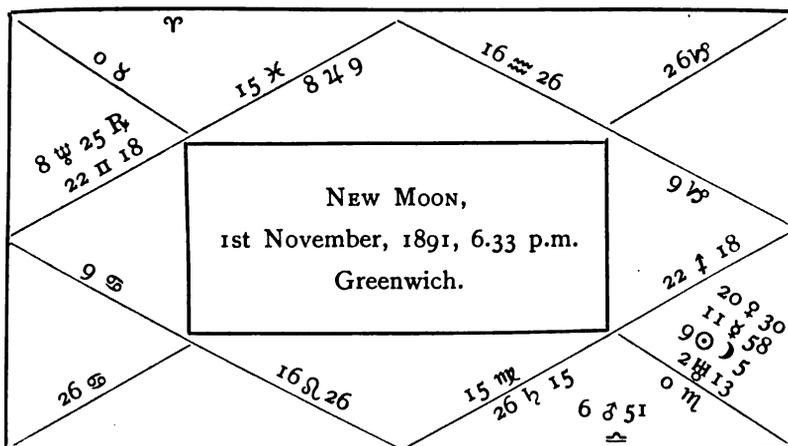
General Boulanger.

CONSIDERABLE alarm has been caused by the sudden death of Georges Ernest Jean Marie Boulanger, who was for some time the "cynosure for wandering eyes" in the political world of France, if not indeed in that of Europe entire. The outline of his life is as follows:—Born at Rennes on 29th April, 1837, he was the son of a Welsh lady, whose maiden name was Griffiths, and who is still living. His military career began in 1857, when he was commissioned as Sub-Lieutenant. In 1860 he became a Captain; in 1870 a Major, and afterwards a Lieutenant-Colonel. Of this latter appointment he was deprived in 1871, but it was afterwards restored to him in 1874. In 1880 he became a Brigadier-General, and in 1886 Minister of War in the Cabinet of M. de Freycinet. In 1888, his demand for the dissolution of the Chamber of Deputies led to a quarrel between M. Floquet and himself, which ended in a duel, in which Boulanger was badly hurt in the throat. In 1888 he was returned as Deputy from several provincial centres, and as the head of the *Ligue des Patriotes* he was the idol of the people during the political ferment of that time in France. In August, he was accused by M. Constans of misappropriating public moneys for his own political purposes, and during his absence was convicted with others of the offence, and his election, as candidate for Montmartre, was annulled.

It is not at all certain under what conditions his intimacy with Madame de Bonnemain commenced, but it ultimately resulted in separation from his wife and daughter. Since the death of Madame Bonnemain, General Boulanger has lived with his mother in Brussels. On the morning of September 30th he left her to go to the Cemetery d'Ixelles, and there committed suicide by the grave of his lately deceased friend.

From an astrological standpoint this nativity is a very interesting one. The time of birth is not accurately known. A good many students were misled into accepting $8\ 10^\circ$ as the ascendant by the publication of a *feuilleton* in 1887 by a Frenchman, who gave "Astrological predictions on General Boulanger, after the method of Cagliostro;" (!) and which, according to the method of the Kabalists, places the position of the Sun as the ascendant. I think it not unlikely, however, that

Mundane Astrology.



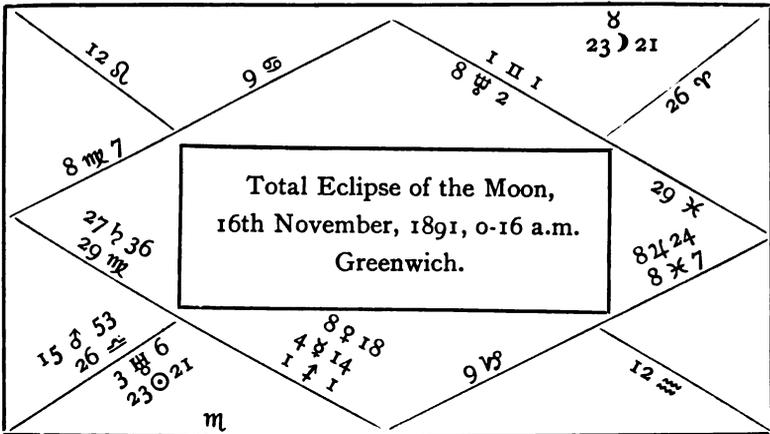
THIS lunation falls in the sixth house of the figure for Greenwich, Uranus, Mercury and Venus being also in that house. There is likely to be very much sickness and distress in the land, with a high death rate. The two malefics in the fifth bring trouble upon schools, theatres, &c. Jupiter strengthens the hands of the rulers and promises improved trade, and benefits the nation at large. These positions do not differ greatly in Central and Western Europe, but in the region from Constantinople to St. Petersburg, Saturn and Mars are in the fourth house, while Jupiter is in the ninth, which is less favorable to the governments and to trade.

At Calcutta, Saturn and Mars are in the second house, which foretells trouble in money matters and commercial circles. Jupiter setting, brings peace abroad.

At Melbourne, the conjoined planets in Scorpio will be in the ascendant, bringing strikes and discontent in the lower classes, important changes and events. Much crime.

In the States, Jupiter rises and Saturn sets, bringing prosperity at home, but complications abroad or with other peoples. Women will suffer. There will be many sudden deaths and a high death rate. Some celebrated man will die. The luminaries are on the cusp of the ninth house, Mars and Uranus in the eighth.

With Venus and the luminaries in Scorpio, cases of scandal will be brought to light, and public morality will not rule high.



This is the first eclipse of the Moon in the sign of her exaltation. It falls in the ninth house, and brings evil upon all things signified thereby. The religious world will suffer loss, some eminent literary man will die, and there will be trouble connected with shipping. The third house threatens railway accidents, and trouble in the post office. The second house is heavily afflicted by Mars and Saturn, bringing failures and commercial difficulties. Jupiter brings us peace and good will abroad.

At Dublin (also Lisbon and Madrid) the Moon is on the cusp of the mid-heaven, and since Taurus, the sign in which the eclipse takes place, governs Ireland, that unhappy country is likely to suffer severely. Grievous distress will be the lot of the masses. Prominent men and dignitaries will suffer, and those who govern the land will again have troublous times before them. From Berlin to Constantinople and St. Petersburg, Saturn will rise, being very close to the cusp in the extreme east of Europe, where Mars is also within the ascendant; hence there will be much misery and discontent, with threatened riots in these countries.

At Calcutta the Moon is setting, threatening troubles abroad and on the borders. In Australia, the Sun and Uranus will culminate, bringing trouble upon governments and the ruling powers. Some prominent man will die.

At Washington, the Moon is on the cusp of the twelfth, but, as Jupiter is culminating, no severe misfortune is threatened. Trade will improve and good fortune prevail on the whole.

Earthquakes will follow this eclipse. There will be much downfall in England.

On Pre-natal and Post-natal Directions,

WITH A NEW METHOD OF DIRECTING.

By "LEO."

CHAPTER IV.—EXAMPLES OF PRE-NATAL DIRECTIONS.

THE following are comparative illustrations of pre-natal and post-natal directions:—

(1.) Queen Victoria was married on 10th February, 1840, at the age of 20 years, 8½ months. The following directions measure to the period:—

Post-natal—	☉ P. ♀ ♃ P. 1840.) P. * ♂ P.	}	Dec., 1839.
	" R. ♂ ♀ " "	" □ ♀ "		
	) " " " " "	" " ☉ R.	
	Asc. " " R. "	" ") "		
		" " Asc.		
		" * ♀ R.		
		" par. " "	}	May, 1840.
		" " ♂ P.		
Pre-natal—	☉ P. ♂ ♀ P.) P. * ♀ R.—Nov. 1839.		
	" " □ ♃ "	" Δ ♃ "—Feb. 1840.		
	" &) R. * ♂ P.	(♃ was in 7th Δ ♀ at birth).		
	☉ &) R. * ♀ P.			
	♀ P. ♂ ♂ P.			

(2.) The Prince Consort's directions for marriage were as follows:—

Post-natal—	☉ P. par. ♃ P. 1839.	) P. ♀ ♃ P.—Dec. 1839.
	" " ♂ ♀ R. 1840.	" " " R.—Feb. 1840.
	" " □ ♂ " 1841.	" ♂ ♀ "—Jan. 1841.
	" " par. ♃ " 1841.	
	♀ 4° above Asc.	
	♀ 4½° below Asc.	
Prenatal—	☉ P. ♀ ♃ P.	) P. ♀ ☉ P.—Jan. 1840.
	" " * ♂ "	" ♂ ♃ P.—Feb. 1840.
	" " " " "	" ♂ " R.—March 1840.
	" " 10° from ♀ R.	" Δ ♂ P.—March 1840.

The next illustrations are all pre-natal.

(3.) The Prince of Wales was married 10th March, 1863, under the following pre-natal directions:—

☉ P. 6° from ♀ R.	) P. ♂ ♃ R.—Feb. 1863.
♀ " " ") R.	" * ♀ "—April 1863.

(4.) At the time of the Prince of Wales' illness in Nov.-Dec., 1871, the following pre-natal directions were operating:—

☉ P. □ ♂ R. (2°)
" " ♂ ♀ " (2°)
Asc. " ♂ P.

(5.) The natus of Napoleon III. is given in "The Science of the Stars." He died on the 9th January, 1873, with these pre-natal directions acting:—

⊙ P. ♂ ♃ R.—April, 1872.	♃ P. □ ♀ P.—Nov., 1872.
„ „ par. ♃ P.—April, 1872.	„ par. ♂ P. „
	„ ♃ ♃ R.—Jan., 1873.
	„ „ ⊙ P. „
	„ par. ♃ R. „

(6.) The next directions are those for the marriage of the Emperor Frederick of Germany, whose natus is given in "Urania." He was married 25th January, 1858:—

Pre-natal—⊙ P. ♂ ♂ P. ♃ P. ♂ ♂ P.—March, 1858.
 „ R. „ ♀ „ „ „ „ ⊙ „—April, 1858.

Post-natal—

⊙ P. ♂ ♀ P. (Nature ♀)—Sept., 1857. ♃ P. par. ♂ P.—Oct., 1857.
 „ „ par. ♃ R.—May, 1858. „ „ ♃ „ R.—Mar. 1858.

(7.) The following very severe train of directions was in force at or shortly before the Emperor's death:—

Pre-natal—⊙ P. 5° from ♃ P.
 „ „ par. „
 „ „ 10° from ♂ P.
 „ „ par. „
 „ „ ♃ ♂ R. „
 ♂ „ ♂ ♃ „
 ♃ R. ♂ ♂ P.
 „ „ par. ♀ P.
 ⊙ P. ♂ Regulus.

(8.) Edgar Poe, the well-known Poet, was born 19th January, 1809, at Boston, Mass. He had the ♃ in ♃ ♂ ♃ and ♀, a very remarkable position. He married in his 28th year, when the ♃ was again passing through ♃, by both pre-natal and post-natal motion. He published his well-known poem, the "Raven," in February, 1845, which at once gained him great popularity, both in America and England. His pre-natal directions at this time were:—

⊙ P. par. ♀ P.	♃ P. Δ ♃ P.
„ R. 5° from ♀ P.	„ „ „ ♀ R.
	„ „ ♂ ♃ P.

He died 7th October, 1849, in a rather sudden and mysterious manner.

Pre-natal—⊙ P. * ♂ R.—Sept., 1848. ♃ P. ♃ ♂ R.
 ♂ × × × ♃—July, 1849. „ „ □ ♃ R.
 ⊙ P. □ ♃ R.—May, 1850.

(9.) Abraham Lincoln was born 12th February, 1809, ♃ rising, and was assassinated 14th April, 1865.

Pre-natal—⊙ P. ♃ ♃ R. ♃ P. ♃ ⊙ R.—Feb., 1865.
 „ „ par. ♃ R.—Feb., 1865.
 „ „ □ ♂ P.—May, 1865.

(10.) The following pre-natal direction measures to the assassination of the Czar of Russia, Alexander II., 14th March, 1881.

☉ P. ♂ ♃ P.

The new Moon previous to the event fell on the place of the radical Saturn.

(11.) Princess Louise, Duchess of Fife, was born 20th February, 1867, 12 \approx 37 rising. She was married July, 1889, and gave birth, prematurely, to a still-born child in the summer of 1890. The following directions measure to marriage.

Pre-natal—☉ P. par. ♃ P.—1886. ♃ P. ♃ ♃ R.—June, 1889.
 ♃ × × × ♀—1889. " " ♃ ♀ P.—
 ☉ P. par. " P.—1892. " " ♂ ♃ "—July, 1889.
 (☉ was 3° from cusp ascendant in 1889).

In this case the evil secondary directions pre-signified the unfortunate event to follow the marriage.

The next directions measure to the birth of the second (first living) child, 17th May, 1891:—

Pre-natal—♃ P. Δ ☉ R. } May, 1891.
 " " par. ♃ R. }

♃ and the ☉ are lords of the 7th house, and ♃ is lord of the 5th.

(12.) Robert Browning, Poet, was born 7th May, 1812, and died at Venice at 10 p.m., on 12th December, 1889.

Pre-natal for death—☉ P. ♃ ♂ P. ♃ P. ♂ ♂ P.

(13.) Crown Prince Rudolf, of Austria-Hungary, was born at Vienna 21st August, 1858, 10.33 p.m. He committed suicide with a lady on 30th January, 1889.

Pre-natal—☉ P. ♂ ♃ P. — 1886.
 ♃ × × × ♃ — 1888.
 ☉ P. ♂ ♃ R. — 1890.
 " R. 7° from ♀ P.
 " " " " ♂ "
 ♀ P. ♂ ♂ P.
 ☉ " par. " P., ♃ P. and ♃ P.

The previous full moon to to the death was an eclipse, and fell in opposition to the radical moon.

Post-natal—☉ P. ♂ ♃ R. — 1887. ♃ P. ☐ ♃ — Nov., 1888.
 " " Δ ♃ " — 1888. " " " ♂ R.—Dec., "
 " in 5th house by Prog.

The post-natal directions in this instance are altogether incapable of explaining the dreadful death he died. For if we take the Sun as hyleg, in accordance with Raphael's rules, we are obliged to confess that it was free from affliction by post-natal motion, and was in exact trine to the radical Moon. In the

pre-natal directions, this anomaly is absent, for the Sun is there heavily afflicted. It was Sepharial who first called my attention, a few months ago, to this absence of important post-natal directions. Speaking of this natus he said:—"Prince Rudolf's horoscope showed that he would suffer enormously and probably die by the hand of a female. At the age of eight years, there were some primary and secondary directions (☉ □ ♄, ♃ □ ♃) which I do not think anyone would have overcome who was not karmically destined to fulfil a different fate which the life conditions at the age of eight years would not permit of. It was reserved for him to get attached to one particular woman, and by her to meet his fate, for this was the Karma of a past life. Now there were no directions from the nativity of equal importance at the time of death to those which had afflicted his life at the age of eight years."

This last remark is perfectly true if confined to the *post-natal* directions, for these, as I have shown, were of comparatively slight importance. Sepharial then proceeds to state that this deficiency in the post-natal directions is compensated for by the severity of the directions from the epoch. These were:—

☉ P. □ ♄ P. & R.	♃ par. ♃ — Nov., 1888	} Applying at death.
" " □ ♂ R.	" ♃ — Mar., 1889	
" " par. ♀ P.	" P. □ ☉ R.— Mar., 1889	
Asc. ♂ ♃ P. (malefic)	" " ♂ ♃ P.— April, 1889.	
" ♂ ♃ "	" " □ ♂ " — " "	
" □ ♂ "	" " on cusp of 7th.	
♀ P. " " " ♂ ♃ P.		

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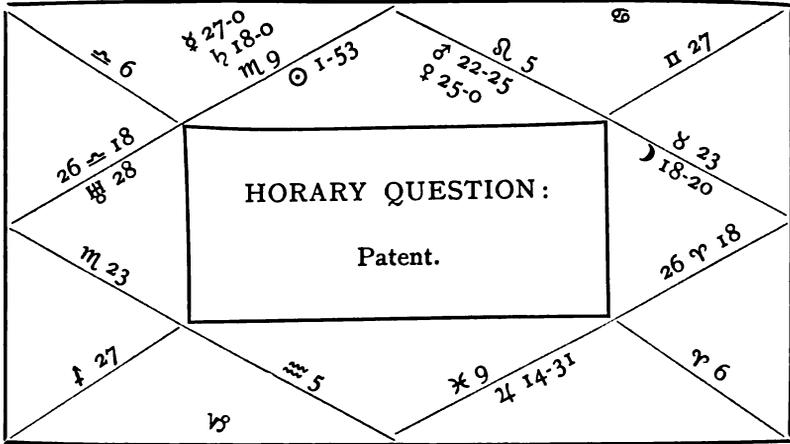
Useful Notes for Young Students.

In calculating the aspects, students must notice whether any signs are "intercepted," and not go by the cusps of the houses, for in some cases two planets may be in *zodiacal* trine, and at the same time in *mundane* square.

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Testimonies from planets angular, especially with strong aspects, are powerful for good or ill according to the strength of the planets and the aspects, and the student may predict with confidence from such aspects, but the effects from planets in third, sixth, ninth and twelfth houses, especially the two former, will be comparatively weak, and unless the planets in such houses are essentially dignified, the influence will not be greatly felt.

Horary Astrology.



- 1.—Are my ideas sound and practical ?
- 2.—Will it pay to patent ?
- 3.—Shall I retain or sell my invention ?

I.

THE ♃, chief significator of the ninth, the house of inventions, having the Δ ♃ from eleventh, the house of hopes and wishes, also the * ♃ from the fifth, house of speculation, being angular in the seventh and fixed, and ♀, the lady of ascendant in tenth, with ♁ angular in first \sphericalangle to ♃, part ruler of ninth, are all arguments that your theory is genuine.

II.

♃, lord of second, conjoined with ♀, lady of ascendant in tenth, your co-significator being strong and in Δ aspect to the lord of the fourth, it will pay to bring out.

III.

I should advise you to sell to some ship-builder, as ♁ signifies the captain or owner of a vessel, and that sign being on the cusp of fourth, an engineer evidently known to you, as ♃ is conjoined with your significator, can help you materially in bringing the matter to a successful issue; a man good height, chesnut hair, sun-burnt complexion, full eyes.

PROFESSOR E. CASAEL.

Neptune is by some considered as the spiritual Venus, and he is considered by all to greatly influence the higher life. What his real influence on our planet is, time and experience alone can prove, but I am certain that he affects the higher powers of our nature.

The Degrees of the Zodiac Symbolised.

FROM "LA VOLASFERA," TRANSLATED BY "SEPHARIAL."

Aries 1°.—The symbol of this degree is the figure of a strong man, standing, dressed in skins, or heavy, loose, and coarse material—the shoulders almost bare. In his hand he bears a club. The figure suggests a Hercules.

It denotes a man capable of sustaining much labour, and one likely to perform great acts in which force of character and endurance sustain him rather than goodness of principle or purity of motive. The native is aggressive, passionate, and quarrelsome, and well equipped for the struggle of life in its practical aspects. *Strength* and *passion* seem to mark this degree of the ecliptic.

„ 2°.—A man, standing, armed with sword and spear; richly dressed in scarlet and purple, with jewelled clasps, and helmet of fine brass or gold—apparently prepared for battle and confident of victory.

It denotes a proud, warlike nature, with much self-reliance and confidence in his own powers. One who will have few friends and will be very independent in his way of living; at all times willing to assert his opinions and to evidence his powers. A nature somewhat fond of *display*.

„ 3°.—A woman sitting in a chair as if conversing with someone. Her hands are folded lightly upon her lap, her face has a pleasant, smiling expression. She is loosely habited in a Grecian robe, her neck and arms are bare.

It denotes a person of easy manner, kind, and accessible to all; one fond of cheerful company and pleasant life. The native would never be cruel or harsh, but impulsive in passion and yet gentle in manner. The native would go to some length in order to avoid a quarrel, and is pre-eminently a lover of peace and harmony and will have many friends on that account who will be of use to him. It is a degree of ease and *luxury*.

„ 4°.—A wood in which much wild undergrowth abounds, and many plants of different kinds and colours.

It denotes a rustic nature, fond of the beauties of the country life; displaying not the least indication of learning, yet having much natural wisdom. A nature somewhat

brusque and uncultivated, but rich of heart; abundant but untrained—one who will be very prodigal of his energies and wealth. It is a degree of crudity and *ruggedness*.

Aries 5°.—A person climbing a rock in the midst of a fierce storm. Flashes of lightning reveal the figure in dark outline. It appears strong and climbs well.

It denotes a person who will give evidence of much force of character. One who will make his way against almost insuperable difficulties, but whose efforts will be finally crowned with a position of security and comfort. The native will pass through many perilous adventures and will make many conquests, but they will all be due rather to his own perseverance and force of character than to favouring circumstances. The degree seems to be one of *uncertainty, peril, and final success*.

„ 6°.—A man riding upon a horse near to the edge of a cliff, and looking down into a valley where people are at work.

It denotes a nature well qualified to undertake the government of others; it seems to indicate that the force of circumstances will frequently place such a person in a position over others which is not without its dangers, and many catastrophies are to be feared. The degree indicates *superiority*, attainment, and honour; but is fraught with many dangers.

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Astrological Prize No. 1.

THIS has been a most successful competition; the delineations have been so good that we have decided to award two prizes in this competition, and will announce particulars next month.

If a planet's symbol be located within five zodiacal degrees of the cusp of any house, it will act as if it were located in that house, and will affect matters pertaining to that house, and not the one the symbol may be posited in. The student will find it advantageous to carefully peruse the chapter on the "Orbs of the Planets" on page 44 in Vol. I.

The general description of persons born when the various signs of the Zodiac ascend, and no planets aspect, or are in, the ascendant.

FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.

♈ *Aries*.—Medium height, visage and neck long, thick shoulders, dark complexion as a rule, yet occasionally florid. *Disposition*.—Violent, very ambitious, and quick-tempered.

♉ *Taurus*.—Short, thick-set individual, fleshy face, large eyes, nose, and mouth, broad shoulders, dull complexion, mostly dark hair. *Disposition*.—Conceited, very ill-natured, inclined to melancholia, very often addicted to drink, and as a rule very lazy.

♊ *Gemini*.—Tall, upright, long hands, arms and fingers, dull complexioned, sharp-sighted, and very wide awake. *Disposition*.—Very ambitious, temperate, yet conceited, good ability for arts and sciences, but withal a hasty temper.

♋ *Cancer*.—Medium height, fleshy, round pale face, as a rule small eyes, constitution is generally a weak one. *Disposition*.—Sympathetic, little energy, somewhat careless and very nervous.

♌ *Leo*.—Above the medium height, large head, full bright eyes, light hair, sanguine complexion. *Disposition*.—Firm, somewhat generous, high-minded, proud and ambitious, quick-tempered, active, and very determined.

♍ *Virgo*.—A well-formed individual, above the middle height, round face, dark hair, eyes, and complexion. *Disposition*.—Fairly good temper, one curious on scientific subjects, and who has plenty to say for himself, yet having good abilities.

♎ *Libra*.—Tall, a well-proportioned body and limbs, a lovely complexion (more especially if a female), eyes either dark or blue. *Disposition*.—Even-tempered, ambitious, one very fond of the opposite sex, but who does not often shew it.

♏ *Scorpio*.—Middle stature, strong, thick well-knit frame, dark eyes, crisp dark hair, sometimes curling. One peculiarity of the native of Scorpio is that the hair will generally be found growing over the temples. *Disposition*.—Generally reserved, secretive, sometimes deceptive, ambitious, very energetic, with great determination.

♐ *Sagittarius*.—Above the ordinary stature, fine appearance, high forehead, generally hazel eyes, clear complexion, hair brown. *Disposition*.—Generous, ambitious, good sportsman, preferring outdoor exercise to study.

♑ *Capricorn*.—Seldom above the middle height, awkwardly formed, nearly always have bad teeth, which decay ere manhood

is reached, hair coarse, and generally black. *Disposition.*—Melancholy, selfish, firm in their friendship, bitter and unrelenting in their enmity, very deep and secretive.

♈ *Aquarius.*—Medium height, plump, strong, good figure, lovely complexion. *Disposition.*—Very good, kind-hearted, even-tempered, fond of science, and nearly always to be depended on.

♉ *Pisces.*—Generally short stature, fleshy, pale complexion, and often present a dull, sleepy appearance. *Disposition.*—Not much energy, dull, inactive, caring only for self, and not reliable.

Please Note.—*These descriptions only refer to when there are no planets in, or aspecting, the ascendant.*

Fortunate and Unfortunate Days.

THE favorable and unfavorable days of life are governed by the Moon, as it forms an aspect to the radical place of a planet in the nativity, and no one day is fortunate to all alike, as is supposed by some, for one man's loss is another man's gain; and each individual's horoscope should always be consulted in order to determine the daily affairs of life.

When the Moon forms a good aspect with one planet, and an evil aspect with another planet, judgment must be used in all cases, as evil aspects will always affect the good ones, while the good aspects will moderate the evil ones, and the native should not deal with those persons which the planet describes in the natus when evil is denoted, for obvious reasons.

The place of a planet in the nativity will retain the virtue of the planet through life in the same manner as if it was always located in the place which it held at birth, and when the Moon forms an aspect to that place, by its daily motion, it will bring the planets' influence into action if there is no counteraction.

When the Moon forms a good aspect to the Sun, those days are favorable for work, business, employment, to deal with the public or business men, for opening places of business and dealing with superiors.

When the Moon forms an evil aspect to the Sun, do not leave or enter a place of employment, make no changes in business, avoid making enemies, and allow your affairs to go on as usual.

When the Moon is in good aspect to Venus, the day is favorable for all matters related to the opposite sex; for courtship, pleasure, company, society, etc.

The Moon in evil aspect to Venus; avoid females, guard against talk, slander, scandal, jealousy, expect trouble in courtship or domestic life; also guard thy reputation and expect disappointments.

The Moon in good aspect to Mercury is good for legal matters, to write or receive letters, sign papers, make contracts, ask questions, to deal with literary characters, for favorable news, and give good judgment generally.

The Moon in evil aspect to Mercury is unfavorable for matters pertaining to law; an anxious time, sign no papers, use care in writing letters, keep your affairs to yourself, expect annoyances or unpleasant news.

The Moon in good aspect to Saturn is good for home affairs, property matters, to rent or lease houses, take tenants, to begin a building, to deal with elderly people, or to deal in base metals.

The Moon in ill aspect to Saturn is evil for buying property, renting houses, to begin a building; guard against ill-health, and do not mix in society during this time.

The Moon in benefic aspect to Jupiter is good for money, favors, influence over others, to collect or deposit money, as the judgment is generally good; and when there are no conflicting influences the days are excellent for buying, speculations, and dealing in stocks and shares.

The Moon in ill aspect to Jupiter are unfavorable days for money matters, do not lend or trust people, guard against losses, do not contract debts, avoid speculations, for money matters will perplex one on these days.

The Moon in good aspect to Mars are good days for pushing one's affairs; for dealing in metals, consulting physicians, or for military matters.

The Moon in ill aspect to Mars; avoid quarrels, keep out of danger, guard against accidents, and do not speculate or place confidence in others.

The Moon in benefic aspect to Herschel are good for traveling, changes, journeys, visiting, consulting astrologers, phrenologists, and those who affect uncommon employments.

The Moon in evil aspect to Herschel are unfortunate days; the mind is restless and unsettled; be circumspect in all matters, and avoid public affairs.

CHARLES HATFIELD.

Letters to the Editor.

All correspondents should give full name and address, not necessarily for publication, but as a token of good faith.

N.B.—Writers of signed articles are alone responsible for the opinions therein contained.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to “Vulcan,” I still have confidence in transits, more especially those of h , as detailed in my “Private Lessons,” pages 65 to 70. “Long orbs” are convenient for *twisting* the influences of the planets to suit certain purposes; in the case of *directions* they are not considered by me.

So far as directions were concerned, the outcome of my researches were *nil*, and I am no nearer anything exact than I was in 1884.

Respecting Directions.—So much of your magazine is occupied by this subject, and so many new systems are being promulgated, that I should like the opinion of some of your readers on the way these operate.

Do the planets, just before and after the birth of an individual, bottle up their influences for certain periods, then uncork and empty the bottle on the head of the devoted native? Our present systems appear much like the “Part of Fortune,” a supposing of something where there is nothing. I cannot substantiate any of the present systems (not even my own) by an appeal to reason, for, as soon as I do so, the “directions” are scattered, and I see nothing but “humbug.” Perhaps some of your clear-headed readers can assist me.

Referring to “Genius.”—It is all very well for “Sepharial” to say that my remarks on the above subject are beside the mark. *Facts* are stubborn things, and no amount of wriggling will get over them. If “Sepharial’s” correspondent did not mean that there were a score or more persons born about the same time and in the *same place* as Shelley, he meant nothing at all, and his remarks were simply nonsense, because we know that the *degrees, signs and planets* are changing with every minute of longitude and latitude.

“*Tables of Houses*” have to do with *latitude* and not *longitude*, and Horsham is not in the *latitude* of London, nor yet within one minute of it.

Why are *twins* ruled out of order? I say they are particularly pertinent to the case in question, as showing that the degrees of the zodiac form a key to the native’s life, and on this point I challenge my learned opponent to reason otherwise. But the climax of his criticism is reached when, on the same page (272) he acknowledges that the 27th degree of ♃ , according to the rendering of Charubel, exactly describes Shelley and his “mighty genius.” I say no more!

The pre-natal epoch.—I again challenge my learned friend on his system of finding this. He uses *calendar* months for the period of gestation, they should be *lunar*; nine lunar months, or 36 weeks, being the period of human gestation, as stated in my “Private Lessons.” Again, I can furnish nativities wherein it was absolutely impossible for the Moon to be either on the ascendant or descendant at the time of conception. My opinion on this point is, that the times of conception and birth are governed by the relative places of the Moon, and that at birth she is either in ♈ , ♏ , or ♌ to her place at conception, but whether she has any connection with the ascendant at conception or birth, I cannot say.

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Lessons in Astrology for Beginners.

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SECTION II. NO. 4.—LUNAR OR SECONDARY DIRECTIONS.

THESE are aspects formed by the Moon in her progress through the zodiac after birth, either to the radical positions of the planets, to their progressive places, and also to the ascendant and M.C. The following will shew the scheme at a glance:—

) Progressive to planets progressive.
" " " " radix.
" " " " ascendant.
" " " " M.C.

These lunar (or secondary) directions fill in the features of the outline indicated by the solar directions, and in a lesser degree the mutual planetary ones; and the student will find the lunar directions produce effects whenever they occur, but are always subject to what solar directions may be in operation at the time. As before remarked, I strongly advise all students to commit to memory the whole of Sepharial's rules on pages 87 to 93, in Vol. I., as it will avoid recapitulation, and will always be found useful to them, there being much valuable information therein, which goes closely into details of all matters connected with this simple method of directing.

To work out *all* the lunar directions in the example natus under exposition with the probable effects that may be expected to eventuate, would occupy a volume in itself, therefore I purpose taking out the lunar directions for two or three different years, shewing how they act on the solar and planetary directions, with suggestions of the probable nature of events they may produce, together with my reasons for what I assert. This, I am sure, will be useful to the student, as he or she can easily

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apply the rules to his or her own geniture, or any horoscope that may be under investigation; and with care and a thorough knowledge of the rudiments of the science, also of the planets' natures, &c., accurate predictions will result.

To do this they must have the rules on the pages named fresh in the memory, a thorough knowledge of the radix with the strength, &c., of each planet at their finger ends; when, if all the directions are correctly taken out and the various testimonies discreetly considered, the predictions should be accurate. (See Aphorism I. in Ptolemy's "Centiloquy," on page 111 of Vol. I.)

If the student applies the rules to past events in his own life, he will be able to see what the directions were at the time of such events, and thus he can find the celestial causes for the various effects he may have experienced in his past earthly career, and will be able to foresee when similar directions fall out, how they will be likely to affect him. This will be practical experience, and if he brings the results of such experience to bear upon the directions of any geniture he may be interested in, he can make his predictions with a certain amount of assurance. In the outset of his directional proceedings, however, I advise him to be cautious in his predictions, and as he gains experience he can use greater freedom; he must bear in mind Lilly's axiom, "*avoid rash judgments,*" but with the knowledge he may have gained in the working of his own directions, he will be on the upgrade of knowledge.

I will now take out the lunar directions for (say) the 15th, 34th and 67th years, as a praxis for the students future guidance.

(*To be continued*).

Stars.

I NEVER look upon ye but I think
 Of Him who set ye in His mansion fair;
 Beacons to mortals tottering on the brink
 Of infidelity, and blank despair.

O! wondrous worlds, so near and yet apart;
 So clear, so joyous do ye seem to me,
 That 'neath your smiles hope re-inflates the heart,
 And bids all shadows from its confines flee!

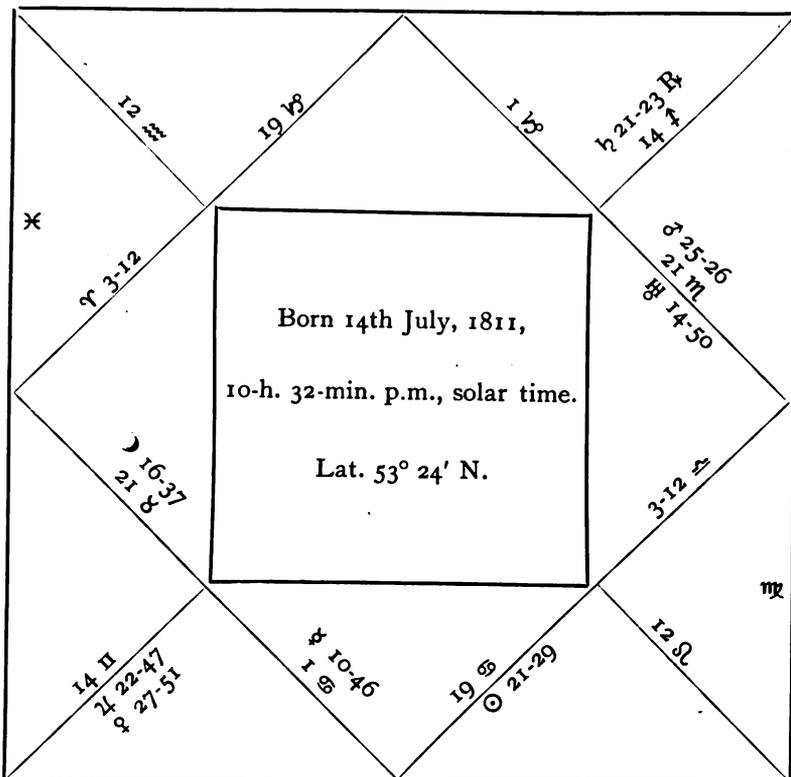
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Horoscopes of Notable Astrologers.

No. IV.

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(Author of "The Star," a system of Theoretical and Practical Astrology).



SPECULUM.

PLANET.	PARALLEL OF DECLINATION.	MUTUAL ASPECTS.
☉	21-45 N	△ ♂, par. ♃ and ♄
☽	12-44 N	App. * ☉, ☿ ♃
♀	23-30 N	☐ ♂, △ ♃ par. ♃
♁	22-52 N	Par. ♂, ♃ and ♃, ☐ ♃
♂	22-4 S	△ ☉, ☐ ♃
♃	22-51 N	☿ ♃, par. ♂, ♃ and ♃
♄	21-24 S	☿ ♃, par. ☉
♅	15-59 S	☿ ♃, △ ♃, ☐ ♃

IN this nativity Mars is the native's significator, and is posited in his own sign (Scorpio) in trine aspect to the Sun, but in sesquiquadrate to Mercury. His astrological ability is shewn by his significator being posited in the occult sign Scorpio, and the

occult planet Uranus is likewise therein. It will at once be noticed by the student that both these planets are in close aspect with Mercury, one by a benefic and the other by a malefic configuration, and as Mercury partakes of the nature of the planet in nearest aspect to him, which, in this case, is Mars, and as the aspect is evil, he acts as an afflicted Mars. Mercury has a trine from Uranus, another testimony for the occult side of things, whilst Saturn, the meditative planet, is in the house of science. Saturn is always in a good position in this house, and if unafflicted the position is a desirable one, but here he afflicts Jupiter, hence financial expenditure and loss is presaged in matters connected with the ninth house, for Jupiter is lord thereof and is posited in a literary sign (π) and opposed by ζ , ruler of tenth and eleventh houses, hence I am of opinion that by the publication of the book before named he lost considerably. As to his financial prospects, although the Moon is so strong on the cusp of the second house, she is opposed by Uranus, therefore his finances were subject to many sudden reverses, but as the Moon applies to the sextile of the Sun, things would eventually right themselves. Mars also opposes the second house, which is always evil for finance. Benefits by legacies or inheritance are shewn, as Mars is essentially dignified in the eighth house, but as Mercury is in ill aspect, troubles and annoyances through papers in connection therewith, as Mercury is in the 4th house.

Marriage is shewn, but from the position of Uranus in the seventh, afflicted by the Moon, I should consider there were "skeletons" in the married life, especially as Venus is also afflicted by the planet Uranus, who is so inimical to happiness in marriage. The native must have been a very smart man, for any aspect between Mars and Mercury invariably sharpens the intellect, and gives mathematical ability, one expeditious at figures and accounts, and in *this* case, as Uranus throws a good aspect to Mercury, his mathematical ability was diverted from the ordinary channels into occult lines, hence his work, "The Star," on theoretical and practical Astrology. The fiery sign Aries denotes a rash, impulsive individual, some say hot-headed, with a quick irascible temper; I think this is also borne out by the aspects between Mars and Mercury. It will be noticed the Sun is in the fifth house in trine to the lord of ascendant. I judge that whatever moneys the native gained by speculation was quickly squandered in pleasure. Either the Sun or Mars in this

house, or in second, always gives this tendency; in the fifth it is invariably spent is pleasure. As all the malefics are in elevation, and Saturn in a fiery sign (♄) I judge he was liable to hurts or injuries from falls, and that he suffered from complaints or diseases of the parts ruled by Scorpio, as ♃ ♀ ♁ ♀.

It is a nativity that will well repay the student for closer investigation than space permits of my doing, for there are many points of interest that I should like to have touched upon.

W. H. Chaney, the American Astrologer, and English Astrologers (Raphael & Zadkiel).

WE have had our attention drawn to certain statements made by this individual against Mr. A. J. Pearce (the editor of "Zadkiel's Almanac") and Raphael. At the time we reviewed Chaney's "Primer," we took exception to the vituperation that was to be found in its pages, and suggested he had a remedy in the civil courts, if he could substantiate his statements, but it appears, on the authority of the two English Astrologers, that these are entirely untrue, and in the preface to the Ephemeris for 1892, "Raphael" makes what undoubtedly is a truthful statement, whilst Mr. Pearce, in the pamphlet, "The voice of the Stars," likewise denies *in toto* all the charges brought against him. Chaney is old enough to know better, and considering that dissensions amongst Astrologers do not tend to raise the science in the minds of the unbelievers, it is the more to be regretted. In order that our readers may know something of Chaney and his characteristics, we purpose giving his nativity in an early number, so that all may look into it and see what manner of man he is. Why the relationships between Astrologers of all nationalities and creeds should not be amicable, we cannot conceive; it would seem the old adage "There is no fool like an *old* fool" is quite true in Chaney's case. As is well-known, Messrs. Pearce and "Raphael" occupy the foremost positions as reliable Astrologers in the public estimation, and we do not consider Chaney's venom will, in the slightest degree, affect their reputation as honorable, straightforward, reliable and truthful Englishmen.

The strikes at the Carron and Hermitage Wharves and elsewhere have fulfilled the prediction we made on page 342, in consequence of the position of Uranus rising at the Sun's entrance into Libra.

Useful Notes for Young Students.

THE sign Leo ($\text{\textcircled{L}}$) is generally considered to rule the heart, and any planet that may be posited in that sign at birth will guide the judgment as to the nature and disposition of the native.

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Mars in $\text{\textcircled{L}}$ will make the native warm-hearted, passionate, impulsive, but too generous and prodigal. Saturn in good aspect will modify this and make the disposition (as regards charity), just, rational and circumspect.

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Jupiter in $\text{\textcircled{L}}$ makes the native very sympathetic, one always ready to lend a helping hand to the needy, but who does not act rashly.

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Saturn in $\text{\textcircled{L}}$ is undesirable; a cold planet in a fiery sign is not conformable or agreeable to nature. The native is heartless, self-fish, mean and uncharitable. Should Saturn be well-aspected, it will somewhat moderate this, but the natural tendency is "self."

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Sun in $\text{\textcircled{L}}$ produces warm-heartedness, a noble disposition, prone to extravagance and liberality. Unless evilly aspected, the native's disposition is never sordid or mean.

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Venus in $\text{\textcircled{L}}$ denotes a very lovable nature, affectionate, demonstrative, one who acts on the impulse of the moment; too liberal, one who makes other people's trouble their own.

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When the Moon or Mercury are in $\text{\textcircled{L}}$, judgment must be arrived at from the nature of the planets in closest aspect, although it is not considered a "suitable" sign for either.

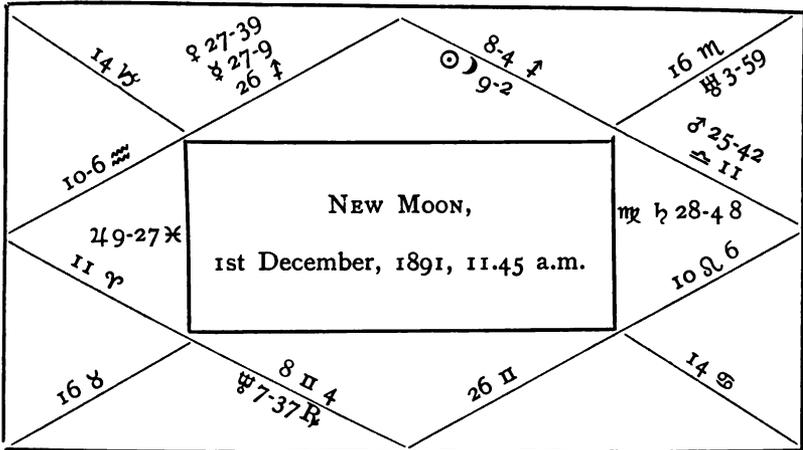
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No information can be given as to the effect of Uranus in $\text{\textcircled{L}}$ on the disposition, as cases in the writer's collection of nativities where this position occurs are few.

Planets Places at Noon.

AS many of our friends are often desirous of casting a figure for a date of which they do not possess an ephemeris, and may not care about purchasing one, we have made arrangements to meet their wishes, particulars of which will be found on first page of cover.

Mundane Astrology.



THE December lunation occurs at 15 minutes before noon on the 1st, with the luminaries upon the cusp of the tenth house in square to Jupiter, opposition to Neptune, and sesquiquadrate to Mars. The position of Jupiter denotes trade will improve, but as he is afflicted there will be some notable failures during the month. Strikes will be rife, as Neptune opposes the luminaries from the fourth house, yet as they are in "elevation," the masters triumph. Matters connected with ♃, where the luminaries are posited, will receive public attention. The strikers will suffer financially, as Jupiter squares Neptune; they will experience much distress, as the public (signified by the Moon), are not in sympathy with them. The "death angel" will have a busy time, for the bills of mortality will be heavy. Two notable persons will stoop to fate during the month. In the political horizon excitement runs high, the opposition suffer a serious loss. Our colonial relations will be unsatisfactory. At Berlin the lights are near the cusp of the ninth, Jupiter on the ascendant, whilst Saturn, Mars and Uranus are in the seventh house. Trade will flourish, but foreign relations will be strained; much discontent will be manifested by the people.

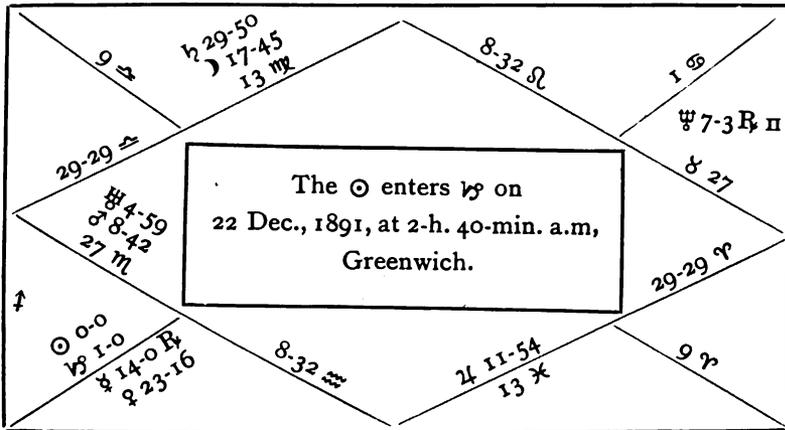
At St. Petersburg the malefics are in the sixth house. A serious epidemic will spread, and much sickness will be experienced; as seven planets are setting, much suffering will prevail among the populace.

At Washington, Saturn is in the tenth house, Mars and Uranus in the eleventh. A notable man joins the majority, and the

authorities have their hands full; much parliamentary excitement. Trade improves, but Saturn's position shews failures.

At Melbourne, commercial failures, railway accidents, fires and troubles at places of amusement.

At Calcutta the luminaries are in the sixth house, Saturn in the fourth, and the other malefics in the fifth. Malarial fevers will be prevalent, and many accidents will occur to women and children.



Venus rules the figure, but as the greater part of Scorpio is ascending, Mars will greatly influence the quarter. Strikes, turbulence and probably rioting will be resorted to, and as the two malefics are in a watery sign it is not improbable that matters connected with wharves and shipping will be affected. Explosions may be expected, and places ruled by Scorpio will suffer by fire. The Government have their hands full, as Saturn is in the eleventh. The position of Mercury and Venus is good for the railway world.

At Washington, Saturn is in second; this is evil for finance. Railway accidents will be experienced and places of amusement prosper. Foreign affairs improve.

At Melbourne, much sickness and a high death rate.

At St. Petersburg, much crime will prevail, and notwithstanding Mercury and Venus are in the second house, the position of Saturn is evil for the powers; their financial resources will be strained.

Some Thoughts on Horary Astrology.

I FIND, on investigation, that many of the assertions made by the ancient writers on Astrology, and especially Horary Astrology, are not only absurd but positively foolish, and I am surprised that an astrologer like the modern Raphael perpetrates some of these silly statements in his "Horary Astrology." He must surely have known that in this matter-of-fact age mere assertions are not accepted as facts unless evidence is forthcoming in proof. This sort of thing tends to bring the science into ridicule, and is much to be deprecated. What I now allude to, is the "names signified by the planets" on page 55 of Raphael's "Horary Astrology," from which I extract the following:—

Significator.	Aspect or House.		Names.
♃	with	☉	George, Elizabeth or Julia.
♃	"	♀	William.
♃	"	♃ & ♀	Joan.
♃	"	♃	Thomas.
♃	alone		Rachel.
♃	with	☉	John or Richard.

The rule being given as follows:—"Whatever planet be taken as significator, see if it be in any kind of aspect with another planet; if it be not, that planet whose house it is in is the planet that forms the name. Again, "♃ ☉ and ♂ denote short names; if they be angular and near the mid-heaven, the name begins with A or E; ♃ or ♀ gives long names." On the face of it, are not such statements childish in the extreme? Anyhow, I have applied the rule on many occasions and it has never been correct.

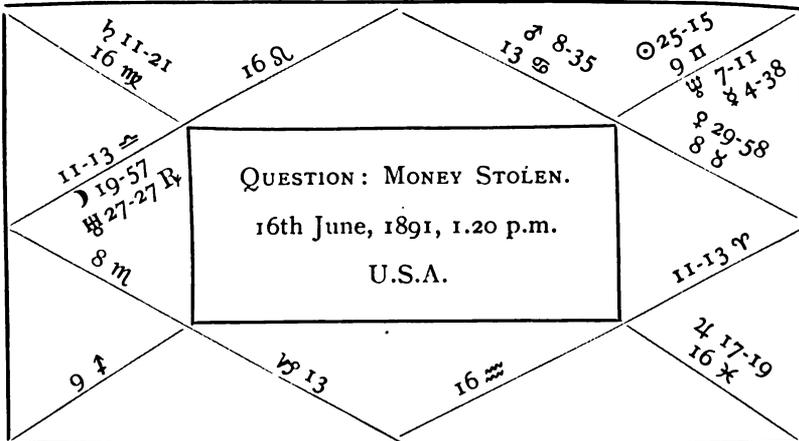
I had a question the other day to solve by Horary Astrology, the writing, especially of the signature, was so totally illegible that I applied Raphael's rule to help me out of the difficulty. The ☉ was significator, free from aspect in M.C., which Raphael states gives short names, and that it begins with A or E; I eventually found that the name was "Frederick," by no means a short one, therefore in this case the rule does not apply. Raphael says, in his introduction to Horary Astrology, "the rules have but one interpretation, and *only one*;" as far as my experience goes, the rules in this section have but one interpretation, *viz.*: uselessness. I have no hesitation in saying the

whole chapter should be expunged from his book. If we take into consideration the number of christian names there are, and also the fact that in 99 cases out of 100 the name is not of the slightest importance, and where it is asked the querent is only asking out of mere curiosity, and the mind is not really anxious about the matter which may form the substance of the question propounded, I consider the matter of probable names signified by the planetary configuration should be totally ignored; all being useless, unreliable and misleading, as I have ever found them to be.

There are other matters in Horary Astrology require venting, and I purpose following on with a few other points where I have to differ with the "rule of thumb" method advocated by the ancients and copied by the moderns.

I hope the students of Horary Astrology will test the rules for themselves and not accept what I say, unless they find the result of their investigations agree with my experience.

Horary Astrology.



ON June 16th, 1891, at 1.20 p.m., two females came to inquire about one hundred dollars which had been stolen, and asked for a description of the thief.

Libra being in the ascendant, with Herschel and the Moon therein, denotes more than one applicant, and at the hour the Sun was ruling, which described the querent perfectly, as she was stout, florid complexion, light brown hair, and the honorable disposition which the Sun generally gives.

As the Sun ruled the eleventh house, the querent spoke of her companion, saying it was a friend.

Finding the Moon in the ascendant, I said the thief was one well-known to her, and one of her household, and as there was no planet in any other angle, I took the lord of the seventh for the thief, and told her that her husband was the culprit, that he was of a hasty temper, inclined to drink, fond of the water, and wore dark blue and red colors, and that he was a short distance out of the city near water, in an easterly direction from home, and at some employment of an earthy nature. The foregoing conclusions I read from her husband's significator being placed in Cancer, an easterly sign of a watery nature, and the lord of his tenth being Saturn, a planet of an earthy nature, and in close sextile to Mars, and Mars falling from an angle, denotes a short distance from the city. The querent admitted such to be the fact, as her husband wore dark blue clothing and red flannels, that he was employed upon a mud scow in an easterly part of the city, a short distance out; but the querent was in some doubt as to whether he, or an employe, was the culprit, but finding Jupiter the lord of the sixth house, and being dignified in his own house I judged the employe to be innocent.

The querent asked, "Is the money hidden in the house?" to which I answered "No," as Saturn was lord of the fourth and in a succedent house, which denotes a short distance out; yet Saturn being in close aspect to the husband's significator, I judged it to be in a place where it was convenient for him to get at it.

As Mars had ruled the hour previous to her call upon me, I said she had talked about her husband and the lost money at that time. As Mars was lord of the second and seventh house in the present figure, this was admitted by herself and friend.

Finding Jupiter separating from Saturn, which was the significator of property, I asked if she had lately lost money, or had any trouble over such matters.

She then said she had sold a piece of property for two thousand dollars, and that her husband had taken the money from her and appropriated it, and the sale was made about six months previous, which the six degrees between the opposition of Jupiter and Saturn would denote.

CHARLES HATFIELD.

On the Pre-natal Epoch.

A GOOD deal of misunderstanding has arisen with regard to the nature of the pre-natal epoch referred to in the method of rectification put forward by me. I wish, therefore, to say definitely what I have so frequently inferred, *viz.*: That I do not in any sense identify the epoch with either physical coition or conception. The fact that the observed planetary positions at the moment of the epoch have a direct influence upon the native, does not prove that it must necessarily be coincident with either of the physical causes of birth referred to, for if we regard the planetary influences as *causes*, in the sense of anteceding certain results which are found to be directly related to them, we should certainly not class them in the same category with the physical relations which lead immediately to birth. Mundane causes and astral causes proceed by different means into effect, and act upon different planes of the cosmos, and hence upon different principles in man's constitution to which these planes of existence are related. I will not go so far as to say that the astral causes represented in the figure of the epoch and the physical causes which lead to birth may not be synchronous in their formation, but what I intend is that they are *not necessarily* so, and for the reasons above stated. The physical causes of birth will act upon the native along the lines of physical heredity, effecting the limitations under which the incarnating ego will be required to function. The astral causes operating at the "pre-natal epoch" will, however, act along the lines of psychic heredity, effecting the aggregation of the psychic forces of the native as the mass-chord of all past evolution in previous incarnations. It is for this reason that the influence of the "epochal" figure acts upon the psychic nature of the native, giving him what are without doubt inherent pre-natal propensities of which he is both the father and the child. At a certain age (differing with individual conditions) the adjustment of the physical instrument is sufficiently complete for the ego to consciously function through it, and with the dawn of what is called "self-consciousness," the native finds himself already endowed with a certain bias or pre-disposition as regards the various subjects of thought which crowd in upon the awakening mind. So far we see the influence of pre-natal causes at work, producing what is felt and known as *inclination*. Two factors, however, have to be regarded before

we can predicate the extent to which inclination will have effect in life. These two factors are *functional ability* and *opportunity*; and as qualifying conditions or limitations we must look to the horoscope of birth, to the characteristics of the two lines of physical heredity, and to the sphere of life in which the native is born, in order to measure them accurately. We have thus two sets of causes represented in two distinct series of effects; pre-natal psychic tendencies or inclinations, and post-natal physical conditions; the former we may call *factitive*, the latter *instrumental*. How otherwise can we account for inherent ambitions to which neither physical ability nor opportunity lend themselves, than by the operation of two sets of causes, one acting upon the life from within and the other from without? It is a common experience to find persons with strong tendencies to certain avocations or studies without having the functional powers which admit of their attainment by the native. But the question does not rest here. We have also to consider the fact that children frequently possess tendencies and ability to which the whole ancestral line, as far as it can be traced, is directly opposed. As the parents cannot endow the child with what they themselves do not possess, the idea of "mind as a by-product of organic function" fails entirely to embrace this fact of our experience. If the materialistic hypothesis were consistent with facts, then astral influences, as represented in the horoscope of birth, must be either denied as operative in the expression of character, or merely regarded as coincidences; for they would cease to be *causes* under that hypothesis, and could not certainly be regarded as *effects*!

Now, if we regard the various theories which propose to explain the known divergencies of mental and psychic powers in individuals, we shall find the idea of re-incarnation to be the only one at present before the world which satisfactorily includes and explains all the anomalies. So far as it affects the problem from an astrological standpoint, it enables us to understand how two persons with the same horoscope may have similar tastes and inclinations, and yet widely differing powers of expression. With the admission of planetary influence as a power in the lives of men, we have the question immediately before us as to the extent of this influence. Are the planets causes or only stimulants? If causes, then of what? Mental characteristics, moral disposition, physical qualities and events—of all, or none?

These are questions which I should like the reader to sit down and think over, with the facts of Astrology before him. They are important because they lead immediately to this question of the pre-natal epoch. On page 216 of the *Astrologers' Magazine* I have made the statement that, "the period at which the congeries of forces known as the animal-soul may enter the physical plasm is not, in my opinion, the same as the moment of conception, and when I name the ante-natal epoch it is not the moment of conception to which I refer." Despite this statement, some of my readers have preferred to misunderstand me to this day, in a few cases putting forward objections from facts already well known to me, but which have absolutely nothing to do with the "pre-natal epoch" to which I have drawn attention. I am quite capable of "calling a spade a spade," and if I had meant "conception" or even "coition," I should not have said "pre-natal epoch." Waiving this, however, let us pass on.

I have pointed to the pre-natal figure as being indicative of tendencies which might be considered as the aggregate effect of all past evolution. Some of these tendencies are favoured in their development by the condition of the birth which follows next in the incarnating series; others, on the contrary, have to wait for more favourable conditions before coming into active effect in the life of the native. These latter tendencies remain as Prârabdha Karma; the former will pass into Sunchit Karma. The unexpended causes to which I refer as Prârabdha Karma, and which are indicated in the pre-natal figure, include not only mental, moral and psychic tendencies, but also the more definite expressions of these in act, whenever the natal figure favours their manifestation.

By treating the pre-natal figure *as if it were* a horoscope of birth, I find that there are many directions acting from this figure as a radix, which synchronize with many events in life for which there is not otherwise any adequate indication. Hence there is a suggested connection of the epoch with the time of birth, which connection is due to the astral influences being translated by the Moon to the position of the radical ascendant or descendant, for the Moon is in all cases the means by which the astral influences are brought into earth-life, and this on account of the subtle connection of the Moon with a principle of the human constitution, and hence of the cosmos also. I throw this out as a hint. The facts before me are varied and plentiful,

but I have no desire to elaborate a system, and it will be sufficient if I indicate the lines along which research is most likely to be fruitful. Establish this connection of the pre-natal epoch with the post-natal life, and something like *proof* of the pre-existence of the human soul as a self-conscious and responsible entity will necessarily result. This done, the whole field of astrological research will be extended in the direction of problems vastly more important and satisfactory to the student of natural laws than the ceaseless repetition of already well known facts in Astrology. With Uranus now passing through the occult sign η , it will be our own fault if the century closes without new and important ground having been secured to the science of Astrology in the West.

SEPHARIAL.

On Pre-natal and Post-natal Directions,

WITH A NEW METHOD OF DIRECTING.

By "LEO."

CHAPTER V.—CONCLUSION.

WITH the preceding illustrations taken from a few horoscopes of well known individuals, I now bring to a close my remarks on pre-natal directions. But before concluding, it will be as well for me to anticipate a few objections, and answer in advance a few questions which are sure to be put.

I shall certainly be asked whether I put forward this pre-natal method of directing as a complete system, whole and symmetrical in itself, and one that may be used and relied upon to the exclusion of all other methods of directing.

I answer unhesitatingly, No! I have reason to believe that there are at least two, probably three, and possibly more ways of directing which are intimately interwoven one with the other. I am now alluding only to that system known as the secondary, or directions by progression. Of this system there are three applications, the post-natal, the pre-natal and the epochal. The first two start from the natus, the third from that point which Sepharial has taught us to call the epoch; and all three proceed by the rule "a year for a day and a day for a year." The post-natal goes forward from birth, the pre-natal backward from birth, and the epochal forward from the epoch.

It has been conclusively proved, by a number of observations, that the post-natal method does not cover the whole ground when used alone. Occasionally an important event occurs which is not presignified by any adequate post-natal direction. For instance, the student is aware that when drawing up a list of the directions that are to fall due in any given year, it is nothing uncommon to meet with an interval of perhaps several months, during which no major direction operates; and yet it is quite possible that during that interval an event of some importance may occur. It is also well known that highly important events have sometimes been signified by comparatively unimportant directions, and even those perhaps not exact in measurement. In the *Astrologers' Magazine*, Vol. I., page 119, Raphael says,—“I regret to say I have not discovered what I was then searching for, *viz.*: why some directions fall out like a thunder-clap, and others pass with little or no effect.” I myself have very little doubt that the reason for this anomaly is to be found in the fact, which the astrological world is just beginning to grasp, that no one method of directing is complete when taken alone. Each one of the three methods must be compared with the other two, otherwise the indications will not always be found reliable. Of these methods to which I have referred, there cannot be much doubt that on the whole the post-natal is the more important. Sepharial supplements this by the epochal directions (which I find to be of great importance), and I, on my part, venture to put in a claim for the pre-natal. The epochal directions refer of course to causes that were set in motion before the incarnation of the ego, that is to say, in a previous life; the general tendencies of which are indicated in the figure for the epoch. “History repeats itself,” and one incarnation is often an echo of the last in many respects; but as a general rule, I fancy, the figure for the epoch is composed partly of influences that operated in the past life and which consequently are largely exhausted, and partly of those which were prevented from eventuating then, and which therefore may act strongly in the present life. The directions from the epoch I find are very important; they are of course limited and conditioned by the natal influences, just as the individual ego is conditioned in manifestation by the lower personal self; and consequently they only operate when they are not strongly contradicted by natal directions. This, I understand, is what is intended by Sepharial's

“Hints between the lines,” on page 331 (September). I do not know what the experience of others may be, but I have met with instances where the directions from the epoch have measured very accurately to the period of marriage. It is quite in accordance with what we should expect for marriage to be often the result of the Karma of a past life.

That pre-natal directions have their due effect at times cannot, I think, be doubted by anyone who is willing to investigate a number of horoscopes impartially; but that very process of investigation will satisfy him as it has me, that the pre-natal method, although of considerable importance, does not cover the whole ground any more than the post-natal does. What may be the precise value to be attributed to each method of directing I have yet to ascertain, but at present it seems to me that pre-natal and post-natal are two parts of one whole, and that both need co-ordinating with the epochal directions.

In case the question should be put to me, I may as well add that I hit upon the pre-natal method quite by accident in the Spring of 1889, when trying to analyse the *modus operandi* of primary directions. I have since found that Sepharial was independently acquainted with the method before that period.

FINIS.

Answers to Correspondents.

[*The others received have been replied to direct.*]

SHIRSHUNKER AMINDRAS.—You are clearly no friend to Astrology, although your boastful remarks imply you are. Our magazine gives much pleasure to those of our Indian readers that have written us, you being the solitary exception. Our rules are clearly and concisely stated on cover, and we do not intend to deviate in the slightest particular therefrom, as you have already been informed. *Your patronage (!) is not solicited.*

MERLIN.—We hope to give both Lilly's and Gadbury's nativities later. If you want Raphael's, write him for it; we do not possess it. Mr. Pearce's time is given in a recent number, and we may give his horoscope at a future date. As to our own you must really excuse us, we are too modest.

MORPHEUS.—Thanks, dreams are a luxury we rarely indulge in, and as this journal is devoted *solely* to Astrology, it would be out of place; send it to *Pearson's Weekly*. If up to their standard they might insert it.

FANNY SMITH.—A very good suggestion.

VINCENT.—Wishes complied with; see page 1 of cover.

The Degrees of the Zodiac Symbolised.

(CONTINUED).

Aries 7°.—A fox running along a path beneath the shadow of a wall.

It denotes a wily, prudent, and cunning person; one endowed with much circumspection and diplomatic power. Such persons are inclined most of all to self-defence without violence, and they gain their ends more by avoidance of dangers than by strength or aggressive means. In extremities of peril a clever ruse or extraordinary presence of mind will often be the means of liberation. The quality of this degree is *caution*.

„ 8°.—A man surrounded by others seeking a quarrel.

It denotes one who is quick to anger, stirring up strife around him; eager to combat the opinions and to disturb the peace of others. Persons under this degree have a tendency to run into dangers and not unfrequently fall victims to their own imprudence. It is essentially a rash and impetuous degree.

„ 9°.—A man standing upon a lofty place with his arms folded and his head erect.

It denotes a person of great courage and self-confidence. One who makes an able friend or a formidable enemy. In dangers he is cool and collected, at all times endowed with courage, and not unfrequently a victim to pride and self-love. In most affairs of life he gains his ends on account of his temerity and positive disposition. In the service of others he is frequently presumptuous, restless under restraint, loving freedom, and despising assistance. Occasionally he is too lofty to command attention from any but himself. This degree is one of *pride*.

„ 10°.—A man on horseback standing alone in the midst of a battlefield where around him lie the enemy dead and dying.

It denotes a person who will occupy some singular position in life; one whose career will be remarkable, if not unique, and noted for its daring and hazardous exploits. It gives success in undertakings and much prestige. It is a degree of *victory*.

(To be continued).

Astrological Prize No. 1.

AWARD.

THERE were many competitors, and on the whole the delineations were very good. We have decided, in this instance, to award two prizes, and have forwarded to each of the following gentlemen a copy of Vol. I. of the *Astrologers' Magazine* for their acceptance:—

Mr. THOS. EVELEIGH, Thatcham, near Newbury.

Mr. A. ELSON, 21, Camp Road, Smallthorne, Stoke-on-Trent.

The first-named was the *only one* who predicted "short life," and he was right, although his calculations were some minutes out in some instances. His judgment was good, and this remark applies also to the other prize-taker. The following brief summary may interest both competitors and students:—

14° 45' ♄ rises, ♃ in ♁ M.C. ♄ ♃ on cusp of fourth (the grave) in 13° 22' ♎; ♀ has risen, ☉ ♂ and ♃ in first □ to ♃ in fifth; ♃ near cusp of fifth, separating from □ ♀ and applying to □ of ☉, ♂, ♃, all in the house of life, then ♂ ♃; ♃ on cusp of eighth (house of death) and those who consider ♃ as its lord will put down the cause to him, but as some still consider ♃ as ruler of ♃, his position in this natus is fraught with evil.

This child died six weeks after birth, of hæmophilia, a disease of the blood, which was so thin that it oozed through the mucous membrane; medical aid was futile. The baby had good features, blue eyes, a *very sallow* skin caused by the kidneys being affected, (♃ in ♎ □ ♂ ♃) and this in turn affected the blood. The tongue was a very peculiar one; ♃ rules this and is afflicted by ♃ and ♂. This is a natus where death was caused by "position," and not by direction.

Notes on Recent Events.

At the October new Moon we predicted "cold and unsettled weather," because of the position of Uranus on the cusp of the fourth house. At the conjunction of Mars and Saturn (page 348) we foretold "storms and loss of life at sea and disaster to shipping." Both these predictions have been well borne out; the rain in October in England was almost incessant; and it is a fact that the severe storms which raged in the Atlantic and over all the British Isles coincided exactly with the conjunction of the two malefics. Ships have foundered, lives have been lost both at sea and on land, and the country has been flooded in many parts. The *Daily Graphic* had a note commenting on these storms, and arguing that they could hardly have been caused by Mars and Saturn because both planets were "nearly at their greatest distance from the earth, so that their influence, if they have any, ought to be at its weakest." It is the unvarying experience of astro-meteorologists that these two planets when in conjunction are certain to raise up a storm in some part of

the earth, and that quite irrespective of whether they are at their perigee or apogee. If our contemporary will turn to Pearce's "Text-book of Astrology," Vol. II., page 170, each conjunction of Saturn and Mars since September, 1861, will be found noted in order with the accompanying weather, and these facts cannot be gainsaid. It is amusing to read once again that statement to the effect that "the slow but sure method of observation is the only one which yields results that are worthy to be sought after." For how many years and years have facts upon facts been piled up by our meteorologists without their being able to show a ghost of a theory in return for it all; and they never will until they take into account the influences of the planets. We do not mind acknowledging that they are "slow" enough, but they are anything but "sure." It may possibly be the case that Mars and Saturn are weakest when farthest from the earth, but that weakest is quite sufficient to raise up a storm. The argument that the storm ought to have raged uniformly all over the earth we can hardly take seriously, since no such storm has been ever known to occur; it would have to be serious indeed to spread to that extent.

The elevated position of Mars and Saturn at the autumnal ingress have coincided with the disturbance in Rome caused by the misconduct of French pilgrims and Italian retaliation. At Vienna, Mars was in the mid-heaven; and on October 1st two bombs exploded on an Austrian railway, supposed to be intended for the Emperor. We had previously predicted that in central and eastern Europe rulers and persons of position would be under evil influences. A plot against the life of the Czar was reported in October, and a great many arrests were made.

On pages 347-8, we predicted that in Australia "the Governments will be hard pushed to avert defeat," and "some Government comes near to be overthrown." The New South Wales Government was defeated over the eight hours' question by the labour party.

At the October new Moon we predicted disaster in connection with railways on account of Saturn being on the cusp of the third house; the number of railway accidents in France during that month attended with loss of life was remarkable.

On 28th October an earthquake occurred in Japan attended by much loss of life. On that day Mercury, the Sun, Uranus, and Venus were all in the sign Scorpio, and the two first mentioned were in exact conjunction. Scorpio has been known since the days of Ptolemy as one of the earthquake signs, and probably one result on the entry of Uranus into that sign will be notable earthquakes whenever important conjunctions, oppositions or squares to Uranus fall out.

Letters to the Editor.

All correspondents should give full name and address, not necessarily for publication, but as a token of good faith.

N.B.—Writers of signed articles are alone responsible for the opinions therein contained.

SIR,—I notice that Raphael in your November number charges Sepharial with having made the mistake of supposing that the period of human gestation is nine calendar instead of lunar months. Raphael says that thirty-six weeks is the period. It happens, however, that Sepharial is right and Raphael wrong. In "Hermann's Physiology" I find it stated that "birth occurs about 280 days after

the impregnation of the ovum." This gives a period of forty weeks, or nine calendar months or ten lunar months. But all this is apart from the real issue, for Sepharial has distinctly stated that he does *not* identify the "epoch" with the time of conception. It is apparently an epoch in the astral world, not the physical.

It would be interesting if Raphael would allow us to examine those horoscopes he mentions in which "it was absolutely impossible for the Moon to be either on the (natal) ascendant or descendant" at the time of the epoch. I think Raphael has again fallen into error here. Sepharial does not say that the Moon is always either rising or setting at the epoch, but that the *place* of the natal Moon is; and that the Moon itself at the time of the epoch is on that part of the zodiac which afterwards becomes the natal ascendant (or descendant, as the case may be). See Vol. I., page 235.

May I caution your readers against misapplying this method of rectification, and expecting more from it than it can give. When the time of birth is already known within twenty minutes or half-an-hour, it gives accurate results; but when the time is not known within an hour or two, it is obvious that two distinct ascendants can be worked out by the method; and therefore in such a case it cannot apply.

Raphael asks, "do the planets just before and after the birth of an individual bottle up their influences for certain periods, then uncork and empty the bottle on the head of the devoted native?" The description here is perhaps not so scientifically exact as we could wish, but it is certain that if this "bottling up" does not take place then every known system of directing—Raphael's own included—falls to the ground, for all alike grow directly or indirectly out of this bottling up process. The various methods of directing are founded upon fact and experience, not speculation.

I recently met with an excellent illustration of Sepharial's method of rectification. Female, born 7.30 a.m., 28th November, 1888, at Norwich. The time of birth was carefully noted on purpose that I might make out a correct horoscope. On applying the rectification, I found that it brought the time of birth to 7.35 instead of 7.30. A difference of five minutes is not great, but under the circumstances I was at a loss to explain it until I remembered that I had not enquired whether the watch was regulated by Greenwich time or local time (there is five minutes difference between the two). I took it as being local time, and I was probably wrong, for most watches now-a-days go by Greenwich. If therefore I assume, which is most probable, that Greenwich time was intended, Sepharial's rectification comes exactly right.—Yours truly,

6th November, 1891.

LEO.

"SEPHARIAL" AND RECTIFICATION.

DEAR SIR,—I imagine that many students are bewildered at the theory of "Sepharial" as to the pre-natal epoch and also the pre-natal directions, which are from time to time appearing in your magazine, and I have been hoping that some one more competent than myself would have had something to say by way of comparing the same with their own experience, but it is not everyone who possesses the required data. Fortunately I am able to furnish facts which are within my own knowledge, by means of which I will, with your permission, test his theory. In Nos. 10 and 11 of the *Astrologers' Magazine*, "Sepharial" gave certain rules for rectification, and in the

latter number he furnished a couple of illustrations, viz., a lady born in Birmingham and the Duke of Edinburgh; but whatever proof he may have of the case of the Birmingham instance, it is difficult to conceive that he could have any proof whatever in that of the Duke of Edinburgh. Now for my test:—Take male born at Stroud, September 23rd, 1867, 10 a.m. The ascendant is m 13.53. The Moon 0.13 Deo, above the earth and decreasing in light. Next let us look at Rule 2, p. 263: "If the Moon be decreasing in light and above the earth, then the period is *more* than nine calendar months." In the instance before us I am prepared to say that the mother was *virgo intacta* on December 26th, 1866, and from this date to that of birth is three days *less* than nine calendar months. Now take Rule 1, p. 235: "If the Moon at birth be occidental of the Sun, *i.e.*, decreasing in light, it will at the pre-natal epoch be found in the sign which is setting at birth, and at the time of the exact epoch the Moon's longitude at birth will be setting." The longitude of M at birth, as already stated, was 0.13 Leo, and the sign setting was Taurus. Now the M was in the sign g on the 18th and 19th December, 1866, which date, for the reason stated above, could not have been the time of the "epoch." She was not in g again until 14th January, 1867, which does not agree with time of birth, and is still further from agreeing with rule. "Sepharial's" rules, therefore, when tested by this case of actual experience, fall to the ground. It would be interesting to know whether any other of your readers have tried to apply them, and if so, with what result.—Yours faithfully,

October 29th, 1891.

AMATEUR.

MR. PENNY AND THE PLANET NEPTUNE.

DEAR SIR,—Our horoscope shows us as we are, according to nature, no matter what we are to the world at large, and whatsoever our natal figure may denote, such thoughts will become impressed upon our brain by the astral magnetism, and such impulses are we inclined to follow. Circumstances will naturally draw us into such channels as to develop the indications of our nativity, and only the power of our will can prevent us from entering certain channels, which may be detrimental to our welfare.

What knowledge I have of Neptune's influence has been gained through practical experience in nativities and numberless horary figures, and I continue to find he greatly influences deception. Any one acquainted with the rules of Astrology can see at a glance that the figure is not strictly a pure one, although the native claims to be a model of purity; and there will be scandal at some period of life.

Neptune in the ascendant denotes a worldly-wise person, of a restless nature, and being in opposition to Mercury, the native will be given to criticising, and will be criticised by others, and his judgment will be unreliable.

Neptune in trine with the Moon denotes a person fond of travelling, one desirous of change and who will travel to foreign parts, and who will also take sudden journeys.

Neptune in semi-sextile to Herschel denotes one fond of making explorations, and one who will become interested in spiritualism or will become an investigator of occult science.

Herschel in the ascendant denotes an unsettled condition, much travelling and unexpected changes, which will affect the native nearly all through life.

Neptune denotes that the native will return to his native land, no matter how much he may roam the world; while the Moon in the fourth house denotes many changes in his early days, caused through the parents, and it also shows an unsettled condition in old age.

Neptune in the ascendant denotes an amorous loving nature; while the square between Herschel and Venus denotes trouble in love affairs, and scandal through females at some period of life.

Mars in the fifth house denotes some public scandal, no matter whether it be deserved or not, and shews the native will have trouble through a child; and losses through speculations, which Neptune inclines him to.

Jupiter being in opposition to Herschel, will give heavy, unexpected losses of money, and unless provision is made for old age, the Moon and the square of Jupiter will give want in the latter years of life.

Many planets in the shadow of the earth denotes one who would rather work in darkness; while Saturn elevated above all other planets denotes one who will put the best side out, even though deception be used.

Saturn in Scorpio denotes a cautious person, rather secretive; and shews trouble with the relatives through marriage; while the Sun in trine to Saturn will make the native persevering.

The ailments will be: Nervous affections of the head, caused by Mercury being in opposition with Neptune; urinary troubles and bladder complaints, caused by Saturn; Mars denotes bronchial affections, or a broken arm; Jupiter denotes looseness in the bowels; Herschel will give a numbness in the feet; and from other indications I judge there will be dropsical ailments.

As Neptune is now in square with the Native's Herschel, I judge he will have some trouble caused through Astrology or Astrologers, during 1891 and 1892; and also being on his Moon, he will probably be peevish and very irritable, and will prominently show the nature of the influences Neptune has created in his life.

As I do not wish to encroach upon the pages of our magazine, I will not go into details, or work out any directions in this figure; and I trust that no one will take offence at what I may say, as I write what I find from experience, and am sincerely desirous of avoiding personalities, as I wish to live in love and charity with all men.

CHARLES HATFIELD.

DEAR SIR,—Without feeling any desire whatever to “wriggle” under the criticism of Raphael, I still assert that his objections to the statements I made under the title of “Genius” are beside the mark. The whole argument was primarily based upon the fact that genius cannot be explained by the physical laws of heredity, not even excepting the theory of the “permanent germ-cell,” which, as a theory, is incomplete because there is no reason to show why this particular cell should have passed from one to another along a whole ancestral line for generations back without manifesting its potentialities. Moreover, the very laws postulated by the upholders of this theory would argue for atrophy of such a germ-cell through disuse, and since power comes only through function and use, this particular cell, in which are supposed to be latent all the possibilities of genius in some special direction, could not, therefore, suddenly and spontaneously manifest for the first time in its full powers. There is a great difference of type between *talent*, which comes of a hereditary line that has all along been making for physical adaptation through special func-

tion, and *genius*, which is singular in that it is precocious, more or less wholly unexpected, and constraining to special use a physical instrument which comes of heredity not hitherto possessed of the specialized faculty. "Where two or more persons are born at the same time and in the same place, their lives run concurrently even to their deaths," says Raphael. No one has cause to deny this in order to establish the fact that they will nevertheless be "two or more" souls of distinct individuality, having inclinations and propensities which are distinct, despite the fact that external events in their lives are *similar*, but not the same. We all admit that the degrees rising are altered every minute and second of time in respect of longitude and latitude. True, Horsham is not in the latitude of London, nor *exactly* in the same longitude, but I will ask Raphael to erect a horoscope for Horsham and London, taking the time of Shelley's birth. Let him use the best means he knows and make the nicest difference between the ascendants for the two places he possibly can, and then, having respect to the number of births taking place every minute in an area around Horsham which shall include London and all intermediate places, let him say if *he* could tell that a score of persons might not be born under the same sign and degree as the poet. The same events may happen to several individuals all through life without making them to be even *similar* persons as regards psychic, mental and moral powers, and it is this unknown quantity which the horoscope does not indicate. How long, may I ask, have the nine months of gestation been lunar ones? Where did Raphael learn that 36 weeks was the normal or average period? A brief study of gynecology will show him that 40 weeks is the average, and that it includes a large majority of births, every week, more or less, giving a rapid decrease in the number.

I may be obtuse, but I fail to see the point of Raphael's remark about my having said that Charubel's 27th degree of ♃ exactly describes the fate of Shelley. It is evidently a *coup de grace*, and I should not like to remain ignorant of its full intention and pointing. Will he kindly enlighten me?—Yours faithfully,
SEPHARIAL.

DEAR SIR,—May I crave permission, through your pages, to thank Raphael for his replies to my queries, but with such replies I am not quite satisfied. Raphael says (page 384) "Long orbs are convenient for *twisting* the influences of the planets to suit certain purposes; in the case of directions they are not considered by me." I gather from this that Raphael only considers *directions* to effect *when the aspect* between the respective planets *is exact*, but in reading a natus, judging by his remarks in the "Guide," Book I., he uses these long orbs. Do I understand from the above quotation that he advocates their being retained or discarded in judging a figure; his statement as to directions is clear. I am sorry to find his researches as to the value of *excitements* has been unsuccessful; it does not say much for the reliability of transits. If I may be allowed to offer a suggestion as to his remark about the various systems of "directing," I would like to ask how would he account for the death of Prince Rudolph by the method taught in his books?—Very truly yours,
VULCAN.

E. C. writes:—"Can any of your readers inform me of any book treating upon the influence of the Moon upon vegetation; or any new facts as to her influence in this direction."

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Lessons in Astrology for Beginners.

By APHOREL.

SECTION II. NO. 4.—LUNAR OR SECONDARY DIRECTIONS.

(CONTINUED.)

RULE I.—Subtract the year, month, and day of birth, from the beginning of that year for which the directions are required, set the result down in years, months, and days.

I wish to take out the lunar directions operating during the year commencing January, 1905; I thus proceed:—

	Year.	Month.	Day.	
	1905	0	1	
Deduct	1890	5*	25	}
	14	6	6	

which is the result in years, months, and days, between date of birth, and that for which directions are required.

It will be noticed I have the *month* of birth in figures as the 5th month, 25th day, although the birth occurred on *June 25th*. In my opinion, Sepharial's rule above quoted should be worded somewhat differently; if read thus, "Subtract the year, *complete* month, and day of birth, &c.," for many people consider June as the 6th month of the year, which is quite correct, but it is not a complete month until after the 30th day. In astrological calculations the 25th June must be considered as the 5th month and 25th day, and calculations must be based on these figures, or the result will be exactly *one month out*.

RULE II.—Call the years, *days* (a)—multiply the months by 2 and call them *hours* (b)—and the days by 4 and call them *minutes* (c).

Years.	Months.	Days.
14	6	6
	× 2	× 4
14 (a)	12 (b)	24 (c)

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RULE III.—Add this number of days (a), hours (b), and minutes (c), to the *day*, *hour*, and *minute* of birth. The result will bring you to the time of direction.

Days.	Hours.	Minutes.
14	12	24
+25	4	30 (p.m.) date and time of birth.
39	16	.54 (p.m.) = time of direction.

RULE IV.—Find the Moon's place on this day, hour, and minute, and it will be the Moon's directional place for the beginning of *January* in the year for which the directions are required.

RULE V.—Find the Moon's motion in 24 hours, by subtracting its place at noon on the day of direction, from its place at noon on following day.

RULE VI.—Divide this by 12, and you have the Moon's motion per month.

As no month contains 39 days, the number of days comprised in the month (June, viz. 30) in which the birth occurred, must be deducted from the

	Days.	Hours.	Minutes.
	39	16	54
Days in June—30			
	9	16	54

therefore July 9th, at 16 hrs. 54 min. p.m., will exactly correspond to the beginning of January, 1905, upon the principle of the "year for a day, and the day for a year," upon which this method of direction is based.

Now for Rule IV., to find the Moon's place at that time—viz., July 9th, 16 hrs. 54 min. p.m., 1890.

Moon's position *at noon* 20° 58' ♀ 9th July, 1890.

Moon's „ *at noon* 4° 10' ♀ 10th „ „

Deduct the former from the latter, the result obtained being 13° 12', which is the distance the Moon travels in 24 hours. Find the Moon's position at the time (16 hrs. 54 min.) as taught on page 53, or by logarithms, the result being she has travelled 9° 18' in 16 hrs. 54 min. (at the rate of 13° 12' for 24 hours), which must be added to her place at noon on July 9th—viz.,

		20°	58' ♀
Distance travelled in 16 hrs. 54 min. +	9		18
	Result	0	16' 8

which is her directional place for the beginning January, 1905 (Rule IV).

Find Moon's motion in 24 hours (Rule V.), which is $13^{\circ} 12'$, divide by 12 (Rule VI.), result $1^{\circ} 6'$.

RULE VI.—Add Moon's monthly motion ($1^{\circ} 6'$) to her directional place for January, and you have its place for the beginning of each month during the year. The result will be found in the table which follows.

The Moon's directional parallels must be arrived at in precisely the same way, and the result tabulated at the side of her directional places for ready reference.

The next step is to note the progressive places of the planets, likewise their parallels of declination, and having the horoscope with the parallels of declination for reference, observe whether the Moon aspects either the ascendant, mid-heaven, or the radical or progressive places of the planets, and enter them in the lunar table opposite the month in which they are formed, after which notice if the Moon has travelled to the same parallel of declination the planets were in at birth or by progression, and enter result in the lunar table as before taught.

(To be continued.)

Useful Hints for Beginners.

STUDENTS are strongly advised at the commencement of their astrological studies, to use care in getting their ascendant and the cusps of the various houses right, and also to calculate the exact positions of the various planets (especially the Moon), and insert them correctly in the figure.

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The rules for this will be found clearly and concisely stated, (with numerous examples), on pages 52-53, in Vol. I., and to make sure that the "framework" of the horoscope is about correct, the Sun's position should be noticed.

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The Sun is on the meridian (cusp of tenth house), at noon each day, and on the cusp of the fourth house at midnight, therefore it follows that in any figure erected for a time between noon and midnight the Sun's place is in the Western (or occidental) portion of the figure, and from midnight to the following noon he is in the Eastern (or oriental) part of the figure.

When a planet comes to the cusp of the mid-heaven it is said to "culminate," as by the apparent motion of the heavens it is carried into the ninth house. This is due to the rotation of the Earth on her axis.

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When any planet is on the cusp of the fourth house it then begins to ascend, until it reaches the cusp of the tenth house, when it commences to "culminate" or descend, therefore the third, second, first, twelfth, eleventh, and tenth houses may be termed "ascending," and the remaining ones, the ninth, eighth, seventh, sixth, fifth, and fourth, the descending ones.

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The twelfth, eleventh, tenth, ninth, eighth and seventh houses are above the Earth, the remaining ones are below. When a planet comes to the cusp of the ascendant (or first house), it becomes visible, being on the line of the horizon, therefore for this reason this point is termed the "ascendant," and the cusp of the seventh house the "descendant."

All students are advised to make their symbols plain, and likewise to memorise them. If the symbols are not legible, there is every probability of that of Venus being mistaken for Mercury's, and as the latter is a variable planet, and may act like Mars, an error in judgment may be made, which, if the symbols were clearly made at the outset, the error would have been avoided, as the student will see they are somewhat similar, except for the "crescent" in Mercury's symbol (♿), which is wanting in that of (♀) Venus.

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In calculating the aspects, a perusal of the chapters on the "orbs" of the planets (*i.e.*, the distance their power of operation extends) in Vol. I. will assist them, and they are advised to carefully look at the various tables of aspects given under each horoscope that appears in these pages, and see how these are arrived at. This will greatly assist them in finding out the aspects in operation in any figure they may look into.

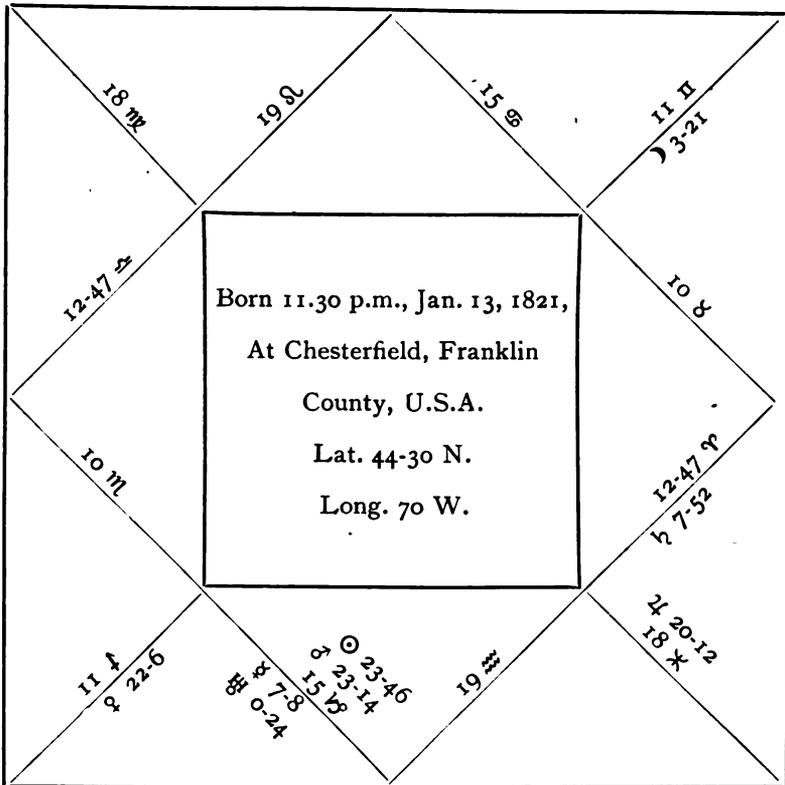
In our November number we gave the Prince of Wales' directions for the next twelve months. The sun is approaching the semi-square of Mars by post-natal motion, and the epochal parallel of the Moon to Mars (November, 1891) measures exactly to the outbreak of fire at Sandringham on November 1st. Mars was then near the radical place of the Prince's Moon.

Horoscopes of Notable Astrologers.

No. V.

W. H. CHANEY.

(Author of *Primer of Astrology, &c., &c.*)



(The following is the reading, by W. H. Chaney, of his own horoscope, which he published in a defunct work, "Astrologic Predictions," in 1872, and is culled from his "Primer," but very much condensed.)

“**A**LL the planets under the Earth, save the Moon, shew the first half of life dark, discouraging, and unsuccessful. The affliction of the fourth indicates that ‘the end of the matter’ will never be very brilliant, and always unlucky with real estate, (although I never owned any except in a graveyard). Saturn in the seventh provides me most abundantly with bitter public enemies. Besides, he makes it evil for marriage. I have buried one wife, been divorced, and for three years have been detained by circumstances from my present wife, one of the best of women, as well as a very talented artist.

“Mercury in a cardinal sign, joined by Uranus, gives me an odd, versatile, original mind, while the Moon in a scientific sign, on the cusp of the house of science, in sextile to Saturn, denoting mathematics, shews an intellect above the average. My last years of life will be the best, yet I can never be very popular, or have much wealth. With ‘moveable’ signs on the four cardinal houses, and the Moon (the synonym for change), so strong, Astrology indicates that I am a restless, unsettled person, ever ready to move, and make changes.

“In this horoscope, Saturn denotes a cold, unfeeling, cruel, revengeful nature, mingled with the rashness and impetuosity denoted by his position in the house of Mars, and these conflicting testimonies must be mingled with the tenderness and amiability of Venus and Libra, giving that cast of countenance, which enabled Dr. Simms, the distinguished physiologist, to read me very carefully before a large audience, not knowing that I was the great unaccountable.

“The ascending degree must be selected as the ‘hyleg,’ because neither the Sun or Moon are found in an hylegiacal place. The hyleg has the opposition of Saturn, but so near the extremity of the 5° orb from the cusp, that the affliction is very light, denoting a strong constitution, but little illness, and extra long life. Saturn is in Aries ruling the head, therefore ailments of the head are indicated. Mars posited in Capricornus denotes accidents to the knees and lower limbs, and I have had both accidents and diseases. Additional testimony is given by Uranus in Capricornus which indicates odd and acute ailments.

“The revenge and vindictiveness are indicated by Saturn; (1) his opposition to the ascendant, (2) his very close quartile to Mercury, ruler of the mind. It is the peculiar combination of the mental faculties which constitutes the disposition. Mercury disposed of by Saturn, in addition to the very severe affliction, shews the stubborn, morose, gloomy indications of Saturn.

“If the benefics had cast a friendly ray to Mercury, a gentler disposition would have been denoted. The Moon sends a beneficent ray to Saturn, but he completes the circuit by transmitting it to Mercury by a malignant quartile. Thus, not only is the aspect evil, but the transmitter also.

“The Sun rules the house of friends, and is very seriously afflicted by Mars. This testimony virtually denies friends altogether. But Jupiter in his domal dignity in such close sextile

to the Sun, promises a few friends among the class denoted by Jupiter in his own house, such as the wealthy, influential, aristocratic, &c. But Jupiter is hidden away in a cadent house, as though ashamed to be friendly, and this quadrates quite correctly with my experience in the matter of friends. Venus, my significator, sends an evil ray to Jupiter, as though it was my fault that my high toned friends are generally ashamed to acknowledge my acquaintance, and I suppose this is so. Mercury rules the house of secret enemies, and suffers from an almost exact quartile of Saturn. This denotes secret enemies in abundance, especially such as are denoted by Mercury—*viz.*, scientific and intellectual.

“ Mars rules the house of public enemies, and as if that were not enough, Saturn is there, rendered more malicious by being in his fall. All my life I have been pursued by bitter public enemies. Probably my combativeness, and utter refusal to compromise on *anything* (for I hold that a compromise implies a surrender of something that should be retained), renders me an object of great abhorrence.

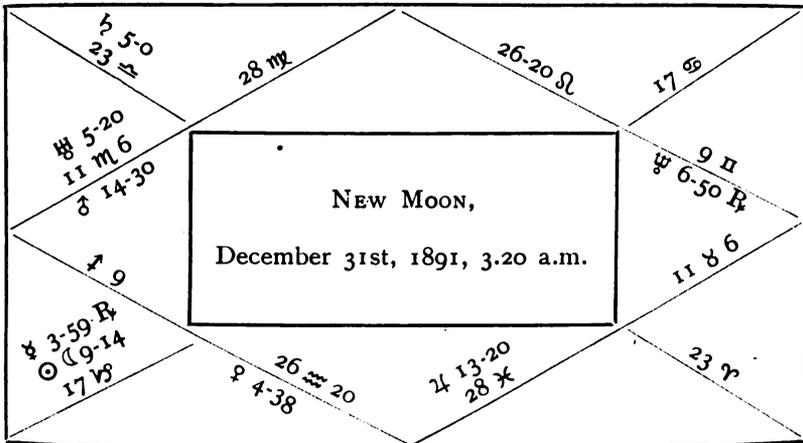
“ The indications of the square of Saturn to Mercury are, when enraged, and reason no longer holds control, no man can be more malicious and cruel. But there is a sunny side to my nature as shewn by Venus and Libra, and when not angry, I get faint if I attempt to pick out a splinter from under one’s nail, and cannot bear to shed blood at all.”

Our author of the foregoing, W. H. Chaney, is very discursive on the subject of his various marriages, we may briefly say that, according to his own shewing, he did not get on with them, and separations resulted. We do not think it necessary to add much to what the native has written, but his remarks as regards his combativeness clearly shew the character of the man.

We subtend the principal aspects in the figure, and would suggest to the native the advisability of cultivating a little more of the nature suggested by Venus and Libra in his natal figure, and using his better nature to kill that which emanates from the square of Saturn and Mercury, endeavouring to live in love and charity with all men.

☉ ☊ ☋, * ♃ → * ♅ applying to ☊ ☉ and ☋ — ♀ ☊ ♃. — ♀ ☊ ♅.

Mundane Astrology.



THE lunation occurs in the second house, the luminaries separating from the sextile of Uranus near cusp of first house, and applying to sextile of Jupiter and Mars. On the whole financial matters will be satisfactory. The luminaries are separating from a square of Saturn, sickness may afflict Royalty during this lunation. The position of Mars denotes much discontent among the people, and the three malefics in elevation do not augur well for a peaceful month among the working classes. Uranus afflicting Venus denotes outrages and crimes amongst women and children. Jupiter strong in the fourth is good for the landed interest and agriculture.

At Berlin, Saturn is in the mid-heaven, Mars and Uranus in twelfth. This is evil for the authorities, the prisons will have many occupants.

At Constantinople the luminaries are on second cusp, Saturn in M.C., and the other malefics in the eleventh house. Treachery will be at work, and a harassing time will be experienced.

St. Petersburg, the angular position of Saturn is fraught with evil for the powers, many deaths, and much trouble throughout the kingdom.

At Calcutta, trouble in matters affecting the ninth house, Jupiter rising in his own sign, finance will be good.

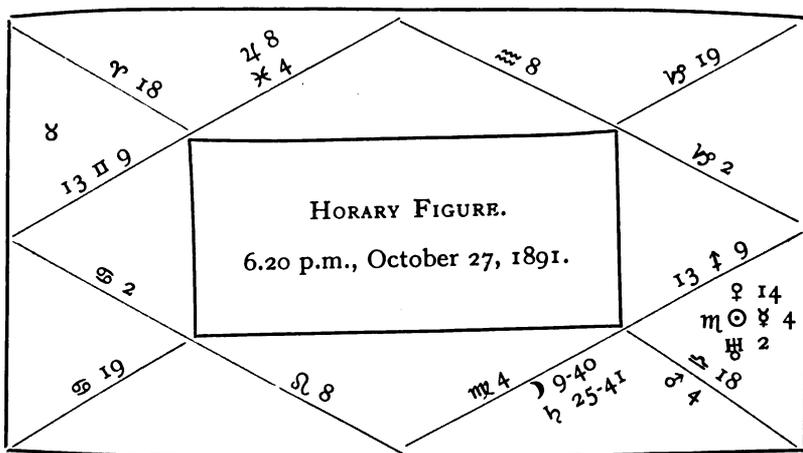
At Washington, scarcity of finance, failures in unlooked for quarters, accidents or fires at water-side places, much sickness with women and children.

At Melbourne, much sickness, difficulty with foreign relations, scandal amongst women, and a lively time in the divorce courts.

At Rio, the opponents of the recognised authorities cause much trouble, turbulence and rioting the order of the day, a heavy death rate.

At Santiago, finance fluctuates considerably, as Mars and Uranus are in second house, but there is hope of speedy improvement as the luminaries in the fifth are going to a sextile of Mars and Jupiter. Speculators are advised to wait, as Venus ruling second is afflicted by Uranus.

Horary Astrology.



QUESTION.—*May Querent purchase £10,000 worth of shares in Gold Mine as temporary speculation?*

AS the ♃ is part ruler of the fifth house, and afflicted by the ♄ 8 4, and he being in a watery sign, is an argument of water in the mine, or possibly a fall of earth, the ♃ being in ♃, from which cause the shares would fall in value.

Then, again, your significator is cadent and combust in the sixth house; although low in price, I would certainly advise you not to purchase.

If you wait patiently till November 11, when ♃ has the ♄ of ♃, and your co-significator, the lady of your second, has the ♁ ♁ lord of the fourth, you may purchase with safety; and if you desire to make a speedy profit, sell out on the 20th, when ♁ has the ♄ of ♃, after which they will recede, and rise again the end of January, 1892.

SECOND QUESTION (same time and date).—*May the Querent take a voyage to Australia with safety and success?*

You certainly require a change, as Mercury, your significator, is in the sixth (house of sickness), in combustion. Your life is safe, as ♃, the lord of ninth (the house of long voyages), is in the fifth (the house of pleasure).

The Moon being in ♆ to Mercury, Sun and Venus, the latter being part ruler of the fifth, and ☉ ruler of the fourth, are two arguments of success, though some little loss will arise from friends, as Jupiter afflicts the lady of your second from eleventh, therefore your hopes will be somewhat frustrated. I would not advise any water travelling while there. You will suffer with sea-sickness, yet may go and return in safety.

PROFESSOR E. CASAEL.

November 2nd, 1891.

Scraps.

FROM the square aspect between Herschel and Venus at the Neomenia, or New Moon for December 31st, I am inclined to think the women of our country will have much to put up with during the lunar period; much cruelty will be experienced by them, and murderous outrages are very probable. The little children also will greatly suffer. It will be noticed these square aspects are formed from fixed signs, and I am afraid those who are unhappily foredoomed to experience sorrow at this time, the results will leave some definite injury behind, as the affliction comes from the "fixed" signs. There is some consolation in the fact that as Herschel is in the twelfth house, the perpetrators of injury upon womankind during the month will be brought before the authorities, and will be imprisoned under heavy sentences, which I think is denoted by Herschel, the significator of the outragers and tyrants, being in the twelfth house (the house of imprisonment). I strongly advise members of my own sex to be especially careful of their reputation during the period of this evil aspect; temptations will be numerous, and those in love should guard against deceit. The children's health should be well looked after, as much trouble is shewn in connection with them during the next four weeks.

EGERIA.

Planetary Influence.

ALTHOUGH it is quite impossible, in a short article such as this must needs be, to take into consideration all the factors which serve to institute the relationship between the diurnal and annual revolutions of the Earth, and the periods of the directional arcs for which Raphael, in common with many others, is seeking a cause, yet it may not be altogether fruitless to consider some of the apparent reasons for this relationship.

In all natural phenomena we have to consider three factors—viz., the active cause, the passive cause, and the resultant. In the matter of planetary influence the Sun, Moon, and Earth hold these relative positions, and to this point a hieroglyphic writing now before me says:—In the generation of phenomenal effects, consider the course observed by nature in the birth of a human (creature). Sol, as father-cause, gives the germs of that (which is to be); the Moon, as mother-cause, gives substance and form, taking from (? the Earth or Sun) what she gives to that (which is to be); and in the season of the Sun and Moon it is (brought into effect). From this it appears that the Sun and Moon stand relatively to the Earth as the father and mother do to their child, which fact is sustained by the most ancient occult writings to which we have access. It would seem also that the Sun is responsible for the dissemination of life-germs which, correlating with the elemental powers of the astral light, take substance and form in accordance with the antetypes already existing in the psychic world, and by the influence of the Moon are born into physical effect in this world. At the moment of birth (which I have already considered elsewhere as an effect in itself directly related to causes set up in a past birth by the re-incarnating Ego) it is understood that the whole series of events through which the individual has to pass are already in existence, and that the Ego, once in the stream of phenomenal life, is then and there in relation to each and every event in that series from first to last. This may seem a conception difficult to entertain at once by those who are not familiar with metaphysics, and who are hence led to regard appearances as if they were realities; but perhaps Emerson's statement of the idealist position may make the conception more definite. He says:—"It beholds the whole circle of persons and things,

of actions and events, of country and religion, not as painfully accumulated, atom after atom, act after act, in an age creeping past, but as one vast picture, which God paints on the instant eternity, for the contemplation of the soul." But I have no intention of entering upon a metaphysical discussion; I merely introduce this idea for the purpose of saying, under illustration, that the apparent passage of events exists only for the person who, under natural limitations, thinks in the terms of time and space determined by the phenomena of sense-perception. The whole series of events, from first to last, are in unbroken sequence. Unbroken, because in reality co-existent; sequential, because of the limitations of our consciousness. To return to our subject. The solar germs enter into a lunar matrix, where they go through a process of gestation, and in due course are born into earth-life as events. From a view of the motions of the luminaries and the planets, it is evident that the distribution of these events is in regular periodical succession, but the aspects they present to different individuals must needs vary, according to the line of psychic heredity traversed by each, as indicated by the horoscope. Thus all the aspects formed by the Moon during the fifth day after birth will remain in gestation till the fifth year of the native's life; but inasmuch as this same day may be the fiftieth in the life of another individual, there is an anomaly instituted in respect of *time*; for in the first case it appears that the astral causes were in gestation for five years less five days, while in the second case they appear to have been in gestation for fifty years less fifty days.

Here, again, we are bewildered by *appearances* only. Taking the usual measure of time—viz., one day for a year of life—we may apply it to the two cases mentioned, calling them "B" and "C." Let us say that "B," the elder of the two, is born on the 26th May, 1843, and "C" on the 10th July, 1843. Let it be granted, as a common postulate, that every solar aspect takes one year, from the time of its actual formation, to reach the point of development where it eventuates as an *influence* in the life of a native. Then, by reference to the ephemeris for 1843, it will be seen that at the age of forty-five years "B" will come under the influence of the radical aspects of "C," and, five years later, under the influence of ☉ P 8 ♃ P, which "C" will have experienced no less than forty-five years ago. If we take the date of "B's" birth as the point of departure, it will be seen

that fifty days from that time the Sun forms its opposition to Saturn. When "B" is forty-five days old, "C" incarnates, and in so doing comes under the general law which regulates the measure of time for the conversion of planetary influence into phenomenal effects, so that from that point "B" and "C" will progress at the same rate. Thus "C" will cross the line of influence $\odot P 8 \text{ } \text{h} P$ at the age of five years, while "B," who has already the germs of forty-five years of life in gestation, will not reach that line of influence until the age of fifty years. It will therefore be seen that the germs of every event in one's life entered into the psychic principle of the constitution while he was yet an infant "mewling and pewking in his nurse's arms." Hence arises the question as to whether the planetary influences are "bottled up" for so many years, and then emptied "on the head of the devoted native." Occult science would teach us that these influences are in a subjective matrix state within the psychic sphere of the individual, and, being eventually born into effect, they operate within the limits and under the conditions prescribed by the range and elevation of that sphere.

Much that has reference to the psychic nature of the individual, and its progress along the line of evolution by means of psychic heredity, and the conditions afforded by successive incarnations, can only be learnt from the esoteric aspects of Astrology. What may seem strange to those who argue for the natal figure as all-sufficient in Astrology, is the fact that occultism does not make its calculations from the natal figure at all. But then, why should it concern itself with the horoscope of the birth of a physical organism when enquiry is made concerning the successive manifestations of the permanent Ego? The same relationship exists between the cosmic mind of the solar system and the three factors of phenomenal existence—the Sun, Moon and Earth—as between the incarnating Ego and its vital, astral and physical vehicles of manifestation; and it is to this relationship that we must refer the directional effects produced by the interaction of the Sun, Moon and Earth in their respective revolutions, as also the translation of these effects into terms of human consciousness.

There is one other point in connection with planetary influence which may serve to throw some light upon the method of its operation upon the native. It is well known by common practice that a direction falling in one house will not

produce the same effects as when falling in another. In connection with this it is worthy of note that the observed position of the planets at any given moment is not their actual position. Light is due to a mode of etheric vibration, and the velocity of light is found to be 184,000 miles per second. The Sun, which is ninety-two millions of miles distant from us, will therefore have risen eight minutes before we perceive it as upon the horizon; while in making an observation of the southing of ζ we do not see the planet as upon the meridian until fifty-two minutes (of time) after it has passed that point. In the case of Saturn, the time between the actual southing and its observation by us is 1 hour 23 minutes, and that of Uranus 2 hours 46 minutes, which may be seen by taking the mean distances of these planets from the earth, and dividing them by the velocity of light per second.

From these facts it will be seen that when Uranus is represented as being on the meridian of a horoscope, its actual position is in the eighth house, while ι and ζ , under the same observation, would in reality occupy positions in the ninth house. The conclusion to which I am driven is, therefore, that planetary influence, so far as it concerns merely terrestrial affairs and all such things as enter into our consideration when judging of events from the horoscope, is inseparably connected with etheric vibration, which includes the phenomena of electricity, light and radiant heat. I include the three states, because I do not consider that planetary influence is restricted to the set of vibrations represented in the spectrum, but extends to all degrees of activity in the inter-planetary substance. From this position it is not difficult to understand that distinct neuropathic and psychic conditions are produced in sensitives by the mere contact of substances exposed to the meridian rays of the planets, as shown in Reichenbach's researches.

SEPHARIAL.

The recent insurrection and savage atrocities in China have coincided with the passage of Mars through the ruling sign of that country—Libra. As Saturn is entering Libra, it is to be feared that quiet will not be permanently restored yet.

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On the day of the November eclipse there was a panic on the Vienna Bourse. Mars and Uranus were both in the second house for Vienna.

Notes on Recent Events.

EARTHQUAKE, OSACA.—On the 6th June last the ☉ was eclipsed in the 16° of ♀—□ H seventh house (28° ♄) and □ ♃ twelfth house (17° ♃). On 12th October ♃ and ♂ were conjoined in 24° ♃ (fourth house), an earthy sign, ♃ Δ ☾ and ♃ and ☾ Δ ♃—♃ in ♃ had progressed to Δ of ♂ place at eclipse of 6th June. At about the period of the earthquake (31st October—1st November) the ☾ was on the place of ♃—□ ☉ and ☾, and ♃ places at the eclipse. The ☾ was near the place of ♃—☉ □ ☾'s place Δ ♃ place, and ♂ on the place of ♃ at the conjunction (12th October), and the New Moon of 1st November fell in 9° ♃ in ♃ to the place of the ☽ of ♃ and ♂. On 16th November the ☾ is eclipsed on the fourth angle Δ the ☽ ♃ and ♂—♃ in eighth house, ♂ in the ninth of the local figure. At the solar ingress into ♃ on 22nd December the ☉ is on the cusp of the tenth house ♂ to ♂ at the eclipse of ☉ 6th June—and the ☾ is applying to place of ☽ ♃ and ♂. ♃ and ♂ are in ♀, and near ☽ in the seventh house, on cusp of the eighth in ♃—♃ ruling eighth—
 thefts and murders will be numerous, and there will be trouble with foreign powers, probably from Western parts, and ♃ R and combust trade will suffer. ♂ strong, there will be some disease of the eyes prevalent. At the solar ingress of 21st June, 1888 (London) ♂ and ♃ were nearly conjoined in the eighth house, which position was followed by the Whitechapel horrors, predicted by Zadkiel in his Almanac for that year. It may be interesting to watch the course of events in Japan for the next few months. Not having seen the time of the shock published in any paper, I am unable to erect a figure for the moment. The evil positions of the ☾ and ♃ at the entry of the ☉ into ♄ on 23rd September last have been productive of many murders, suicides (♃ ☽ ☾) and extraordinary deaths in and near these latitudes—♀ ruler of eighth on the cusp of the twelfth—secret foes—♃ lord of 2 and 7 □ ☾—applying to ☽ ♃ lord of the fourth—six planets in violent signs and five in human.

♃ in ♃.

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At the November eclipse of the Moon we predicted—"Some eminent literary man will die;" this has been followed by the death of the Earl of Lytton, Ambassador at Paris, well known as an author under the pseudonym of "Owen Meredith." He died at 4 p.m., 24th November, at Paris, suddenly, of heart disease. He was born 2nd October, 1831. He had the Moon in Leo (governing the heart) at birth, in opposition to Uranus. The following directions were in force about the time of death:—

Post-natal—	) R □ ♂ P	) P ☽ ♂ P
) □)
Pre-natal—	☉ P ♂ ♃ R	) P □ ♃ R
) □)

He had been suffering from inflammation of the kidneys and bladder, which is indicated by the conjunction of Mars, Venus and the Sun in Libra at birth.

Dr. Goodwin, Bishop of Carlisle, died suddenly on November 25, which fulfilled our prediction—that "the religious world will suffer loss."

Prince George of Wales has recently been ill with typhoid fever. He was born at 1.18 a.m., 3rd June, 1865. His directions coinciding with the event are:—

Post-natal—	☉ P ∠ ♂ R	) P ∠ ♂ R
		) P ☐ ♃ P
		) P in sixth
Pre-natal—	☉ P ☐ ♃ R	) P ☐ ♂ P

Mars has recently been in transit over the radical place of his Moon, and Saturn is now near the same place.

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Post Office troubles and railway accidents also shared our attention at the eclipse. On November 21st, W. Dawson was arrested, charged with stealing letters from the Post Office containing value to the amount of £2,700. On November 16th, railway accidents occurred at Upper Sydenham and at Kendal, and one also near Birmingham a few days later. At the conjunction of Mars and Saturn, we predicted strikes in countries ruled by ♄, and this was followed by the strike of 15,000 coal-miners at Pas-de-Calais, and in Western Europe generally the relations of masters and men have been very strained, and numerous smaller strikes have resulted. At the November lunation in Scorpio with Venus and Herschel, also there we predicted much scandal and low morality. The Russell case has occupied public attention, and shared public disgust for many days. There have also been several Divorce Court and Police Court cases less notable, but not less sad. The Clutterbuck scandal also confirms our prognostications. Influenza still troubles the health of England, and also the heavy downfall, causing so much damp, has affected the general health, and caused a higher death-rate, as we predicted at the November lunation. The terrible and fatal bomb outrage at New York, foreshadowed at the conjunction of Mars and Saturn, startled New York on the 4th December.

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The appearance of the Christmas number of the *Review of Reviews* is another confirmation of our prediction as to the result of the entrance of the occult planet Herschel into Scorpio. The energy of the indomitable intellect of its editor, and his hankering after the occult, is again shewn. We would advise and warn him, and all his readers, that if they wish an explanation of the psychic laws of the inner universe, not to look for satisfactory results from reasoning on physical hypotheses, and from material laws, but to strive to become initiated into the inner mysteries, the key of which is found in the "record of the stars," which have in all ages been the finger-post and beacons of the seers and philosophers of thought-progress; understand this science, and then the so-called freaks of imagination will be found to be the result of psychic laws operating from the spiritual planisphere. We recommend our readers to study this number, and to endeavour to spread interest in the occult.

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Dom Pedro, ex-Emperor of Brazil, died in France at 5 a.m. on the 4th December, 1891. He was born on the 2nd December, 1826. His directions corresponding to death are as follows:—

Post-natal— ☉ P. 6° past ♄ ♃ R ♃ P. near ♄ ☉ R
 ☉ P. ♄ ♃ P.
 ☉ P. ♄ ♃ R.
 ☉ P. ♃ ♃ P.

Pre-natal— ☉ P. ☐ ♃ ♃ P. ♄ ♃
 ♃ P. ☐ ♃ P.

The December New Moon fell exactly on the place of his radical Sun.

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Typhoid fever was prevalent in November, and there was a slight renewal of the influenza, which fulfilled our prediction of "sickness in the land" for that month. Zadkiel, Raphael and Orion all predicted similarly.

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During November a political conspiracy was discovered in Russia, and many persons arrested. At the November New Moon, Saturn and Mars were both in the fourth house for St. Petersburg (opposing the tenth), and accordingly we said that this position was "less favourable to the Government" than the influences in Western Europe.

Is it wise to peep into the future?

THIS is a question that has often been put to me, and doubtless to many other students of Astrology, and as many will still have this question put to them, it may be of interest to all to look closely into the matter. That there is an intense longing to know what the future has for each one of us few will deny, and as to the wisdom or folly of seeking to know this, must be a personal consideration for each individual. To those who are familiar with the Bible, the words of David are especially pertinent:—"Lord, let me know mine end, and the number of my days, that I may be certified how long I have to live;" and also "Teach me to *number my days*, that I may apply my heart unto wisdom." Solomon says "There is a time for everything; a time to be born, a time to marry, and a time to die." Shakespeare says "There is a tide in the affairs of men, which, if taken at the flood, leads to fortune." If, as Solomon says, there is a time for everything, it behoves us, as thinking, rational beings, to find out *when* that time is. Take as an illustration a working man who, upon leaving his workshop, meets with an accident, and is killed, leaving a wife and family unprovided for, which, by the way, is not an uncommon occurrence. Had this man have known the approximate time of his death, he would have provided in some way or other (such as insuring his life) for

such a contingency, and thus saved his wife and family from being dependent upon the bounty of others. Would it not have been wise for such an individual to have used the art of Astrology to peep into futurity? Some may say that it is not right to do so, but they cannot give the reason why it is wrong, and in a vague sort of way say it is not authorised in the Bible. This sort of people go to the Bible when it suits their convenience, and really know little about it, for in the Holy Scriptures there is only one thing clearly stated that no one knows, and that is "the end of the world," although Baxter and Cumming, being exceptionally wise in their generation, have professed to know this, and have egregiously failed. "Teach me to number my days," said David (meaning the length of my life and what I have to go through), "that I may apply my heart unto wisdom." Here is the key of the position, "to apply my heart unto wisdom." The earnest astrological student has already applied his heart to wisdom; if his motives be pure he will have his thirst quenched at the Fountain of Knowledge. "Never neglect opportunities" is a golden precept; how many do neglect them for want of knowledge and suffer accordingly, whereas the student knows by calculation when his opportunities are favorable, and he does not neglect them, clearly proving that it is wise to peep into futurity. Take a case of illness.—Say, δ lord of 6th in the 8th and the \odot is progressing to the \square of δ , according to the nature of the signs, \odot and δ are in, so will the result be. In such a case the student would not be far out in predicting death to the native when the lunar testimonies were evil, and acted upon the solar ones, and especially if at same time \heartsuit afflicted, and the benefics did not lend their aid to preserve life. In giving advice on a point like this, the native should be advised to make his earthly affairs secure, and the astrologer would be only doing his duty in so advising, whether or no such prediction was verified, for if the radix bore testimony to such a death, the chances are 99 to 1 that the prediction would be verified, and death would ensue at the time predicted. If the native followed out the astrologer's advice, and made the necessary provision for such an event, the fact would prove how wise it is to peer into the future, and act in accordance with the result of such investigations.

The Degrees of the Zodiac Symbolised.

(CONTINUED).

- ♈ 11°.—A woman of beautiful and kind countenance, standing alone, and but half-covered with a robe which falls from the left shoulder.

It indicates a soft, gentle, and amiable disposition; addicted to acts of kindness and charity; but of weak will, such as to be led astray through a desire to please others; forgetful of self and liable to acts of indiscretion. This is a degree of *beauty and gentleness*.

- ♉ 12°.—A man leading two children by the hands.

It denotes a sociable and bountiful nature, with strong instincts of a domestic nature. One who delights in his family relations and feels pride in the quality of householder and husband. The degree confers much dignity and honour upon the native in his social and civil life, but elsewhere he does not meet so much success. It is a degree of *conservatism*.

- ♊ 13°.—A man at the summit of a mountain, illumined by the setting sun; holding a staff in his right hand, in his left a crown.

It denotes one who through suffering, pain, and hard work, will at the close of life rise to much dignity and receive many honours. This degree is capable of lifting the native from obscurity to prominence as the reward of enduring effort. It is a degree of *reward*.

- ♋ 14°.—A man out in mid-ocean on a raft, famished and in pitiable distress.

It denotes loneliness and indigence in life; one who will lead a strange and outcast life, with few friends and those either unwilling or unable to help him. It seems to contain the idea of much travelling, perhaps exile and finally a lonely grave. It is a degree of *isolation*.

- ♌ 15°.—A man struggling in the water with a broken footbridge above his head.

It denotes a nature prone to mistakes of judgment; liable to be too trustful of others and to misplace his confidences, so that he is often deceived not only in his own powers but in his estimate of the character of others. In a speculative life, the native of this degree would be hopelessly unsuccessful in the end; and ought to cultivate self-knowledge and self-reliance and to exercise extreme caution in all his dealings and associations. This degree is one of *treachery*.

Letters to the Editor.

All correspondents should give full name and address, not necessarily for publication, but as a token of good faith.

N.B.—Writers of signed articles are alone responsible for the opinions therein contained.

THE PRE-NATAL EPOCH.

DEAR SIR,—I hope that the publication both of "Leo's" letter on this subject and of my own article, will have set a few misconceptions in order. There was evidently great need for some such explanation, for, in the same number of the Magazine, there appears a letter from "Amateur," who begs the whole question in favour of a test in which he shows that the period of gestation in a certain case does not agree with the time required for the epoch according to my rules. As the argument is based entirely on a wrong idea of what is intended by the "epoch," there is no need for me to discuss it. There is one point, however, upon which I should like to be assured, viz.: the exact moment of birth. When a person says he was born at the exact hour, quarter, or half-hour, I know that in nine cases out of ten this is incorrect. I have, however, taken considerable trouble to get at reliable data for the purposes of establishing the general law, and of observing its anomalous features. The Duke of Edinburgh's data I took from the horoscope given in this Magazine, and, as I had nothing to do with its calculation or insertion, my rectification was a perfectly independent operation. In fifty cases I am prepared to show a mean difference of less than one degree between the recorded time (if accurately taken) and the correction made by the rules; or, against every one that exceeds a difference of one degree, I am prepared to put two that are, by rectification, *less* than one degree from the recorded time.

Now a word as to "Raphael's 36 weeks." Nine calendar months or 280 days is universally considered as the correct time for pregnancy. There are exceptions to the rule, however; but as regards their number, they are found to decrease proportionately as their distance from the normal period extends.

In the Gardiner Peerage case the evidence turned upon this very question, and Dr. Merriman, of London, took a wonderful amount of patient interest in ascertaining the average period of pregnancy. Out of a test of 114 cases the following ratios resulted:—

3	Born in the	37th	Week.	
13	"	"	38th	"
14	"	"	39th	"
33	"	"	40th	"
22	"	"	41st	"
15	"	"	42nd	"
10	"	"	43rd	"
4	"	"	44th	"

From this it appears that the very positive statement of "Raphael" as to the 36th week being the limit of pregnancy, is reduced to a *possible* one case in every 100 or thereabouts, which, considering the results of the 37th week as compared with those of the 40th, is a very generous allowance of his estimate.—Yours faithfully,

SEPHARIAL.

DEAR SIR,—Allow me to draw attention to one point which has an important bearing on the question at present in dispute between “Sepharial” and “Raphael.”—Although the *average* number of births per minute may be ever so great, that fact, in itself, does not prove that *every* minute sees a large number of births. Our great men do not die, as a rule, in bunches, so to speak, and I suspect that persons who are extraordinary either in fortune, body, or mind, are born at moments when there are few persons born. A good way of testing this would be to get your readers to forward to you the particulars of all births, which to their knowledge have taken place, say, during one particular hour on the same day. I was born between five and six p.m. in London, on the 20th September, 1858. I should be glad if any of your readers, who know of any other births during the same hour, would send to me, through you (with your kind permission?), particulars of such births and dates of important events in the subsequent careers of such persons. Such particulars I think would afford great interest to all students of the science of the Stars.

Yours faithfully, GUY MANNERING.

MR. PENNY AND PROFESSOR HATFIELD.

DEAR SIR,—The opening remarks of Mr. Hatfield, in his reading of my natus, are very good when properly applied. But as I never made any claim to being a *model of purity*, I don't know why he introduces it. I admit the natus is not a pure one—but few are; neither do I profess nor pretend to possess good, sound judgment. I always fully admit my defective memory for repetitions, word for word, and I possess a bitter, critical, and analytical mind, am very impulsive, and far too hasty, yet have always been thoughtful, careful, studious, or of a contemplative nature, timorous, nervous, and sensitive, possibly too much so. I have never given way to drinking habits, gaming, betting nor speculating; from childhood have always been blamed for being abruptly truthful and blunt to a degree. A liar, slanderer, seducer, or a dishonest person I always abhor and shun. I freely admit an unfortunate marriage and a few regrettable incidents, but never had any trouble with or about a child, except the death of my only son. If I am worse than other men I fail to know it. I generally find that I am more honourable and truthful than the majority. But all this is beside the point in dispute, although leading up to it. Professor Hatfield attributes to the Planet Neptune the most vile of incidents and influences, in fact a combination of *all* the evils attributed to *all* the other planets. In our previous correspondence (ψ 8 ϙ), although my name was withheld, he must have known that his conclusions were foregone ones, consequently he has succeeded admirably in demonstrating the worthlessness of his observations. I must positively reiterate, without fear of contradiction, that all who know me are able to give an emphatic denial to his dictum regarding Neptune's influence upon my character. This is all I desired in the interest of Astrology and Truth; my object has been attained at his cost. Evidently he has Neptune on the brain, and if so radically wrong in one case, he may be in all—I think so, for my observations regarding Neptune's influences, either directional or by transits, upon the ordinary events of life is nil, and as Neptune is now transiting my radical moon, I further challenge this worthy Professor to give data and events attributable to *Neptune's influence solely*. Then to prove or disprove his theory, I will give the actual incidents, with the data and

the true cause and effects. His hypocritical concluding remarks are unworthy of my notice. In conclusion, students are no doubt desirous to know if the published statements of Mr. Hatfield are reliable—a few observations from those who know me, if admissible, and from a phrenologist, concluded by Mr. Alan Leo, one of the editors, who knows me personally, even if briefly stated, so that the influences of the planet Neptune, as per Hatfield's dictum, may be affirmed or discredited, as it will set this matter at rest.—Yours truly,

8th Dec., 1891.

R. H. PENNY.

[NOTE BY EDITOR.—We think that it will be best, now our friend Penny has replied, that the correspondence should now cease; students can draw their own inferences. All personalities should be strictly avoided.]

DEAR SIR,—I note the remarks of "Sepharial," and have pleasure in replying to his objections and criticisms.

When two or more persons are born at the *same time* and in the *same place* their *inclinations* and *propensities* are identical; their aches and pains, likes and dislikes are the *same*; they are *not* distinct.

Respecting the vexed question of Horsham and the twenty or more persons born about the time of Shelley, I still say that the remarks of "Sepharial's" "advanced scientific" correspondent are nonsense. I will try to prove it. According to my map, Horsham is nearly 30 minutes of latitude south of London, and when the 27° of \uparrow is rising the difference in the ascendant between Horsham and London is a little over 30 minutes, or say half a degree, an amount not to be despised. In London there occurs on the average about 3,500 births a week, we will add 500 more to include the towns and villages round about Horsham, this will make the number 4,000. In a week there are just over 10,000 minutes, and if "Sepharial" divides one by the other he will find that a birth occurs on an average of every $2\frac{1}{2}$ minutes; it will, therefore, take 50 minutes or nearly one hour, for twenty persons to be born, and this includes the whole of London and the country south of London to the sea coast!

In the latitude of London it takes $4\frac{1}{2}$ minutes for the 27° of \uparrow to transit the ascendant, and as there is a difference of half a degree between the ascendants of Horsham and London, it follows that there are only $2\frac{1}{4}$ minutes of time when the two ascendants are *identical*, and as it takes $2\frac{1}{2}$ minutes for a birth, only *one* person could be born when the two ascendants were identical, and even if the ascendants agreed the other houses would vary, and so alter the influences in the map. All students of Astrology know as well as I do that every minute of time and every minute of latitude and longitude make a difference in the influences, and if our heads are so thick and our knowledge so little that we cannot perceive this difference it is our fault, not that of Astrology. Am I right in my figures or not? If right, then "Sepharial's" correspondent talked *rubbish*; if wrong, I am open to correction.

I did not say or allege that I could tell the difference in a person born in London and another at Horsham. It is this lack of knowledge that I lament. I wish it were otherwise.

The Pre-natal Epoch.—This I consider the most important point of the whole controversy. "Sepharial" says he got the idea from the "Trutine of Hermes," but who was Hermes? No man ever lived

with that name to the best of my knowledge, and this "Trutine of Hermes" is probably the production of some shallow-minded individual possessing more tongue than wit.

"How long," asks "Sepharial," "have the nine months of gestation been lunar ones?" So far as I am concerned, some bit over 20 years. "Where did I learn that 36 weeks was the normal or average period?" I was at home when I learned it, and I got it from observation.

My suspicions were first aroused by finding that the monthly periodics were ruled exclusively by the ☽. Now for facts and figures. Female married September 16th, 1871, a fully-developed son born May 30th, 1872, 11.10 a.m. Another coition occurred on September 24th, 1885, child born June 4th, 1886, 11 p.m. Another—the last monthly periodic *commenced* on February 12th, 1891, child born October 27th, 1891, 0.50 p.m. Besides the above, 14 other cases have come under my observation, and in every instance the birth occurred as expected. I made no note of these at the time, otherwise I would have given them all.

The data given above are absolute FACTS, about which there is not so much as the *shadow* of a doubt. All the children were fully developed *nine months'* infants, at least so the doctor said, and they are all alive and kicking at the present time.

Now note this. If *impregnation* does not occur until the 3rd or 4th week after the periodic, then the time of gestation will be, *apparently*, 38 or 39 weeks, and it is probably this, and the irregularity of the periodics in some females, that gave rise to the 40 weeks.

I note that "Sepharial" considers the pre-natal epoch as different to the conception, but why is not so clear.

"Mundane causes and astral causes proceed by different means into effect," says "Sepharial," What are "mundane causes?" I can understand *mundane* effects as the result of *astral* causes, but I am not clear as to mundane causes, and am not willing to remain ignorant of these.

If I may express an opinion I would say that I consider the moment of conception as very important and second only to the natal time; but the pre-natal epoch as expounded by "Sepharial" is absolutely beyond the scope and bounds of our knowledge. It does not even agree with the time of "quickening"; but I leave it, as it is impossible to *prove* anything in connection with it.

In reply to "Leo," respecting the period of gestation, I must refer him to my replies to "Sepharial." By-the-bye, "Sepharial" repudiated "authority" a short time back; why should I accept it now, and in face of absolute FACTS to the contrary. Has a doctor better means of observing than a husband and father? The data which "Leo" requires are already given above. If he refers to my letter, he will find that in my attack on the present systems of directing I made no exception in favour of my own; they are all, to my mind, eminently *unsatisfactory* and *delusive*.

In reply to "Vulcan," in reading a *natus*, *long* orbs *should be* considered; my remarks (page 384) applied to *directions* only.

I have not had time to examine into the death of Prince Rudolph, but "Vulcan" must recollect that I never claimed *infallibility* for my system; I still maintain that it comes *nearer* the truth than any other, but, like them, it is often a miserable failure.

I do not think any reply has been given to a letter from two students in Melbourne in your October issue. Firstly, as to ♄ being

the house of the ☉, because he there produces greatest heat, is sheer *stupidity*, whether Ptolemy wrote so or not. The *nature* of the sign ♋, when rising, is found to be more like the *nature* of the ☉ than any other planet, hence that sign was allocated to the ☉ as his house. The sign ♎ agrees with the nature of ♁ when free from affliction, and the sign ♍ when afflicted. A short explanation of this subject will be found in my "Key to Astrology," page 27.

Secondly, whether ♎ or ♋ be taken as the beginning of the *solar* year is perfectly immaterial so far as Astrology is concerned.

Thirdly, so far as my opinion goes, I do not consider there should be any alteration in the directions of the signs. ☉ is N. and ♎ S., and the N. and S. are the same all the world over; then why change? In the "Companion" to my "Almanack," page 31, some further remarks on the subject of N. and S. latitudes will be found.

Fourthly, the ♃'s nodes are not used in Astrology now.

Fifthly, respecting the fates of pups, kittens, &c., are they really born so quickly that *all* their ascendants are identical? I doubt it. In the case of *human* twins, five minutes frequently make a world of difference between the two. I have often thought about this subject, but have never made observation, so cannot speak positively.

RAPHAEL.

REVIEWS.—Raphael's "Key to Astrology."—Held over for want of space.

Answers to Correspondents.

PHILASTER.—If you will send name and address (not for publication), we will write you. We should like proofs of what you assert.

Astrological Prizes.

THERE is a considerable falling off in these competitions, both in number and quality, and we do not consider any worthy of a prize. The one whose delineation comes nearest the mark is Mr. Elson, but his ascendant is *many degrees out*. These competitions were originated with the idea of encouraging young beginners, but it does not seem to be received with favour, therefore we shall discontinue it—at all events, for the present. A delineation of the nativity will be given in our next number.

The two notable deaths predicted have been fulfilled in the death of Mr. W. G. Wills, the dramatist, who died 13th December, and Dom Pedro, as quoted elsewhere.

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Lessons in Astrology for Beginners.

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SECTION II. No. 5.—LUNAR OR SECONDARY DIRECTIONS.

(CONTINUED.)

THIS having been done, note the progressive places of the planets on the before mentioned date, likewise their parallels, and observe when the Moon aspects either their radical or progressive places, and when any such aspect is perfect, it must be entered in the Lunar table in the same way as the aspects were added in the Solar table.

Should the student desire to find out the operating directions in any nativity for *any year commencing at the same day of the month as the native was born*, (and not for the commencement of January in such year), all he has to do is to calculate the planetary positions, &c., for the *same time of the day or night* as the native was born, as pointed out on page 90, Vol. I. For example, should he desire the directions for the thirty-fourth year of life, commencing at the birthday, (as I now purpose taking out), he must calculate the planetary positions thirty-four days after birth, which in this case will be obtained on 29th July, 1890, thus

	Year.	Month.	Day.	Hour.	Min.
Date, &c., of birth ...	1890	June	25	4	30 p.m.
Add days after birth } corresponding to } year desired ... }			34		
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Deduct number of } days in the month } of birth (June) }	1890		59	4	30 p.m.
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	1890	July	29	4	30 p.m.

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For the directions in sixty-sixth year he must work upon the same lines, which in this case corresponds to 30th August, 1890, at 4.30 p.m.

In judging the probable effect of directions, first observe what solar ones are in operation, and then the planetary ones, not forgetting that the radix is the "root," and all future matters must be referred thereto, for if certain matters are denied in the horoscope, no direction will produce them, hence, always bear the radix in mind.

In the native's 14-15 years, ♃ has progressed to the ☉ of ☉ in radix (♁ in eighth house), and ♀ has travelled (in ♈) to ♁ ♃ radical (and progressional) place; hence, as the nature of these aspects are benefic, the dawning primary influences during this period are favorable. It now remains to be seen how the lunar will act upon them, for if they are of the same nature as the solar, the good will be increased, or strongly marked, according to the *strength* of the aspect the Moon may throw, but if the influence she brings to bear upon the primaries be evil, and the aspect she holds is of greater strength for evil than the primaries are for good, the good will be nullified, and evil will accrue.

First note the *house* the Moon is in at the time of direction, for all matters relating to the house will be affected for good or evil, (according to the aspects at the various times received by her during her progress through such house being malefic or otherwise).

In this case, the Moon is passing through the sixth house, hence I judge health will be affected. In February the ☽ comes to a Δ of ♃, this should make her thoughtful, studious, and very careful. In March, the ☽ comes to the parallel of ♁; this will act suddenly, and as ♁ is in the eleventh, it will arise through an acquaintance, or at one of their residences, and as the ☽ rules the eighth (house of death), a loss of an acquaintance may be experienced. It will happen suddenly and her health will be temporarily affected. In the following month the ☽ ♁ ☉ radix (note, ☉ is in the eighth house), and this somewhat bears out the previous remark, and as this latter direction acts on the primary one now formed, a decided benefit through a death will accrue to the native this month that will greatly influence her future career, for the solar direction is in a "cardinal" sign, and the ☽ brings it into play from a "fixed" sign. May is a "critical" month, (*i.e.*, a period midway between two opposing influences), for in June

☽ comes to a □ of ♀ radical in ninth. I consider that from the middle of May until the next "critical" period is reached, the native's health will be affected through over-study, ♀ being in the house of science. The next aspect is not formed until September when ☽ comes to □ ♃ progressive; and as ♃ is in ♋ in third and, ruling second, I consider this will affect her finance, and matters signified by the third house, which also bears relation to science, study, and short journeys, she will have much annoyance in travelling short distances, they will not be profitable, and will likewise affect her health. In October, things will change temporarily for the better, as ☽ Δ M.C., but as Luna is under the Earth it will not be of much importance, her reputation will be sustained, and matters connected with the tenth house will receive an impetus.

In November a □ is formed to ♃ radix. This will act in a similar manner to the influences in October, and like results may be expected. In December ☽ parallel to ♁; this will produce a serious illness that will leave its results permanently, for both ☽ and ♁ are in "fixed" signs.

Here follows the Lunar table:—

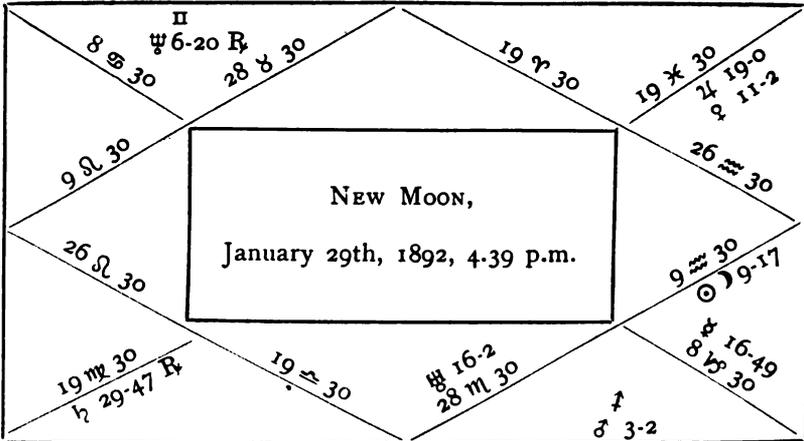
14-15 years.		par. dec.
Jan.	☽ 0°.16' 8	7.35
Feb.	,, 1°.22' ,,	8.1½ Δ ♁ P. ♋ ninth.
Mar.	,, 2°.28' ,,	8.28 Par. ♃ R. and P.
Apl.	,, 3°.34' ,,	8.54½ * ☉ rad.
May	,, 4°.40' ,,	9.21
June	,, 5°.46' ,,	9.47½ □ ♀ rad.
July	,, 6°.52' ,,	10.14
Aug.	,, 7°.58' ,,	10.40½
Sept.	,, 9°.4' ,,	11.7 □ ♃ P. ♋ third.
Oct.	,, 10°.10' ,,	11.23½ Δ M.C.
Nov.	,, 11°.16' ,,	11.50 □ ♃ rad.
Dec.	,, 12°.12' ,,	12.16½ Par. ♁ P.

(To be continued.)

the sixth house, and furnishes a "key" to the nativity. As most people know, he compiled an "Herbal" bearing his name, and his successors, in a greater or lesser degree, have largely copied from his work. He was a clever astrologer, note Mercury, the strongest planet in the figure, in the mid-heaven, in the occult sign Scorpio in trine to the Moon and sextile to Jupiter, besides the Sun and Venus (the latter trine to Uranus) being also in the same sign. The testimonies for a medical career, and the honor and reputation arising therefrom, are likewise deduced from the sign on the mid-heaven, and the planets therein. All persons who have this sign ascending, culminating, or who have many planets therein, are inclined to medicine and surgery, but in this case it will be noticed that Mercury rules the sixth, (the house of sickness) and is in the tenth denoting honor to be obtained in matters connected with it, also gain therefrom, as Jupiter, a general significator of wealth, is in his own sign (♃) in sextile to Mercury. His methods of investigation and treatment were out of the ordinary groove, for if Herschel is on cusp of sixth, he throws a trine to the mid-heaven, and thus brings originality to bear on medical treatment, and if I am correct in assuming this to be his position, he has (according to many) rule over the second house (wealth), which he obtained, and as a "fixed" sign culminates with the planet of honor (the Sun) therein, his reputation endures to this day, whilst those who laughed and jeered at his astrological methods, are dead and forgotten. He was very extravagant, his brethren of the profession stated his complaint as a "*consumption of the purse*," he was very kind-hearted but prodigal, *vide* Moon opposing Jupiter.

It will be seen the Sun is afflicted, and people of position (notably the doctors) were at enmity with him, and as his significator (Saturn) is on cusp of fourth and opposed by the Sun, they did him lasting damage. There is a deal of mild sarcasm in all his writings, especially when quoting "Doctor Reason and Doctor Experience," which may emanate from Mars semi-square Sun. I judge his honor was grievously affected as Venus in Scorpio is aspected by Mars, as the influence is by a sextile, I conclude it did no great damage, but I have but little opinion of Venus in this sign of the zodiac. I must now leave this very interesting natus, as space allotted me is limited, I therefore leave it for the student's further investigation.

Mundane Astrology.



AT the moment of New Moon the second decanate of Leo rises, the conjoined luminaries are opposite the ascending degree, and are setting, which is an evil omen for the public health during the ensuing month. Mars in the fifth in Sagittarius denotes the probability of fires at theatres, schools, and places of amusement, whilst Saturn in the third forebodes trouble with the post office, many cases of fraud, and railway accidents. Venus in the eighth points to a low death rate. The luminaries applying to a sesquiquadrate of Saturn, seems to point to fresh illness in royal circles.

At St. Petersburg, the luminaries are in the sixth house, and as the sign they are in is a "fixed" one, the epidemic now known as the Russian influenza, will spread with alarming rapidity, and the evil effects will last. Saturn in the second will cause financial troubles, panics, and many cases of fraud.

At Lisbon, the luminaries are near cusp of eighth. The death rate will be above the average. Mars in the fifth in the ruling sign of the country (♄), threatens damage by fires and many accidents. The rulers have cause for uneasiness, a "rising" is not improbable this month.

At New York, financial panics, a crop of railway accidents, Jupiter and Venus being in the sixth, the health of the people will improve.

At Constantinople, financial troubles will still cast their shadows and cause anxiety, whilst foreign relations are strained. A notable man will die.

At Peking, or the neighbourhood, an insurrection will take place, many strange deaths. The authorities experience treachery from those they consider "friends." An evil month for the country.

At Melbourne, the malefics are elevated, Saturn being in the mid-heaven, whilst Herschel is in the eleventh and Mars in the twelfth, a month of trouble. The position of Saturn is ominous for the authorities, whilst the position of Mars points to troubles in connection with prisons.

Death of the Duke of Clarence

(PRINCE ALBERT VICTOR OF WALES).

WE are sorry to have to note the death of the eldest son of the Prince of Wales. In our last issue (January) page 416, under "Mundane Astrology," we stated: "The luminaries *separating* from a square of Saturn 'sickness may affect Royalty during this lunation,' which has, unfortunately for them, been fulfilled. Had the aspect been "*applying*" we should have judged "*death*," but as it was "*separating*" we were guarded. Raphael (in his almanack, page 52, remarks on the winter quarter) stated: "The Sun, lord of the 10th and afflicted by Saturn in elevation, will cause sickness or death in Royal circles, etc." It is worthy of note that the lunation fell upon the place of the Duke's radical Moon which was heavily afflicted at birth. On page 28 of Vol. I. we gave his nativity, and amongst other things pointed out that his constitution was a poor one, for Saturn afflicted both the luminaries. The post-natal direction at time of death was $\text{♃ } \delta$ $\text{♁ } \square$ $\text{♁ } \text{♁}$, and in the epochal direction we find $\text{♁ } \text{♁ } \text{♁ } \text{♁}$ and $\text{♁ } \text{♁ } \text{♁}$ and $\text{♁ } \text{♁}$.

“A Time to Marry.”

THE union of male and female is without exception the most important event in anyone's life, as from that date their future is either weal or woe. How often do we find amongst our numerous friends and acquaintances a marriage that has been contracted has turned out a lamentable failure, and from an ill-assorted union, separation and its various evil effects has resulted. Were it possible to examine the nativity, if a good marriage has been shewn, the native has either married under evil directions, or else has not become united to the one signified in the horoscope, hence trouble.

Solomon says there is “a time to marry,” and as the matter is one that ladies are especially interested in, we purpose going carefully into it, and hope to formulate some rules that will materially help the student in arriving at definite conclusions on this important question. As most of our readers are aware, we inserted a coupon in our earlier numbers, and one of the items our personal subscribers were asked to give, in addition to the date, &c., of birth, was, *the date of their marriage* (if married). We have often been asked *why* this information was sought. The reason is, that as time permitted, we intended working out the directions for the time of marriage in the many hundred horoscopes we have erected during the past two years, and finding what directions were in operation at the time, and by comparing them with the matters pertaining thereto, foreshadowed in the radix, find the why and wherefore, and give our students the result of our calculations and investigations for their future aid.

These investigations are being proceeded with, and as soon as a certain amount of progress has been made, and definite decisions arrived at, the facts with particulars will be given in our columns. Our readers will readily understand the amount of calculation that has to be gone into, when they are told that in every case (1) the nativity will have been rectified, (2) the epochal figure calculated, (3) directions from the epochal figure measuring to time of marriage, (4) directions (post-natal) from the horoscope of birth for time of marriage, (5) and likewise the pre-natal directions from the natal figure operating at that time, will have to be calculated. As our American friends would say, this is a “big order,” considering there are over five hundred nativities to be dealt with. We trust the result of the amount of study and

research entailed in this direction will be of considerable utility to those who come after us, and also that it may be the means of further discoveries in the science, that may eliminate many of the errors that have crept into the astrological tomes, which have been handed down and copied by nearly every author.

Prize Nativity, No. 2.

NATUS, Charles Frederick, born 30th April, 1885, 9.40 p.m., Essex. The 6° ♀ ascends. $\simeq 4^{\circ}$ on M. C. ♃ on cusp of ninth ♈. ♁ in ♉ 29° ♃ 21° ♀ in seventh. ♄ 22° ♃ in sixth. ☉ ♀ and ♁ in ♃ in fifth, ♂ in ♉ in fourth. ♃ in 29° ♉ near cusp of asc. ☉ par. ♃, and ♃ ♀ and ♁ in same par. of declination.

The notable point about this nativity is the number of planets in fixed signs, viz. ♃ ♃ ♁ ♀ ☉ and ♄. This alone will give the boy great determination, ♃ in ♈ * ♃ will make him affectionate, over generous, and very impulsive, which is also borne out by ♃ Δ ♂. The ☉ ♀ and ♁ being in ♃ in fifth, ♀ ruling M. C. being dignified in fifth, strongly point to musical ability, and as ♁ ♂ ♀ it tends to ability for composition; ♃ also bears testimony, inasmuch as he is posited on the cusp of the house of religion in * ♃ (which is eminently a church influence), and in parallel to both ♀ and ♁, hence as a composer of ecclesiastical music he should excel. The evil in the figure is ♃ separating from ☐ ♃, and ♀ and ♁ ∠ ♃; the former affliction will act on his finance, making him reckless and extravagant, and the latter will produce courtship troubles, delay in marriage, and secret enmity through published writings, while ♂ in ♉ in fourth * ♃ and Δ ♃ will make his position secure at close of life and inheritance from his father. Occult ability is shown by ♃ in ♉ * ♁ in ♉ (in ninth) success by aid of powerful ecclesiastics. ♃ par. ☉ occupation best suited to him being something in connection with the Church, either as a clergyman or musician. What evil exists in the figure is over-weighted by the strength of the parallels, which, it will be readily seen, *are exceptional*.

(Perhaps some of our advanced students will send some brier notes on this, and other nati we may insert.)

The Degrees of the Zodiac Symbolised.

(CONTINUED).

- ♈ 16°.—A youth, book in hand, wanders apparently through a glade overhung with the branches of surrounding trees. The sunlight is slanting through the trees, and falling upon the figure of the student.

It denotes one who is fond of nature, and studious of her laws; loving the peaceful contemplation of natural beauty; devoted to the higher interests of his soul; and of a reclusive disposition. Such would be successful in his pursuits of natural history, whether in one department or another, but would not apply his knowledge to the attainment of fame. This is a degree of *passive beauty*.

- ♋ 17°.—A woman holding scales, containing on the one side a cup of red wine, on the other a number of golden coins.

This is a degree indicating one of a speculative nature, selfish, and luxurious; one whose heart is divided between pleasure and wealth, but who knows not the true use of either. Such would gain wealth by speculation, but waste it in extravagance. "The fool and his money are soon parted." So here. It is a degree of *earthiness*.

- ♌ 18°.—A man and woman standing hand in hand, looking with affection towards one another.

This denotes a person of an amiable and pleasant disposition, friendly to all, and beloved of his kinsmen. One who desires peace and concord, and who will meet with success through the intervention of some female friend. It is a degree of *amity*.

- ♍ 19°.—An old man, dressed in a simple and much worn gown, carrying two bags of gold clasped to his breast with nervous hands.

It denotes one who worships gold; a stingy and misanthropic nature. One who acquires to no purpose; self-centred and reclusive; whose constant fear is loss, a fear that is sure to be realized. It is a degree of *acquisitiveness*.

- ♎ 20°.—A man equipped for a rough journey, belted and armed.

This degree signifies one of adventurous nature, fond of discovery and of travel. A pioneer in whatever field of

labour he may undertake to work in ; one who will open up new roads of knowledge and research ; active, aggressive, bold, and fearless ; one who will travel into distant countries and gain applause for his discoveries. It is a degree of *inquisitiveness*.

- ♈ 21°.—A strong and prosperous looking man stands with arms extended forward, holding in his hands a bowl full of wine.

It denotes a generous and hospitable nature ; one that will succeed through good and worthy action, yet has some sense of his own merits and powers, and is desirous of recognition. A steadfast and sincere man, who will make many friends, and be held by them in respect. It is a degree of *conscious merit*.

- ♉ 22°.—A man of tottering and uncertain gait, carrying water which he spills on the ground.

It denotes a weak and disorderly nature, which, by reason of its imperfection, will be prone to go astray. Such an one will lose credit and substance through his indecision and faulty judgment. One that will not attain to his end because of his wavering nature and his want of direction and stability. How shall he act who does not know what he desires ? It is a degree of *instability*.

- ♊ 23°.—A man standing with a tankard in his hand ready to drink. Two others standing apart, talking together, with averted faces.

This denotes one who is likely to fall into evil habits by low associations, and who, through the envy and intrigues of his comrades, will suffer injury. Such an one has not the power of selection in his pursuits, and is likely to drift with the stream into all sorts of unpremeditated evil. It is a degree of *weakness*.

- ♋ 24°.—A man playing with coloured balls, an immodest woman standing behind him.

This indicates one of a playful but careless nature, given over to pleasures and unprofitable pursuits. One who will be crossed in life by the opposite sex, and meet with troubles thereby. One of very little force of character or worthy ambition. It is a degree of *foolishness*.

♈ 25°.—A man of powerful form, riding upon a restive horse, whose mouth is curbed.

It denotes a man of strong character, capable of maintaining his dignity and position by means of his natural powers. One of strong and independent nature, who will so far have his own way as to be at times tyrannous and unjust. One who will brook no opposition, nor give quarter to an enemy. It is a degree of *dominion*.

„ 26°.—A kingly person, presenting a sceptre to one kneeling.

It denotes one who, whether by his merits, or by the influence of persons in power and authority, will rise above the level of his birth. The nature is one of merit allied to ambition, which will effect great things, not, however, without assistance. It is a degree of *attainment*.

„ 27°.—A man, richly attired, having lost his foothold, is falling to the ground.

It denotes one whose nature will not sustain the reverses of fortune to which he will be subjected. Attaining to considerable dignity and influence, most likely as the accident of birth, he will not continue therein to the end of his days, but will fail for want of judgment and persistence. This degree signifies the breaking up of families and the loss of their traditions. It is a degree of *decadence*.

„ 28°.—A fair woman, richly attired, stands alone.

It denotes one of a rich and beneficent nature, who will, by his goodness of heart, attract many friends, and gain great attention. It indicates success through a woman. The nature is not free from love of luxury and approbation, but it is generous and gifted, and will, by friendly counsel, meet with opportunity for expression and due reward. It is a degree of *favour*.

„ 29°.—A man of humble appearance, but much strength, felling a tree with an axe.

It denotes a person of a practical nature; aggressive, and sometimes destructive. One who finds success only in simple and persistent effort, and who will meet with many obstacles in life, against which he will successfully contend. It denotes a simple, honest, but impulsive nature; one that will cut out his own path in life in spite of many difficulties. It is a degree of *labour*.

γ 30°.—A horseman, armed as if for battle, is watching the waning moon.

It denotes a person of an independent and domineering nature, who will be forsaken by his friends and colleagues on that account, and whose fortunes will be severely hurt by a female. Serving himself alone, he will not receive assistance. "The dog and his bone are best left alone." It is a degree of *isolation*.

From Numbers to Exaltations.

TABLE I.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2	4	6	8	1	3	5	7	9
3	6	9	3	6	9	3	6	9
4	8	3	7	2	6	1	5	9
5	1	6	2	7	3	8	4	9
6	3	9	6	3	9	6	3	9
7	5	3	1	8	6	4	2	9
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	9
9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
45	45	54	45	45	54	45	45	81

This table of numbers is formed by regular multiplication. Put down the numbers 1 to 9 in regular order to form the first line. Commence the second line with 2. Then multiply—twice two are four (put down 4 for the second figure in the second line), twice three 6, twice four 8, twice five ten (put down 1), twice six 12 (add the 1 and 2 together and put down 3), twice seven 14 (add the 1 and 4 together and put down 5), twice eight 16 (put down 7), twice nine 18 (put down 9).

The other lines are put down in the same way, by multiplication and addition.

Each of the lines so formed has certain peculiarities of its own. Each line added up makes 45, except lines 3 and 6 which amount to 54, and the ninth line, 81.

Each line ends with 9, and the ninth line differs from all the rest in producing no other figure than 9. However much the

number 9 may be multiplied and re-multiplied, it is never transformed into any other number, it constantly produces and reproduces itself. Nine is "the sacred number of being and becoming." In the "Secret Doctrine," page 581, vol. ii., we read:—"It is the number which reproduces itself incessantly under all shapes and figures in every multiplication. It is the sign of every circumference, since its value in degrees is equal to nine, *i.e.*, to $3 + 6 + 0$. It is a *bad* number under certain conditions, and very unlucky. If number 6 was the symbol of our globe ready to be animated by a *divine spirit*, 9 symbolised our earth informed by a *bad* or evil spirit." Again in "Lucifer," Jan. 1890, we read:—"Nine was a digit terribly dreaded by the ancients. With them it was a symbol of great changes, cosmic and social, and of versatility, in general; the sad emblem of the fragility of human things. The Kabalists hold, moreover, that it also symbolizes the act of reproduction and generation. *Three times three* is the great symbol of *corporisation*, or the materialisation of spirit, according to Pythagoras—hence of gross matter."

On looking at number 8 in the above table, we see that it also has a certain remarkable power. It is the exact reverse of number 1. For whereas the first number gradually increases, 1, 2, 3, 4, &c., up to 9, thus symbolising *creation* and the process of differentiation or coming into being, eight reverses the process and gradually diminishes, 7, 6, 5, &c., up to 1, thus symbolising *death* and dissolution, or the process whereby all differentiated things, all beings, all heterogeneities, are reduced to their primal condition of undifferentiation, non-being, homogeneity. But we must not omit to notice that this eighth line, like all the rest, is finished up by the number nine, thus symbolising the grand fact that death—or number eight—is the starting point which leads to re-birth—or number nine. From birth to death, from death to re-birth, so the rhythm runs, so the circle eternally moves on itself. The serpent with its tail in its mouth. The "Secret Doctrine" says:—"The *Ogdoad*, or 8, symbolizes the eternal and spiral motion of cycles, and is symbolized in its turn by the Caduceus. It shows the regular breathing of the Kosmos presided over by the eight great gods, the seven from the primeval Mother, the One and the Triad," $7 + 1$, the 1 being 3. "Lucifer" says:—"The number 8 was dreaded because it postulates the *equality of all men*. Out of eternal *unity* and the mysterious number *seven*, out of Heaven and the seven planets and the sphere of the fixed stars, in the

philosophy of arithmetic, was born the *ogdoad*. It was *the first cube of the even numbers*, and hence held sacred. In Eastern philosophy, number eight symbolizes equality of units, order and symmetry in heaven, transformed into inequality and confusion on earth, by selfishness, the great rebel against Nature's decrees."

Just as number 1 pairs off with number 8, so the remaining number pairs off together, each two being linked together as parts of one whole. Thus, on examining the table, it will be seen that lines 3 and 6 are remarkably similar; neither contains any figures save 3, 6, and 9.

Seven and two, again, pair off, the one being the reverse of the other. Two has all the even numbers first, followed by all the odd. Seven reverses the process, giving all the odd numbers first and the even last.

Finally come 4 and 5. Line 4 increases by four and diminishes by five. Line 5 *vice versa*.

Number nine ends them all.

Having now arranged the numbers in pairs, let us write under each one, the planet which it signifies, according to the days of the week, and under each planet its house or houses, in order.

TABLE II.

1 8	2 7	3 6	4 5	
☉ ♃	♃ ♃	♂ ♀	♃ ♃	Number.
♁ ♃		♃ ♃	♁ ♃	Planet.
	♁ ♃	♁ ♃	♁ ♃	Day House.
		♁ ♃	♁ ♃	Night House.

There is no eighth day to the week, but inasmuch as the Sun and Leo belong to number one, it is evident that Saturn and Aquarius must come under the democratic eight.

Some readers may object that these numbers are taken rather at haphazard, and that no definite reason has ever been given why a certain planet should rule over one day rather than another. This is true, but it is very evident from a consideration of the above table that there must be reason as well as law and order in the arrangement. For not only do the two numbers in each column pair off together, but the planets and houses beneath them are in each case direct opposites, there is not a single exception in the table. Thus, just as we previously saw that number eight is the reverse of number one, so we now see that the Sun in Leo is naturally the opposite of Saturn in Aquarius.

And, just as numbers 2 and 7 are mutually opposed or contrasted, so the Moon in Cancer is the natural opposition of Saturn in Capricorn. So of the other numbers and planets, all pair off quite naturally.

It is evident that such an harmonious arrangement as this could not exist if the numbers had been linked to the planets or the planets to the days of the week quite at haphazard. There is method here.

We may carry the table a step farther and examine the triplicities.

TABLE III.

Day ☉	}	Fire	—	Air	{	♃
Night ♃						♁
Day ♂	}	Water	—	Earth	{	♁
Night ♂						♃

The fiery triplicity is the opposite of the airy in the zodiac, and the rulers, the Sun and Saturn by day, and Jupiter and Mercury by night, still maintain their natural opposition. There is only one variation, and that is, the Moon is this time opposed by Mars instead of Saturn.

But if we now turn to the exaltations, we shall find that this uniformity disappears. The Sun, exalted in the fiery Aries, still preserves its opposition to Saturn in airy Libra; but why, alas! all the other companion planets should suddenly agree to part company it passes the comprehension of an uninitiated mortal to say. Mercury has hitherto, by number, sign, and triplicity, always been the faithful partner of Jupiter; and for ages Mars and Venus have been known to be simply inseparable—witness the scandalous legends of the Greeks and Romans. Now, however, decorum is preserved at the expense of uniformity. Mercury in Virgo bears no relation whatever, even by square, to his natural partner, Jupiter; and Mars in Capricorn is quite out of sight of Venus in Pisces.

(To be continued).

Useful Hints for Young Students.

IN judging of the probable employment suited to the native, first notice the sign on the mid-heaven, and also in what sign and house the ruler of the mid-heaven is located in.

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Next, notice the strongest planet in the figure, that is, the planet who may be in his own sign, and angular, giving preference to the one (if essentially "dignified") that may be in the tenth house or the ascendant.

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Should there be an "intercepted" sign in the tenth house, the ruler of this must also be noticed, as to sign, house, and aspects he receives, &c.

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Those who have an "intercepted" sign in the mid-heaven are generally found to have changeable, or varied occupations, especially if the sign on the cusp be a "common" one.

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The same remark will apply to those who have Uranus posited there, but with this difference, that the native never agrees long with employers, and should always be in business for himself. These individuals always have some powerful influence over the majority, and do not willingly "serve."

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Considering the numerous trades, professions, and varied avocations that are now followed, it is almost impossible for any astrologer, however expert, to exactly define the precise business or profession the native should follow. (*Vide* "Ptolemy's Centiloquio," Aphorism I.)

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The natures of the planets will assist the student. For example, the nature of Mars is fiery; businesses or professions connected therewith significant of the planet would be, viz. soldiers, surgeons, butchers, and those who use fire in their business.

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Should Mars be in the tenth house in Aries, the nature of occupation would easily be arrived at, and, other testimonies concurring, the student would not be far wrong in assigning a surgical or military career to a native with Mars so posited.

Another testimony of a military career is when Aries is on M. C. and Mars in Sagittarius, or even Leo, although several of our ablest soldiers and surgeons had Mars rising in Scorpio.

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Professions signified by Venus are of a very varied nature. The arts (such as painting, drawing, music, and matters in connection) would aptly come under her rule, and in a female nativity, if Venus rules, or is in the mid-heaven, or otherwise essentially and accidentally dignified, the native would have a large portion of the Venetian element in her nature, and would have exquisite taste in dress, one able to blend colours judiciously, and, if obliged to earn her livelihood, would excel as a milliner, dressmaker, or artist.

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It will often be found that many persons, although employed in trades or professions naturally suited to them, and in which they excel, do not gain financially by their skill. It does not necessarily follow that they will do so, for if financial success is shown in the nativity they will gain wealth, no matter whether the profession they may follow is or is not suited to them.

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In a case where financial success is promised, and the native is engaged in the business nature intended him for, he will make a deal more money than if otherwise employed, and will take a keen interest and delight in the occupation he may follow.

Notes on Recent Events.

December indeed was a black month, and the predictions of the lunation for that month has been sadly verified—the “death angel” has indeed visited the various departments of our public life.

The religious world lost the ex-Bishop of Manchester; the literary world, Mr. Davenport Adams and Mrs. Charles Kingsley; the dramatic, Mr. G. W. Wills and Mr. Cellier, author of “The Mountebanks”; the political, Mr. P. A. Taylor, Colonel Harcourt, and the Duke of Devonshire. At the Duke’s death, the Moon was separating from the opposition of Jupiter and the square of the Sun and Moon of the ingress, and going to the semi-square of Herschel.

The progress of the Moon (December 24th) on the radical place of Mars at the lunation, brought the death of the well-known and respected Recorder of London, Sir Thomas Chambers.

On the 28th, the diplomatic world had to deplore the loss of Sir William White, British Ambassador to the Porte. The Moon was then on her place at the previous lunation square to Jupiter ruling the tenth, and semi-square to Mars from the eighth.

The figure shewed good trade—the revenue returns disclosed a large increase. There was a notable failure as predicted, the Colchester bankers, Messrs. Mills, Buntree and Co., suspended payment.

The Barnby Junction Railway dividend on the 24th December, and also the Caledonian Railway one, a few days later, continues to confirm our eclipse prognostications.

The Standard Bank of Australia suspended payment on the 4th December. Our December figure for Melbourne predicted it.

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The sad wreck of the "Enterkin" off the Galloper Sands, occurred when the Moon was passing through Taurus, the sign intercepted in the ninth house of the figure of the November eclipse. We then also predicted Border troubles for the Calcutta figure, and on the 12th December, fighting took place at Gugit in Cashmere. We suppose the mighty rulers of India never trouble to read the record of the heavens, or they would have been forewarned.

By-the-by, in England, poor Astrologers are "rogues and vagabonds"—in India, trusted advisers of the princes; why not accept facts, the Stars have always guided the course of events, *vide* the Bible, when always the seers were consulted. To-day, in Christian England, they lock us up if one ventures to advise his fellows as to how the planets will operate. We were reminded of our position by a note in the *Daily News* on the 30th December, as to the investiture of the Rajah of Akalkat, the date as usual was fixed by his Astrologer. Note: Her Majesty's officers were present. Why not forbid them being present at such an occasion, the date being fixed by a "rogue and vagabond" by means of an illegal "art."

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Mr. Imre Kiralfy, the proprietor of the grand spectacle "Venice," at Olympia, was born at Pest, Hungaria, at 8 a.m., January 1st, 1845. He has the Sun in the sign Capricorn rising with $\text{D} \star \text{♀}$ cleveth, and $\Delta \text{ } \frac{1}{2}$ second; ♃ is also in the second house in his own sign, and the lord of the fifth; ♄ is now $\star \text{♁} \text{ } \frac{1}{2}$ and ♀ .

Thought-Reading by Astrology.

IN order to know the unasked questions of a Querent the astrologer should cast the horoscope of the visitor, and then note what planet rules at the hour of consultation, and, from the indications, frame the question into words.

An astrologer or a student, with a prescient mind, can do this more readily than those who are not similarly gifted, yet the rules are so simple that one can come near the point in a question.

If the planet ruling at the hour of consultation should rule the ascendant, the native wishes to know about their destiny, and will inquire about themselves principally; if the planet be of an evil nature the visitor is in distress; while a beneficial planet denotes that they wish a general description of their affairs.

If the planet rules the second house, the questions relate to money matters, gains and losses, and their conditions financially.

If the planet rules the third house, the questions relate to removals, changes, journeys, letters, or the near relatives.

If the planet rules the fourth house, the questions relate to home affairs, property matters, the parents, or the result of some undertaking.

If the planet rules the fifth house, the questions relate to pleasure, amusements, children, speculations, scandal, or gossip.

If the planet rules the sixth house, the questions relate to relations, sickness, servants, tenants, or inferiors.

If the planet rule the seventh house, the questions relate to marriage, a thief, law matters, or other persons.

If the planet rules the eighth house, the questions relate to deaths, pensions, the return of money lost, or loaned, or the wealth of persons inquired about.

If the planet rules the ninth house, the questions relate to travelling, religious matters, science, inventions, or the relatives through marriage.

If the planet rules the tenth house, the questions relate to business, employment, the profession, the mother, and sometimes the employer or landlord.

If the planet rules the eleventh house, the questions relate to friends and acquaintances, their falsity or fidelity.

If the planet rules the twelfth house, the questions relate to trouble, misfortunes, enemies, expected law or trouble, and sometimes to imprisonment.

In the hour of the Sun, the native will speak of business, employment, and public affairs; in the hour of Venus, of females, love, pleasure, company, and marriage; in the hour of Mercury, of law, letters, and writings; in the hour of the Moon, of travel-

ling, removals, changes, and their unsettled condition; in the hour of Saturn, of property matters, buildings, trouble, sickness, grief, or death; in the hour of Mars, of quarrels, dangers, fire, or accidents.

One gentleman called upon me in the hour of the Moon, with Cancer upon his third house. I said he wished to know about making changes or removals, and these were the questions upon his mind.

One party brought her husband's horoscope to me in the hour of the Moon, and, finding Cancer upon the second house, I judged the question to relate to that house, and said she wished to know about money matters, losses, and changes, which the hour, and the moon ruling the second house would denote—this was also correct.

One gentleman came in the hour of the Sun, with Leo upon his third house, and I judged the question to relate to business, short journeys, and making changes—this was also correct.

One party called in the hour of Jupiter, with Pisces upon the cusp of the second house, and I judged the question to relate to money matters, gains or losses. The party then inquired about lost money, as I judged.

There are hundreds of other cases which I might illustrate, but, as space will not permit, I will not give other examples, as these show plainly the system of knowing the unspoken questions.

A simple branch, which is also very interesting, is to note what sign is upon the cusp of the tenth house at the time of erecting a horary figure, and, if Aries be there, a party will inquire about themselves, and their life. If Taurus be there, the question will relate to the second house; Gemini relates to the third house; Cancer relates to the fourth house; Leo relates to the fifth house; Virgo relates to the sixth house; Libra to the seventh; Scorpio to the eighth; Sagittarius to the ninth; Capricorn to the tenth; Aquarius to the eleventh; and Pisces to the twelfth house.

I opened and read a letter when Sagittarius was upon the cusp of the tenth house, and the questions written related to science and travelling, which that sign there would denote at the time.

I will shortly give examples of Mind-Reading by the planetary hour.

CHARLES HATFIELD.

Letters to the Editor.

All correspondents should give full name and address, not necessarily for publication, but as a token of good faith.

N.B.—Writers of signed articles are alone responsible for the opinions therein contained.

DEAR SIR,—I must reply to the letter of "Raphael," which appeared in your last issue in a somewhat categorical manner, as the ground covered is too extensive for a complete review of the bearing the arguments adduced have upon the subjects of *Genius* and *Pre-natal Horoscopy*.

In the first place I question "Raphael's" authority and data for the statement that two or more persons born at the same time and in the same place will be identical as to "inclinations and propensities." Can "Raphael" furnish me with the data of two such similar persons, born at the same time and in the same place, but of *different parentage*? I emphasise this latter condition because the whole question as to the *extent* of planetary influence is here involved. I have already laid down the premises from which, as it seems to me, a logical objection could be maintained against the conclusions of "Raphael." These premises included a consideration of the laws of *Karma* and *Affinity*, as those that controlled the conditions into which the Ego is born. Hence I argue that the selection (under law) of the particular line of heredity from which the Ego is born into earth-life must, from those premises, be determined partly by the propensities and inclinations already acquired by the individual, and partly by the direction of the under-lying spiritual impulse which is constantly making for progress. All this rests directly upon the premises I have hitherto laid down and illustrated.

Now as to the calculations. I do not dispute them, for they agree entirely with my own; but I most certainly dispute the conclusion that "Raphael" draws from them. "Am I right in my figures or not? If right, then 'Sepharial's' correspondent talked *rubbish*;" says "Raphael." Not necessarily; for the calculations have reference to *averages*, and not to the number of births which took place at any given moment in the locality defined. Of course I knew that my too practical opponent would go over the very same figures that I had previously worked out, but I confess myself surprised at the application he has made of them! Frankly now, is he prepared to say that a score of persons was not born in the two-and-a-half minutes during which the district named was influenced from the ascendant by the twenty-seventh degree of \uparrow ? I could not say so with the same facts before me, and in view of the cyclic law, or the law of periodicity, which controls the recurrence of phenomena, collective as well as sporadic, I should hesitate to describe anything agreeable to known laws as *rubbish*, however improbable it may appear. No one, to my knowledge, has hitherto argued for a uniform distribution of births, and I shall need to consult my medical friends before accepting a conclusion derived from this postulate.

As to our Hermes Trismegistus, the author, according to Argolo, of the *Centiloquio* commonly ascribed to Ptolemy; he was a priest and philosopher of Egypt, who wrote some forty books on geography, astronomy, theology, medicine, etc., from which Sanchoniathon, the historian, is said to have taken his theogonia. Hermes taught the

Egyptians land-surveying, agriculture, etc., and instructed them in the reading of hieroglyphics. These facts we have upon the authority of Diodorus Siculus, Plutarch and Cicero. But what has this to do with the question of the epoch? *Someone* formulated the Trutine ascribed to Hermes, if the above-described be not that "Hermes" himself.

Regarding the period of gestation, "Raphael" reverses his methods, and instead of applying averages to individual epochs, as shown above, he falls into equal scientific error by applying isolated data to the whole range of the same class of incident. The two cases from which any calculation can be made, stand to him for a general law. In these two cases the period reaches the 37th week, being 36 weeks 5 days, and 36 weeks 2 days, respectively. No doubt an examination of the horoscopes of the parents would show signs of this rapid quickening. A few cases from other families would bring the figures back to the normal 40 weeks, I have no doubt. A woman who begins to count her pregnancy from three or four weeks *before coition*, as suggested by "Raphael," deserves our pity; but I give the medical faculty more credit for scientific accuracy than to suppose the normal period recognized by them is based upon such ignorance! I do not wish "Raphael" to accept as authority the source from which I have taken my figures, but I could wish he might extend his experience, and not usurp the position of one whose wide practice as a medical man entitles him to speak with authority, and whose pre-eminent qualification must needs be scientific accuracy.

Now as to the use of the pre-natal epoch. I believe I have had sufficient experience to be able to say that, far from it being "impossible to *prove* anything in connection with it," there is ample proof in the hands of those who have made it a study, firstly, that it is intimately connected with the horoscope of birth, and secondly, that it throws no uncertain light upon some of the more important anomalies of character and incident which have already been brought under notice, and which have been regarded as "anomalies" merely because there was no indication of them in the natal figure. As I intend bringing these facts forward in a separate article, I do not think it advisable to occupy time and space with them at present.

Yours faithfully, SEPHARIAL.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to "Mentor," I would state that those who have Neptune in the ascendant can (not do) reside in a place for years, yet they are liable to make changes at any moment, as they are restless, and in many respects like the Arab, and will seek for a variety in life. Neptune is a "booming" planet, and his conditions and riches are uncertain, as he will give a feast one day and a famine the next; he will give notoriety and also great scandal, and a downfall to many. The orbs of Neptune have an influence over a sign, in the same manner as any other heavenly body, and the planet can, for a period, have influence over the adjoining ones.

When a planet has power to comingle the quality of its magnetism with the qualities of the magnetism of two signs, or with other planets, there will be visible effects, and those who observe will agree with me in what I say.

As "Mentor" is an astrologer of experience, he should know that other signs than Taurus have an influence over Ireland and Russia; Scorpio has considerable influence over Ireland, and I judge the

transit of Herschel through that sign, for the next seven years, will cause much disturbance and dissatisfaction, which will be brought about by political agitators, and that there will be great changes.

As Aquarius has considerable influence over Russia, I judge there will be strife, plots, seditions, and misery in that country, while Mars is posited therein; yet from April of 1893, when Jupiter enters Taurus, I judge that there will be a more prosperous condition, and that the population will experience better laws and conditions.

Those who have Neptune in their second house, or afflicting Jupiter at their birth, will always find their finance very uncertain; when Neptune afflicts Jupiter by transit, the native will be pestered for loans of money, and I have found in many cases, that persons have had their fortune dwindle away, or they have met with heavy losses, and those who keep a record of eminent persons, and note the positions of the planets in their horoscopes, and the transits of the planets, will be repaid for their trouble by gaining satisfaction thereby.

Those who have Neptune in their eleventh house, will always have friends, who will wear out their welcome, and they should not trust persons of short acquaintance.

Those who have their Venus afflicted by Neptune at birth, should not rely upon promises of marriage, and must guard their honor well, for if they place too much confidence in the opposite sex, they will be forsaken, sooner or later.

Jay Gould has Neptune in his ascendant, on his sun, and in square to the place of his Herschel. He has lately had wretched health, and came near being killed by the cars upon his own railroad; he also lost about eight millions of dollars in one day, and made about ten millions again, a few days later. This great schemer and monopolist had Neptune in trine with the Sun at birth.

Yours respectfully, CHARLES HATFIELD.

Reviews.

"Raphael's Key to Astrology" (1s., post free 1s. 1d.)

THIS little work, comprising 108 pages, is deserving of commendation, and we advise all our readers to obtain a copy, as we have done.

The "orbs" of the planets have been closely investigated by the author, who has considerably modified the opinions previously expressed in his Vol. I. of the "Guides," for he follows somewhat on the lines we advocate on pages 20 and 44 of the *Astrologers' Magazine*. With the exception of the personal descriptions said to be given by ☿ in various signs (notably ♈, ♁, ♃, ♄), and the doctrine of transits, on which opinions are much divided, we have nothing but praise for the little work. By putting forth such a book, we consider "Raphael" is doing practical service to Astrology, and the absurdly low price charged gives the poorest an opportunity of having a copy, whereas the high price of some modern works preclude any but those who have means from obtaining them.

We wish the work every success, as we are confident it will cause many who are ignorant of Astrology to study it.

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Lessons in Astrology for Beginners.

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SECTION II. No. 6.—LUNAR OR SECONDARY DIRECTIONS.

(CONTINUED.)

THE operating directions in the 34th year must be obtained in a similar manner to the preceding ones. The Solar (or primary) directions in force are good; they are

☉ P. ♀ in ninth * ♄ P.
 " " " " ♂ ♀ R.
 " " " " * ♃ R.

I judge she will marry in her 32nd year, when these directions will be forming, and the month this will be consummated will be in the October of that year, when the Moon comes to the same parallel of declination Venus held at birth, for Venus rules the seventh house, and the Sun, by direction on her radical place.

As the Solar directions in her 34th year are formed in "fixed" signs, the benefits that will accrue should be lasting, but as the Lunar directions do not harmonize with them, they will not be manifested in her 34th year. As will be seen from the Lunar table, the ♃ ♂ ☉, and ♃ ☐ ♃ radix in June; the native's health will assuredly suffer, she will probably suffer the loss of a friend or relative this month, and I am almost certain that her husband will suffer a considerable financial loss, and he will experience a very heavy share of anxiety and continuous worry. This influence, unfortunately, remains in force for some months, as no further aspect is formed until October, when ♃ Δ M.C.; this should greatly assist the native, and temporarily affect her beneficially, but when the next aspect is formed the following January, viz., ♃ ♃ ♃ R., which will begin to act upon her the beginning of the previous month (December), and is accentuated in the month of March when ♃ ♃ ♃ P., her health will be

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undoubtedly undermined, she will be hasty, irritable, and very hard to please. It is also followed up in the following May by $\text{D } \square \text{ } \text{h}$, and had not the Solar directions been good, things would go very hardly with her. It will be noticed the Moon is passing through the seventh house, hence the affliction will affect her husband, also in finance, much expenditure, and fewer receipts than usual.

The student will readily see that although the *nature* of the *Solar* aspect, &c., is *benefic*, the *Lunar* are *malefic*, hence she cannot derive benefit from the Solar until the Lunar pass off; when they do, the good will be felt, but it will not be in her 34th year.

LUNAR TABLE FOR 34TH YEAR.

		par. dec.	
June	$\text{D } 5.16\frac{1}{2}$	h	$24.16 \text{ } \text{g } \odot \square \text{ } \text{D}$
Oct.	$\text{,, } 10.12\frac{1}{2}$,,	$24.20 \text{ } \Delta \text{ M.C.}$
Jan.	$\text{,, } 13.54\frac{1}{2}$,,	$24.23 \text{ } \angle \text{ } \text{g R.}$
March	$\text{,, } 16.22\frac{1}{2}$,,	$24.25 \text{ } \angle \text{ } \text{g P.}$
May	$\text{,, } 18.50\frac{1}{2}$,,	$24.27 \text{ } \square \text{ } \text{h P.}$

The other year I purpose directing (*viz.*, 66-67) is what I consider the period in which her earthly career will close. A glance at the Solar and planetary directions will shew how pregnant they are with evil. They are:—

$\odot \text{ R. } \square \text{ } \text{g P. } \sphericalangle$	$\text{g P. } \sphericalangle \text{ } \Delta \text{ } \text{u P.}$
$\odot \text{ P. } \square \text{ } \text{g P.}$	$\text{g P. } \angle \text{ } \text{h P.}$
$\odot \text{ P. } \text{g } \text{h P. } \text{h}$	$\text{g P. } \square \text{ } \text{g R. and P.}$
$\odot \text{ P. } \angle \text{ } \text{g P. } \sphericalangle$	$\text{g P. } \text{g } \text{h R. and P.}$
$\odot \text{ P. Par. } \text{h}$	

As will at once be seen, the affliction is very severe, the only benefic one being $\text{g } \Delta \text{ } \text{u}$, but what can that do to minimise the severity of the evil, and it is painfully significant that the Moon is likewise impregnated with evil, for she is receiving and transmitting evil rays, hence she renders no aid to sustain life, being the recipient of so much evil from nearly all the planets.

In the July of that year	$\text{D P. } \square \text{ } \text{g P., and Par. } \text{h}$
„ Sept. „ „ „	Par. $\text{g P., } \square \text{ } \text{g P., } \angle \text{ } \text{u P.}$
„ Oct. „ „ „	Par. $\text{h P., Par. } \odot \text{ P.}$
„ Nov. „ „ „	Par. h R.
„ Dec. „ „ „	$\square \text{ } \text{g P.}$

I judge the month of dissolution of the spirit from the body to be in October. The heart troubles engendered in the earlier

years, and which have more or less affected her health, will have caused her serious trouble. In the July, the Moon acts on ♃ □ ♂, and in September notwithstanding the ♃ Par. ♀, she □ ♃ and ∠ ♃, therefore although the mutual planetary aspects between ♃ and ♃ are good, the Moon transforms the good into evil, and the following month when she comes to parallel of Uranus and the Sun, the climax is ushered in, and death will ensue somewhat suddenly, and in a peculiar manner. The native will experience many months of acute suffering, for the parts ruled by ♃ will be congested, and will not perform their functions properly, and it is more than probable a stoppage will occur in the parts ruled by ♃.

LUNAR TABLE FOR 66-67 YEARS.

July	♃	15.30	♃	10.20	□	♂	P., Par. ♃ P.
Sept.	,,	18.30	,,	9.22	Par. ♀	P., □ ♃	P., ∠ ♃ P.
Oct.	,,	19.15	,,	8.53	Par. ♃	P., Par. ☉	P.
Nov.	,,	20.30	,,	8.24	Par. ♃	R.	
Dec.	,,	21.45	,,	7.55	□	♀	P.

(To be continued).

Useful Hints for Young Students.

IN judging the portions of the human frame liable to be attacked by disease, the student is advised to note what sign or signs of the zodiac are occupied by the malefics.

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On this point, useful information will be found on pages 137 to 139, to which the student is specially referred.

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As is generally known, Aries rules the head, Taurus the neck and throat, &c., therefore, if at birth any malefic be in (say) Aries, the head will be liable to attacks of disease, or accidents, according to the nature of the malefic therein, and the mundane house the sign may be located in.

Supposing, for instance, Mars is in Taurus afflicted, the throat would be liable to *inflammatory* complaints, for Mars being a *fiery* planet will produce inflammatory complaints, such as diphtheria, tonsillitis, quinsies, and such like.

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Saturn produces illnesses and lingering complaints proceeding from cold, like his nature which is cold, but attention must be paid to the aspects he receives, &c. -

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Jupiter rules the liver, and I have found that in cases where Jupiter is afflicted at birth, in nine cases out of ten the native suffers from dyspepsia (*i.e.*, indigestion), and the heavier the affliction the more acute the suffering.

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Slight affliction will only produce slight illnesses, but severe and heavy affliction serious and painful complaints.

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Uranus produces uncommon complaints. I have a natus before me where he is on cusp of seventh in Taurus, opposite to the ascendant (Scorpio). When the Sun by direction came to conjunction of Uranus, the native was affected with "pruritis ani," a peculiar disease very difficult of cure, there being 24 remedies given in the medical text books, which shew the difficulty of eradicating it, and until the Sun gets away from Uranus the chances of cure are slight, and as the aspect is in a "fixed" sign the disease seems permanent. The native has been under various clever doctors for some years without success, which proves the complaint Uranian, and difficult of eradication by ordinary methods.

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Mercury must be judged according to whether or no he may be afflicted, as before taught, also the sign that he may be in.

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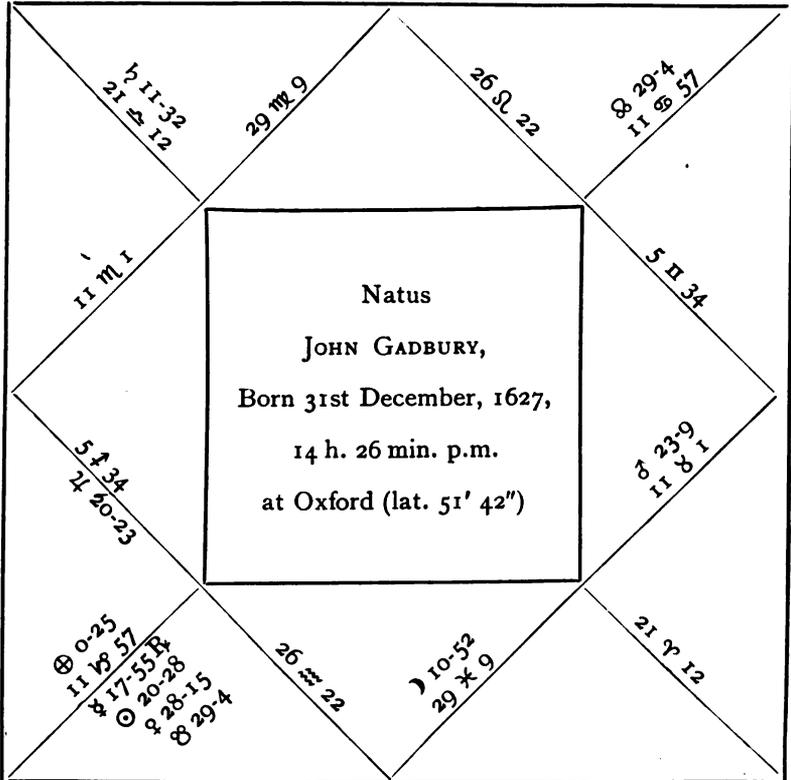
The Sun rules structural disorders, and the Moon functional ones.

Horoscopes of Notable Astrologers.

No. VII.

JOHN GADBURY.

(Author of "The Doctrine of Nativities," &c.)



SPECULUM.

☉ ♂ ♃ △ ♂
 ☾ ♁ ♃ * ♃ ♃ ♀
 ♃ ♂ ☉ * ☾
 ♀ ♃ ☾ △ ♂
 ♂ △ ♀ △ ☉ ♃ ♃
 ♃ ♃ ♂

THIS native was born when the occult sign Scorpio arose; Mars is his significator, located in Taurus in the seventh house, in good aspect to the Sun and Venus, but afflicted by Saturn in Libra, his exaltation. Here again, as in many other instances in the nativities of astrologers, we find the occult sign Scorpio rising, an evidence of a liking, at all events, for mysticism. The third house so well occupied denotes a studious mind, one who would delight in study, if the subject were congenial to him.

The Moon applying to the sextile of Mercury gave him ability for occultism, for the Moon is well placed, but if, as I presume, Uranus is located in 9°♁ , he is afflicting the Moon, and his judgment would consequently be affected, yet it must not be overlooked that Uranus is in sextile to the ascendant, and the Moon is likewise in trine aspect thereto, which would greatly mitigate the action of the opposition. Mars, his significator, is in trine to the Sun ruling M.C.; this should give him reputation and powerful friends. Mars' position will also produce public enemies, which he had, and suffered imprisonment through them; it would also affect his married life, for Saturn \square Mars, and although the Sun and Venus is in good aspect, I conclude he experienced storms in his conjugal relations; anyhow, it denoted death of the wife first, for the native married a second time at the age of 59 years and 10 months.

The aspects of Mars shew a hasty, restless disposition, plenty of pluck and determination.

The aphorism "Mercury in third house inclines to the arts and sciences," is well borne out in this case, and to those who consider Mercury strong in Capricorn, have in this natus evidence in support of it. Jupiter strong in the second promises wealth, especially as he is unafflicted, but as the benefics are in the north-eastern portion of the figure, I judge he did not have the benefit until late in life.

From the ascending sign, and the position of Mars and Saturn, I judge the native was troubled with affections of the parts ruled by Taurus, Libra and Scorpio.

It will be noted the Dragon's Tail is in the third; the native considered this caused enmity between himself and his brothers and sisters, but if we look closer into it, there is a stronger testimony, viz., Saturn lord of third \square to Mars, his significator, and as Saturn is strongest, being in his exaltation and elevated, he suffered at their hands. He died 23rd March, 1704.

This figure is taken from his "Doctrine of Nativities," a manuscript note in the copy I possess stating it is his nativity. I mention this as there is another extant purporting to be his horoscope.

The Symbols of the Planets.

THE meaning and language of symbols is a subject that few individuals (of the present race, at all events) have troubled themselves about, yet they are pregnant with wisdom, and to those who have knowledge of symbolic lore, the information they convey throws considerable light on the matters or things represented by the symbol. With matters outside planetary symbolification I do not purpose dealing, but having been occasionally asked the meanings of the various planetary symbols, I take this opportunity of throwing out a few hints of their significance, which, in the first instance, I had from my friend "Sepharial," whom I consider an authority on the point. As it may not be generally known, the symbol (+) has been handed down to us from pre-historic times, having been found in and on the so-called heathen temples, clearly proving the existence of the symbol ages prior to the dawn of the Christian era (1892 years ago). From one phase of occultism (according to some mystics) symbols are a standing invocation to certain spirits or orders of spirits, and those who have practised "talismanic magic" engrave or inscribe certain symbols on the talismans, agreeably to certain rules and at certain times when the planet, under whose rule the talisman is made, is lord of the hour, &c. I purpose endeavouring to show that the natures of the planets are expressed in their various symbols, and will commence by taking the luminaries first, whose symbols are single ones. The Sun is symbolised by the circle (O) denoting "perfection," and is an emblem of the "spirit," or "highest" nature; whilst the Moon is emblemised by the crescent (D), being "reflective" and pertaining to the "soul." The third "glyph" is the cross (+), pertaining to the "material," or gross matter, and is *not* represented in any form in the luminaries' symbols; whereas it forms an important part of the planetary ones. We thus obtain the following result:—

- 1.—Perfection ... O spirit.
- 2.—Perception ... D soul.
- 3.—Gross matter + body.

With the exception of Mercury, the planets' symbols are "dual," and partake of two of these glyphs, whereas Mercury's is triple, being composed of all the three. The symbols of Saturn and Jupiter are formed by a commingling of Nos. 2 and 3, whilst Mars and Venus partake of Nos. 1 and 3; yet it will be noticed

that although Jupiter and Saturn are formed from Nos. 1 and 3, the positions of the dual symbols are reversed, and the same remark applies to those of Mars and Venus, whereas Mercury's symbol, being triple, comprises all the three :

) + Jupiter, +) Saturn, $\overset{\circ}{+}$ Venus, $\overset{+}{\circ}$ Mars, $\overset{\circ}{+}$ Mercury.

It will thus be seen that the symbol of the soul (\mathcal{D}) is above that of the body (+) in the character of Jupiter, whilst in that of Saturn the "material" is above the "soul." It will be noticed the symbol of "perfection" is absent from these planets' glyphs, but in those of Mars and Venus it is characterised, for in that of Venus the symbol of the "spirit" surmounts that of the "material," but in that of Mars the "material" is uppermost. Venus unafflicted in a nativity denotes pure love, and the symbol clearly points this out, shewing that spiritual love has surmounted the earthy desires, whereas in that of Mars the "material" desires predominate.

(To be continued.)

Orbs.

THE following are the orbs of the planets, as given by Pearce in the "Science of the Stars"— \odot 17° , J 12° , M 7° , V 8° , S 7° , U 12° , H 9° , W 5° , P probably about 5° . When two planets are approaching conjunction or opposition, add the orbs of the two together, and then take half the sum. This will give the distance at which the two planets will begin to influence one another. For instance, if the Moon is approaching the conjunction of Venus, as soon as the two are within ten degrees of each other, the influence of the conjunction will commence.

There are many astrologers who express themselves as dissatisfied with these orbs, and advocate a uniform distance of about five degrees for each planet. I do not profess to know for certain where the truth lies, but my opinion is that the orbs vary considerably for each aspect. The strongest aspects are undoubtedly the conjunction and opposition, and here, I think, the orbs which are given above are not much too large; but the margin of distance must be diminished for all the other aspects according to their strength.

For the square and trine, I would allow about three-quarters of the usual orb.

For the sextile, semi-square, and sesquiquadrate, I would allow from one-half to two-thirds the orb.

The remaining aspects, semi-sextile, quintile, bi-quintile, and those others which are doubtful, I think, have no influence unless they are within one degree of being exact.

Some such arrangement as this appears to me to be more in accordance with reason than the rule of allowing a fixed orb, long or short, for every aspect, whether strong or weak, indifferently.

In addition to these considerations, it must not be forgotten that the nearer an aspect is to being exact, the stronger it is. For instance, an opposition or conjunction which is only just within orbs is probably of less importance than a square or trine which is exact in measurement; although the first two aspects are, speaking generally, stronger than the last two; and a semi-square or sextile which is exact has probably greater strength than a square or a trine which is only just within orbs. The remaining aspects are not worthy of consideration unless they are exact.

Therefore, when considering a horoscope, let the student pay most attention to those aspects that happen to be exact in measurement, for it is tolerably certain that these will be prominent in the life history.

I think that two planets which happen to be in the same sign of the zodiac have some slight significance on this account, whether they are in conjunction or not.

There is doubtless much yet to learn respecting the precise signification of the different aspects, and why one is good and another evil.

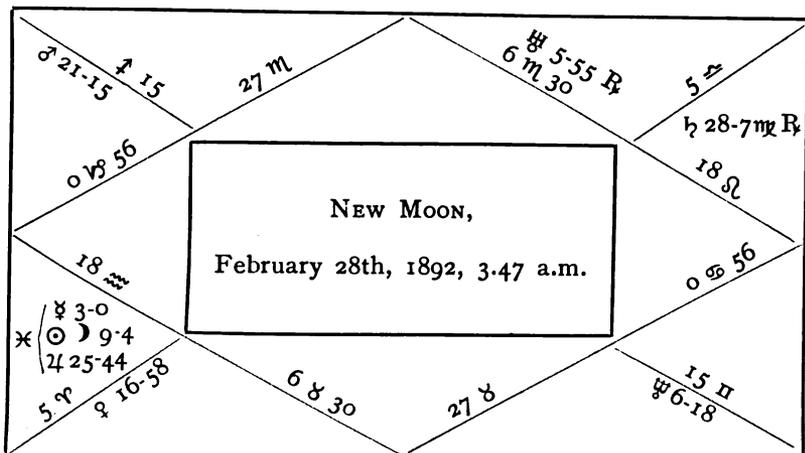
LEO.

The German Emperor celebrated his thirty-third birthday on January 27th. His post-natal directions for the present time are as follows:—

☉ P. Par ♂ P., 1891.	☽ P. ♂ ♃ P. }	April—May, 1892.
„ ☐ ♃ R., 1893.	„ ☽ ☉ R. }	
☉ R. Par ♀ P., 1895.	„ ♂ ♃ R. }	July, 1892.
	„ Δ ♃ }	Aug.—Sept., 1892.
	„ ∟ ♂ R. }	
	„ Par ♀ R.	Oct., 1893.
	„ near cusp of eighth.	

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Mundane Astrology.



THE lunation takes place at 3 h. 47 min. a.m., on February 28th, when the first degree of Capricornus ascends, and the luminaries are conjoined in the ninth degree of Pisces in trine to Uranus who is culminating. During this lunation money matters will be affected, and as Jupiter is opposed by Saturn and squared by Mars, there will be much fluctuation in the share market, with many defaulters. The lord of the house of life being in the house of death, points to great mortality. An eminent public character, advanced in years, stoops to fate. The position of Uranus is evil for the Government, sudden misfortunes and a harassing time for them and for the clerical profession. Occult matters should receive an impetus during this lunation. A very stormy month.

At Berlin, trouble in high places, commercial panics, and a heavy death-rate.

At St. Petersburg, foreign relations strained, civil dissensions, and warlike rumours.

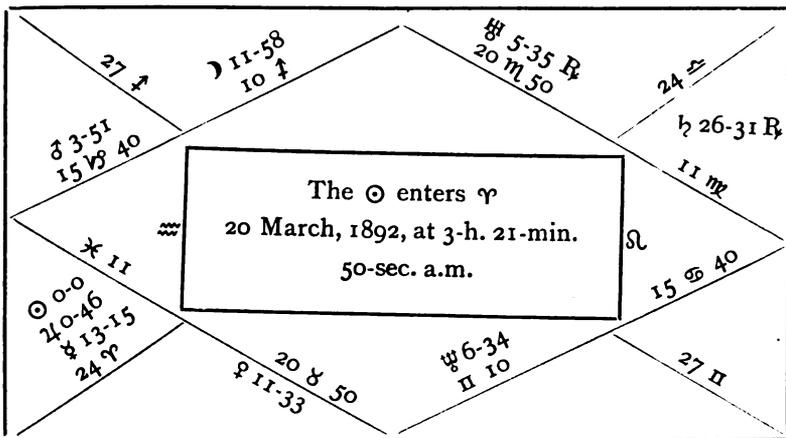
At Pekin, Mars is on the cusp of seventh, war and rumours of war, but the reigning powers are firm.

At Washington, the lights are near cusp of fifth, Mars in second. Financial failures; a panic on the share market is likely.

At Constantinople, difficulties with foreign affairs, much scandal in high places, bribery is exposed and will be made an example of.

At Melbourne, the lunation occurs in the ninth house, whilst Saturn on the cusp of the fourth opposes Jupiter. The governing powers meet with reverses and loss of prestige. Mars in the seventh is unfavourable for friendly relations abroad. Many marriages in the upper classes of society during this lunation, and likewise many exciting cases in the legal courts.

The Spring Quarter.



As no planets are angular, and a moveable sign ascends, the figure is not one of great importance. The Sun is in close conjunction with Jupiter, but squared by Mars, hence that although financial good is promised by the conjunction, it is quashed by the square, and the expenditure will exceed the receipts. The Government derive benefit from the probate duties, as the position of Saturn still points to heavy bills of mortality. Moon in trine to Mercury, some good Parliamentary measures should be advanced. The position of Mars indicates scandals concerning hospitals, prisons, and like places. The quarter will not pass without dissensions between master and servant, strike manifestations will be prominent, and much crime will be rife.

At St. Petersburg, trouble will affect the ruling powers, war is not improbable, the Czar's life will be again attempted, and many conspiracies will be heard of. Civil war is not unlikely. The reign of tyranny is drawing to a close.

At Berlin, Saturn is in the seventh, warlike preparations are in force, and the cords of foreign friendships will be very slender. Finance should improve.

At Washington, Saturn is near cusp of eleventh, troubles in Congress, financial panics, increased expenditure, and much scandal. Matters ruled by fifth house should be prosperous.

At Calcutta, illnesses of epidemical nature. The position of Mars in the eighth point to many deaths.

At Melbourne, a harassing time will be experienced, foreign complications, accidents on railways, and a general unsettled state.

At Pekin, Saturn is in the fourth, Mars on cusp of seventh. War very probable, and if it is brought about by the ruling powers, the position of Saturn points to losses.

At Rome, the death of a high clerical dignitary is very probable, dissensions occur in the Papal consistories. Finance greatly improves.

From Numbers to Exaltations.

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THESE exaltations have been handed down to us from pre-historic times, and, in spite of their remarkable character, one cannot help hesitating before venturing to suggest that there may possibly be a mistake. For not only do—so far as we know—all the ancient English and European astrologers treat these exaltations as correct, but, what is more, the Hindoo system is precisely the same. The “Brihat Jataka” gives the Uccha, or exaltation signs, just as they are given by western astrologers, with the exception that the degrees of exaltation are not all the same, and therefore are probably wrong, either with us or with the Hindus, or both.

The editor of “The Astrologers’ Magazine” (Oct., 1890) alluded to the anomaly of Mercury having his exaltation as well as his house in Virgo. Sepharial in “Fate and Fortune” agreed that Mercury was to be ejected from Virgo, and exalted him in Aquarius, but without giving any reason for so doing.

Now, by making a very simple change, this confusion in the exaltations is avoided. It is manifest that if there is a fault any-

where it is with Mercury, therefore let that planet give way, Mercury and Mars change places in Virgo and Capricorn, and, hey presto! all is right. Mercury meets his proper partner Jupiter, and Mars once again confronts Venus.

TABLE IV.

☉	♍	—	♁	♃
♃	♍	—	♁	Nil.
♄	♋	—	♂	♀
♁	♋	—	♂	♀

Here the same opposition is preserved as is seen in the houses and triplicities, and the result of this simple change is so harmonious, bringing order out of disorder, that one is tempted to exclaim that it *must* be true.

And yet, on reflection, how are we to reconcile it with the fact that for centuries both eastern and western astrologers have held the ordinary arrangement to be correct? They have all the force of experience on their side, and we—what have we? Only something that looks (wrongly perhaps) like logic and sweet reasonableness. But the error of exalting Mercury in Virgo and Mars in Capricorn—if it be an error, and I do not say it is because I do not know—is one that must date back over many long centuries.

I may here point out that this is a question which would be exceedingly difficult to settle from *experience* only. For Mercury has already strength in Virgo through that sign being one of his houses, and what conceivable method can we adopt in order to ascertain whether he has any additional strength in the sign due to his being exalted there? This is a point which it is utterly impossible to settle by the usual methods of test and experience.

As regards Mercury being transferred to Capricorn, it is a fact that the planet is always considered well-placed in that sign, as more than one astrologer has testified. Mr. W. E. Gladstone and Edgar Allan Poe, men considerably above the average in intellectual endowment, both have Mercury in very close conjunction with the Sun in Capricorn. Some will object that we cannot exalt Mercury in Capricorn without turning out Mars from that sign, and that he has always been held to have considerable power there. To which we reply that there can be no doubt that he has power in Capricorn, but this may be the case without that sign being his exaltation. His power there may arise from some other cause.

On the subject of Mars having strength in Virgo, we may notice that out of the three fixed stars in the constellation Virgo mentioned in Pearce's "Text book of Astrology," all partake more or less of the nature of Mars. The first Napoleon—a celebrated son of Mars—was born with the *constellation* Virgo rising, and he had Mars in sign Virgo.

I must here leave the question, honestly confessing that—being uninitiated into the mysteries of Esoteric Astrology, at least in this incarnation—I do not know where the truth lies, and regard the whole subject with an open mind, waiting for light.

It is a simple fact that no exoteric modern astrologer knows the true meaning of the terms "house" and "exaltation." The words convey to him nothing more than the idea of places where the planets have power. If the whole scheme of houses and exaltations were lost to us, how vain, without help, would be our endeavour to ascertain, for instance, whether Pisces was the house of Venus or only her exaltation.

LEO.

Cardinal Manning, venerable, aged and universally respected for the nobility of his character, died about an hour and a quarter earlier than the prince, and of bronchitis. He was born 15th July, 1808. A figure for the moment of his death shows that he has taken away with him to his next earth-life (centuries hence), strange to say, the warrior spirit and indomitable energy of Mars on the cusp of the mid-heaven in Scorpio; the mystical religion coming from Uranus in the ninth house is there also; and there is the Sun rising in Capricorn—a position which seems to suit his thin and ascetic but noble face. Venus is in the ascendant also, and Jupiter on the cusp of the second in square to Mars on the cusp of the mid-heaven, showing that he has earned—and will presently receive—worldly wealth, which he will spend freely for the benefit of others. The Moon is at the full in its own sign Cancer, in the seventh house. Religious and literary eminence will again be his, dignity and public fame.

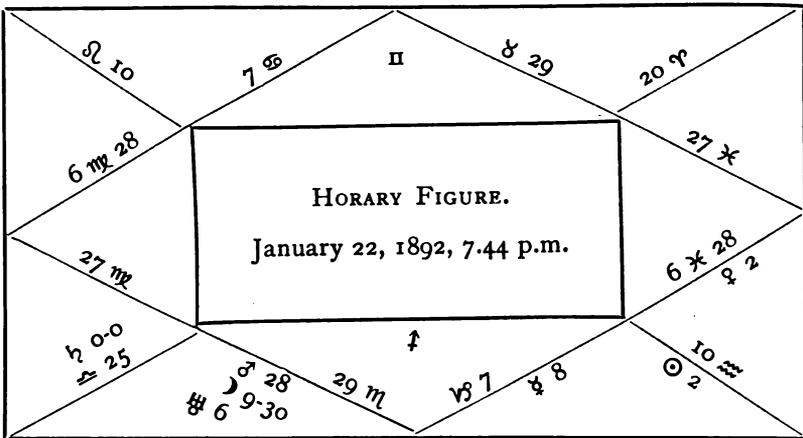
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The angular position of Saturn in the tenth house at the January New Moon (Dec. 31) coincided with the death of three Archdukes in Austria, of the Grand Duke Constantine, uncle of the Czar, in Russia, and of Cardinal Simeoni at Rome.

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The time of birth of Mr. Spurgeon is not known, we believe. He died at Mentone, 31st January, at 11.5 p.m. We gave his approximate directions last autumn, at the time of his severe illness; they were very evil, and there seemed little probability of his escaping death.

Horary Astrology.



QUESTIONS.—*Would it be advisable to commence business now?
Can I obtain money of a friend?*

YOUR significator Mercury being in the fifth house of speculation shows an inclination to make a move.

Mercury having the sextile of the Moon, lady of the house of hopes and wishes, make you very sanguine of success and hopeful of help from some relative or neighbour.

As your significator is supported only by the rays of the Moon and Uranus, I would advise you to wait a time.

A Jupiter friend would only be too glad to help you as Saturn in your second is approaching the sextile of ♃ on cusp of fourth, he being chief ruler of your friend's second.

As Mercury has no aspect to Jupiter, lord of the seventh, I would not advise you to borrow the money, as there will be delay in payment, and so break friendship.

As Jupiter, chief ruler of the fourth, the end of the matter has the semi-square of Sun from the house of speculation, he being part ruler of your eleventh, the house of hopes and wishes, and the approaching square of Uranus to Sun, all tends to show you should abandon the idea at present of commencing business.

PROFESSOR E. CASAEL.

The loss of the Rossendale election by the Government on January the 23rd, was foreshadowed by the position of the malefic Saturn in the eleventh house at the preceding lunation.

On Exaltations.

I HAVE been very much entertained and instructed by the ingenious chapter on "From Numbers to Exaltations," which appeared in your last issue. As far as it appears possible to correlate the planetary natures with the signs of the zodiac, this has been done in the article referred to, and it is interesting to note the conclusion to which the chapter leads us in regard to the exaltations of the planets. From what is there said, it would seem that the harmony hitherto observed in regard to "houses" and "triplicities" disappears when we come to the arrangement of the "exaltations" on the same lines. It seems possible, however, to observe something of order in the arrangement of the exaltations if we proceed after a different method.

It will be observed that all the planets have their exaltations in the dexter sextiles or trines of their own houses, except two, namely, Mars and Jupiter. The exaltation of Mars is said to be in Capricorn, which is a sinister sextile to its sign Scorpio. I conceive that it was for this reason if not from experience that R. C. Smith, in his excellent "Manual of Astrology," said of Virgo that it was a sign wherein Mars had great power, since it is the dexter sextile of Scorpio. At all events, it seems difficult on this general plan of dexter aspects, to find a comfortable place for Mars in Capricorn, since not only is it a sinister sextile to Scorpio, but also a square to its sign Aries. Jupiter's exaltation is in Cancer, according to very old authorities, which is a sinister trine to Pisces. In this position Jupiter does not offend his own house by an evil aspect, as in the case of Mars. If Mars were placed in Virgo however, and Jupiter in Capricorn, the dexter sextiles of their respective signs ♃ and ♃, they would then preserve their accustomed relationships with regard to themselves and the other planets. Mars, who is in association with Jupiter by a trine of their houses ♏ and ♏, ♃ and ♃, would preserve this relationship in the suggested exaltations, and both would be in trine to the Moon's exaltation in ♋, as in their houses of the watery triplicity, they complete their trines with the Moon in ♋.

Mercury, for similar reasons, I should place in Aquarius, to preserve the relations with the Sun and Saturn, which it has by lordship in ♒. And indeed it seems but right that Mercury should have its place in the disposition of affairs, by exaltation equally with other planets, if by so doing it does not offer opposition or evil of any kind to its established friends, Mars, Sun,

Saturn and Venus, the sextile or trine of which it receives by "house" lordship. This it certainly does not do, for while by exaltation in ♋, it is in ♆ to Sun in Aries, and trine to Saturn in Libra, it throws no aspect to the exaltations of Mars or Venus, unless the semi-sextile of the latter in ♋ be regarded as such. At least it does not *afflict* them, which cannot be said if we place the exaltation of Mercury in Virgo.

Then again, according to this scheme, each of the planets is exalted in a sign ruled by one with which it has friendly connections by lordship; and as it seems evident that the lordship of the signs is the foundation upon which the other relationships of the planets are disposed. I think this is another theoretical argument for the likelihood of the present arrangement. I do not suggest that the present scheme should be received merely upon the score of its apparent harmony, for there is nothing really harmonious and consistent in itself save the truth, and the only test of the truth in these matters is experience. It would be interesting to learn from the readers of the *Astrologers' Magazine* if there is anything within their experience to support or contradict the distribution of the planets made in the following table:—

Sign.	Lord.	Exalt.	Sign.	Lord.	Exalt.	Sign.	Lord.	Exalt.
♈	♂	☉	♏	☉		♁	♃	
♉	♀	☽	♐	♁	♂	♂	♃	♃
♊	♁		♑	♀	♃	♋	♃	♁
♌	♃		♒	♂		♍	♃	♀

I have never been able to trace the origin of the modern method which limits the exaltation of a planet to particular degrees of a sign, and I cannot conceive what reasons may have led to the selection of these degrees. If there is any definite information to be had on this point, it would be interesting to have it in the pages of the *Astrologers' Magazine*. Personally, I am averse to the perpetuation of these fabled "dignities," if they cannot be supported by modern experience, and it seems evident that there is as much reform-work to be done in connection with the astrology of the past as there is pioneer-work for the astrology of the future, and service in either direction can only be carried out by those in whom a spirit of independence and love of truth has overcome the initial restraint imposed upon the mind, by the "time-honored" dogmas of the text-book.

SEPHARIAL.

Notes on Recent Events.

On page 255 of our June number for last year we gave the figure for the last eclipse of the Sun, which fell in the eighth house, the Sun being lord of the tenth or mid-heaven, and we predicted as a consequence that—"The death of royalty will occur during the rule of this eclipse." Our readers will remember that eclipses of the Sun have effect for as many years as the hours during which the eclipse lasts; the rule of this last visible eclipse, therefore, is still maintained, and our prediction has been fulfilled in the Duke of Clarence's death. The young prince's horoscope was given on page 29, vol. I., of this Magazine (Sept. 1890). It was not a fortunate figure. The luminaries were in conjunction in Capricorn in the fifth house and in close square to Saturn, lord of the sixth, which forbade long life. The suddenness of his decease was pre-signified by Mars, lord of the eighth, the house of death, being in parallel declination with the Sun and in opposition to Uranus. His death was the result of an evil Karma inherited from a past life, which can be seen from an inspection of his epoch and its directions; but our readers must not apply the usual rules for finding the epoch to this horoscope, because it is an exceptional one. His death was the result of a chill caught when *sporting* (shooting), which is in accordancē with the fact that the luminaries were afflicted in the fifth house (governing sporting). He died about 9.10 a.m., on the 14th January, and an inspection of a figure drawn for this time shows that he takes over with him to the next incarnation several striking tendencies, some of which certainly sympathise with what has happened to him in the life just ended. For instance, there is Uranus in the eighth house (sudden death); Saturn in the seventh house (afflicting the house of marriage); Venus very close to the cusp of the ascendant (an affectionate and sociable disposition); Jupiter rising in his own house, Pisces, and lord of the mid-heaven (prosperity and worldly success), and the Moon at the full on the cusp of the sixth house.

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As predicted in our February number, the death rate is rapidly lowering, as deduced from the position of Venus in the eighth house at the lunation. The *Daily News* of February 10th publishes the Registrar General's Report—decline of the death rate—giving the details.

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The strikes in various branches of the labour market, a case in point being 15,000 engineers in the north on strike, still cause anxiety to the capitalists, as predicted in the quarterly figure on page 392, and as the figure holds good until the Sun's ingress into Aries at the vernal equinox, things will not yet settle down.

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Numerous cases of outrages upon women and children have engaged the attention of the various magistrates, and some heavy sentences have resulted, as we predicted.

The death of Mr. C. Whitely, M.P., the Member for the Eastern Division of Liverpool, confirms Zadkiel's prediction that M.P.'s would suffer from the prevailing sickness, and bears out our remark on page 392, deduced from Saturn in the eleventh house.

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The death of Cardinal Manning, a "prince of the Church," confirms Raphael's prediction of the decease of an eminent scholar in January.

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The numerous fires that occurred in January, notably those at Tooley Street, at the North-Western Station, at Leeds, fulfilled Orion's predictions.

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Our forebodings as regards Russia on page 438 have only proved too true, as a perusal of the daily papers sadly confirm this; and the prognostications for Washington (page 418), have been fully borne out—a fearful mining explosion, railway accidents (especially the one at Crawfordsville), and the large fire at the Indianapolis hospital, will be fresh in the reader's mind. The prisoners have caused the authorities much anxiety at Santa Cruz, on January 19th, fully confirming our predictions on page 427.

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The strike of the coal porters is still rife, and is causing much trouble, especially to small consumers, but from the planetary positions at time we go to press, there is prospect of a speedy settlement.

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Zadkiel I., in the "Horoscope" of 31st May, 1834, states that "in 1916 the 'North Scale' (a fixed star of the 2nd magnitude) reaches the 18° 12' of Scorpio, which is the exact ascendant of Liverpool, and will then produce wonderful improvements—and that Liverpool will greatly flourish about the early part of the 20th century."

Letters to the Editor.

All correspondents should give full name and address, not necessarily for publication, but as a token of good faith.

N.B.—Writers of signed articles are alone responsible for the opinions therein contained.

DEAR SIR,—I am loth to occupy so much of your valuable space, but there are remarks in "Sepharial's" article, page 419, that require noticing. He says, "thus all the aspects formed by the Moon during the fifth day after birth will remain in gestation till the fifth year of the native's life." This, to my mind, is so *very* doubtful that I cannot accept it. What about the scores of directions that occur without an

event, and the events that occur without a direction? How about the solar and planetary directions and the pre-natal?" On page 421, he says, "Occultism does not make its calculations from the natal figure at all," but what calculations does a *true* occultist require?

The last two paragraphs of the article contain a proposition that is simply *marvellous*. It amounts in short to this—that the planets are not where we see them, or where we place them in our maps. I challenge "Sepharial," point blank, to substantiate this or anything like it. Are the effects of μ on the M.C. like those of μ in the ninth, and η in the second like η in the first? Decidedly not, as "Sepharial" knows quite well. Again, what about *aspects*? How should these be calculated? "Sepharial" probably forgets that the \odot and planets are continually shining on some part of our Earth. If the \odot were to put up his *shutters*, and then suddenly remove them, the light would take about eight minutes to reach us, but this does not happen and his light is constantly with us. Why don't "Sepharial" write to the Royal Observatory, and explain to the professors that their telescopes are befooling them beyond conception, and that when ♁ appears on the M.C. he is actually from 45° to 60° west of that point?

Now I hope my friend will not think me discourteous if I invite him to *substantiate* or *withdraw* this proposition. It is one that affects Astrology *vitally*, and, for the benefit of students, should be *definitely settled*. The article as a whole seems very *fatalistic*, I have but little faith in that word.

Respecting the period of pregnancy, page 428, will "Sepharial" kindly say if Dr. Merriman states how the different weeks were reckoned? Whether from the last *periodic* or from the estimated time of conception.

I thank "Guy Mannering" for his suggestion; I had not forgotten the point, but as it would cut both ways I did not use it.

Yours faithfully, RAPHAEL.

[Arrived too late for insertion in last number.—ED. A.M.]

DEAR SIR,—“Sepharial” is inclined to shift; first he disputed my assertion as to *twins*, now he says the children must be born of *different* parents, and he asks me for data which he must know is next to impossible to obtain; but he has probably read or heard of a person born about the time of George III. and within a mile of the same place, and how very much the lives of the two tallied in proportion as regards success, trouble, death, etc.; also of twins born at Plymouth (?) who were so much alike in *every* way, tastes, inclinations, aches and pains, that their parents could not distinguish one from the other; how they joined the army, engaged in action, one got killed, the other stepped in his place and fell dead on the corpse of his brother! I regret I cannot lay my hands on the particulars of these cases just now; if any of your readers recollect where they may be found, I shall be glad if they will let me know.

“Sepharial” tries to make capital out of Karma, affinity, heredity, etc., to refute my arguments; he seems to forget that all these are the production and result of the sidereal influences, and that the planetary positions at one incarnation synchronise with those at another.

Respecting Shelley, I deny point blank that there were twenty persons born within five minutes of his birth and within fifty miles of

Horsham. Does "Sepharial" think that nature vomited into life twenty infants and then rested fifty minutes? Inequality in numbers there may be, but not to that extent; and who can say that nature did not pause before and after the great soul of Shelley came to light? *It is more likely she did than she didn't.*

Re Hermes Trismegistus. My authority is "Sepharial's" late teacher, the great H. P. B., she says, "Hermes never was the name of a man, but a generic title, just as in former times we have the Neo-Platonist, and in the present the Theosophist. Even in the time of Plato, Hermes was already identified with the Thoth of the Egyptians. But this word Thoth does not mean only "intelligence," it means also 'assembly or school.'"

Referring to the period of gestation, does my friend mean to infer that the first female conceived the very day she was married, and the other at the very instant of coition? His figures seem to imply it. Again, who ever suggested that any female reckoned her pregnancy three or four weeks *before* coition? I didn't. However, since writing my last reply, I have had outside corroborative evidence, and from a gentleman who is a close observer of nature; he says, I am certainly right in my 36 weeks. Another thing, I have had practical experience with mares, cows, sows, and other animals, and in every case their periods are ruled by the Moon. Why should the human be an exception? *Lunar* months are *celestial* periods of time, but calendar months are simply a measure of time evolved from the brain of *man*, and a nice mess he made of it at first, as no doubt my learned critic knows quite well. My friend says, "the duration of pregnancy may extend to any time between 37 and 44 weeks, and cites Dr. Merriman as his authority (see page 428)," but what about the nine *calendar* months in his infallible method of correcting a nativity? According to this, the pre-natal epoch may occur three weeks *before* or four weeks after conception. Again, how about seven months' children? What rules are we to apply to these cases?

May I ask what is his *authority* for a *pre-natal* epoch, other than conception?

The mention of H. P. B. reminds me of a question I intended asking some months ago, but forgot it. Will "Sepharial" kindly explain how he gets the cusps of the houses in the nativity of this gifted lady? (see page 343). He is no doubt *correct*, as he explains how beautifully the ascending degree and sign, and the various locations of the planets harmonize with her unique character. My head feels thick on the point, and I should be greatly obliged for an explanation.

RAPHAEL.

PHRENOLOGICAL AND PHYSIOLOGICAL DELINEATION OF MR. R. PENNY.

MR. PENNY,—You are endowed with the nervous-motor-bilious temperaments, physical conditions denoting a tenacious nature, considerable power of endurance. Your phrenological and physiological developments denote pronounced individuality of mind and character, much distinctiveness. You are candid and plain spoken to a fault, large conscientiousness, firmness, self-esteem and courage, with keen perceptiveness and large comparison, and only moderate secrecy, denote high sense of justice, love of liberty, keen perception of right,

also of physical facts and qualities, ability to reason by analogy, to note, criticise, and compare. You are rather defensive than aggressive however, and you will evince courage rather in the defence of what you deem to be right and true than your own personal interests. Firmness and concentrativeness render you intense in thought and feeling, continuous in application and firm in purpose. When decided in any matter you are not easily turned aside from your purpose. Though secrecy is comparatively weak, it will be manifest in directness and bluntness of speech. But caution and justice are large, importing sense of responsibility. In regard to important matters, you will evince discretion, but are often not guarded enough in speech.

You are honest in intention, truth loving, tenacious in attachment towards your particular friends, you are self-reliant and self-respectful. There is much of the intentional and impressional, also of the spiritual which will be associated with the phenomenal, scientific, mathematical side of nature.

[NOTE BY EDITOR.—We are asked to insert this, as it is opposed to Mr. Hatfield's reading of the nativity. Students can by their own experience compare the above delineation with the nativity.]

SIR,—May I be allowed to suggest to fellow-students the use of a table showing the radical positions, declinations, and important aspects something like the enclosed, as a means of readily finding the primary and secondary directions in force at any moment. The radical positions of the planets being fixed, such a table once made out will last a lifetime. Degrees only are given in the columns headed by zodiacal signs, fractions may be added mentally.

No fixed base is possible for progressive directions, but they can be readily ascertained from the table of aspects given at p. 299, Vol. II. of this Magazine, from which a separate table for each sign can be easily prepared, and will be found more convenient for reference than one having twelve heads on each column.

The table given is for Prince George of Wales, whose natus now requires attention.

It is rather singular that in this figure as in that of the late Prince Albert Victor—one planet only is elevated.

♃ R. ninth house, * ♃ R. seventh, near ♄ ♃ third. Matters ruled by these houses will probably require serious consideration.

It will be seen that the following directions came up during 1892:—

PRIMARY.	SECONDARY.
♃ □ ♃ R.	♃ □ ♃ Pro., January, 1892.
♃ □ Asc.	♃ Δ ♀ „ February, 1892.
♀ ∠ ♃ R.	♃ □ ♀ R. March, 1892.
♃ Par. ⊙ R.	♃ □ ♃ R. April, 1892.
♃ „ ♃ R.	♃ □ ♃ R. July, 1892.
♀ „ ♃ R.	♃ □ ♃ Pro., September, 1892.
♀ ♂ ⊙ P.	♃ ♄ Asc. November, 1892.
⊙ ∠ ♀ P.	♃ □ ♀ R. December, 1892.
♀ □ ♂ P.	

Matters governed by ♀ will soon come to the front.

PRINCE GEORGE OF WALES.

B. 1.18 a.m., 3rd June, 1865.

Rad. Pos.	Decln.	☿	♄	♁	♅	♆	♁	♁	♁	♁	♁	♁	♁	Rmks.
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		* 12	□ 27	
☾ 1 ♁ 3	2 S 38	♄ 1	□ 16	△ 1	□ 1	∠ 16	...	♄ 1	∠ 16	* 1	□ 1	△ 1	...	
		* 1	□ 16	...	
♃ 18 8 27	14 N 3	∠ 3	♄ 18	...	∠ 3	□ 18	△ 18	□ 3	♄ 18	...	△ 18	□ 18	* 18	
		* 18	□ 3	
♀ 9 8 39	13 N 20	...	♄ 9	∠ 24	* 9	□ 9	△ 9	..	♄ 9	□ 24	△ 9	□ 9	* 9	
		...	...	...	...	...	□ 24	...	...	...	...	...	∠ 24	
♁ 5 9 39	20 N 17	△ 5	□ 5	∠ 20	...	♄ 5	∠ 20	* 5	□ 5	△ 5	...	♄ 5	□ 20	
		...	...	* 5	...	...	...	...	...	□ 20	...	...	...
♃ 25 ♁ 39	22 S 56	△ 25	□ 10	♄ 25	...	△ 25	□ 25	* 25	∠ 10	♄ 25	...	∠ 10	□ 25	R
		...	...	...	...	□ 10	...	...	...	...	...	* 25	...	
♃ 24 ♁ 6	6 S 51	♄ 24	...	△ 24	□ 24	* 24	∠ 9	♄ 24	...	∠ 9	□ 24	△ 24	□ 9	R
		...	...	□ 9	...	...	...	...	...	* 24	...	...	...
♃ 28 II 37	23 N 39	* 28	∠ 13	♄ 28	...	∠ 13	□ 18	△ 28	□ 13	♄ 28	...	△ 28	□ 28	
		...	...	...	...	* 28	...	...	...	...	...	□ 13	...	
♃ 10 ♃ 13	2 N 19	♄ 10	∠ 25	* 10	□ 10	△ 10	...	♄ 10	□ 25	△ 10	□ 10	∠ 25	...	
		...	...	...	...	□ 25	...	...	...	...	...	* 10	...	

♃ Δ 24.

Caversham, Reading.

DEAR SIR,—As Astro-meteorology seems to be a subject very little gone into by Astrological students (and even when it is, the old rule seems almost useless), perhaps you will allow me to call your attention to a simple method that I have practised for a considerable time, and with very good results.

The outline of the method is as follows:—Observe well the state of the weather when the ☽ is in ♅ (there is no doubt in my mind about ♅ being the sign wherein the ☽ has great power).

Should the entry of the ☽ in this sign bring rain, you will find but little difficulty in forecasting the weather for the next 28 days. If the general condition of the weather has been that rain is needed for vegetation, you will generally find that the Δ aspect, *i.e.*, ♁, will bring showers; and again, when she enters ♁ Δ to ♅ and ♁, rain will follow; but if there has been a lot of rain, the □ and ♄, *i.e.*, ♁, ♃ and ♃ will, as a rule, cause a downpour, and the influence for rain coming from the □ aspect falling in ♁ will often continue

during the D course through m , but with an increase of heat and a higher barometer when f is reached, falling barometer and cold rain when in b , followed with moist atmosphere (not exactly rain) when in z (this seems a variable sign, and my observations as regards the weather points to the influence of w in z).

A knowledge of the nature of the signs is necessary in this method.

Now let us suppose that "wet" has been the outcome of D in e , and that *rain is particularly needed*, the prediction by my method would be:—

D e .—Rain.

O .—Increase of heat, with what is commonly called "muggy weather."

m .—Cooler, with no rain.

z .—Warmer, with light pleasant breezes.

m .—Falling barometer, with rain.

f .—Warmer, with an increase of electricity in the atmosphere.

b .—Colder and dry.

z .—Variable, with warm moist winds.

x .—Heavy dew or rain.

r .—Probably thunder, an increase of heat.

g .—Cool and unpleasant.

h .—Increase of heat with wind, a tendency to moisture in the form of dew or fog.

The prediction will be for the locality from which the observation of the D entry into e was taken.

I am, yours faithfully, TELVIGHEE.

Answers to Correspondents.

J. R. THOMPSON.—We cannot say *why* there is a difference between Charubel's symbols, and those given in Raphael's "Faces and Degrees of the Zodiac." As to whether these symbols are worth "bothering about," is a matter of opinion. Where the *exact ascendant* is known, they undoubtedly are in evidence, and bear testimony to certain characteristics that can easily be seen by those who "read between the lines."

H. H. R.—Sepharial's article is very clear to our mind, and you are rather "out of date," considering it appeared in the January issue of 1891. To make it, perhaps, a trifle clearer, the *odd* houses (first, third, fifth, &c.) rule the *left* side, and the *even* ones (second, fourth, sixth, &c.) the *right* side, as will be seen from the examples given on page 139, Vol. I. The article well repays for careful study. In a sense, a great deal of Esoteric Astrology has been made Exoteric, from the fact of its being given in our columns, the above article affording a case in point. Those who have eyes to see, and minds to understand, can gather much from the various articles that are being contributed by Sepharial and other occult students to our columns. Certain things are not permitted to be publicly disseminated for obvious reasons.

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Lessons in Astrology for Beginners.

By APHOREL.

SECTION II. NO. 7.—TRANSITS.

(CONTINUED.)

THIS having been done, the student will find the time the principal events of life will happen, tabulated in the manner demonstrated in these lessons for the respective years for which the lunar directions have been taken out.

Some professors and many students take into consideration the transits of the planets, which is strongly advocated by our friend "Raphael," who calls them "excitement" (*vide* his "Key" lately published). According to his teaching, they set in motion the directions that may be in operation, and is in fact, the key to his system. As many may not be exactly clear what a transit is, I will briefly explain. A transit is the passing over or aspecting a degree of the zodiac occupied by a planet, &c., at birth, or the degree a planet may have progressed to by direction.

Example: The Sun in our example natus was in (say) the fourth degree of Cancer. To know what the transits are for the present year, (1892), the Ephemeris for the year 1892 must be referred to. Let us find when Mars transits or "excites" the Sun during this year.

When Mars travels to the 19th degree of either ♋ or ♌, he will be in semi-square to the radical Sun; when in 4° ♌ or ♍ will be in sextile, when in 4° ♎ or ♏ in square, when in 4° ♐ or ♑ in trine, when in 19° ♐ or ♑ in sesquiquadrate, in 4° ♒ in opposition, and when in 4° ♓ in conjunction, and when in the same parallel of Sun in 23° N. (The table on page 299 will be found especially useful in this matter.)

On reference, we find Mars only transits the degrees as follows: January 7th, 19° ♐ ☐ ☉; March 9th, same parallel of declination as the Sun; March 20th, 4° ♒ ☉; October 19th, 19° ♑ ☐ ☉; November 16th, 4° ♌ △ ☉. These are the only transits of Mars during 1892 to the radical Sun.

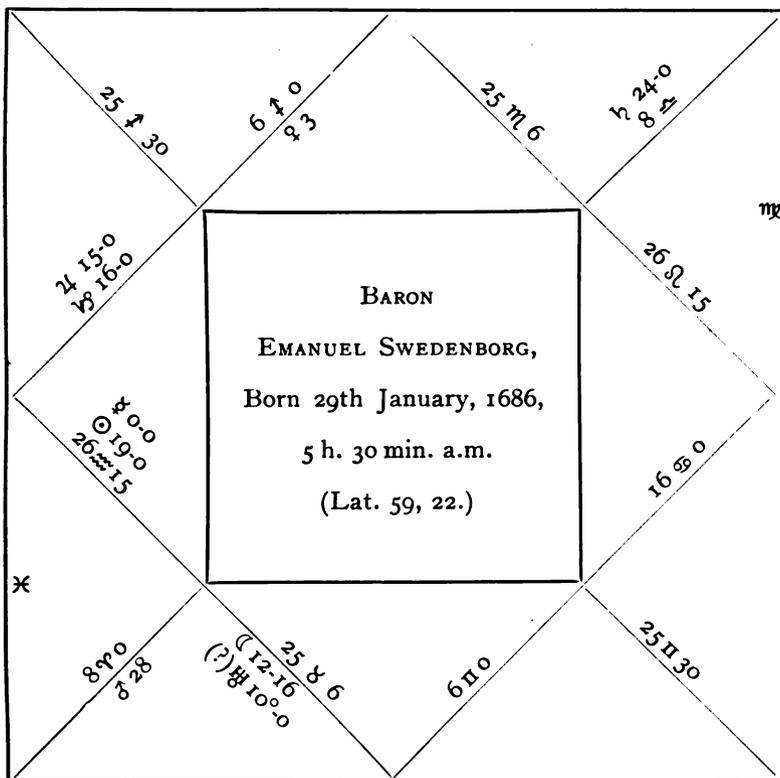
Personally, I find these transits have little or no effect *unless a lunar direction is in operation*, when the transit MAY accentuate the good or evil foreshadowed by the solar or lunar direction (many events occur without a transit), but inasmuch as the effects of the transits (if any there be) are but *transitory*, and as a rule last but a few days, or weeks at the most, and the latter only when the transiting planet may be stationary, I virtually ignore them, and chiefly observe the Moon's directions. I would, however, suggest the student testing these transits for himself, working upon the lines I have in the foregoing paragraph suggested.

Note this: First get out the solar, lunar and planetary directions for the desired year, and turn to the Ephemeris for the *actual* year, e.g., if the birth took place in June, 1862, and directions and transits are required for 1892, or 30 years after birth, get out the directions for 30 *days* after birth (viz., 24th July), and the transits must be obtained from the Ephemeris for 1892, the *actual* year desired. Note the day and month when any of the planets (but especially the superiors, ♁ ♃ ♅ and ♁) pass over or aspect any of the radical or progressive places of the planets, and the *day* on which they pass over or aspect such places, certain effects should be produced on *that very day*, *if transits are reliable*. I know that many use the "long orbs" with transits, the same as in computing the aspects, but I submit this is no true test. This elasticity or stretching of orbs to produce effects is all very well, but it is not exact science, it is the old case of "making the arc suit the event," for if a transit is reliable, it should effect *when it is exactly on the degree or in exact aspect*, the same as directions, and not when it is (say) 14 or 15 degrees distant. Good transits are considered to nullify evil directions, and *vice versa*, and if no direction is operating, the transit will pass without action. Let the student apply them to his own horoscope and directions, and base his opinion of them according to the result he finds from his investigations, but let him be certain that if any event comes off when a transit is on, that no other probable cause may have produced it, independently of the transit. For those who desire further information as to these "excitements" or transits, they are recommended to obtain "Raphael's Key to Astrology," price 1/-, where examples are given of their effects, &c.

(To be continued.)

The Nativity of a Notable Occultist,

BARON EMANUEL SWEDENBORG.



ASPECTS.

☉	△	♃	♀	*	♃	♃	♃	♃	♃	♃	♃
☾	△	♃	♂	♃	♂	□	♃	♂	♃	♃	♃
♃	*	♀	□	♂	♃	△	♃				

THE subject of our nativity is known by name to many of our readers, and as the horoscope has many points that will interest both students and co-religionists of his, several of whom are subscribers to our magazine, we take the opportunity of giving his horoscope, subtending a few remarks on prominent features in the figure. First, there are no less than six planets dignified, either accidentally or essentially, Mars and the Moon are in their own houses; Saturn, lord of ascendant, is in Libra, his exaltation; Jupiter, Mercury and the Sun are accidentally dignified, the former by being on the ascending cusp, and the

two latter in the first house. These positions are seldom met with, and denote an individual above the ordinary order of mankind. Again, all the planets save Saturn, are rising, another strong testimony. Those who have read "Sepharia's" article on "Exaltations," in the March number, will notice that in this case there are two of the planets strong in the signs he suggests as their exaltations, viz., Jupiter in Capricorn, and Mercury in Aquarius. All the above point to a superior mind, and if I am right in assuming Uranus to be in or near the tenth degree of Taurus, he would be in trine to Jupiter and conjunction with the Moon, largely increasing the native's ideality, love of the sublime, lofty aspirations and strong tendencies to the higher life. Another, and stronger testimony bears this out, viz., Saturn, ruler of the ascendant, in the house of divinity in the just sign (Libra) in trine to the Sun. The only evil in the figure is the opposition of Mars and Saturn, and whether the spirits he communed with were good or evil, is not a point that needs much consideration, for this opposition, in my opinion, points to both classes, and this I believe to be borne out in his writings, shewing that he, like all of us, had some evil to contend against, and as the affliction fell into the house of religion (the ninth) he had the evil to overcome in matters connected with his life mission. It is also worthy of note that in this horoscope Mars and Venus are not in aspect, earthly love had no charms for him, his life was, in a sense, a visionary one, interrupted by the hostility of notable learned men, signified by Mars in Aries, but supported by many persons of position, through the Sun's benefic trine to his significator. Some may say, "was his reason affected?" From a study of his natus there is not the slightest indication thereof, for the planet Mercury, although in square to Mars, has a sextile of Venus, and the Moon is supported by a good aspect to Jupiter and is conjoined to Uranus, this latter aspect acting on the spiritual nature and developing it largely. It is regretted that want of space prevents further elucidation of this exceedingly interesting nativity.

THE AURORA BOREALIS.—The telegraphic system of Sweden was greatly upset by the aurora borealis. The earth currents which are the usual accompaniments of that phenomenon seriously interfered with the working of the lines. Intelligence from Russia reports similar electrical disturbance from the same cause.

Exaltations.

THE ideas put forward by "Sepharial" in his paper "On Exaltations," cannot fail to strike one as novel and interesting. He supplements the views which I put forward in my article entitled "From Numbers to Exaltations," and at the same time gives a new method of classifying the planets in their exaltations. In the conclusions to which he arrives, he partly agrees and partly disagrees with me. As for our agreement, we have both given reasons for exalting Mars in Virgo; and as for our disagreement, I have suggested Capricorn as the exaltation of Mercury, while "Sepharial" suggests Aquarius. Now, speaking for myself, I know no means of proving which of us is right and which wrong, but inasmuch as harmony is a test of truth, it has struck me that it might be worth while examining his result by my method, and my result by his method.

My suggestion was that Capricorn might be the exaltation of Mercury. "Sepharial's" method was that of dexter sextiles and trines. Capricorn is the sinister trine of Virgo; and therefore, if the dexter method is the correct one, my conclusion cannot be right, and Mercury cannot be exalted in Capricorn.

On the other hand, "Sepharial" suggests that Aquarius is the sign wherein "the messenger of the gods" receives his exaltation. My method of testing the planets was that of oppositions. Mercury, by house and triplicity, is always opposed to Jupiter; and unless some definite reason is given to the contrary, I have argued that this opposition ought to continue also in the exaltations. But according to "Sepharial's" suggestion, Mercury is exalted in Aquarius and Jupiter in Capricorn, and so far from being in opposition they are side by side. Therefore, if my test-method is right, "Sepharial's" exaltations are wrong, and *vice versa*.

Now my method is undoubtedly right in the case of the houses and triplicities—at least no one has doubted it up to the present—and "Sepharial's" is equally correct with regard to many of the exaltations. It has, therefore, struck me that it might be worth while amalgamating the two, in order to see what the result would be, and I confess it has rather surprised me. But before tabulating it, I should like to point out that even if Mars is exalted in Virgo and Mercury in Aquarius, as "Sepharial" suggests, the order, tested by his own method of dexter sextiles and trines, is not quite so regular as it might seem on first sight.

Mars in Virgo, and Venus in Pisces, are both in dexter sextile to their respective night houses. Jupiter in Capricorn follows the same order, a dexter sextile to his night house, Pisces. But Mercury forms a dexter trine to his day house, Gemini. Why this variation?

“SEPHARIAL’S” EXALTATIONS.

☉	☾	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌	Planet.
♍		♎	♏	♐	♑	♒	Day House.
	♓	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌	Night House.
♍	♎	♏	♐	♑	♒	♓	Exaltation.
D△		D△			D△		Distance from Exaltation to Day House.
	D*		D*	D*		D*	

This table shews the exaltations and aspects clearly, according to “Sepharial’s” arrangement. But one cannot help asking why Saturn and Mercury should follow the Sun in aspecting the day house, while Mars, Venus and Jupiter agree with the Moon and aspect the night house.

Now if complete uniformity is desired, there is only one way out of it. All the planets that have two houses must also be given two exaltations. This is rather a startling conclusion, but there is no other means of arriving at a thoroughly harmonious arrangement. In the first place we must assume—and I think we are justified in doing so—that the present arrangement of houses is correct. It will then be noticed that all the odd signs are masculine day houses, and rule the left side of the body; while all the even signs are feminine night houses and rule the right side. The Sun and Moon, having only one house, do not require more than one exaltation; and it will be noticed that the Sun, governing the day, has a dexter trine for its exaltation, while the Moon, who is of the night, is exalted in a dexter sextile. Taking these positions, then, as correct and typical, I arrive at the arrangement given in the following table:—

TABLE OF DOUBLE EXALTATIONS.

☉	☾	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌	Planet.
♍		♎	♏	♐	♑	♒	Day Exaltation.
D△		D△	D△	D△	D△	D△	Distance to Day House.
	♓	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌	Night Exaltation.
	D*	D*	D*	D*	D*	D*	Distance to Night House.

This table reconciles my method with "Sepharial's." His rule of dexter sextiles and trines is not broken, but rather observed more closely than he himself observes it. And my conclusion that planets which oppose each other by house should maintain the same aspect to each other in their exaltations is thoroughly borne out. "Sepharial's" suggestion as to the exaltation of Mercury in Aquarius, and Jupiter in Capricorn, is shewn to be justifiable; but my reason for placing Mercury in Capricorn is not.

I am afraid that some readers will look upon all this as rather wild speculation, and I do not bind anybody, even myself, to accept it all. But once Astrologers arrive at the conclusion that Mercury is wrongly exalted in Virgo, a radical re-arrangement is unavoidable. Of the above double exaltations, it may possibly be that only one of each pair (either the day or the night exaltation) is really important and that the other one may be neglected; and it may also possibly be that the important ones are those which "Sepharial" has pointed out, though why it should be so I am unable to say.

LEO.

Useful Hints for Young Students.

PLANETS rising, (especially the benefics), denote the native will rise above the sphere in which he was born, but in giving judgment, attention must be paid to his early environment, for it is more successful for one born a beggar to rise by his own exertions, and become master of a business, than for the son of a king to inherit his father's throne.

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If malefics are rising, the native will attain to a position, but he will have many obstacles to overcome ere he succeeds in obtaining such position, but those who have their malefics so posited are generally very determined, and by fair means or foul, will attain to the position they seek, and the damage they may afflict on others in their determination has no effect on them.

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If the malefics are afflicted, so much greater the difficulty, but those born with the benefics rising and unafflicted, generally have an easy passage through life.

Persons who at birth have their planets above the Earth, attain what success may be promised in their horoscopes early in life, whereas those who have them beneath the Earth reach theirs later.

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Ere giving judgment on these points, regard must be had to the probable duration of life, a primary consideration in all cases.

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This having been determined, the approximate period of success or otherwise may roughly be determined by noting what houses contain the benefics and malefics.

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Roughly speaking, five years is given for each of the twelve mundane houses, the first five years pertaining to the twelfth house, the fifth to the tenth year, to the eleventh, and so on, but if the native is likely to live, (say) until seventy years, the twelfth house would signify his sixtieth to sixty-fifth year.

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On pages 161 and 239, the student will find the matter mentioned in a more detailed form; he is referred to those pages for particulars, and is advised to apply them to each nativity that may come before him.

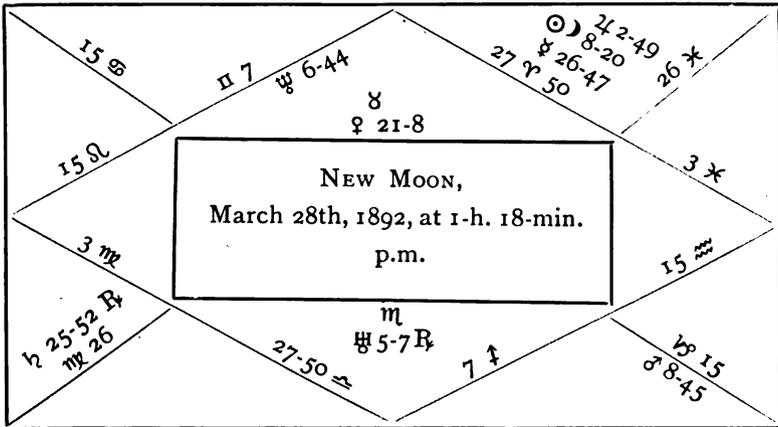
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Those who have their fourth house well fortified, either by having the benefics there (or even the malefics if they are dignified or well aspected), should stay in their native land, and not emigrate, for this position denotes success about the forty-fifth year, and if the planets are in a "fixed" sign, the success will be "enduring."

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There is more in the "Cabal" of the twelve mundane houses than many are cognisant of, and in fact, all matters pertaining to Astrologic science require profound reflection and depth of thought, and the student is advised to bear this in mind when "dissecting" a nativity, or giving a judgment.

Mundane Astrology.



AT the time of the lunation on the 28th ultimo, the conjoined luminaries are in the ninth house, separated from the semi-square of Venus and the sextile of Neptune, and is in exact square with Mars, ruling the mid-heaven. This position is evil, and being from cardinal signs the trouble will be notable. The Government will suffer considerably; it is not improbable that royalty will be affected by this malign aspect, as it will produce illnesses in the higher classes of society. The position of Mercury on cusp of M.C. will produce a lively time in Parliament, and the Government will be harassed. Venus in the mid-heaven will produce some notable marriages. Saturn on the cusp of third points to accidents, mining casualties, railway accidents, troubles in the postal and telegraphic departments of the public service. The health of the people will not be good during the month. The water monopolists have cause for uneasiness; measures affecting them will have prominence. We shall hear of troubles in our Indian dependencies during this lunation.

At Paris or the suburbs, there is a probability of railway accidents about the middle of the month, excitable debates in the Chamber.

At Berlin, the conjoined luminaries are on the cusp of the ninth; Church and State will be at variance; a notable marriage will take place; many difficulties in the financial world.

At Lisbon, much sickness will be experienced, and accidents on railways will occur.

At St. Petersburg, some notable persons will join the majority; accidents at theatres or places of amusement, and explosions are to be feared. Financial resources will be severely strained, and it will prove a time of great anxiety for the powers that be.

Constantinople is still affected by the position of the malign Saturn in the second house. Finance has been and continues to be a source of anxiety to the authorities; the revenue will be below the average.

At Washington, disturbances affecting the public peace, hostile demonstrations and troubles connected with prisons and workhouses; clerical scandals and cases of bribery and corruption will probably be brought to light; speculation risky this month.

At Calcutta, foreign relationships give cause for uneasiness, and a rising in the provinces may give cause for anxiety.

At Melbourne, musical and artistic matters should be well to the front; a native musician or artist may distinguish himself. It will prove an excitable month; hostile demonstrations are to be feared, and the position of Saturn is an evil omen for the ruling powers.

The Symbols of the Planets.

(CONTINUED).

THE symbol of Mercury comprises all three, the "earthy" being beneath, whilst the "circle" is surmounted by the "crescent." As is generally known to astrological students, the "nature" of the planet Mercury is variable, or changeable, this is expressed in the planet's symbol being composite, and according to the nature of the planet in closest aspect to him, so is his nature transformed, the good or evil increased or diminished. The Hermetic writings of the old alchemists constantly allude to Mercury, as those who have read any of their works know, but it has a far wider meaning to that generally accepted.

The symbols in present use of the planet Uranus (or Herschel) is formed by the letter H, with a globe suspended from the cross-bar (♅), in honour of the discoverer Herschel, but our American cousins have invented or adopted a very different one, viz., a similar symbol to that of the planet Mars (♂) but the circle has a dot in the centre. If the Sun's symbol (☉) is surmounted by

an "arrowhead" the student has before him the American glyph for Uranus. The nature of Uranus being so very different to that of Mars, warrants us in rejecting the use of the American symbol as not being "expressive" of the planet, but I understand on occult authority that neither of these is the correct one. I am informed that it is triple in its character and is formed of 1, 2, 3, in this order $\frac{\circ}{+}$. There is also another known in occult circles, but the same characteristics are contained in it, therefore I shall not insert it, but leave this combination for the student to investigate.

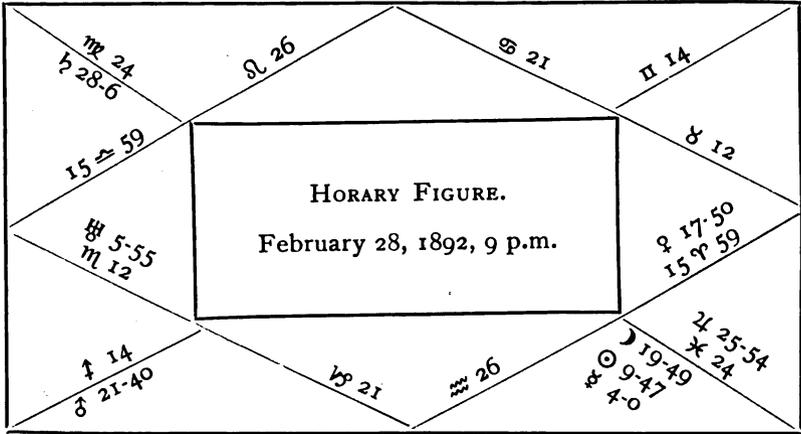
The symbol of Neptune is that of a "trident," but as this is not formed from the three before mentioned, I have grave doubts as to whether it should be retained. Some time ago, an occult student informed me that the "cross," surmounted by the "crescent," was the correct one ($\overset{\frown}{+}$), others that the symbol should be made up thus $\frac{+}{\circ}$ or thus $\overset{+}{\circ}$

The general opinion of students is that the real nature of Neptune is not known, some say it is benefic, others very malefic, and several say that "he does not belong to our system at all, and hence cannot, and does not affect us." Some say that whilst Uranus is the spiritual Mercury, Neptune is the spiritual Venus, and his influence affects our "higher intelligence." However, as regards their proper symbols, I cannot state anything definite at present, but as to the other seven planets, it is interesting to follow the transformation and combination of the three primary symbols in the various planets' signatures, and it will be of interest for the student to follow out their significations on other lines than the foregoing, for I can assure the student there is much to be learned from them.

APHOREL.

SUN SPOTS AND THE WEATHER.—Astronomers—foreign ones at least—seem to be pretty well agreed as to the casual connection between sun spots and the weather. The Government Astronomer at Madras considers that, for the Carnatic at least, the connection has been clearly proved, and that the abundance and size of the Sun spots during the last few months show that the period of Sun-spot minimum, which has been very prolonged, has now fairly passed away, whence he infers that the Carnatic is again entering upon a period of good rainfall and favourable seasons. Professor Edgar Frisby, of the American Naval Observatory, is convinced that the unusual collection of spots—extending over 140,000 miles of surface—had to do with recent atmospheric disturbances. Similar views are enunciated by Canadian Astronomers.

Horary Astrology.



Question : A lady missing ! Will she be found ?

THE querent, being the daughter of the lady, is faithfully described by Libra, with Uranus in the first house, she being a good-looking person, though very eccentric.

Her mother is signified by the Moon, lady of the tenth house; as I find her in the house of pleasure, the fifth in the figure, she is evidently in a north-west direction, and as the Moon is approaching the conjunction of Jupiter, it is an argument that the missing lady is about to join a Jupiter person west-west-by-north direction.

As Jupiter has the approaching square of Mars from the third, and Mars being lord of the seventh, the daughter's husband, it is clearly indicated that he and the Jupiter person are opposed to each other, and his suspicions are correct.

As Jupiter is in the ninth from the tenth, the house of the mother, this person is of scientific turn of mind, very free and generous.

The Moon leaving \sphericalangle ♀ in seventh, signifying the daughter's husband, he must have seen the mother within the past two days.

The Moon being in semi-sextile to Venus, the lady of the first, shews the mother has no ill-will to her daughter, and as Venus is disposed of by Mars, he being in the third, signifying near neighbours, I would infer that the mother is not on good terms with the daughter's husband, and desires to evade him.

As the Moon is only 27 degrees from conjunction of Venus, and the conjunction happens in Aries in the seventh, a reconciliation should take place in twenty-seven days from now.

As the Sun is parallel to Venus, at the same time a solar friend of the querent can assist to bring about the desired result, as the Sun is lord of the daughter's eleventh.

As Mercury is trine to Uranus in first, some tidings of the runaway on the 29th February.

The Moon is the significator of all runaways independent of Cancer being on the tenth, and as she is in aspect to the lady of the ascendant and hastening to conjunction, is an argument without doubt she will be found.

Some would say as Jupiter is in opposition to lord of the fourth, the reconciliation would not be lasting, as they are in common sign and succedent. I consider the opposing influence will have passed in two weeks, if so no danger of rupture need be feared.

E. CASAEL.

BILLS AND PROMISSORY NOTES.

The first house and the ♃, signify the querent.

The second, the ⊕, and the ruler of the second, for the bill.

The seventh and its lord, denote the quesited; the eighth, his money.

If the ruler of the seventh, or eighth, afflict the ⊕, or the ruler of the second, there is reason to fear the bill will not be honoured. The presence of ♃, ♀, ♂, ♃ or ♃ in the second, unless the planets so located be well aspected by the ruler of the seventh or eighth, or by the ⊕, ♀, or the ♃, from the seventh, tenth or eleventh, the bill will be dishonoured.

If the ⊕ receive any evil aspect of the lord of the first, it will not be paid.

If the ⊕ receive a good aspect from the ruler of the first, seventh or eighth, it will be paid.

Note.—At the time of signing a bill, &c., take care that the ⊕, ♀ or ♃ be not afflicted in the second, seventh or eighth, for this indicates fraud. The ⊕ always denotes money, whether in cash or bills.

Your principal significators are the rulers of the first, second, ⊕, sixth, eighth and fourth. Then look to the planet which may assist or afflict your significators, unless affliction come from the

seventh, eighth, fifth or eleventh houses, it need not be feared. The ☿ in the fourth denotes evil to the firm in question. ☿, ♃ or ♂, *unfortunate* near the cusp of the fourth, shews the firm to be unfortunate, especially if the ruler of the fourth be unfortunate also. A fortunate planet in the fourth, well aspected by the ☉, ☽, or ruler of the seventh or eighth, judge the firm will stand. In order to judge of the condition of the parties with whom you do business, look well to the planets aspecting the rulers of the seventh and fourth. If many planets aspect and are well conditioned, the firm is doing well, and will be able to meet all demands.

If planets of an adverse condition, throw evil aspects to the rulers of the fourth, seventh and eighth, judge the firm will suffer loss through the parties described by the planet afflicting. Yet if the rulers of the fourth, seventh and eighth be in their dignities, it will not go to ruin a compromise. The evil aspects of ☿ and ♃ to the significators are indicative of forgery or fraud.

W. J. SIMMONITE.

“Spurgeon’s power,” says Dr. Dale, “defied analysis. They could no more tell why Mr. Spurgeon was so great a preacher than why Turner was so great a painter, Napoleon so great a general, or Pitt so great a statesman.”

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THE ORIGIN OF INFLUENZA.—At a meeting of the Royal Meteorological Society, held under the presidency of Dr. Theodore Williams, a very interesting paper was read by Mr. Henry Harries on “The Origin of Influenza Epidemics,” the author attributing all our troubles of this and the past two years to the volcanic eruption of Krakatoa which occurred in the Straits of Sunda in August, 1883. The eruption was undoubtedly one of the most violent on record, and it has been estimated that in the course of the terrific explosions which took place during the closing days of August the quantity of dust blown into the air was equal in volume to one and three-eighths cubic miles. The effect of these dust particles in the atmosphere was manifested for many months afterwards in the shape of unusually brilliant sunsets, and in weird and ghastly appearances of the Sun and Moon. Mr. Harries maintained that, taking into account the conflicting currents which are known to exist in the upper regions of the atmosphere, the extremely attenuated dust particles would take some years to fall. It was shown that during similar epidemics a peculiar haze of a bluish colour has been observed, due to the presence of foreign matters in the atmosphere; and the evidence of Dr. Erasmus Darwin, in 1782, was cited to the effect that the material which thus rendered the air muddy probably caused the epidemic catarrh which prevailed in that year.

On Transits.

ONE of the most interesting features of the subject of Astrology, and one that most readily claims the attention of the early student of the science, is the doctrine of Transits. It may be that the ease with which observations can be made in regard to the transits operating in a horoscope is one of the reasons, perhaps the chief one, that they claim so much attention from a great number of students. And yet nothing perhaps is so distressful and embarrassing to the young student as the frequency of these transits over important radical positions without attendant results.

As soon however as he comes into a knowledge of the nature of directions, these inequalities of seeming cause and effect are to a large extent explained away. He then learns to regard the transit as a subsidiary cause, taking effect only when the horoscope is free from the major influences of the secondary directions; and similarly, he learns that the latter have effect in the life of a person, in proportion to the strength of the Primaries in operation at the same time.

It may be a matter of surprise therefore to the more advanced students, that there are still a large number of persons who strongly advocate the Doctrine of Transits in all its native simplicity, giving to it all the importance that usually attaches in some minds to the most powerful Directions. Needless to say, the necessity of covering up the greatest number of possible loopholes to hedge in events, has given rise to a somewhat elastic definition of the "Transit." Among these specialists a transit may mean either: 1. The ephemeral passage of a planet over the radical position of the ascendant, Sun or Moon, or over that of any of the planets. 2. The ephemeral aspect of a planet to any of these positions. 3. The ephemeral passage of a planet over the positions in the revolutional figure. 4. The aspects to the same. Others still further extend the scale of possible influence by transits over the cusps of the houses, so that there is no lack of "opportunity" with these prophets of the day! Taking only the transits of the four major planets into consideration, we shall thus obtain no less than 37 positions by which affliction can be made to as many as 20 points in the radix alone, and if we add

the same number for the revolutional figure, we get a possible range of 1,480 aspects to account for the evil of any one day! These, set off against a possible range of 720 good aspects from the same sources, do not certainly encourage one to get up early in the morning. Our ephemeral prognosticator however is relentless, and not content with the effect of such unequal strife upon the true believer, he looks grave, and shakes his head with dissatisfaction as he mutters something about "Saturn within orbs."

It is claimed by some that the planet which may happen to be in transit differs in its effects according to the house it may rule in the figure under consideration, whether it be the radix, the revolution, or what not; while others again refer the transits in the radix to the rule held by the transiting planet in the revolutional figure for the year, and *vice versa*. And even the fleeting Moon is not exempt from the category of active causes which are claimed to operate by transit, for no less a man than the famous Simmonite claims that the daily events of a life are brought about by the positions of this body in regard to the radix and the revolution, during its ephemeral motion in the zodiac.

In the "Grammar of Astrology" too there are indications of the same idea, for we read on page 442 under the head of Transits, that "on the day Lord Byron died, ♃ having gone over the square of the place of Mars and sesquiquadrate of Saturn at the revolution, is found at noon on the fatal day in Capricorn $10^{\circ} 4'$, exactly the place of ♃ at the revolution; and in parallel to Mercury and Uranus at that time, and on her own declination in the secondary direction $23^{\circ} 17'$." These effects, however, appear to be the result of transits in the revolution only, which, according to our author, differs very much in this matter from the radix, since we are told in the section above cited, that transits over the radical places of the Sun, Moon, ascendant, etc., unless within two or three weeks of the birthday, have much less effect, "in subordination, notwithstanding, to the directions at work." The reason of this difference is not stated. Nevertheless, although the native (Lord Byron's daughter) was born in December, the author cites several transits as being indications of the native's marriage in the month of May. It will be observed too that the transits in the revolution which are cited as the indications of her father's death, had previously occurred under the influence of the same primary direction (since the revolution

was in December, and the event in the following April), but without effect.

Surely it is needless to say that time after time the transits of both "good" and "bad" planets as they are called, have given rise to much questioning in the minds of the more observant persons who have investigated this subject, and even those who have regarded the transits only in relation to the secondary directions, have had good cause for dissatisfaction. Whatever may be the opinion most in vogue in regard to them, it is certain that they can never be regarded in the same category with directions, either in regard to the means of their operation, or the force of their effects. While some writers make the secondary directions to depend for their effects upon the nature of concurrent transits, others on the contrary make the transits to depend on the directions, which is not the same thing in theory, however it may work out in practice. For the question is as to whether the secondary directions would have any effect without the coincidence of similar transits, and also whether the transits by themselves would have any power at all. Doubtless there are many who would incline to one view, and possibly as many to the other, and their possible agreement would not settle the whole matter, for there would still remain the question as to whether the transits of positive planets can excite the directions to negative planets, and *vice versa*; and also whether the influence of Mars, Saturn, or any other planet is the same in one nativity as in another, by its directions or transits, seeing that in some nativities they have a radical influence for good and in others an influence for evil. To the first of these it has been replied that positive planets cannot excite negative ones to action, and the reverse; while to the second question, answer has been made that the influence of any planet by direction or transit cannot be very evil, if such planet in the *nativity* has an influence for good, nor very good if it has a *radical* signification for evil. So all things considered, it appears that the nature and range of planetary influence by transit is very much in dispute, or at least in doubt.

I think it will be admitted that a record of this nature is very unsatisfactory as showing an absence of any systematic tabulation of transits and events, and of that critical analysis of results which is required for exact deduction of relative causes. Hence it is little wonder that it should still be an open question as to whether the planets in their ephemeral motions act as "causes,"

or as "significators" merely; for if the transit is a cause then a horary figure becomes such, for the reason that it has the same ephemeral relation to the native. Yet this is a conclusion exceedingly difficult to come to in view of all the facts, while at the same time it is difficult to see how transits can act as causes in the same sense that directions do.

Personally I have found that the transits act in many horoscopes with considerable influence, and that in others they have scarce any signification at all, except when acting in connection with directions of a powerful nature, *i.e.*, lunar directions supported by solar. I have been led to think upon the probable causes of this disparity, of which I have had abundant experience, and I have come to the conclusion that the planets have a ratio of influence upon separate individuals according to their degree of susceptibility. I can only use that word for the present, as indicating a certain internal state in relation to the external environment; but when the idea is grasped, it will be seen to infer the power of an individual to lift himself above his surroundings, and to the extent that this is effected, to place himself beyond the power of the minor influences of the planets at least. This necessarily would lead us to regard the individual as the chief agent of planetary influence, in contradistinction to the idea that certain other individuals are necessarily fated to do us good or evil, which latter is not to my mind a necessary inference. The causes of planetary influence are primarily in *ourselves*, and it is we who set up the strain in certain directions which enables the planets to act. Otherwise a dead *fatality* would hedge us in at every moment, and all the effort of our lives would be meaningless and futile. A fair and impartial examination of a few of the horoscopes of our most advanced thinkers and scientific pioneers, will inevitably lead to the conclusion that even in a horoscope, the planets have not the same effect upon different persons; and if we refer to such nativities as those of Faraday, Carlyle, Darwin, Ruskin, Newman and others, and compare them with the horoscopes of average or even inferior intellects denoted by similar configurations, we cannot but conclude that there is no common measure for planetary influence. And if this holds good with respect to radical positions, how much more shall it do so with regard to directions, which gain their greatest power when operating in harmony with radical indications; and still more in regard to

transits. For in Astrology we have to answer the question, not as to how much influence a particular planet when in a certain position is capable of exerting, but as to the effect it will produce upon such a one or such another person; and this can only be adequately estimated when we have a very much deeper knowledge of the inherent tendencies of the individual than is usual with those who regard transits as operative causes in daily life. Such must inevitably use a common measure of planetary action in all cases, and with what results we can guess.

The rules that I have generally found most reliable for general practice in regard to transits are as follows:—Afflicting planets in the radix have the first place in the signification of events, when, by their transits over the places of evil aspects, they are found to repeat the radical influences. Similarly with the good aspects in the radix, they, in their repetition by transit, have the most influence when the transiting planet is that which lent assistance in the radix. Thus the planets that afflict the lights in the nativity have greater significance when transiting the evil aspects to the vital points of a figure, and the same with the assisting planets when they are in good aspect by transit.

The most powerful of all the transits are those made over the progressive places of the Sun and Moon. All transits are subsidiary to the secondary directions in force at the time, and these latter to the primaries. When no secondaries are in operation the transits will have greater power to influence, according to their radical signification and power for good or evil, and this more particularly when in aspect to the particular planet or planets that the transitor was in relations with at birth. The main rule is that transits have little or no power when acting contrary to the general signification of the radix; while I am assured that there are certain individuals upon whom even serious looking transits have no effect whatever.

What I have written is intended to suggest thought rather than to satisfy it off-hand, and I feel convinced that until the systems of directing now put forward for the consideration of the astrological world have been fully and impartially tested, no safe conclusions can be come to with regard to transits, the conditions under which they act, and the true extent of their influence.

SEPHARIAL.

Notes on Recent Events.

In the figure for the opening of Parliament (2 p.m., February 9th), Mars was on the cusp of the sixth house, and the lord of the sixth, Jupiter, was afflicted; Mercury was on the cusp of the eighth in square to Uranus, and the lord of the eighth, Saturn, was afflicted. This was quickly followed by the death of three members of Parliament, Mr. F. A. Hankey on February 15th, Mr. Henry Wardle on February 16th, and Sir George Campbell on February 17th. As for the rest of the figure, Jupiter and Venus were in conjunction in Pisces in the mid-heaven, which does not look like the early dissolution some anticipated; but since the two planets are in opposition to Saturn, the course of the Government will not by any means run smooth. The Moon had just risen in Cancer, and the Sun was on the cusp of the ninth, void of aspect.

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Our prediction of illness affecting royal circles, on page 438, has been fulfilled by the illness of Princess Victoria of Connaught.

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Our forebodings on page 466 have been well borne out; the record of the "financial thermometer" has corresponded with the weather, "very variable"; the fluctuations of the stock exchange have been very marked.

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On the same page we state that "the position of Uranus is evil for the government, sudden misfortunes, &c.," which is exceptionally borne out: the failure of the bill brought in by Mr. Balfour, the defeat of the government on the "Places of Worship Enfranchisement Bill," being especially prominent in public opinion, besides other reverses, which are not yet over, the narrow majorities they have had in some cases must have considerably upset their equilibrium.

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"At Berlin, trouble in high places" (page 466) is still to the fore; the relations of the Emperor and the populace being decidedly unsatisfactory. It seems that "Germany is not for the Germans," any more than England is for the English; commercial scares continue to affect the finance of this country.

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At Constantinople, the difficulties with foreign relations (page 466) are very much to the fore; the embargo on religious publications being likely to cause extreme troubles with foreign powers.

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The fatal bomb outrage at Barcelona confirms "Orion's" prediction as to the evil influence of Mars, progressing through Sagittarius, the ruling sign of Spain.

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The assassination of Dr. Vulcovitch, the Bulgarian Diplomatic Agent at Constantinople, on February 24th, is a striking confirmation of our prediction, "a notable man will die," (on page 438). Dr. Vulcovitch was well known for his services to his country, and the friendly relations he had established, and the tact he displayed, have been greatly commended by the press.

Letters to the Editor.

All correspondents should give full name and address, not necessarily for publication, but as a token of good faith.

N.B.—Writers of signed articles are alone responsible for the opinions therein contained.

DEAR SIR,—I had no intention of continuing this correspondence indefinitely, and I think that it would be more appropriate if signed articles were taken for what they are worth. Not that I have any objection to a full and free discussion of anything I may contribute to your pages, but in the nature of things no adequate discussion can take place within such limits as your journal can afford.

However, I presume yet again on your indulgence to reply to "Raphael's" letters. Personally I see no objection to the idea that influences generated by the Moon's daily motion after birth should remain in gestation for a corresponding number of years. True, we have directions without effect, and effects without *apparent* directions. The latter class are fast disappearing for use under a study of the pre-natal influences, the former I regard as suppressed or diverted Karma, an idea as rational, I think, as that of a conception followed by miscarriage or still-birth. We may differ as to causes while agreeing as to effects; hence I do not wish to press the point. Let each judge according to his own experience. That the influences *are* in a state of "gestation" in the astral light, has been proved time after time to me by predictions of coming events made by clairvoyants from an inspection of the *aura* of a person. I have also made such predictions from the same source. Astrology and Psychology are brother and sister, and ought to be studied together as in the East.

I do not wish to create a marvel. Nevertheless, I cannot withdraw what I have said as to the planets not being *actually* where we see them. "Raphael" appears thunderstruck with such an elementary statement of scientific fact. May I respectfully refer him to the Encyclopædia? That the statement affects Astrology I admit, but there is no cause to suppose that it affects it detrimentally. On the contrary, if it can be shown that the *observed* position of ζ on the Meridian produces certain effects, which every student should be able to prove; and if, on the other hand, it can be shown that the retinal impression of Jupiter's southing does not agree with the *actual position of that body* at the same moment of time, but differs according to the geocentric radius of its orbit; then planetary influence is identified with a certain order of etheric vibrations known to us as *light*, and at once we have a scientific basis for our researches as to the cause of one planet differing from another in its action upon us. If my researches are as fruitful as I hope they may be, I trust "Raphael" will not be unduly alarmed!

I must again remind my critic that the discussion as regards coincidence of birth is not in respect to concurrence of events, but as to likeness or identity of character; and in order to set aside all influences arising possibly from heredity, training, and environment, I require a case of coincident births where planetary influence *alone* is the determining factor. Nothing is said as to the *character* of John Hemmings, or as to whether he, like George III., became insane and lost his sight. "Raphael" argues for an omnipotence in mundane

affairs exercised by the planets; and with him they appear as responsible for the constitution of both mind and body, and for their subsequent modifications. And in the face of this he comes forward with an imputation of *fatalism* against me!

This imputation I repudiate absolutely. If he would take the trouble to conceive me correctly, he would know that I cannot argue for difference of character under the same planetary influences and speak of the Ego as "all along creating those causes which shall hereafter determine the conditions into which he will be re-born," and at the same time be a fatalist. "Karma the result of planetary influences." (!) Since when, may I ask? "Raphael" is in advance of the times when he says that "the *planetary positions* at one incarnation *synchronise* with those at another." How that shall be I cannot imagine; but no doubt he can explain.

Nine calendar months, more or less, I claim to be the true measure of the *epoch*.

If "Raphael" will persist in identifying the epoch with the natural conception, I cannot help him. Certainly the pre-natal epoch may, and does, occur both before and after the conception in hundreds of instances. My authority is *experience*; can I have a better?

There is much else that I should like to say, but you will have had enough of me on this subject.

Yours sincerely, SEPHARIAL.

P.S.—In regard to the horoscope of Madam Blavatsky, my calculations led me first of all to fix the ascendant, and from this I calculated the M.C., which I find I have given wrongly, even according to my own notes. The proper meridian is \times 17, and the correct time of birth in long. $32\frac{1}{2}$ E. was 1.52 a.m., on the 31st July, 1831, (O.S.). In all other respects the figure needs to be proportionately adjusted, but there is no fault in the calculation which would require that the deductions should undergo any change.

SIR,—I was stunned when I read "Sepharial's" article on Exaltations in your March number. My experience is totally at variance with his tabulation. Fancy \mathcal{U} *exalted* in the cold, barren, melancholy sign, \mathcal{V} ! \mathcal{M} and \mathcal{V} are the two worst signs in which \mathcal{U} can be placed; and what a miserable, choleric debauchee \mathcal{J} in \mathcal{M} produces! These "fabled dignities," as "Sepharial" calls them, are supported by my experience of thirty years, and if any "reform-work" is required, it is in connection with our knowledge of Astrology, and not with Astrology itself. Astrology is true enough, *we* are the simpletons who fail to interpret it, and fall to abusing and mangling it. The ancient philosophers, who allocated the signs as houses, exaltations, &c., to the planets, were *so very much wiser* than we, that I think the less we interfere with an arrangement which we do not understand, the better. On page 465, "Leo" *thinks* that two planets in the same sign have some significance on that account, whether in \mathcal{J} or not. I, myself, *do not* think so.

RAPHAEL.

In reference to the above letter we would like to ask "Raphael" the following questions:

- 1.—Whom does he refer to as "the ancients"?
- 2.—Can he point to the origin of the exaltations?

- 3.—Can he point to a single instance of the Hindus using the exaltations?
- 4.—Did Ptolomy invent them? If not, are his explanations to be received as correct?
- 5.—Ptolomy gave no *degrees* of exaltations, whence then has "Raphael" derived those given to the planets in his "Key to Astrology"?
- 6.—What proof can he bring from his thirty years of experience to support the exaltations?
- 7.—Ptolomy referred them to conditions which only obtain in Egypt, and does "Raphael" think that he was correct? If not, who is his ancient authority?

Answers to Correspondents.

W. SARJANT.—Yes, you are quite right. Zadkiel does not practice what he preaches. As you say, "he tells his readers to cast their horoscopes from Zadkiel's Ephemeris, whilst *he* uses the 'Nautical Almanac.'" He evidently has no faith in his own production. The moral is obvious: do as he does, ignore *his* Ephemeris, and use the "Nautical Almanac"; or if price is an object, work with "Raphael's" Ephemeris.

AMEY BROWNE.—The position of ψ , *if well aspected*, should give ideality, intuition, a decided tendency to gifts pertaining to the spiritual nature.

"PRENTICE HAND."—Zadkiel made no prediction as to the death of the Duke of Clarence, or of illness to royalty, in his notes on the preceding lunation, in his Almanac for 1892; and the subterfuge of "harking back" to vague predictions made many years since, does not say much for the perspicuity of the one who desires to pose as the chief Rabbi of modern Astrology. Give honor where it is due. "Raphael," "Orion," "Old Moore," and ourselves, were the only ones who did.

P.R.V., "BELLONA," "VINDEMATRIX."—We cannot give the private addresses of those who contribute to our columns. Any letters you may send us will be forwarded, if postage is prepaid.

In reply to J. ψ ., G.W., EDITH, "VULCAN," and G. MORRISON, to whom we tender our thanks for the information, the production will not hurt us; there is nothing new in it. All is extracted from back numbers of a periodical wielded by the same genius; but if the "nativity" given is what you say, it will have a mushroom existence. It appears to have started with the idea of pushing the sale of other works by the same author that lie idle.

"A THEOSOPHIST."—The "Secret Doctrine" gives, we believe, 4,320,000 years as the time required for the planets to reassume the same relative positions with regard to each other and to the signs of the zodiac; and if this be the case, it is of course impossible for the horoscope at the next incarnation to repeat the exact positions found at the moment of death. We did not intend that deduction to be drawn from the paragraph to which you allude. We would rather not discuss the problem of re-incarnation in connection with this subject at present, but merely call the attention of students to the subject of the figure for death, because it has been hitherto neglected by Astrologers. We may add that we do not in any way pose as an authority on the subject of re-incarnation.

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Lessons in Astrology for Beginners.

By APHOREL.

SECTION II. NO. 8.—LUNATIONS.

THERE is one thing I wish to call the student's attention to, that affects all kinds of directions, whether radical or progressive, and that is, the lunations, or as it is termed, the Neomenia, or New Moon, which occurs whenever the Moon, by her daily motion, comes to a conjunction of the solar orb. These lunations have a very marked influence on the directions in force, if they are formed on the radical or progressional places of the planets, they will either accentuate, accelerate, or retard the effect of the direction, and in fact, may, and do sometimes, annihilate it altogether. These lunations being formed each succeeding month, are given in "Raphael's" Ephemeris and Almanac, also in the pages of the *Astrologers' Magazine* and all the student has to do is to compare his horoscope and table of directions with the figure of the lunation, noting on what degree of the zodiac it is formed, and seeing if it is formed on the radical or progressional places of the planets in the natus he may be working at, or whether it closely aspects such places; *wide orbs* will not do in this case. If the lunation is in close aspect, or conjunction, to such places, it will be found to affect according as the house, sign, and nature of the direction, &c., may indicate.

This is a matter that is comparatively ignored by both professors and students, yet it should be well investigated by all, and I would strongly impress upon students the necessity of testing this, as they will find effects are produced by the lunations, when they fall on important places, either in the radix, or in the directional figure. I am aware it is not mentioned in many of the astrological books that may be in the hands of students, but as I have found by experience there *is* something in it, I advise all to look into it, accepting or rejecting the theory, as the results of their investigations may determine.

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CONSIDERATIONS.

I would strongly impress upon the student the necessity of referring every direction that may be formed (or in course of formation) to the radix ere venturing upon predictions, for if certain events are not promised by the nativity, no directions will produce them, and should the student be so foolish as to make rash predictions without having carefully weighed the various testimonies in the horoscope, the chances are, his prognostications will not come off, and the result that may eventuate from a direction may act in a very different manner from that he may have predicted, the consequence being the science held up to ridicule, and the aspirant to prophetic honours laughed at. For example : if legacies are *not* promised by the horoscope, no directions will produce them, and notwithstanding the Sun may be in good aspect by direction in the fourth house to the lord, or ruler of the eighth, and at the same time, a good lunar direction may come up, acting on the aforesaid solar one, it will not produce a legacy, but will act in another direction that may be gleaned from a careful study of the horoscope, therefore I cannot too strongly urge upon students the advisability, in fact, necessity, of thoroughly mastering the first part of Genethliacal Astrology, viz., that which solely deals with the rudiments, the erecting of horoscopes for various latitudes, and above all, the "delineations," or "reading," of the horoscope, they can then essay predictions with a certain amount of assurance, which unless they have looked well at the rudiments, will at times place them in embarrassing positions with regard to the predictions of events, and the probable time of their falling due.

(To be continued).

Our prediction that "our foreign relations will not unlikely be strained," was written some weeks ago, and before the occurrence of recent events which have already partially fulfilled it, namely the dispute between England and the United States over the Seal Question.

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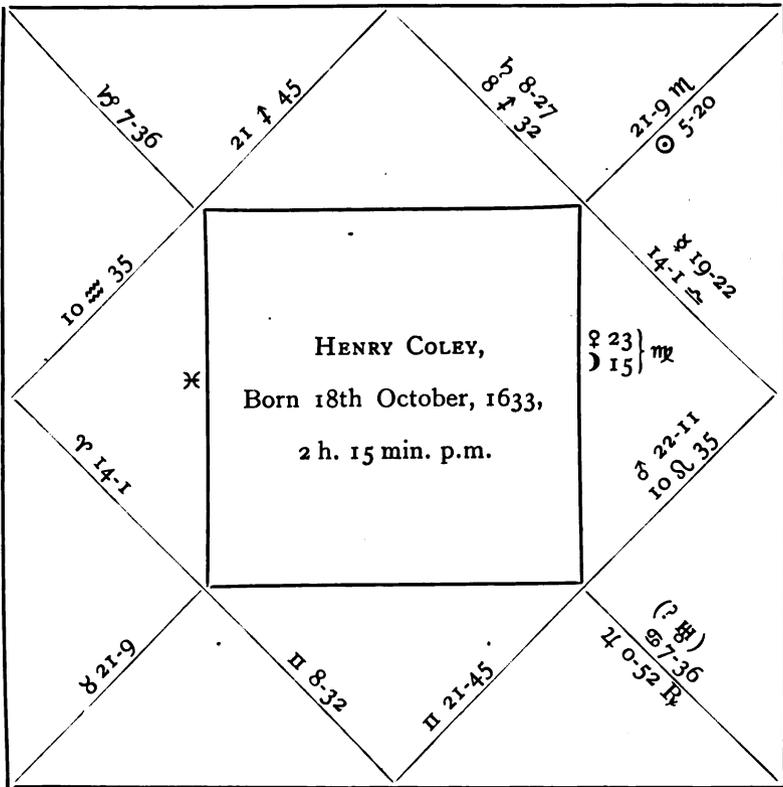
The following events are also significant when taken with reference to the presence of Uranus on the cusp of the tenth house (monarch, governments, those in authority), at the February lunation ; and to the affliction of the lord of the tenth in the preceding quarterly figure. The death of the Grand Duke of Hesse, March 13th, 1-15 a.m., at Darmstadt ; the outcry against the Home Secretary for the "judicial murder" of two poachers ; and the ministerial crisis at Berlin, in connection with the Schools Bill.

Horoscopes of Notable Astrologers.

HENRY COLEY.

Author of "Clavis Astrologis Elimata."

No. VIII.



ASPECTS.

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IN this nativity it will be at once noticed that all the planets are descending, the Moon, Venus, and Mars being in the western angle, with the exception of Jupiter, who is in Cancer, the sign of his exaltation—no planet is dignified. It will be noticed that Mars is in the house of wedlock, and the aphorism. "Mars in the seventh either causes discordance in marriage, or *early death of the partner,*" is well borne out in this case, for he married his first wife on 1st May, 1656, and his second 24th

April, 1660. The planets descending, and out of their dignity, betokens failing fame and fortune, and another testimony for this is the position of the malefic Saturn on the meridian, which position, unless counteracted by benefic configurations, will "reduce even a king to beggary." The chief point that concerns us is from what source his astrological ability emanated. It will be noted that the Sun is in the occult sign Scorpio, and as before remarked in previous Horoscopes of Astrologers, the sign Scorpio is either rising, or else planets are located therein. The Sun therein in trine to Jupiter (ruling the tenth), would denote a pure love of the science, and honor and lucrative gain therefrom, but as the aspect is separating and Jupiter is retrograde, the financial gain was not very great. I believe him to have been a smart mathematician, quick at figures, and a good teacher (he was by profession a schoolmaster, I believe), for Mercury and Mars are in close sextile, this, or any aspect between these planets invariably sharpens the intellect, and in addition to this a good sign (Aquarius) is rising. If I am right in assuming Uranus to be about the middle of Cancer, this planet would be in sextile to the Moon, this aspect in all cases produces either astrological ability, or a fondness for it. His principal work is the "Key to Astrology." In the latter days of Lilly, he acted as his amanuensis, and it is said the great astrologer communicated his methods to him. His "Key to Astrology" is considered a good work, and is mostly to be found in students' libraries, and is much sought after. The author was frequently in prison, which can be readily seen from the position of Saturn in the M.C. He had many friends, chiefly of occult tendencies, ☉ in ♁ Δ ♃ ruler of tenth and eleventh, but he likewise had public enemies, whose malignity was determined and permanent, as can be readily seen from the position of Mars in the determined fiery sign Leo.

In the new "Theosophical Glossary," Madame Blavatsky's posthumous gift, under the heading "Linga Sharira," we read that the astral body of man is born *before* the physical body. This statement ought to be interesting to our readers, especially those who have been asking for the meaning of Sepharial's "pre-natal epoch," and why it apparently bears no definite relation to the time of conception. The very name of this *astral* body shows that a knowledge of its functions would be valuable to astrologers.

May Williams, of wonderful memory.

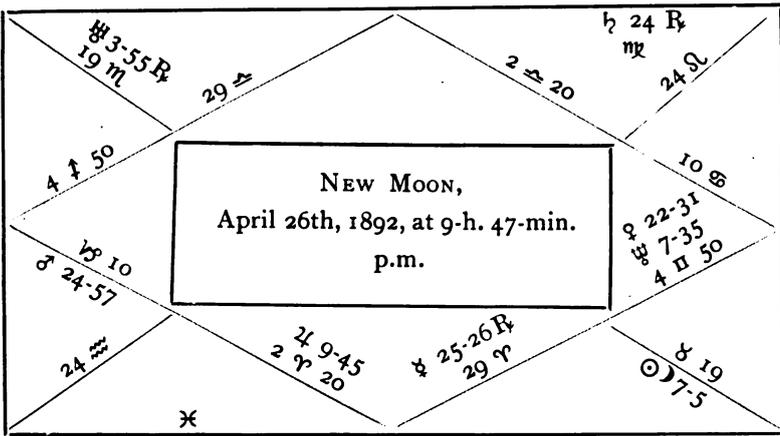
WE have been favoured with the birth-time of Miss May Williams, whose power of memorising is far above the average, and who is, at the present time, giving an exhibition of her prowess in this particular at the Royal Aquarium, Westminster.

She was born May 6th, 1884, at 6.12 a.m. (rectified by "Sepharial's" epochal method), 12 ♁ on M.C. and the 21st degree of ♀ arose at the time, and the planets were thus posited
 ☉ 16.4 ♈, ♀ 1.29 ♀, ♁ 1.30 ♁, ♂ 16.5 ♉, ♃, 27.44 ♁, ♄ 9.55 ♀, ♅ 24.16 ♁, ♆ 20.36 ♈, ♁ 3.2 ♁. ☉ par. and ♂ ♃, ♃ ♁ ♈, ♅ ♁ ♃ and ♆.

Mercury rules the horoscope in trine to the Moon, and Uranus ruling tenth house is in fifth, strongly aspected by Jupiter, Sun and Uranus. Mercury and the Moon rule the brain, and the Moon being in the just sign Libra, her methods are sound, and being well aspected and in a cardinal sign, she is publicly famous for her gift; the ascending sign, together with that culminating, also bring strong evidence of abnormal powers in this direction. We have also referred to the pre-natal epoch for additional light on the point, and the result is that we find Uranus in exact trine to Neptune, Sun conjunction and parallel Mercury, parallel the Moon and sextile Saturn, showing how well the epoch foreshadowed what is borne out in the nativity. In the latter Uranus is in fifth, sextile Jupiter in third; she will gain by the exhibition of her powers at places of amusement signified by the fifth house, and gain on short journeys in connection signified by the third houses. Her solar direction now on, is Sun trine Uranus *exact*, which accounts for the present popularity.

In the "Theosophical Glossary," we also find another item of information likely to be of great interest to those who have only recently turned their attention to pre-natal astrology. Under the heading of *Jean Aimé de Chavigny*, we read as follows:—"A disciple of the world-famous Nostradamus, an astrologer and alchemist of the sixteenth century. He died in the year 1604. His life was a very quiet one, and he was almost unknown to his contemporaries; but he left a precious manuscript on the pre-natal and post-natal influence of the stars on certain marked individuals, a secret revealed to him by Nostradamus. This treatise was last in the possession of the Emperor Alexander of Russia.

Mundane Astrology.



AT the time of New Moon on the 26th ultimo, the conjoined luminaries are in the fifth house, in sextile to Jupiter, and separating from the opposition of Uranus. An increase in the marriage rate is deduced from the position of Venus in the seventh house, but as Saturn is in close square from the ninth, a notable divorce case will engage the public attention, and from Saturn's position it seems to point to clerical circles, or those pre-signified by ♃ in ♃. Mars in the second seems to point to increased expenditure and diminished revenue. The Government have their hands full, and will experience many losses from the ranks of those who have hitherto supported them. It is not improbable that royalty will be adversely affected during this lunation.

At Berlin and Rome, the luminaries are near the cusp of the fifth house; accidents at places of amusements, and explosions may be expected; foreign relations improve, clerical scandals, and much expenditure with probable failures.

At St. Petersburg, a notable death will occur; the ruling powers suffer by the proceedings of the anarchists. A month of trouble.

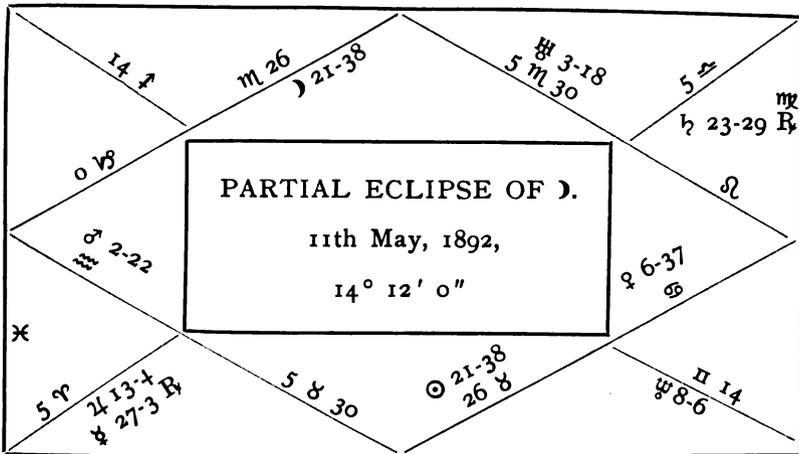
At Constantinople, much anxiety for the rulers, loss of prestige, and troubles with foreign powers.

At Melbourne, sudden troubles, and a tendency to embroglios with foreign relations. A scandal connected with music halls or places of pleasure will be made public.

At Washington, notable deaths, and probably an explosion; foreign relations improve; a notable case will engage the attention of the legal tribunals.

Mars enters Aquarius on the 7th instant, and countries ruled by that sign will feel the effects of the red planet therein for some time to come.

Partial Eclipse of the Moon, May 11, 1892.



THE planetary positions at this time is ominous for the Government, Uranus on the meridian in close square to Mars, causes difficulties in Parliament, and dissolution. Saturn's position points to notable deaths in the scientific world. Some notable marriages will emanate from Venus' position, but as the Moon is evilly afflicting her, some scandalous cases will be brought before the public. The postal and telegraphic service should benefit from the position of Jupiter. Failures in the financial world will be marked. Troubles will fall on places ruled by Taurus, Scorpio, and Aquarius, during the reign of this eclipse.

The last quarter ended up with the strike of several hundred thousand miners in all parts of England, which event was amply foreshadowed in the figure for that quarter, given in our number for last December, where Mars and Uranus were rising in conjunction, also in the figure for the previous lunation (28th Feb). In the latter figure, Uranus, the planet that rose in the quarterly figure, was culminating, the lord of the fourth house (the earth, land, mines,) was in its detriment, and the New Moon itself fell in the fourth house of the quarterly figure. The mine explosion in Belgium on March 11th, may be also noted in this connection.

Notes on Recent Events.

The position of the Government since last month has been very trying, and as we predicted in our remarks on page 466, they have been very unfortunate. The London County Council Elections on March 5th, resulting in such a rout for the "Moderates," disclosed the growing strength of the opposition party. The Moon was then in Gemini, the ruling sign of London, going to the opposition of Mars, the ruler of the house of the Government in the March lunation. The Government also met with a defeat in the House of Commons on the 11th March, in the division on the Mombosa Railway vote, for disallowing the votes of certain Members interested in the railway. The Government seem altogether to have met with little sympathy in the House, and we notice that all the "almanacks," as well as ourselves, predicted a harassing time for them.

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The death at Pau, on March 15th, of the respected Viscount Hampden, late Speaker of the House of Commons, is a confirmation of our prediction on page 466, that, "an eminent public character, advanced in years, will stoop to fate." His age was 78.

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The death on the 13th March of the Grand Duke of Hesse, son-in-law of the Queen, completes the list of affliction our royalty has experienced during the first quarter of the year. At the time of his death the Moon was at the full, and passing through the house of death of the lunation operating.

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There have been several peculiar cases of clerical scandal before the public lately, and we note especially the Vicar of Hartford, and his son and daughter, fined at Huntingdon on March 23rd, for acting, to say the least, anything but clerically; and well might "Orion" predict, "strange things are witnessed under the cloak of religion." Our remarks in regard to Herschel's important position in the mid-heaven at the lunation, on page 466, also predicted it would influence the orthodox clerical circles peculiarly.

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Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, celebrates her seventy-third birthday on the 24th May. We append a complete list of her directions for the ensuing year.

PRIMARY.

SECONDARY.

Post-Natal—

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| <p>⊙ P. ♂ ♃ P. = end 1892.
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 ⊙ R. * ♃ P. } in orbs.</p> | <p>♃ P. ♂ ♀ P. = Jan., 1892.
 ,, * ♃ P. & R. = May to July, 1892.
 ,, Δ ⊙ R. = Aug., Sept., 1892.
 ,, ♃ ♃ P. & R. = Nov. to Jan., 1893.
 ,, Par. ♀ P. = Jan., 1893.
 ,, Δ ♂ P. = Feb., 1893.
 ,, Par. ♂ P. = March, 1893.
 ,, ♂ ⊙ P. } = April, 1893.
 ,, ♂ ♃ P. }
 ,, Par. ⊙ R. = May, 1893.</p> |
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Epochal—

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| ⊙ P. Δ ♁ P.=1892 |) P. Par. ♃ =Aug., 1892. |
| „ ∠ ♃ ♂ R.=1893. | „ □ ♃ P. } =Oct., 1892. |
| ⊙ R. Δ ♀ P.=1896. | „ Par. ♃ } =Oct., 1892. |
| ⊙ P. ♂ ♂ P.=applying 4°. | „ □ ⊙ P. } =Nov., 1892. |
| „ ♂ ♃ P.= „ 3°. | „ Δ ♀ R. } =Nov., 1892. |
| | „ ∠ ♀ P.=Dec., 1892. |
| | „ □ ♂ P. } =April, 1893. |
| | „ * ♃ R. } =April, 1893. |

Pre-Natal—

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| ⊙ P. ♂ ♁ P.=end 1892. |) P. □ ♃ P. & R.=June, July, 1892. |
| ⊙ R. Δ ♀ P.=1893-94. | „ □ ♃ P.=Sept., 1892. |
| | „ ♂ ⊙ P. } =Oct., 1892. |
| | „ ♂ ♁ P. } =Oct., 1892. |
| | „ □ ♀ P.=Nov., 1892. |
| | „ ♂ ♃ P.=Feb., 1893. |
| | „ Par. ♀ R.= March, 1893. |

Our readers will remember that, of these three methods of directing, the post-natal is generally considered to be the most important. We have probably had too little experience of their effects to justify us in speaking positively as to when epochal and pre-natal directions will operate, and when they will not; but up to the present time, our observation seems to point towards a possible rule, to the effect that whenever any two out of the three methods agree in nature (both good or both bad), some significant event is all the more likely to occur. For instance, if the post-natal contradicts the pre-natal, and one out of the two happens to be backed up by directions from the epoch, that one is more likely to signify the event than the other. For the rules relating to the manner in which primary directions are brought into operation by secondary, we refer the reader to the early chapters by Sepharial on the "Horoscope," in the first volume of this magazine. At the present time, the Queen's post-natal directions are evil; and it will be noticed that the direction of the Moon to the opposition of Venus, measures to the Duke of Clarence's death. Since the secondary directions are mainly fortunate, we do not anticipate that the evil signified by the primary affliction will eventuate for the next few months. The autumn of the present year and the spring of next seem to cover the period threatened. As the Sun is opposing Jupiter in the tenth house, and afflicting Saturn in the eleventh, the Government will be very unstable, and our foreign relations will not unlikely be strained. It will be interesting to note whether the General Election will coincide with the direction of the Moon to the conjunction of Jupiter and opposition of the Sun. The Queen will probably suffer personally in health about this period. The next two or three years seem to threaten Her Majesty and the nation with many serious troubles.

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March was a very stormy month, as we prophesied the lunation shewed. A very severe snowstorm passed over the land on the 2nd and 3rd of that month, and also on the 10th, during which a wreck and gallant rescue occurred off the Cornish coast. A study of the influences operating at the time, especially on the tenth, shews the Moon afflicted by Saturn, Jupiter, and Mars.

The Seven Planets.

THAT wonderful storehouse of occult lore, "The Secret Doctrine," contains several references to Astrology, and much that will interest the astrological student; but there is nothing so interesting as the mysterious number seven in its relation to the planets. The "Seven Sacred Planets" are constantly referred to in occult works; and it is not going too far to say that it is advisable for every astrologer to search the records left by occultists that have gone before. Every one looks at the science from a different point of view, and by studying under various teachers, we are more likely to learn than if we plodded along for ever in the same old rut. The occult influences of the planets are altogether inexplicable if not studied in connection with the constitution of man himself, and especially that part of it which is still hidden from the unthinking majority of men. On this subject—the esoteric knowledge of man's nature—so much is to be found in a careful study of modern theosophical teachings, so much that bears directly upon the mysteries of esoteric astrology, that I am convinced that no careful and sincere student of the venerable science of the stars can really progress without a thorough knowledge of Theosophy and its bearing upon Astrology. Not that esoteric astrology lies open to the eye of every casual reader of Theosophy. In the world of thought and mental might, nuggets of precious metal are never obtained except by hard work and toil. Much more so is it in the occult world.

The "Seven Sacred Planets" are frequently referred to in the work I have mentioned. They have hitherto been usually enumerated by astrologers as follows, in the order of their motion:—Moon, Mercury, Venus, Sun, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn. For all that the modern scientific world knows to the contrary, these may have been the only planets known to the ancient exoteric astrologers. But there have been adepts living, we are fully assured, at every period in the world's history; and, as "Sepharial" remarked in "Fate and Fortune," if the ancients knew of no more than these seven, how came they to give Saturn a father, and to call his name Uranus?

There are seven Sacred Planets, and only seven. They are apparently called "sacred" because of their great occult influence (*Trans. Blavatsky Lodge I.*—40). There are, doubtless, many other planets than these seven in our solar system, but none

of those others are "rulers" or "lords." The question next arises whether the seven planets of antiquity, just enumerated, are identical with the seven "sacred" planets, and this question must apparently be answered in the negative. The Sun is only a central star, not a planet at all; and the Moon is a dead planet; therefore neither of these two can be included in the sacred seven. The "Secret Doctrine" says emphatically: "The Sun was considered the great father of all the seven 'fathers.' Neither the Earth, nor the Moon, nor yet stars, were anything else than *substitutes for exoteric purposes.*" If we therefore deduct these two, the Sun and the Moon, from the seven, we have left—Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, Venus and Mercury. So far as I can see, we are not definitely told whether these five are all really included in the Sacred Seven; for another passage in the same volume omits Mars from the list: "Saturn, Jupiter, Mercury and Venus, the four exoteric planets, and the three others which must remain unnamed, were the heavenly bodies in direct astral and psychic communication with the Earth, its guides and watchers, morally and physically; the visible orbs furnishing our humanity with its outward and inward characteristics, and their 'regents' or *rectors* with our monads and spiritual faculties." We are therefore apparently on safe ground in assuming that these planets constitute four out of the seven, whether Mars be the fifth or not. At this point, the imagination of the student will of course suggest that the recently discovered planets Uranus and Neptune may form two others out of the seven; but on this head the "Secret Doctrine" is equally explicit: "In order to avoid creating new misconceptions, let it be stated that among the three *secret* orbs (or star-angels), neither Uranus nor Neptune entered; not only because they were unknown under these names to the ancient sages, but because they, as all other planets however many there may be, are the *gods* and guardians of other septenary chains of globes within our system." "Secret Doctrine," Vol. I.—575).

Elsewhere we gain a little additional information. We are distinctly told that none of the other six globes in our earth-chain belong to the Sacred Seven. And when asked for some statement as to the two planets for which the Sun and the Moon were substitutes, Madame Blavatsky replied that one of them was a planet supposed by some scientific men to revolve between Mercury and the Sun, never actually discovered, but named, in

anticipation, Vulcan. The other is "a planet with a retrograde motion, sometimes visible at a certain hour of night and apparently near the Moon. The occult influence of this planet is transmitted by the Moon." (*Trans. Blavatsky Lodge I.—40*).

We therefore seem justified in concluding that four out of the Sacred Seven are Mercury, Venus, Jupiter and Saturn; that Mars may possibly form a doubtful fifth, and that the Sun and the Moon are mere substitutes exoterically for the two others.

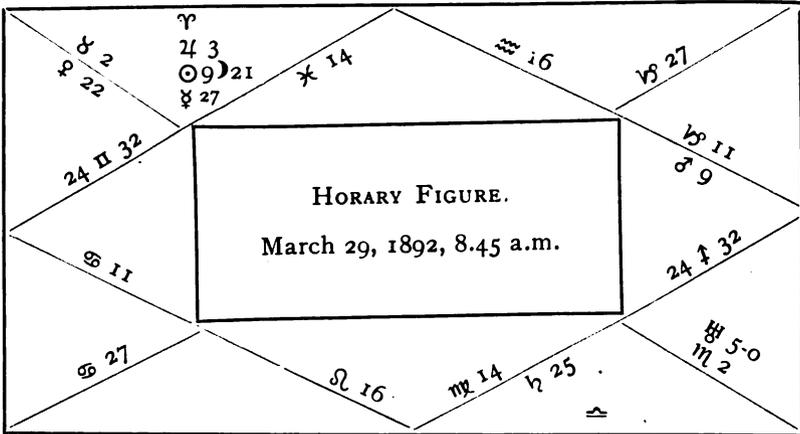
The fact that there are planets in our solar system which have not yet been discovered by science seems of the greatest importance to the astrologer. For how many doubtful points and errors in theory might not these three secret planets account, if they could be re-discovered and tested as we have tested Uranus, and as Neptune the mysterious is now being tested? So long as planets, and much more their esoteric natures, remain hidden, we must sorrowfully confess that we are only groping on the threshold of the true Astrology, and that we have not penetrated to the inner shrine.

I have quoted from Madame Blavatsky, but it must not be supposed that she is not in hostility to certain astrological customs and rules of the present day. She held very strongly—so it seems to me—that something more than a mere knowledge of the natures of the planets and the rules of Astrology is necessary to make an astrologer. The mysterious faculty of *intuition* or spiritual knowledge must illuminate the seeker after truth, who may, without this, wander for ever misled by the will-of-the-wisps of the lower mind.

Another subject on which astrologers have no information is that relating to the spiritual causes of the cyclic rise and fall of nations and races. "This system cannot be comprehended if the spiritual action of these periods—*pre-ordained*, so to say by Karmic law—is separated from their physical course. The calculations of the best astrologers would fail, or at any rate remain imperfect, unless this dual action is thoroughly taken into consideration and dealt with upon these lines. And this mastery can be achieved only through INITIATION." "Secret Doctrine," I.—642). There is the grand cycle which affects the whole of mankind. There are the cycles of the Root Races operating for a definite period of time; and there are national, tribal and family cycles, and sub-cycles; wheels within wheels.

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Horary Astrology.



Question : Will the querent benefit from his uncle's will?
If the contrary, who will ?

AS Mercury, your significator, is in the eleventh house, signifying hopes and wishes, is an argument you expect something substantial and have built your hopes thereon, which I am sorry to say will be frustrated, as Mercury is disposed of by Mars, the significator of your uncle.

As Moon is lady of your second, and approaching conjunction of your significator, Mercury, and she being lord of your uncle's ninth, the house of law, &c., your name will appear in the will. As your uncle's significator, Mars, is not in any aspect to your significator, Mercury, neither is the lord of his second, Jupiter, in any aspect to your significator, I must certainly say you will be left out in the cold. Following Lilly's rules: as the lord of the fourth is close square to Mars, *no legacy even* may be expected by you.

As the lord of the fourth is conjoined with Jupiter, *i.e.*, within orbs, you will be one of the executors, and have a nominal sum for your trouble—nothing more.

As Jupiter signifies persons in power, a solicitor will be your co-executor. Saturn is always a potent significator of deceased persons, and as the second fortune, Venus, is hastening to a trine, it is most palpable to me your uncle's late wife's relations are coming into favour, and the bulk of the property will most certainly be left to them.

As Venus is in your twelfth, evidently some persons you have considered as enemies, though you are mistaken on that point, as your co-significator is in semi-sextile to her.

The Moon having the semi-sextile of Venus, and she being chief ruler of the fifth of the figure, is a convincing argument to me your children will benefit to a small extent.

E. CASAEL.

Observations on the Nativity of "Harold."

(See page 366).

THIS boy was born at 0 h. 15 min. a.m., January 11th, 1887, lat. $51^{\circ} 32' N.$; the 16th degree, \sphericalangle ascends, ♁ on cusp thereof, ♃ in asc. in 3 ♌ , ♄ 4-35 ♍ , ☉ 20-29 ♎ on cusp of fourth, ♀ in fourth, in ♏ 29-47, ♁ in fourth 14-42 ♎ , ♃ 25-12 ♌ in 8 eighth, ♅ 18-57 ♍ ♁ near cusp of tenth, ♄ in 10 5 ♎ . It is remarkable that seven planets are angular, cardinal signs are on angles, five planets being in cardinal signs, and four in fixed. A strong sign rises, otherwise the ☉ 8 ♌ might have caused his death in infancy. The position of Uranus will give him a taste for occultism, and the trine to Mars in ♎ scientific ability, and he will gain financially by both these planets. Jupiter rising in the secret sign ♌ and ruling the sixth house is an excellent testimony for his being trained as a member of the medical profession, and notwithstanding the Moon squares Jupiter, which will cause prodigality (and also Venus squares Jupiter, another testimony for extravagance), I am of opinion he would gain largely by it, for Mars ruling second is in a fixed sign (durability), and the trine to Uranus in a cardinal sign, also cardinal signs on angles denote a notable man, with peculiar ideas and methods not understood by the majority. Saturn has culminated, and is retrograde, but as he is *near* the cusp of the M.C. will probably cause him at times of evil directions to lose position, but he has plenty of determination, ♄ , ♃ , and ♁ in fixed signs, so that, if he chooses, he will regain any position he may lose. In his case, Mercury is in close sextile to Jupiter, and will therefore act as Jupiter, and the position of ♁ in eighth in trine to Sun and Venus will assist him greatly.

The political crisis in Berlin, and the resignation of Count Caprivi, the Prussian Prime Minister, on March 18th, confirms our prediction on page 466 in regard to that capital.

Infant Mortality.

THE duration of the life of an infant that does not reach maturity is difficult to arrive at. "Raphael," in his *Key*, states, "This is one of the most difficult points in Astrology, as so much depends on the natiivities of the *parents*, and the amount of vitality the infant possesses. The *duration* of the life of an infant that will not live to maturity is also very difficult to arrive at. It generally dies when the Moon by transit meets an evil planet, and especially if in the fourth (the house of the grave), sixth, or eighth house. The *exact* time of death depends upon the *exact* amount of vitality the child possesses, and as this is difficult to arrive at, it is best not to be too sure, but to watch events and refer them to the course of the Moon, for in the case of infants, the Moon is all-powerful, but, wherever possible, examine well the *natiivities* of the *parents*."

As "Raphael" wisely remarks, this is a vital point of Astrology that should be thoroughly investigated, as, without a knowledge of the approximate duration of life, all judgments will prove fallacious; that is, regarding to future events, for it is useless to predict (say) marriage, when the child will die ere reaching a marriageable age. As most of our readers will know of many cases of infant mortality, we should be glad if they will supply us with cases, giving us the *sex, date, time, and place of birth* (a.m. or p.m.), also of any twins they may know particulars about. At the same time we should be glad to know the *date and time of death*, and complaint or illness that caused it, so that we may investigate the figures, and endeavour to find the causes that produce the effects in this particular. We ask the assistance and aid of students and professors, and trust by united effort to formulate some reliable rules in this important matter, that will prove of real assistance to the professor and student.

Remarkable Horoscopes. No. 3.

FEMALE child, born at Derby, October 31st, 1880, 7.35 a.m., asc. 13 m , 2 m M.C., ♄ in 12.44 m in tenth, ♃ 7.24 m in eleventh, ♂ 6.38 m , ☉ 8.8 m near cusp of asc.; ♁ 1.28 f , ♀ 7.3 f , near cusp of second, ♃ 11.30 v in fifth, ♃ in 26 v cusp of sixth, ♄ 13.2 v in seventh.

This child is born with a strong sign rising, but the Sun is in conjunction with Mars, and Saturn in a cardinal sign on sixth house, she suffers from weakness, and has had several fevers. She strongly objects to be under authority (Mars in his own sign, and Uranus in the mid-heaven), therefore detests being at school, she always wants to command. Has already met with many changes of a very sudden nature (Uranus in tenth). Is of a very determined disposition.

She is exceptionally fortunate in raffles and sweepstakes, has never been put in by her friends or relatives without gaining a prize. Prior to Christmas, 1890 and 1891, she purchased tickets for sweepstakes with funds supplied her by friends, and on each occasion gained the first prize. (Note, Jupiter lord of her second in fifth, in trine to Venus on cusp of second, fortunate in gaming and speculation). Although young, she is an excellent player upon the violin, and also has a good voice; has already both played and sang at many concerts. (Note, Moon sextile Mercury and Venus, and Jupiter trine Venus). She is very industrious, like all people with Mars ascending, and with Uranus in M.C. she will work her way to a position by means of Mars (in the sign of determination), and will be aided by people in authority (Sun in Scorpio in sextile to Uranus).

Those students who consider Uranus is "dignified" in Scorpio, will take into consideration the Sun and Uranus likewise in "mutual reception." They are recommended to erect this natus and put it in their collection for future reference.

Astrological Siftings, Good and Bad.

(FROM VARIOUS SOURCES).

"Any system which demands a knowledge of Trigonometry and the use of Spheres, is a barrier to many earnest seekers after the scientific truth that is claimed for Astrology. Certainly one need not go so far as this to prove there is truth in the science, but it is generally found unsatisfactory to the student to be able to predict that certain events will happen, and not be able to say WHEN! And then comes the tedious process of constructing the speculum, calculating the directions in the Zodiac and Mundo, and the inevitable difference between the 'arc of direction,' and the time of event! Then follows the correction of the time of birth, the reconstruction of the speculum, and the calculation of the arcs of direction—with what result? Only to learn that the effects of directions 'cannot always be accurately

determined,' etc., and that the *time* at which the arc of direction is supposed to *operate* is even more uncertain; for, to quote from a well-known work on the subject of these so-called primary directions, 'they are found to operate for several weeks, sometimes many months, especially the mutual aspects of ☉ and ☾, which, owing to their apparent magnitude, generally come into operation, and remain so for six or eight weeks at *least*, before and after the direction is perfect.' There arises yet another objection with regard to the Primary Arcs. When the nativity has been rectified by some event that has passed, and the time of birth is made to correspond with the arc of direction, it is found that the succeeding directions do not measure exactly to the time of subsequent events! There is an error of a quarter or even half a degree, which means, when converted into time, three or six months between the time of an event, and the measure of the arc which is said to produce, or indicate it. If, therefore, we consider the primary directions by themselves as indicators of the time and nature of events, and remember the labour attached to the calculation of these arcs, I think that the results obtainable are FAR FROM SATISFACTORY.

"The student of Astrology is not in search of mathematical gymnastics, but truth; and the test of truth in Astrology does not rest on spherical triangulation, but on the accuracy with which one can predict an event in point of *time* and *nature*."

"SEPHARIAL," in *Fate and Fortune*.

(This is good. Ed. A.M.)

"Let us suppose that the first degree of Aries (the first degree of the Zodiac) is *ascending*; the opposite point (the first degree of Libra) will be *descending*; the first degree of Cancer will be on the *Zenith*, and the first point of Capricorn on the *Nadir*."

A. J. PEARCE, *Text Book of Astrology*. Vol. I. page 45.

(This is bad, and misleading to students, inasmuch as it is *not true*; for in the *suppositious* case given, *Cancer* would be on the *Nadir*, or fourth house, and not on the *Zenith*; and *Capricorn* would be on the *Zenith*, and *not on the Nadir*.)

(To be continued.)

The frontier fighting in India in Lushailand confirms "Raphael's" prediction as to the influence of the entry of Mars into Capricorn.

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The difficulties of the Victorian Cabinet and the Premier's speech announcing the re-establishment of twopenny postage, confirms our remark on page 466 in regard to Melbourne, "the governing powers meet with reverses and loss of prestige."

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Further, in regard to our remarks in relation to Melbourne quoted above, the arrest on March 16th, of the supposed murderer Deeming, and the revolting disclosures it has resulted in, has caused intense excitement, confirms our prediction as to "exciting cases in the legal courts."

On Elections.

SOLOMON said, "There is a time for everything," and "electing" (or selecting) a time to commence a fresh undertaking is termed in Astrology, an "election." In so doing, it is first necessary to have fresh in the memory the positions in the radix, and the operating directions, for if the directions are adverse, it is useless to expect good to arise from anything that may be projected; but if the directions are favorable, a good "election" is a desideratum. All new undertakings should be commenced whilst the Moon is increasing in light, *i.e.*, between the time the Moon leaves the conjunction of the Sun, and arrives at the opposition. Choose a time when the Moon is in good aspect to *well aspected planets* in the radix, it matters not whether it is to ♃ ♄ ♀ or ♁, so long as the planet pertaining to the matter is free from affliction at birth, and especially see that the Moon is "*applying*," and not separating at the elected time. If possible, let the Moon be rising in a fruitful sign, and also avoid having the planets ♄ ♀ or ♃ in either the fourth or tenth houses, unless they are dignified; it is also well to avoid having them in the second or fifth houses. On no account let the Moon be passing over, or evilly aspecting a radical malefic at the time of commencing fresh concerns.

In electing suitable times, carefully notice what planet in the nativity signifies the matter about to be projected, and at the time elected, see that such planet is well aspected, and in a favourable position, and that the Moon is favorably configured with the planet.

Suppose in a nativity Saturn is in Capricorn, in the second house, and well aspected, and that the native is electing a favorable time to commence business. He must first see that his directions for such time are good, and then he can elect a time for opening his premises, *viz.*, when the Moon is in good aspect to Saturn, *the planet significator of wealth in his nativity*; but let us suppose that in another case Saturn ruled, and was located in the second house, and was *afflicted*, it would be foolish to commence new undertakings under any lunar aspect, good or bad, to a Saturn so posited.

The *general significations* of the various planets may be briefly described as follows:—

The Sun is a general significator of those in authority, employers, magistrates, noblemen, and royalty.

Mercury—persons connected with journalism, literary work, secretaries, accountants, in fact all who work with head and pen; it has reference likewise to children, schoolboys, etc.

Venus—those whose avocations are connected with arts (music, painting, drawing, &c.), milliners, dressmakers, matters pertaining to female adornment, love, pleasure, female society, &c.

Mars—surgeons, soldiers, those who deal with cutting instruments, fire, and trades connected therewith, &c.

Jupiter—merchants, bankers, financiers, clergymen, and those whose business has reference to these matters.

Saturn—agriculture, booksellers, printers, and those who work underground, miners, excavators, gravediggers, and those employed on similar lines.

Herschel—electricians, masseurs, and all matters in connection; astrologers, phrenologists, cheiromantists, and hypnotists.

Neptune—spiritualists chiefly; notice in the nativity the planet that chiefly affects the business proposed, and make suitable election accordingly.

Useful Hints for Young Students.

IN all male nativities consider the Sun as life-giver, or “hyleg,” sometimes termed “apheta,” and the malefic planet in nearest afflicting aspect at birth as the destroyer, or “anareta.”

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Where the Sun is afflicted by Saturn, and the latter planet in elevation, an evil lunar direction to such places will assuredly produce an illness, unless there are other strong directions of a benefic nature to counteract it.

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In such a case, even an opposition of Mars to the Moon at birth will modify this, as it will give internal heat, and thus assist in bracing or strengthening the system against the cold emanating from Saturn, but as all solar directions are more powerful than lunar, the heat arising from Mars will not be so powerful as to eradicate the evil produced from Saturn.

If the Sun is in conjunction with both Mars and Saturn at birth, the health will be better than if Saturn alone conjoined the Sun; if it occurs in the ascendant, there will be a great risk of accidents and sudden death.

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The Moon parallel Sun is good in the nativity of a male, but evil in that of a female, as in the latter case the Moon is "hyleg," and the affliction of the Sun to the "hyleg" will cause both structural and functional diseases.

Letters to the Editor.

All correspondents should give full name and address, not necessarily for publication, but as a token of good faith.

N.B.—Writers of signed articles are alone responsible for the opinions therein contained.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to "Sepharial." If I mistake not, everything past, present and to come is reflected in the astral light, so why need "periods of gestation?" He is astounded when I say Karma is the result of sidereal (not planetary) influences! Suppose a male born with $\text{D } 8 \text{ } \text{♂}$ and he takes to drinking and wenching, will not this generate bad Karma, and will it not be the indirect result of $\text{D } 8 \text{ } \text{♂}$? Some Theosophists consider there are two sets of influences at work on Man, one Karmic, the other planetary. Will "Sepharial" tell me what agency it is that executes the law of Karma? The long and short of it is, with him the stars are simply candles and symbols put in the sky to please man; with me they are *potent* agencies, controlling, ruling and determining every event on this earth.

"Synchronize" was not a proper expression, I should have said "harmonize," *i.e.*, the planetary positions at one incarnation harmonize with those at another.

So the pre-natal epoch may occur weeks before marriage, coition, or conception, and "Sepharial's" authority for it is EXPERIENCE! Surely his opinion of my common sense must be small, if he thinks I can swallow such nonsense as that!

Respecting H. P. B.'s nativity, I was afraid "Sepharial" had been tinkering at it with his *infallible* method, with the result that it is all wrong, and that everything in the map needs adjusting! I think with an important nativity like this a corrected map should be published.

I will now, Mr. Editor, reply to your catechism on "Exaltations."

1.—By "ancients" I mean those philosophers who lived in the East some thousands of years ago, and who, if report belies them not, were very skilled in magic and Astrology.

2.—I cannot point to the origin of exaltations.

3.—The exaltations, and the *degrees* of exaltations *are* given in Hindu works on Astrology. It is therefore very certain that the Hindus *did* use them. See the "Brihat Jataka."

4.—Ptolemy did not invent them; he probably got them from the same source as the houses, terms, etc.

5.—The degrees of exaltations given in the “Brihat Jataka” agree with those stated in the “Key to Astrology” with two exceptions, which are errors on my part.

6.—All my maps and copying books are destroyed, and I cannot spend time in ransacking for proofs of what must be clear to any one with any experience.

7.—I would rather not express an opinion on the merits of Ptolemy, as it does not concern the question of exaltations at all.

I can only reiterate what I said in my last, viz., that what we do not understand, we had better leave alone.

RAPHAEL.

SIR,—In the March number of this Magazine, I noticed that “Raphael” advanced an argument on the nine months period, which up to the present has not been referred to. He argued that nine calendar months could not be the correct period because “calendar” months are a mere artificial distinction made by men for the sake of convenience, and that they are not founded upon planetary motion, whereas his 36 weeks are actually dependant upon the motion of the Moon. At first sight this is a very plausible argument; but he forgets that in this particular instance it does not hold good. Nine calendar months are equivalent to ten lunar months, or 40 weeks, or 280 days; and are therefore founded upon lunar motion. Moreover, ten is the perfect number, whether applied to man or cosmos, and nine is not. The matter is referred to in a quotation on page 389 of Vol. I. of the “Secret Doctrine;” and the periods are placed as follows.

The quickening of the fœtus is marked by a period of 126 days, or 18 weeks of seven days each, or $4\frac{1}{2}$ lunar months of 28 days each, or four calendar months of 31 days each.

The period of viability is one of 210 days, or 30 weeks, or $7\frac{1}{2}$ lunar months, or seven calendar months.

The period of parturition is accomplished in 280 days, or 40 weeks, or ten lunar months, or nine calendar months.

“Raphael’s” other argument, to the effect that the authority of a medical man cannot overrule the actual experience of a husband and father, does not go for much, I think. Are not most medical men also husbands and fathers themselves?

Yours truly,

LEO.

March 22nd, 1892.

DEAR SIR,—Ever since “Sepharial” promulgated his system of rectification to the readers of the Magazine, we have had a plentiful supply of correspondence anent the same, a perusal of which is only required to shew with what scepticism and doubt the system is received.

We, the undersigned, as members of a small Astrological Society, have devoted no small amount of labour to the above interesting subject, and although we have hitherto remained somewhat reticent, now feel that the results of our labours should be placed before other students for their investigation.

You are well aware that “Sepharial,” without any divergence whatever, lays down certain rules for our guidance—which we are almost taught to believe as infallible. Now, the disparity that was

sometimes found to exist between the estimate time of birth and the rectified one was so great, as to give rise to serious consideration, and it is our belief that by diverging a little from these hard and fast rules, much of this inequality may be overcome, as we will try to shew by example.

H. R. H. PRINCESS LOUISA.

Born March 18th, 1848, 8 h., a.m., London.

Estimate asc., $23^{\circ} 44' 8''$ ☽'s place, $10^{\circ} 41'$ increasing in light.
Day of epoch, June 11th, 1847.

	H.	M.	S.	
Sidereal time, June 11th ...	5	16	49	
Time of ☽'s radical place rising	4	10	0	
Time of epoch ...	1	6	49	before noon.

☽'s place at 1 h. 6 min. 49 sec. before noon, and true asc., according to "Sepharial," $29^{\circ} 29' 8''$ True time of birth, 8 h. 15 min. a.m.

Now we will take June 25th, 1847, as the day of the epoch, the ☽ on this day transiting the degree of Est. Des.

	H.	M.	S.	
Sidereal time, June 25th, 1847 ...	6	12	1	
Time of ☽'s radical place rising ..	4	10	0	
True time of epoch ...	2	2	0	before noon.

☽'s place at 2 h. 2 min. before noon, and true descendant, according to our investigations, $24^{\circ} 34' 7''$ True time of birth, 8 h. 2 min. a.m. A difference, according to "Sepharial," of 15 min., whereas by the latter, there is only a difference of 2 min.

PRINCE GEORGE OF WALES.

Born 1 h. 18 min. a.m., June 3rd, 1865.

Estimate asc., $3^{\circ} 42' 1''$ ☽'s place $1^{\circ} 3'$ increasing in light.
Day of epoch, August 20th, 1864.

	H.	M.	S.	
Sidereal time	9	56	18	
Time of ☽'s radical place rising ...	6	6	0	
Time of epoch ...	3	50	18	before noon
				or
				8 h. 10 m. a.m.

☽'s place at this time and true asc., according to "Sepharial," $6^{\circ} 49'$ and true time of birth, 1 h. 24 min. a.m.

We will now take September 3rd, 1864, as the day of epoch, for ☽ on this day transits the exact place of estimate descendant.

	H.	M.	S.	
Sidereal time, September 3rd, 1864	10	51	29	
☽'s radical place rising	6	6	0	
Time of epoch ...	4	45	29	before noon
				or
				7 h. 15 m. a.m.

☽'s place at this time, and true descendant, according to our theory, $3^{\circ} 33'$, and true time of birth practically as given, 1 h. 18 min. a.m.

THE INFANT DUCHESS OF FIFE.

Born 5 h. a.m., May 17th, 1891, London.

(See *Astrologers' Magazine*, Vol. I., page 269).

Estimate asc., $11^{\circ} \ 11' \ 23''$ ♃'s place $11^{\circ} \ 27' \ 11''$ increasing in light.
 Day of epoch, August 9th, 1890.

	H.	M.	S.
Sidereal Time, August 9th, 1890	9	11	43
Time of ♃'s radical place rising ...	4	14	0

Time of epoch ...	4	57	0

Before noon, or 7 h. 3 min. a.m., August 9th, 1890.

♃'s place at 7. h. 3 min. a.m., August 9th, 1890, and true asc. according to "Sepharial's" rules, $6^{\circ} \ 11' \ 25''$. True time of birth, 4 h. 44 min. a.m.

Now we will take August 24th as the day of epoch, for the same reasons as before.

Sidereal time, August 24th ...	10	10	52
Time of ♃'s radical place rising	4	14	0

Time of epoch ...	5	56	52

Before noon, or 6 h. 3 min. a.m., August 24th, 1890.

♃'s place at this time, and true descendant, according to our investigations, $9 \ 44'$. True time of birth, 4 h. 55 min. a.m., May 17th, 1891.

I have one other case: a friend of mine who gave the time of his birth as 9 h. p.m., May 2nd, 1874, adding that if anything, it was before 9 h. p.m., and certainly not after. Rectified by rules as taught by "Sepharial," it gives true time as 9 h. 19 min. p.m.; but by deviating from given rules a little, as we have done in the above three cases, we obtain 8 h. 49 min. p.m. as correct time, which is in accordance with my friend's statement.

As you will see, Mr. Editor, we still identify the ♃'s place with the ascendant or descendant, although, unlike "Sepharial," do not adhere to any stereotyped rules upon the point. *We have nothing definite to offer*, and our sole object in writing is, that others more competent may investigate the matter, and then at no very distant period we shall in all likelihood get a perfectly sound basis on which to build our calculations.

Extremely sorry to trouble you, but hoping you may find space in your valuable Magazine,

We remain, truly yours, ARTHUR ELSON.

JOSEPH MOUNTFORD.

SIR,—I have been waiting since the publication of your article in the December (1890) issue on Astrological Societies, to see if any of the leaders of the profession would move in the matter, but as none of them, with the exception of "Raphael," appears to have taken any steps towards carrying out the idea, I venture, as an humble exponent of the science, to say a few words upon what all are agreed is a most desirable object.

The great difficulty that I see in the formation of a Society is not the difference in the methods adopted by the two great divisions amongst astrologers, but the obstacles arising from our want of knowledge of each other. This arises to a large extent from the unfair laws which press so heavily on all who practice the science, and which compels us to work in a retired manner, and without the publicity that phrenologists and others can exercise. Until this evil is remedied we can hardly expect a flourishing society, and yet this object should be one of the first which the society should undertake.

As a step towards the accomplishment of "Raphael's" wishes, I would suggest two courses which would help materially in the matter. The first is that you, Sir, should issue in a future number of the Magazine, a loose sheet, containing a place for the signature and address of all willing to join. These sheets should be returned to you or some one appointed to receive them by a specified date. They should then be classified in districts, as small as possible consistent with having a workable number of members, and efforts made to get those members living in their respective districts to meet together at some central town in the district, to discuss and arrange details. These districts could ultimately be formed into a federation or national society, and thus secure the purpose desired. Until the members are thus got together I fear there is little chance of a society being formed.

Another move in the same direction might be by the formation of circulating magazines. For this purpose some six or eight, not more, should form themselves into a Magazine Club and appoint one of their number as leader. This latter would have a list of the names and addresses of his members. He would then provide a cover and manuscript paper with some maps, and write an article on any subject connected with Astrology, after which he would forward it to No. 2, who, in turn, would write an article and criticise the article of No. 1. No. 2 will send to No. 3 with the like result, until all the members have contributed, when No. 1 would send out some more plain paper and maps as on the previous occasions. By this means the members of each club would know something of each other, and if the clubs were registered at your office it would be comparatively simple to reach each other for an united effort.

Trusting that you will give publicity to these ideas through the Magazine, in which case I shall be glad to say a little more about them.

I am,

Yours truly,

"VENUS."

Answers to Correspondents.

W. SARJANT.—True. Britannia mourns over a coffin, but there is no crown, no insignia of royalty. It would do equally well for the pauper. Perhaps the engravers had no crowns to spare, or else the allusion to royal bereavement was the old case of making the arc (or the coffin), suit the event. We are glad to see that "a chiel's abroad takin' notes."

J. H.—Rules for casting foreign horoscopes including those for south latitudes will be given in these pages very shortly.

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Lessons in Astrology for Beginners.

By APHOREL.

SECTION II. NO. 9.—PRE-NATAL DIRECTIONS.

THOSE who have been following and working out the method of directing taught in these lessons, and have mastered the same, will have laid the foundation of useful knowledge as regards astrological delineation and prediction, and bearing in mind that "knowledge is power," if the student applies such knowledge to right uses, he will be able to benefit those in the circle wherein he may move, but let him not "having put his hand to the plough, draw back," for nothing is of real use without much application and study.

The directions hitherto expozited in these lessons are those known as "post-natal," i.e., those formed *after* birth, but the student is advised to also master those first made publicly known in these pages, viz., the "pre-natal" ones. These are formed *before* birth, and the mode of procedure must be precisely similar to that used in taking out the post-natal, with this exception, viz.; that instead of going *forward* as in the post-natal, the process is reversed, and the calculations are to "retrograde" or go backward from the time of birth. If directions (pre-natal) are required for the first year, the twenty-four hours (or the first day) *preceding* the birth will be taken as the first year, and so on. The students are referred to Nos. 13, 14, 15 and 16 for full information on these directions, which have been so concisely and clearly expounded by my friend "Leo," who first discovered them, as it will avoid recapitulation here, but I will just add they should be taken out under the same heads, and Tables of Aspects,

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&c., drawn out and tabulated as in the post-natal before referred to. The rules for judgment and prediction will be precisely the same as those already mentioned, and when such Tables of Pre-natal Directions are taken out, they should be compared, &c. with the post-natal ones already considered, for if at any time the pre-natal and post-natal directions agree in nature, that is, both good or both bad, the events that happen will be *marked*.

SUNDRY REMARKS.

I purpose following up my previous considerations with a few remarks on various points that I think will be found useful in judging the effects of directions. The mundane house the Moon may be progressing through at the time of direction will be the chief one that will feel the effects of the good or evil aspects she may receive and transmit. If she be at the time in a "fixed" sign, and influence is also thrown from fixed signs, the result will be very marked in the native's career, for the fixed signs are in square to each other, and the square is always evil, and all the more so if the Moon is angular. It will be more decided in its tendency than if it came from "cardinal" signs, and when the Moon is in these cardinal (or moveable) signs, there is always a desire to move, or change; it generally proves an *unsettled* period, and the same remark applies to the Moon when placed in the "common" signs. When the Moon by direction is in the second house, the financial affairs of the native will be liable to much fluctuation, whether the good will exceed the evil can only be gathered from the directions, those coming from the "superior" planets will be far more pronounced than those which proceed from the "inferior" ones. In this case Mercury may prove an exception, because of his "convertible" nature, and if the lunar direction be to Mercury's radical place, a far different effect may be produced than if to his progressive place, for in the former case Mercury may be in close aspect to Jupiter, and the result of the influence proceeding from such an aspect would be *benefic*, but as the progressive aspect might be an evil one to Mars, the effect of a direction to such progressive place would be *evil*, hence I desire to strongly emphasize these points, as they may materially aid the students' future progress in "directions," if care and thought be properly exercised. The "houses" the *planets may be in at the time of direction* will also have to be considered, for matters ruled by such houses, and the house or houses ruled by such

planet must be taken into consideration, and the *nature* of such planet also.

In some cases, notably in oppositions, when both planets are strong (such as Sun in Leo in ascendant, in opposition to Saturn in Aquarius) other testimonies must be considered, because in a case like this, both are essentially and accidentally dignified, but the balance is in favour of the Sun, as he is *rising*, whereas Saturn would be *setting*, but the aspects and positions of the other planets in a case like this (which, although not very common, is yet met with), must be equally considered ere a judgment be given, or a prediction made.

(*To be continued*).

Astrological Books.

PLATO says, "a house with a library in it has a soul," and to the astrological student, what has more charms for him than to peer into the writings of the old astrologers, who have "left their footprints on the sands of time." Fashions alter, but there is a fascination about the works of these old worthies that is absent from the modern novel. What matters it that these old tomes are dog-eared, tattered, and maybe worm-eaten!—they are all the more interesting; and though the "modern society" personages would not soil their fingers with these books, and call the astrologers "old fossils," the aforesaid "old fossils" somewhat revel in the antiquated pages on this old-world lore. Notwithstanding a great deal of what appears in these old books is not very reliable, we advise the student to get as many astrological works as he can, for in all of them there are "grains and nuggets of gold" amid the dross, and a study of these writings will do him good. We are often asked the usefulness of certain of these old works, and what books the student should possess. As we said before, "get as many as you can," but as there are some better than others, that is, according to our opinion (which must be taken for what it is worth), we purpose enumerating a few, which we consider *every student* ought to possess, viz. :—

Ptolemy. "The Tetrabiblos." Translated by Ashmand or Wilson.

Placidus. "The Primum Mobile." Translated by Cooper.

Raphael I. "The Manual of Astrology."

- Zadkiel I. "The Grammar of Astrology" and Lilly's "Astrology."
 " " "Handbooks of Astrology." Vol. I. (Horary) and Vol. II. (Nativities).
 Raphael II. "The Guides." Vols. I. and II. (Nativities), or The Key to Astrology.
 " " " " Vol. III. (Horary).
 Simmonite. "The Arcana of Astral Philosophy."
 Wilson. "The Dictionary of Astrology."

The first of this series is aptly termed the Astrologers' Bible; there are various translations of it, but those named are the best. Cooper's is not the only translation of Placidus that is extant, but it is the best; it deals with the "mundane" system said to have been invented by Placidus. "Raphael" is the author of many treatises on Astrology, notably, the "Manual," "The Familiar Astrologer," the "Astrologer of the 19th Century," but the "Manual" is by far the best, and can be strongly recommended. The same remark will apply to Zadkiel I., who has produced many books, the best of which are the "Handbooks," Vol. I. (Horary), Vol. II. (Nativities), and the "Grammar of Astrology." The latter is incorporated with Lilly's "Introduction to Astrology," which is the best work on Horary extant, and has been ably edited by Zadkiel. The present editor of "Raphael's" Almanac has published the "Guides," also the "Key to Astrology;" they can all be recommended, as they are simple in their style, and hence are readily understandable, and will enable a novice to fairly "read" a horoscope, which the works of another modern "authority" will *not* do. Simmonite's "Arcana" is by this time well-known, the author was a "far-seeing" man, and his work can be likewise mentioned as a desirable adjunct to the student's reference library; it contains a very good lexicon. Wilson's Dictionary is the only exhaustive one of its kind; it is true he finds fault with everyone who preceded him, but his book is most useful, and all should obtain it. It need hardly be said there are numerous other works, but we think the foregoing a judicious selection, although many works not mentioned above are considered authoritative, viz., Coley's Key, Partridge's Works, Sibly's "Illustration to the Occult Sciences," and others that we need not particularize. To those who are seeking copies of the writers on Astrology, we cannot do better than to refer them to the list of astrological works on the cover of our May issue.

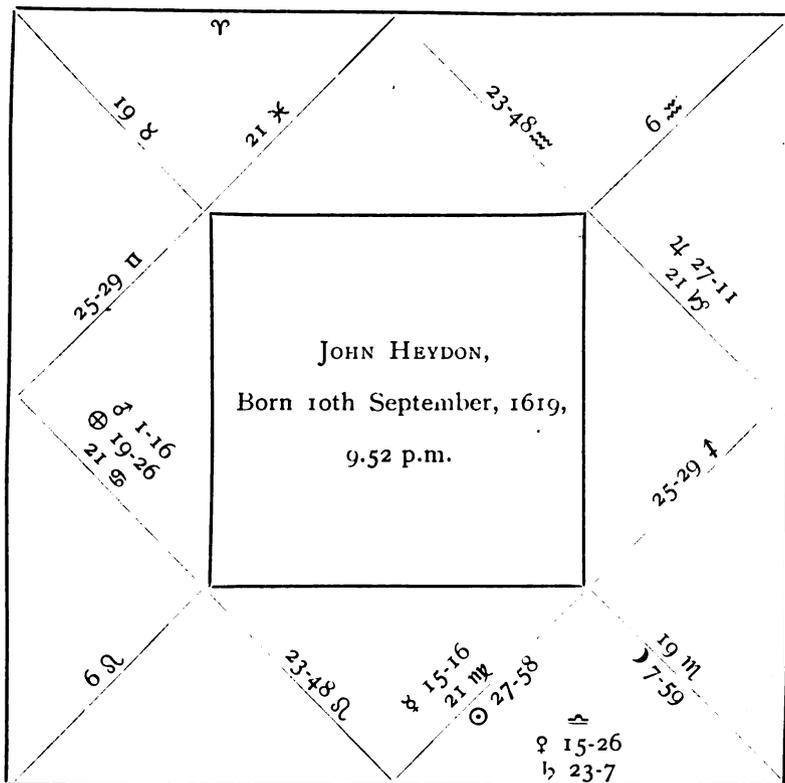
BOOKS WANTED.—We are wanting Ramesey's "Astrologia Restaurata," and "Nostradamus Prophecies," at fair prices. Please address, "Proprietors A. M."

Horoscopes of Notable Astrologers.

No. IX.

JOHN HEYDON.

Author of "The Temple of Wisdom," &c., &c.



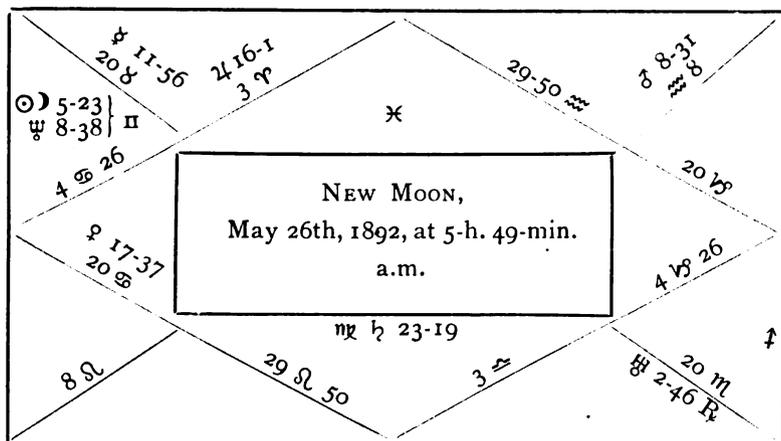
ASPECTS.

☉ Δ ♃, ☐ ♄ ☐ asc. ♃ ☐ ♃. ♃ ☐ ♃.
♃ app. ∠ ☉, * ♄.

JOHN HEYDON, whose nativity is given above, is one of those whose writings on astral subjects are peculiar, and whose works are exceptionally scarce. The native was born when the last face of Gemini ascended, and the ruler of the ascendant, Mercury, is both essentially and accidentally dignified, being in Virgo, the sign of his exaltation in the north angle. The Moon is almost within orbs of a sextile to Mercury, as she is applying to that aspect, in the fifth house, and in the occult sign Scorpio.

The fifth house is well fortified, Venus being therein in her dignities in the just sign Libra (intercepted), and Saturn is likewise therein in the sign of his exaltation, and the Sun and Moon are also in this house, and as the influences arising from scientific and mystic signs are thrown therein, the houses partake of like nature, which developed in the native a love of occultism and mysticism of a high order. That he would not be deterred by obstacles, is shewn by Mars in the ascendant, and as this planet squares the Sun, which denotes magnates and those in authority, he had doubtless much enmity from them. People of literary attainments, clerics, and occultists were in the ranks of his enemies, either on account of jealousy, or because of differences of opinion on the theories he promulgated. From the configurations in the fifth house, I judge his systems and methods were beyond the understanding of his contemporaries. It will be noticed that all the planets (Jupiter excepted) are beneath the Earth, and Jupiter is in an earthy sign, these alone bear testimony to ability for study and research, and as the Moon is applying to a good aspect of Mercury, from the occult sign Scorpio, his researches led him into the realms of occultism. Publicly, he was a chemist by profession, and from the configurations above there is no doubt he had much ability, for his methods were in advance of the times. The position of Mars in the ascendant always denotes a consequential individual, and I am of opinion he was somewhat dogmatic by nature, and his contemporaries who resented this sort of thing, publicly manifested the same, and through their endeavours he was often an inmate of the prisons. As his significator and nearly all his planets are under the Earth, I consider it a testimony in favour of the scarcity of his writings, for they are rarely met with, being buried in old libraries and out-of-the-way places. His chief ones are "The Harmony of the World," "The Holy Guide," "Wise Man's Crown," "The Temple of Wisdom," and "Rosicrucian Physic." The titles alone of these works prove they emanated from the position of Mercury, and especially *Saturn in Libra*, in the fifth house. Should any of the readers of this magazine possess each or any of these works, they would oblige the Editor by either loaning them, or if they desire to dispose of them he will be disposed to buy them. There is no doubt the end of his life was better than the beginning, but I doubt if he ever was blessed with a superfluity of this world's goods.

Mundane Astrology.



AT the moment of the New Moon on the 26th ultimo, the conjoined luminaries are posited in the twelfth house, separating from the semi-square of Jupiter and Venus. Much expenditure and fraud are probable, as the affliction of Jupiter and Venus seems to point to this.

Herschel's position seems to denote accidents or troubles of a very peculiar nature at schools or places of amusement, whilst Saturn's position will probably produce mining troubles, or possibly an explosion. Serious accidents through explosions or collisions at sea seem foreshadowed from the position of Mars in the ninth house, and clerical scandals will claim public attention.

At Berlin, Venus rises; the health of the public will be good, but the position of Mars points to notable deaths.

At Lisbon, explosions are to be feared, and peculiar illnesses will affect the populace.

At St. Petersburg, Mars is close to the cusp of the eighth house. What does it mean? Mercury in square to the red planet, exciting correspondence to say the least, and the position of Uranus retrograde in the fourth denotes anarchist troubles, or similar annoyances. It will be an evil month, notwithstanding the angular position of Jupiter.

At Washington, the malefics are elevated; peculiar deaths, difficulties with foreign affairs, much scandal, and notable law cases.

At Melbourne, a quieter month, but much correspondence anent foreign affairs.

On the Signs of the Zodiac.

TYPES are of two kinds, subjective and objective; and may be expressed in one of two ways, either by representation or by hieroglyphic; by picture or by symbol.

The *subjective type* is an ideal form which stands for a whole class of noumenal or mental conceptions; as the man may stand for wisdom, the woman for love; the man for intellect, the woman for emotion; the man for thought and science, the woman for feeling and art; and so on through the whole range of correspondences in the "male" and "female" states of human consciousness and perception.

When expressed by *representation*, the figure of a man (a type for all of that sex) will be conceived of in the mind as a "typical representation" of the foregoing "male states;" and a woman as that of the "female states." But when expressed by *hieroglyphic*, the man may become ♂ and the woman ♀, and we have then two "typical hieroglyphics" which express the ideas of wisdom and love, of mind and soul.

The *objective type* is one that stands for a whole class of phenomenal or physical perceptions, as the ox might denote all quadrupeds, the fish all aquatic forms of life, and corn all kinds of food; and when expressed by representation we have a complete picture of an ox, fish, or ear of corn; but in hieroglyphic expression they might become ♂ ♂ and ♀.

The signs of the zodiac were primarily subjective representations, and have now become objective hieroglyphs for the majority of persons. The symbols were once very elaborate and

often of a complex nature, as appears in the Egyptian and Hindu monuments, representing in a pictorial manner the origin and destiny of the human race, the mysteries of cosmic evolution, the history of all past time, and a prophecy of the future until the close of the great cycle of this world's activity. The signs are now commonly expressed by corrupted hieroglyphs of the original representations, in just the same way that the planets themselves are shown to be, and no longer do they embody any of the qualities which marked the first ideographs as types of the spiritual mysteries they were designed to express.

The further we go back into the night of Time, the more we study the ancient relics of the East, the stronger grows our conviction that this art of ideographic and hieroglyphic expression was in common use among our ancestors. It would indeed appear that the faculty of intuition or "direct cognition," which sees with closed eyes, and sees most where reflection is least, was the common property of a large number of this earth's humanity in its virgin days. By means of it man could apprehend the nature, quality, order and power of things at a glance; and the power to combine these elements of life and to represent them under a single figure, or a group of figures, seems to have been the instant means of record. The source of language and of writing is *in man*, and since there are certain basic qualities common to, and inherent in humanity all the world over, by means of which each man enjoys the same fundamental relationship to all natural objects, we can conceive of the origin of language, whether written or spoken, as proceeding from this radical identity of nature in man.

Thus all things of the natural world were received as "representations" of certain qualities of which they were the visible expressions, and objects were used as symbols only in association with their special uses; in short, the whole field of Nature was a revelation, an open book written in the language of the gods, in which all might read alike the mysteries of life and death, and the alchemy of human nature. From this divine science of "correspondences" the hieroglyphical writings came to be the means of tradition, and of this antique character are the Signs of the Zodiac, and it would seem they have not escaped the fate of all such written records, for it is only when we consider the gradual corruption of the original forms of writing that we can account for the symbols of the zodiac as we now have them.

It matters not whether we take humanity as a whole and trace man's evolution with that of the planet on which he lives, or a *type* of humanity, such for example as the twelve tribes of Israel, and follow their history from first to last, both are found upon examination to be recorded in the ideographs of the zodiac. If we take in hand the *Secret Doctrine* by Madam Blavatsky, we find there a description of the Races of Humanity up to the present or fifth race, and there is incontestible evidence that they are symbolized and represented in the signs of the zodiac, and that the development of the different "principles" and faculties in man which takes place with the genesis of the successive races, are also indicated with an unmistakeable clearness and definition, as I shall presently show. And if we add to this symbology, the wealth of myth and legend that clusters around each of the ecliptic constellations, it is possible, with the hieroglyphic key in hand, to re-construct the entire history of the human race. So also with the Mosaic record. The Adamic creation, the virgin state of humanity, the separation of the sexes, the fall, the deluge, and the new generation of the race, all are typically represented in the zodiacal signs; as is also the history of Israel under the Kings, and much else that is thought by most people to be contained only in the Jewish scriptures, and the sacred books of the East.

I propose then, to penetrate somewhat more deeply into the symbolism of the zodiac than has yet been done in these pages, and to trace the correspondence of the signs with the evolution of humanity as set forth in the esoteric philosophy of the East, to trace the connection of this scheme with that of the Pentateuch, and to show how both are typified by man, and how all are represented in the Astrological Science. If it is claimed that an astrological figure for the vernal equinox, for an eclipse, or other general event, has an application to the destiny of nations, which includes that of individuals constituting such nations, then the statement that national destiny is included in that of the race, and the latter in that of humanity as a whole, should not, I think, be incapable of verification from an astrological standpoint.

SEPHARIAL.

(To be continued).

The Symbols of the Planets.

IN connection with this subject, it is interesting to notice the relation between planets and metals. The alchemical or planetary metals are :—

⊙ gold. ☽ silver. ☿ metal, mercury, or quicksilver.
♀ copper. ♂ iron. ♃ tin. ♄ lead.

It has already been observed that these symbols are three-fold, consisting of the circle, the crescent, and the cross. To translate this into the language of alchemy, we may say that the seven typical metals are formed either of gold and corrosive or gross matter, ⊙ and +, or silver and gross matter, ☽ and +, or of all three. The addition of that of which the cross is the symbol degrades the noble metal into the baser. Mercury is the only metal which contains all three glyphs, and it is therefore at the base of all alchemical operations.

Just as the circle contains the crescent and the cross latent within it, so "gold" alchemically contains the potentialities of the other six metals. Those who have studied the symbology of the *Secret Doctrine* will remember how all symbols originate in the circle. The symbol for copper (Venus or Lucifer astrologically) originates thus, ○, ⊙, ⊖, ⊕, ♀. A reversal of the process changes the base metal into gold. Venus is closely associated by symbol with Mars and Saturn. Mars is simply Venus reversed ♂. Saturn is formed from the symbol for Venus in just the same way, only the full orb of the circle dwindles to the crescent ♄, representing the darkening influence of material attraction. Not only do these three planets form a trinity in respect of their symbols, but they are allied in other ways. Venus governs generation in the sense that the spiritual presides over the material; but typically, in herself, she is ever pure and unfallen. Gerald Massey was correct when he sang (in the first number of *Lucifer*) :—

Still in the purest of white,
Still art thou Queen of the Seven.
Thou hast not fallen from Heaven,
Lucifer, Lady of Light!

Mars, the second planet in this trinity, is dominated by the influence of the cross or gross matter. He represents the gross energy which on this plane urges to generation, blindly and instinctually. On the spiritual plane he is a creative god. Saturn, the third of the three, is the typical planet which has fallen into generation, and to him is committed, in a sense, the entire destiny of man. When his influence is for evil, he is the most dangerous of the gods, morally and physically. His is the path along which the neophyte passes to initiation, the initiator being said to be Hermes-Mercury; and the annihilation of the soul is also his, the terrible "second death." Notice that the houses of Mercury and Saturn are in trine to one another, day house π to day house ♁ , and night house ♁ to night house ♃ ; that the two are coupled together as lords of the airy triplicity; and that reasons have been given for exalting Mercury in Aquarius, the day house of Saturn. The houses of these three planets, Mars, Saturn and Venus, are in mutual square and opposition, $\text{♂} \text{♁} \text{♃}$, and $\text{♂} \text{♁} \text{♃}$.

Another trinity of planets is formed of ♁ , ♃ and ♃ , for these are the only three that have the circle as part of their symbol. Their houses are side by side, $\text{♁} \text{♃} \text{♃}$. Venus is the intermediate planet between this trinity and the preceding one; she changes the disturbing and opposing influence of the former into the more harmonious effect of the latter.

It will be readily seen that Mars and Saturn are closely related. In both the gross material influence of the + is dominant. But whereas in ♁ the warmer influence of ♁ underlies the +, in ♃ it is replaced by the colder ♁ . Therefore Mars gives energy to matter and assists to sustain life; but Saturn is devoid of the life-giving ♁ , and kills by cold. The medicinal effects of the two metals corresponding to these planets are in accordance with their astrological natures; iron is tonic and inflammatory; lead is astringent and binding like cold.

Jupiter ♃ and Saturn ♁ are rather similar in their symbols; but while in the latter the crescent is hidden by the cross of matter, in the former it is free to receive and reflect the rays of the sun. Therefore Saturn is the opponent of the Sun and has his house and exaltation in opposition to that of the Sun. But Jupiter is the natural ally of the Sun, and is associated with him in the fiery triplicity.

Jupiter and Venus bear some mutual resemblance by symbol. In the one, the crescent is above the cross, and in the other it is

the full orb of the circle which surmounts the cross. Both are associated in the sign Pisces.

The most fortunate position for Saturn is in Libra, the day house of Venus, where the refining influence of the "little sun" swells the crescent into the full-orbed circle, and by inversion changes the warfare of Saturn into peace.

Astrological Thoughts.

THOSE of your readers who wish to study Astrology on an occult basis, are recommended to investigate H. P. Blavatsky's *Secret Doctrine*, which contains the following statements.

In their Kyriel of gods, the ancients included seven mystery gods, who are called in Christianity the "Seven eyes of the Lord," and who are the regents of the seven chief planets. They are specially connected with our Earth, or "chain of spheres," for while the visible orbs furnish mankind with its inward and outward characteristics, the regents are the communicators of its spiritual faculties.

H. P. Blavatsky states, "the planetary spirits rule the destiny of men, who are all born under one or other of their constellations: moreover, every active power or force of the Earth comes to her (the Earth) from one of these seven regents," and "our Earth is born under and from the Moon and Saturn."

The planetary symbols are ♃ ♄ ♅ ♆ ♇ ♈ :—♁ and ♃ belonging to other systems, while the ☉ and ☾ are not included in the seven, being our parents synthetically.

The planet Venus Sukra is most occult and mysterious, and nearly connected with humanity.

Then with regard to the signs of the zodiac, Madame Blavatsky tells us that in ancient days the profane were aware of only ten signs, but the Initiates always knew of twelve, and at the reformation of the zodiac, ♋ was placed as an equilibrating sign, while ♎ was divided to "mark the Root race that separated into sexes and fell into generation;" for the *Secret Doctrine* teaches sex "to be an accident of matter," a state that did not exist in pre-historic times, nor will continue when mankind becomes enlightened and spiritual once more.

ACIEL.

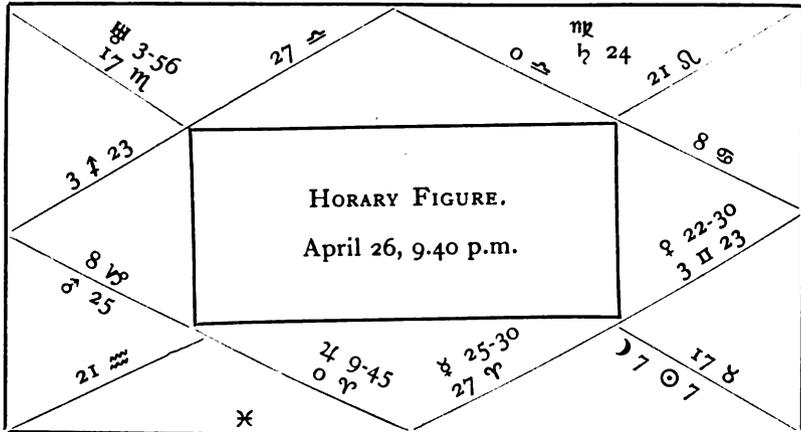
Prospective Arrangements for Vol. 3.

ANOTHER year has passed away since we made our previous announcement under this heading. From various circumstances several of the proposed arrangements had to be postponed or set aside, but we hope to carry out in the forthcoming volume (No. III.) the following, if it is permitted us so to do, viz., Rules for erecting foreign horoscopes with numerous examples ; Directions which produce marriages, with examples ; Horoscopes of all sorts and conditions of people, with delineations ; Infant mortality and astrological causes which produce it ; Astrological siftings (good and bad), from ancient and modern authors, and other matters we think will be useful to astrologers. Our well-tried able contributors, "Sepharial," "Leo," E. Casael and "Athomiel" will still be to the fore ; whilst Chas. Hatfield will contribute Notes on the Planetary Hours and a table of diseases ruled by the planets, for using with the "Hours;" whilst "Aphorel" and "Alan Leo" will still act as in the past. The Proprietors take this opportunity of publicly thanking these friends for their efforts in the cause of pure Astrology, together with many others who have contributed to our pages and offered many suggestions. Friendly criticism is freely courted, and it is hoped that personal animosity will not be indulged in, but all will unite in purifying the science, and in spreading a knowledge of its truths far and wide.

We are glad to be able to say our circulation continues to increase, may we ask all our readers to still aid us by assisting us in this matter ; if each reader could and would get us but two additional subscribers, they would be doing the science (with which we identify ourselves) signal service. We therefore leave the matter in our readers' hands, and trust to find increased vitality in contributors and readers.

The same privileges to annual subscribers will continue to remain in force, particulars of which are on page 2 of cover.

Horary Astrology.



Question : Is a vessel overdue lost? Will she return to port in safety?

AS no planets are posited in the eighth, and the lady of the eighth conjoined with Sun, and lately suffered from the opposition of Herschel, it is patent she has been in extreme danger, yet certainly not lost.

The Moon combust looks exceedingly black, and would shew entire loss if the Moon signified the ship.

As Jupiter signifies the ship and he has the semi-sextile of Sun and Moon, she is safe.

The presence of Mars in second in trine to Saturn in the house of voyages, is a further argument of safety.

As Aries represents the bows, and Taurus the cut-water, and as Mercury has the square of Mars, whilst the Sun and Moon has the opposition Herschel, and Venus has the semi-square of the Sun and Moon, it is conclusive the bows, cut-water, and rudder are injured.

As Taurus is an earthy sign, she has run aground and sprung a leak.

As Herschel is in Scorpio in opposition to Sun and Moon, is conclusive of injury to the ship's bottom also.

As Scorpio represents the seamen, it would appear that some fresh track was chosen by a new hand.

As there is no evil aspect to the ascendant or lord of ascendant, I conclude the ship and cargo are quite safe.

The lord of ascendant in the fourth is an argument she shall return to port, and as Jupiter is a heavy planet, she will proceed but slowly back to dock, yet your investment is safe.

E. CASAEL.

Useful Hints for Young Students.

THE third and ninth houses may aptly be termed the "scientific" ones, and should Mercury be in the third in a congenial sign (Aquarius, Gemini, or Virgo) and in aspect to Uranus and the Moon, there will be ability for Astrology, or some form of occult study.

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Uranus is likewise well placed herein, but unless well aspected, the abilities will be "deformed," and erroneous conclusions arrived at.

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Uranus in the ninth is a testimony for scientific ability, the sign he may be in will somewhat guide the judgment as to the probable "nature" of such ability.

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Saturn is also well placed in the ninth, and to my mind, if posited in Libra in this house, he is in the best position possible.

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I find he is more "refined," if placed in Libra in this house, than if he is stationed in either Aquarius or Capricornus.

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Mercury in good aspect to Saturn will give that patience and application so necessary in astrological research, and if Mercury is in good aspect to Mars at same time, he will be keen, quick-witted, and will rapidly arrive at a sound conclusion, for Mars gives the force, and Saturn the tenacity.

Those who have Saturn in any aspect to Mercury have invariably good memories, and if they bear ill-will to anyone, they can patiently wait until they have an opportunity of manifesting such enmity.

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Enmity emanating from Mars is fiery whilst it lasts, but that which comes from Saturn is intense and lasting.

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“Love at first sight” mostly comes from Mars, Venus and Uranus (and in some cases from Neptune), and those females whose Mars or Uranus are in close aspect to Venus in a male natus, cause that fascination that leads so many men to wrong courses, forsaking wife and children for the society of (perhaps) a “worthless” paramour.

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Males whose planets similarly affect those of the opposite sex are equally culpable, and it requires much strength of will to combat such adverse influence.

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Uranus in the tenth house will often be found to give mesmeric ability, and also if he is posited in the ninth, but in a lesser degree, and when in aspect to Mars, increased power in this direction.

An Astrological Society.

WE have received many letters from time to time as to the advisability of forming an Astrological Society and some months ago a short article appeared in our columns bearing upon this subject, but as much interest now seems to be manifested in this direction, we purpose as soon as fifty names are received to take further steps in the matter, and have no doubt our friend “Sepharial” will undertake the presidency if the society is likely to be of real use. Several names have already been received, and we wait to see whether such society will be well supported by our readers.

Occult Thoughts respecting ♃.

AS the minds of individuals develop there will be more given them, and there will be more knowledge respecting Nature's laws under which all things progress.

Now, the planet ♃ or Uranus seems the most eccentric and least understood of all the planets, and why? Because this "reverser" of the order of things will bring about a reversal such as very few dream of or contemplate. Up to this time I have seen no comment by Astrologers on a point that to me speaks volumes, and which, when properly understood, may (or shall I say will?) prove the key to unlock his meaning, a meaning fraught with intricate truths; to the point, and I think that we shall agree that the ♃ or satellite of our Earth is the power that sets in operation the directions of planets, and we shall not be wrong in supposing the ♃s of other planets are the developers of phenomena on these planets, all the ♃s of planets inside ♃'s orbit move from west to east, but the satellites of ♃ reverse this, they move from east to west, and a contrary directional movement means "a great deal" in such a case as this; we must grasp the fact that such a movement affects this ponderous planet, and that this contrary reversing influence is transmitted through him to us; well may those born with ♃ prominent in their nativity be eccentric (from a worldly standpoint), and I should strongly advise all that have ♃ in the ninth house (religion, philosophy, &c.) to listen to his voice within them; in the third house he will give strange scientific thoughts, and in both cases the minds of persons with these positions will be in advance of the times in which they live, and will be but little understood by the superficially worldly minded.

ASMOTHEL.

SUN SPOTS.—The Astronomer of the Madras Presidency states that the Sun's disc for the past three days has again been covered with a fine display of sun spots. Seven distinct groups of spots were visible yesterday. The telegraph lines have again been disturbed by earth currents.—*Reuter*, 26/4/92.

Notes on Recent Events.

From the position of Saturn on the cusp of the third house at the lunation, we predicted accidents and casualties; and the position of Mars in the fifth, pointed to pleasure seekers suffering. On Easter Monday at Hampstead Railway Station, a serious and fatal crush occurred—several deaths resulted. The Moon was then passing from the conjunction of Mars in the fifth house, and square to the radical place of the lunation.

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We predicted on page 490, from the position of Mercury on the M.C., a lively time in Parliament. On April 5th the usual smooth course of the House was disturbed by the question of privilege, raised by the indiscreet action of the Cambrian Railway directors.

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The Spanish government has again felt the influence of the planet Mars in their ruling sign (Capricorn). On April 4th, there was an attempt to blow up their House of Parliament, the Moon was then in opposition to Mars. On April 20th, the Commercial Treaty negotiations were broken off between Great Britain and Spain; the Moon was then carrying with it the full effects of the conjunction of Mars, the ruling planet of England.

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In our notes on page 491, in respect to Washington, we predicted troubles connected with the prisons. On April 19th, the prison at Inverness, near Ocla, Florida, was broken into, and four negroes suspected of murder were released and afterwards lynched by the mob.

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We note "Raphael" predicted from the quarterly figure for Washington, heavy storms, and from the position of Saturn on the 11th, difficulties with foreign nations. A cyclone passed over part of the States on April 1st, doing great damage. The passing, on the 4th April, of the bill to exclude the Chinese from the States, and the refusal of the government of Peking to accept the U. S. Minister, amply confirm "Raphael's" notes.

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April, as we predicted on page 490, has been prolific with sickness and death in upper circles. There is rather a long list of notabilities who have died: Mr. M. J. Beadle, M.P. for Chelmsford, died on the 5th, the Moon was then square to Mercury, the significator of Parliament; Sir Lewis Pelly, M.P. for Hackney, died on the 22nd; the literary world suffered by the loss of the eminent publisher, Mr. J. Murray; the religious world, by the death of the renowned Congregational minister, Dr. Allon; Sir James Allport, of the Midland

Railway, died on the 25th, mourned by lovers of railway progress. The square of Mars and Mercury from cardinal signs has indeed been fruitful of dire results.

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It is well known that earthquakes are often associated with the passage of one or more of the heavenly bodies through the signs Taurus and Scorpio. Earthquakes occurred in California on April the 20th and 21st last, and on these days the Sun and Mercury were in conjunction at the entrance of Taurus; the Moon assisted by polarity from Aquarius; Herschel was in opposition from Scorpio. In this magazine for last December we wrote:—"Probably one result of the entry of Herschel into Scorpio will be notable earthquakes, whenever important conjunctions, oppositions, or squares to that planet fall out." Our prediction has therefore been verified. We advise our readers to note the conjunction of the Sun and Herschel at the end of October next.

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The recent dynamite explosions and anarchist plots in France and Spain were exactly foreshadowed in the figure for the Spring quarter. Mars, lord of the mid-heaven, was in the twelfth house, indicating secret enemies, and afflicting the Sun by a close square. The Sun was part lord of the seventh house, and this may be noted in connection with the temporary irritation between England and the States over the sealing question at that time.

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CYCLE.—From the Greek, *Kuklos*. The ancients divided time into endless cycles, wheels within wheels, all such periods being of various durations, and each marking the beginning or the end of some event either cosmic, mundane, physical, or metaphysical. There were cycles of only a few years, and cycles of immense duration; the great Orphic cycle, referring to the ethnological change of races, lasting 120,000 years; and the cycle of Cassandrus of 136,000, which brought about a complete change in planetary influences, and their correlations between men and gods—a fact entirely lost sight of by modern astrologers.—*Extract from the Theosophical Glossary.*

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ASTRONOMOS.—A title given to the initiate in the seventh degree of the reception of the mysteries. In days of old, Astronomy was synonymous with Astrology; and the great astrological initiation took place in Egypt, at Thebes, where the priests perfected, if they did not wholly invent, the science. Having passed through the previous degrees, the neophyte was taught the mystic signs of the zodiac in a circle dance, representing the course of the planets (the dance of Krishua and the Gopis, celebrated to this day in Rajputana), after which he received a cross, the Tau or Tat, becoming an *Astronomos* and a healer. Astronomy and chemistry were inseparable in these studies. "Hippocrates had so lively a faith in the influence of the stars on animated beings, and on their diseases, that he expressly recommends not to trust to physicians who are ignorant of Astronomy" (*Arago*). Unfortunately the key to the final door of Astrology or Astronomy is lost by the modern Astrologer; and without it how can he ever be able to answer the pertinent remark made by the author of *Mazzaroth*, who writes: "People are said to be

born under one sign, while in reality they are born under another, because *the Sun is now seen among different stars at the equinox*”? Nevertheless, even the few truths he does know brought to his science such eminent and scientific believers as Sir Isaac Newton, Bishops Jeremy and Hall, Archbishop Usher, Dryden, Hamstead, Ashmole, Milton, Steele, and a host of noted Rosicrucians.—*From Theosophical Glossary.*

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Occultists will read with interest the following:—“At Benevento, Professor Meomartini, inspector of excavations, has found a long fragment of a very ancient obelisk, covered with hieroglyphics. It evidently belongs to some other fragments found some time ago, and when all are joined, a fine and entire obelisk will be the result. The hieroglyphics will be studied by competent authorities.”—*Daily News*, 21/4/92.

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A collection of ancient gold coins, valued at £1,200, was stolen from M. d'Armont, Mayor of Faramans, in the Ain. After several days spent in fruitless search for the thief, a couple of relatives of M. d'Armont announced in the village that they were going to see an astrologer at Lyons, who would certainly tell where the guilty man was. This ruse was successful, and before they had set out on their journey the bag of gold coins was found in the hen roost. The fear of disclosure by the astrologer had induced the thief to return his booty.

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We fail to see why any difference (legally) should be made in consulting either a solicitor or an astrologer; both give advice, the one so-called orthodoxically, the other scientifically, and it is quite open for the client to act upon or disregard such advice.

Oriental or Occidental?

THE orientality and occidentality of the planets is a matter that to my mind is not clearly defined in the published works on the science. It is an important matter, and one that should be made clearer than it is, and it is a matter for surprise, that the prominent writers on astral subjects have not explained this more fully in their books. Those who have treated on this are at variance, and it is in the hope of eliciting information that I am calling attention to the fact.

I will show how the authorities vary in defining what is, and what is not “oriental,” for it is not to be wondered at that students err in their judgments, when their teachers do not clear the obstacles from their path; the books they possess should lighten their labours, whereas on some points they lead them further into the mire. Sibly, in his “Illustration to the Occult Sciences” states, “from the fourth house to the tenth is eastward and oriental.” This means that the third, second, first, twelfth, eleventh and tenth are “oriental,” and the other six are “occidental.” Other writers say, “from the ascendant to the cusp of the tenth,” (*i.e.*, the twelfth, eleventh and tenth houses), and the opposite ones (the sixth, fifth and fourth), are the “oriental”

houses, and the other six the "occidental" ones. Here is a vast divergence; Sibly clearly states the first, second and third are "oriental" (and the probability is, he copied from older writers), whereas the others say these are the "occidental" houses. Query, which is correct? Again, some say the tenth, eleventh and twelfth, and their opposites, are to be considered as "oriental" *in nativities*, but not in horary questions. This does not commend itself to the thoughtful mind, for to a very large extent the rules for horary astrology apply to genethliology (or horoscopy), and why should the orientality of the mundane houses be different? In "Raphael's" "Key to Astrology," the author briefly sums up thus, "oriental," eastern; "occidental," western; and this would seem to apply, *per se*, to the eastern and western angles. Elsewhere we read that the ascendant, or first house, is east, the second, east north-east, the third, north north-east, the fourth, north, the fifth, north north-west, the sixth, west north-west, the seventh, west, the eighth, west south-west, the ninth, south south-west, the tenth, south, the eleventh, south south-east, the twelfth, east south-east.

If, therefore, we judge from the *positions*, the only "oriental" house (in the strict sense of the word), is the first, or ascendant, it being due east; and in a secondary degree, the twelfth and second houses bear a relation to this point, for the former is east south-east, whilst the latter is east north-east; as to the occidentality of the others, the seventh is the *only* western house, and the sixth and eighth are associated with it, the former being west north-west, and the latter west south-west. It seems fallacious to put the *south* angle as *eastern* or *oriental*, and also the *north* as *occidental*, if we judge *strictly* by the positions.

There is also another matter in connection with the orientality and occidentality of the planets, and that is, their relative positions to the Sun, for a planet rising *before* the Sun is likewise termed "oriental" or "matutine," and when it rises *after* the Sun is called "occidental" or "vespertine."

It will be readily seen from the foregoing, that the real meaning of these terms, as regards horoscopes or horary figures, is very conflicting, and it is to be regretted that the explanations given are so very unsatisfactory. I am not prepared to say which is right, but recommend the student to use extreme care in arriving at conclusions, if the orientality or occidentality is to be weighed in the balances. It is one of the "nice points" in Astrology, and for a definite decision to be given as to which is (or is not) "oriental," requires a very long experience. I do not purpose offering any opinion on the point, but to prevent my fellow students going astray, I think it well to thus briefly allude to the anomalies of the terms in question, leaving others, whose experience is more lengthened than mine, to offer a more lucid explanation than I can give. I have certain opinions on the point, but I do not consider them, *at present*, sufficiently ripe for publicity. Perhaps some of our sages will enlighten us. *Quien sabe?*

APHOREL.

Letters to the Editor.

All correspondents should give full name and address, not necessarily for publication, but as a token of good faith.

N.B.—Writers of signed articles are alone responsible for the opinions therein contained.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to the stray shots of “Leo,” on page 525, I may say respectfully that nine *calendar* months are *not* equivalent to 40 weeks, and are therefore *not* founded upon *lunar* motion. The *quotation* on page 389 of Vol. I. of the *Secret Doctrine* is interesting, except for one or two extraordinary assertions. For instance, to speak of nine calendar months of 31 *days each*, is to speak of a measure of time with which no nation in Europe (at the least) is conversant. Again, on page 390 the analogy in the length of pregnancy between a cow and female is mentioned, which is another strange mistake; for a cow conceives *during* her monthly periodic excitement, *and at no other time*, whereas a woman does not, and probably *cannot*, conceive at that time; but, as stated by me in a previous letter, *if* the duration of pregnancy is erroneously reckoned for the sake of *convenience*, from the time of the *last periodic*, it will be found to be 40 weeks, more or less, but it by no means follows that these 40 weeks are the duration of *actual* pregnancy.

The time of “quickenings” is reckoned by all mothers as working half-way of pregnancy; therefore, if $4\frac{1}{2}$ *lunar* months is the correct time for quickening, 9 *lunar* months is the correct time for birth. I am not quite sure what is meant by the “period of viability,” and should be glad if “Leo” will explain. Most medical men *are* married and *have* families, but precious few pay any attention to the motion or action of the Moon.

RAPHAEL.

March 31st, 1892.

SIR,—“Sephariäl’s” method of rectification (?). I was born with 25.31 π descending, in Derbyshire on July 3rd, 1852, in the afternoon. If I understand “Sephariäl’s” method rightly, his “rectification” would give me π 14.19 descending. I know beyond all doubt that I have my right ascendant to within $\frac{1}{4}$ of a degree, by the observation and experience of 20 years. But perhaps the following instances may be more demonstratable to those who do not know me.

I now give the dates and times of birth of my three children. The times were noted by synchronised time-keepers, and checked by a London accoucheur and a London midwife in each instance. Here is something solid upon which to depend.

Alfred, born at Hackney, London, March 28th, 1884, 3.30 a.m. \searrow increasing 28.42 η ascending. If I am right, “Sephariäl’s” system gives 29.35 η as ascendant—very near but not exact; and as we do not know exactly *what* the “moment of birth” can really be defined to be, I make no comment. Next case.

William, born West Kensington, London, May 7th, 1885, 5.15 a.m. \searrow decreasing, radical descendant, \ddagger 5.32. I think “Sephariäl’s” method would make \ddagger 4.14 as descendant. Again near—but not *exact*. Next case.

Eva, born West Kensington, London, July 10th, 1887, 5.46 a.m. ♀ waning, 8° descending. If I am right, the "system" shews something like 28 8 as descending. Egregiously wrong!

I have made no variations of the "system" on the lines of the suggestion of "Raphael" as to lunar instead of calendar months. My tests simply apply to the matter as laid down by the author himself, in which, if I err not, the whole thing appears fallacious. Anyway, whether I am wrong or right, my personal friends will rely upon the exactitude of my statements as to times given. Surely other *practical astrologians* can also give times of absolutely observed births, to put an end to doubt.

With respect, I remain,

STRATFORD PACKINGTON.

(*Note by Ed.*—Many of our friends are of opinion that the moment of conception and epoch are *identical*. To those who are of that opinion, we respectfully refer them to page 216, line 35, *et seq.*, where our friend "Sepharial" *distinctly* states they are *not identical*.)

Answers to Correspondents.

F. A. M.—Thanks for letter. France shall be attended to, commencing No. 1, Vol. III.

RAZAEL.—Much obliged for data. As you will see, the matter is being taken up. Thanks for good wishes.

W. SARJANT.—We have repeatedly said we have no faith in mundane aspects, &c.; Zadkiel has, and if you refer to his almanac for present year, 1892, page 52, you will find two, viz., M. C. ♂ ♃, zod., d., 50° 16', and M. C. ♂ ♃, m., d., 50° 18', February. The directions *should*, according to the Placidians, have been productive of *benefit*, for in the same almanac for 1891, page 55, the second of the above directions is tabulated, and the remark, "As Jupiter is now culminating (by direction) the elevation of the Prince of Wales either to the regency or the throne is close at hand" (!!!), was doubtless deduced from these reliable (!!) directions. The thing is, *did they* produce benefit? *No*, it was an evil time, for the death of his eldest son occurred within a few days of these directions falling due. So much for *mundane* directions and *benefit* (?) produced from M. C. ♂ ♃.

G. EYRE.—The data you propose will be very useful.

A. MORRISON.—The individuals who have Scorpio rising in their horoscopes are, as a rule, sincere friends, but bitter enemies. They belong to the "go-ahead" order of mankind, are undeterred by obstacles, and never know when they are defeated. The world owes a deal to the natives of Scorpio, for many of our cleverest men in all grades of art, medicine, music, and science, have this falsely-called "accursed sign" rising.

♃ IN ♃.—Old Salmon was a clever man, but he made blunders; for he talks about ♃ Δ ⊙ in his able work, *Horæ Mathematicæ, or the Soul of Astrology*. We have a copy of this work, but are open to buy another, if you have one.

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Lessons in Astrology for Beginners.

By APHOREL.

CONCLUDING REMARKS.

ERE bringing this series of lessons to a close, I think it advisable to suggest that each student should investigate the "epochal" figure, and by that rectify his or her nativity. The rules that will enable the student to do this have been plainly given in Vol. I. of this magazine, and upon investigation and comparison with the nativity (which the student should have correct ere venturing upon comparison), he will find many of his characteristics that may not be found in the horoscope, or figure of birth, clearly shewn in the epochal figure, but he must be careful in getting the exact day of the epoch, as there is considerable risk if the wrong epochal day is taken. It is well that the approximate time should be within 15 minutes or so of the true time, but it will be folly to expect to get the true figure, if a vague time like this ("born some time in the evening") be given. Should the student ever be asked to draw a horoscope for such vague data, I honestly advise him to reject it, for the result will never be satisfactory, and in a case like this the only remedy for the anxious one is Horary Astrology. I have been asked if I intend following up these lessons with a course on Horary Astrology. I do not purpose doing so, but refer those interested in this branch to "Raphael's Guide to Astrology," Vol. III. (3/-) or to "Lilly's Introduction to Astrology," edited by Zadkiel I., copies of which we can supply. All the rules are given in these books, and if the student, *after* he has mastered these rules, will refer to the numerous Horary figures which appear in these

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pages, and which have been so ably judged by Charles Hatfield and E. Casael, he will find the old rules (with comparatively few exceptions) are equally applicable to these modern times, and as example is better than precept, the student will find these examples of incalculable use to him, but he must note this—and it is *most important*: Do not use Horary Astrology if you know your true time of birth. If you have your correct nativity, take out the directions, and according to the matter uppermost in your mind refer to them, for if you have ill directions operating, no Horary figure, no matter how good it may appear, will bring any matter to a good termination, but by knowing your time of birth, &c., and what directions you are working on, you can make an “election,” or, to use a simpler term, “choose a good time,” so that at the period you elect for commencing the work you are anxious about, the planets may be in harmonious relation with those in the direction, which is of far greater reliability *when* the time of birth is known, than any Horary figure.

I therefore must now leave the lessons, having come to the end of them, and have endeavoured to do what I believe *no one has hitherto attempted, with regard to this improved Arabian system*, and that is, publicly working out and delineating a nativity, and also taking out and tabulating directions for the whole course of life. I am aware that Sibly has acted similarly with the *semi-arc* system, but as most of the readers of this magazine are aware, I have little faith in that method; but if they think it is the best system, *and they have unlimited time* (which I have not), by all means let them investigate it, but as I am quite satisfied with the results obtained by the simpler modernised Arabian method, I speak in favour of the latter.

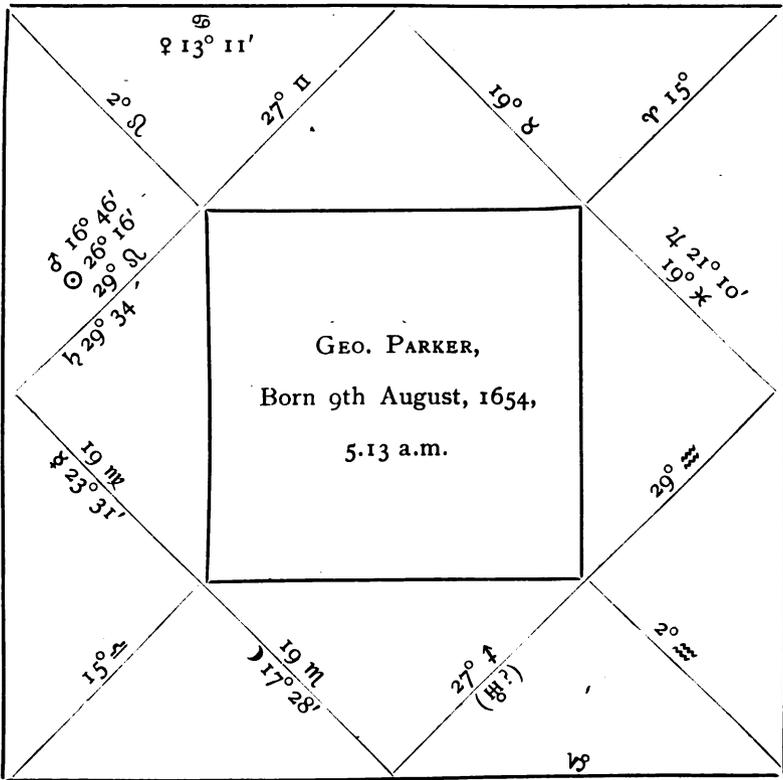
As a concluding remark, I would add that I have done my best to make them as simple as possible, and sincerely hope that these lessons will be of real use to those who come after me, and that, by their means, the students' progress in astral physics will be assisted, and that they in their turn will do their best to assist others who may be struggling with difficulties in their astrologic studies.

Horoscopes of Notable Astrologers.

No. X.

GEO. PARKER.

Compiler of *Ephemerides, &c.*



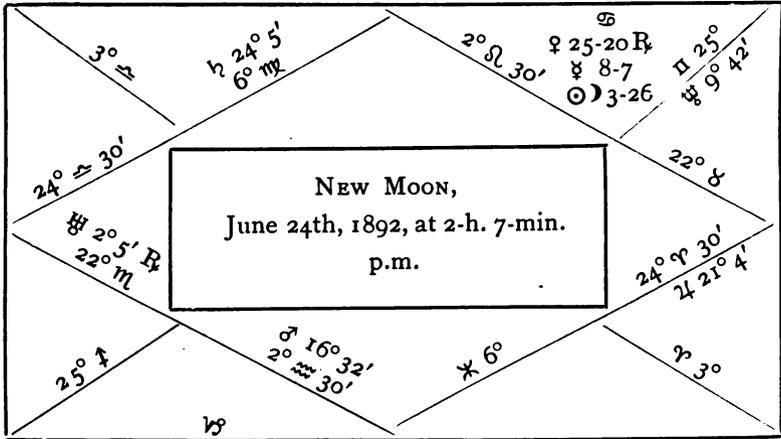
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IN this nativity we observe the fixed sign Leo rising, the Sun, lord of the ascendant, being posited therein, and fixed signs angular. The native was a man of determination, which is deduced from the angles, and from the luminaries, and the superior planets (Mars and Saturn) posited therein.

Six planets rising shew the ability for making a mark in the world, and it is significant that Mercury, ruler of the second house, is posited therein, denoting gain by literary means, yet at the same time losses are presaged, as Mercury is opposed by Jupiter. From the position of the Sun and Saturn, many would have predicted death at three years of age (when the Sun progressed to σ of Saturn), but it will be noticed the Sun is in his own sign, "disposing" of Saturn, and as a strong, robust sign ascends, it is an argument of a long life, in fact the native attained the age of 88 years ere he "went over the border." For the testimonies as to occult ability I need only point out the sign the Moon is in, as I have so often done in other horoscopes of astrologers, and in addition to the fact of the Moon being in the occult sign Scorpio, she is applying to a sextile of Mercury, and separating from a trine of Venus, increasing the mental abilities on occult lines. A certain amount of rashness was inherent in the native, which would manifest itself in his actions, but with reflection would come regret, emanating from Saturn on the ascendant, and periods of melancholia would affect him seriously, although he would not openly shew it. If, as I surmise, Uranus was in the late degrees of Sagittarius, or the early degrees of Capricornus, he would be in trine to Saturn, and as the aspects are formed from the ascendant, and the house of pleasure, he would derive much gratification from his pursuit of occult study. The end of life as regards finance seems satisfactory, as the Moon is in trine to Jupiter (a general significator of wealth) at birth, but as Mars (ruling the fourth) is in square to the Moon, I judge he suffered from diseases of the bladder and surrounding parts, also heart affections, judging from the position of the Sun "besieged" by Mars and Saturn in Leo, which rules the heart and back, but a peaceful end seems promised by Jupiter in his own sign in the eighth house (death) in trine to the Moon on the cusp of the fourth (the grave and end of all things).

Mundane Astrology.



AT the new Moon on the 24th ultimo, the luminaries are in the intercepted sign Cancer in the ninth house, separating from the sesquiquadrate of Mars and trine of Uranus. We are on the eve of a General Election, the luminaries are in the twelfth house of the Government, and the affliction comes from the opposition, hence the dissolution; the position of Jupiter, lord of their eighth, points to a peaceful and honourable end.

The three malefics rising, denote anything but a peaceful month; strikes and consequent distress still disturb the public mind. Panics and sudden troubles affect the commercial world. Venus so near the meridian seems to promise many notable marriages, our foreign relations will be satisfactory on the whole, although there may be some friction and correspondence in matters having reference thereto. The aspects between Mars and the luminaries point to sudden storms. At Berlin, much opposition is experienced by the ruling powers, discontent and grumbling amongst the populace; the general health good.

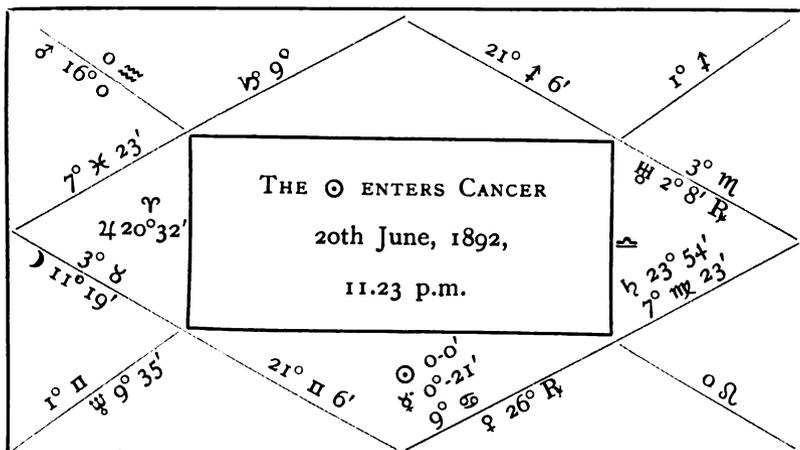
At Lisbon, a marriage of note, and much trouble from secret foes.

At St. Petersburg, notable deaths; the actions of the ruling powers are severely commented upon.

At Washington, disorderly scenes in Congress, much financial stagnation, many failures, and much ill-health of an inflammatory nature.

At Melbourne, trade improves, and the general outlook is more cheering, yet an epidemic will affect the people.

At Pekin, the disturbing element is prominent this month, and war is more than probable.



THE ingress takes place at 11 h. 23 p.m. on June 20th, when the Sun is in conjunction with Mercury in the fourth house. It is significant that Jupiter rules the mid-heaven and ascendant, and is posited in the first house in the intercepted sign Aries, ruling England, hence trade will flourish and the country will be prosperous. Venus in the fifth in square to Uranus on cusp of the eighth, hence scandalous cases will be made public, and the divorce courts will have many exceptional cases during the ensuing quarter. Neptune also afflicts Venus from the third house. The Moon in second afflicted by Saturn, denotes expenditure, differences with our foreign relations, and as the Moon is applying to the square of Mars, our prisons, work-houses, and unions will be publicly talked about, and scandals in connection are extremely probable; some murderous outrages will occur during this period. Many suicides and strange deaths will occur.

A prosperous period at Berlin, although sickness affecting the bowels will affect the populace.

Lisbon will suffer from secret foes, anarchists and the like, trade will improve, but disturbances with the foreign office may be expected.

Russia still feels the effects of Mars in her ruling sign, although the nihilists and secret foes keep quiet for awhile; the tyrannical powers have a transitory peace, which is the calm before the storm.

Constantinople will have sudden and manifold troubles, her foreign relations are considerably strained, and sickness will be rife in the land.

An excitable period for Washington; panics on the money market and many failures; many suicides of females and a probable fire at a public building.

At Melbourne, lively discussions and debates in the chamber; differences with foreign powers; notable cases in the legal courts; much expenditure and many failures.

On the Signs of the Zodiac.

(Continued from page 538.)

THE first zodiac to which I shall call attention is that wherein the constellation Leo is the leading symbol. For the sake of analogies which will hereafter be traced, it will be convenient to consider this figure as upon the eastern horizon, when Scorpio will occupy the "angle of the Earth," and Aquarius will be on the western or vespertine angle. Symbolically the horoscope thus constructed may be considered as a type of the Universe in its dual aspect of the *manifested* and *unmanifested*, in which the former will be represented by the hemisphere above the horizon, and the latter by that beneath the horizon. The middle degree of each sign will be upon the cusps of the several houses, thus giving us two halves of the zodiac mutually polarized by one another, and representing two states of activity known in the Eastern Philosophy as a Manvantara and Pralaya, an outbreaking of the Universal Spirit into the state of the manifested, and

an in-breathing of the same into the state of the unmanifested, each being a negation of the other, each a period and state of activity, but of reverse nature.

Now to apply this typical symbol to the evolution of Man and his racial history on this globe, we have merely to consider the life-impulse as circling through the entire zodiac; the out-breathing commencing with Leo, and proceeding through ♋ &c. till it reaches Aquarius, when the in-breathing commences. Then its passage through Leo will represent the First Race of Humanity, through ♋ the Second Race, and so on. Leo and Aquarius will thus typify the points of advent and departure, transition points from the world of spirit into that of matter, and the reverse. With the seven sub-races included in each of the Root Races of mankind we shall not have to deal, but to complete the illustration, it is necessary only to consider the life-wave as passing seven times round each sign before passing to the next, and in each revolution carrying the forms of life in their evolutionary scale through a cycle of changes such as I shall have to describe in connection with the seven Root Races.

Leo is to be taken as a symbol of the First Root Race, and qualities and associations of leonine nature will be typical representations of the character and nature of these first divine progenitors of man. It is needless to say that any ideas of incipient humanity which may have been gathered from the Adamic creation or other merely literal versions of man's origin must be put aside, if one is to gain the faintest idea of the true nature of these beings, for such versions have reference only to man at a much later stage in his evolution, and to conceive of man in this first stage as anything approaching the modern type in form or nature, would be a clear negation of the laws of cyclic evolution at the outset, rendering this presentation of the subject of little use or interest.

The lion has always been held in regard as a symbol of Pure Spirit, and is essentially a solar emblem. Hence comes it that the First Race men were called "Sons of Fire" and also the "Self-born," "Sons of Light" and "Lords of the Flame." One of the oldest mithraic monuments of which we have record is that cited by Drummond in his *Edipus Judaicus*, a lion out of whose mouth a bee is flying. This emblem is identifiable with the famous riddle or mystery of Samson, "out of the eater came forth meat; out of the strong came forth sweetness." The lion

is here *spirit* and the bee *matter*; these two being the reverse poles of the one Universal Substance. The bee is identifiable with the bull, the name *Apis* standing with the Romans for a bee, and with the Egyptians for a bull; both being symbols of the material or "mother" side of Nature, the source of all fruition. In this sense it comes to be the sign Virgo, which issues forth from the sign Leo, as we shall presently see. Samson is a purely "solar" type, the name being the Hebrew equivalent for that word, as reference to the biblical notes will show. The Hebrew warriors or Geburim, had a feast called Leontica, in which they washed their hands in honey, such warriors being called Aralim or "Lions of God." The first manifestation of the Manu, the expression for one Manvantara of the Divine Mind, was in the evolution of these primal types of the future Humanity. The analogy of this figurative personage Manu, is to be found in Noah,* who with the seven-fold potentiality of all living things, is represented as floating upon the waters of space. Now if we turn to the celestial constellations, we shall find in the same meridian with this sign Leo some symbols of striking import; first there is Corvus, the raven, upon the back of Hydra; next, Navis, the ship, with Columba, the dove, flying towards it; and lastly, Cepheus, the holder of the sceptre. The two birds are symbols of the material and spiritual natures, the serpent and the ark (argos) being their respective vehicles, in accord with their natures. The symbol of Cepheus, the head or chief, has reference to Leo as the ruling sign, hence its Chaldean name, Molike, the king. It will thus be seen that the sign Leo has in it the pre-eminent qualities of the Self-born, who, as the first race of men, had in themselves the potentialities of all good and all evil, destined for development in future races.

The sign Virgo corresponds to and is the typical representative of the Second Race of mankind. In association with the sign Leo, Virgo is the Heva or mother of the races. Among the Egyptians she was called Isis, the bride of Osiris (the Sun in Leo), and mother of Horus, or Humanity. With the Hindus she was called Kanya-Durga, the immaculate virgin, and is represented as seated in a chariot drawn by lions. In our own zodiac she is shown as holding a palm branch in one hand, and a star called Spica, the wheat-ear, in the other. In all these

* The name of Samson's father is Manoah, it will be remembered. Delilah, wife of Samson, is a name of the Moon.

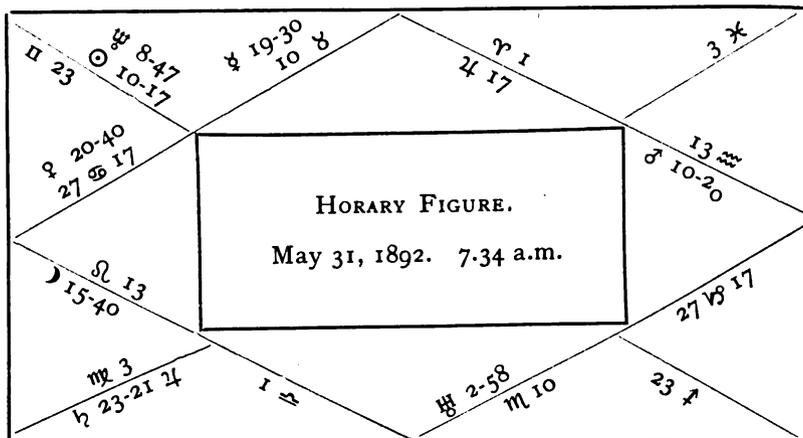
representations she stands for "the female potency of material nature undefiled," and in this sense the sign stands aptly for the virgin-born humanity of the Second Race. As to the methods of generation in these early days of man's evolution, the reader is referred to the "Secret Doctrine" Vol. II., page 161 *et seq.* In the most ancient zodiac, this sign was associated with Scorpio, the two signs being held as one, the intermediate sign Libra having no place in the zodiac: There were thus only ten signs, and two were afterwards added, by the division of Virgo-Scorpio and the insertion of Libra, which is the zodiacal record of the separation of the sexes, and the subsequent bi-sexual reproduction of the species.

The sign Libra corresponds thus to the Third Race, and denotes the state above referred to. In a sense it is held to be the turning point in the evolution of man, for it is at this period that nature had reached that point where physical organisms had acquired that degree of development which enabled them to respond to the impulses of the mind-born spiritual egos which hitherto had overshadowed them merely, and now incarnated fully. This incarnation of the "Sons of Mind" is referred to as the "fall of the angels" and the "fall of Lucifer," the symbolism of the planet Venus being here employed to describe the qualities of the *light-bearers* of the divine-human race of men. The descent of the "Sons of Light" is thus associated with the Third Race and with the sign Libra.* The statement that this sign did not originally have a place in the zodiac, is borne out by the fact that "the scales" are wedged in edgeways between the signs ♏ and ♎, and the three stars found in the limits of that symbol belong to Scorpio, and are called the Northern and Southern Claws.

* It must be remembered that Venus has a dual nature, and the Mind-born, or "Sons of Manu," were potentially the sons of darkness as well as of light. The symbols of the raven and the dove are more fully realised in the Fourth Race.

(To be continued.)

Horary Astrology.



Question: What hinders my marriage? If a person, give description. Shall I marry one I am engaged to? If so, when?

AS the Moon is scarcely free from the opposition Mars, he being in the seventh, it is evident to my mind a quarrel has delayed the happy event.

For the description of the person we must look to Mercury, he having recently left the square of Mars, and almost square to the Moon your significator, it is quite patent to me as Mercury is lord of your third, a person of the following description probably wrote your intended an adverse letter: a person little above middle height, strong, robust, inclined to corpulency, swarthy complexion, dark brown hair.

As the Moon is approaching square of Mercury, it is probable another communication may be received four days from now, viz., June 4th, as Moon is four degrees from the square of Mercury, and he being ruler of the house of letters and messages, etc.

The Moon hasting to the trine of Jupiter, he being in the tenth house, strong, and sole ruler of the ninth, your lover's third, signifying his brothers and sisters, and Pisces being a double-bodied sign, it is evident to me his relations are favourably disposed towards you, and will assist to bring about the marriage.

Venus, the goddess of love, in the twelfth, your lover's sixth, an aunt of his will urge the union, as your significator the Moon has the semi-sextile Venus, and she being chief ruler of the fourth, the end of the matter.

Then again Venus rules the eleventh house, your hopes and wishes, which is your lover's fifth, speculation she will probably financially assist him to marry.

As Venus has the square of Jupiter, your lover's brothers and sisters are not on good terms with this aunt.

The lady of your ascendant approaching the semi-sextile Saturn, the significator of the seventh, your lover's, and he retrogrades, in fact hurrying to meet the Moon, is an argument of his good faith, and probably taking a short journey at this moment to visit you.

As the Sun has the trine of Mars, both potent significators in all marriage questions, he will certainly marry you and that quickly.

The probable time of marriage as judged from the Horary figure, strictly independent of natal, as your co-significator has the trine of Mars in four days, as they are both in fixed signs your significator being succeedent, I judge in or about four months the happy event will be consummated, most likely about September 29th, when Venus lady of fourth, trine Jupiter, and Mars trine Venus, or October 6th, when Sun again trine Mars, and Moon conjoins Jupiter.

E. CASAEL.

Useful Hints for Young Students.

IN predicting death, use extreme care, and do not hastily arrive at a decision.

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Notice the strength or weakness of the horoscope, and particularly note from what part of the figure the affliction comes.

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In the case of a male, see how the Sun is afflicted, that is, by what planets, and from what signs, having due regard to the sign the Sun is in, and whether the afflicting planet (or planets) is dignified.

If the Sun is *applying* to an ill aspect of Mars, the sign Mars is in will guide you as to the nature of the trouble ; if Mars be in a "fiery" sign, his influence is intensified, and when the Sun progresses to the exact aspect, either an accident, or illness of an inflammatory nature will be produced.

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Unless the nativity be a very weak one, a single direction rarely produces death, but unless some benefic influences are operating at same time as one above-mentioned, and if Mars rules either the first, sixth, or eighth houses, an illness or accident will assuredly happen.

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If other ill directions coincide with this, the death will be a "violent" one, and especially if either the Sun or Mars be angular.

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If Saturn is the afflicting planet, the illness causing death will arise from cold causes, and generally the illness terminating in death is a lingering one, the sign and house Saturn may be in will aid you in judging this.

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Herschel afflicting Sun at birth, especially if in the eighth house, will cause a peculiar sudden death. This position often produces suicides.

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In the case of a female, regard the Moon especially (but do not overlook the Sun's natal affliction) ; if the Sun afflicts the Moon, the native's health will assuredly suffer, and many die under such affliction.

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A *thorough* knowledge of the parts of the body and functions, ruled by the signs and planets, and the parts *en rapport* with them, is necessary in giving judgment on these points, but whether the case be that of male or female, the afflicting planets at birth shew the weak parts, and what the probable end will be caused by. Bear in mind the great Lilly's aphorism, "Avoid rash judgments, especially of death."

Coming Events.

IN addition to the proposed arrangements for Vol. III. as given on page 542, we are pleased to announce that special attention will be given to the astrological significance of death, and matter will be brought forward that will be found to open up a new chapter in Astrology; also a comparison will be made between the Hindu method of judging and directing the horoscope of a notable Hindu Mathematician (made by an expert Hindu Astrologer), and the system taught in these pages, which is generally in use amongst Western Astrologers. We shall be glad to receive the names of new subscribers.

Notes on Recent Events.

The eclipse of the Moon on the 11th May, which afflicted the mid-heaven of a large part of Europe, has had its effect. The tenth house signifies the Government and the rulers; and in our own country the rumours of a speedy dissolution (which we predicted on page 511) quickly gathered force and came to a head within a fortnight or so after the eclipse.

In Italy, the eclipse coincided with the defeat and resignation of the old Ministry, and the formation of a new one, after a period of suspense and difficulty.

The effects were felt also in Portugal, where changes in the Cabinet have recently taken place.

Venus was afflicted in the seventh house of the figure for this eclipse, and the Moon, ruler of the seventh, was also afflicted. The western house had been under evil influences in a precisely similar manner at the preceding new Moon, when Venus was also in the seventh in square to Saturn, and the lord afflicted by Mars. The evil signified by Venus became more prominent in France than in our own country, and the domestic tragedies that came to a head in that land will be fresh within the memory.

It is worth noticing that the May eclipse fell almost exactly on the cusp of the tenth house for the preceding quarterly figure—the Sun's entry into Aries. Again, the new Moon of May 26th fell in opposition to the place which the Moon held in the same quarterly figure.

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There was a cyclone in Kansas on May 27th, which did much damage and caused loss of life. At this time Saturn was stationary in the zodiac, and Mars was in aspect to both Saturn and the Sun. The first part of May was very fine; the aspect of the Sun to Saturn on the 13th produced duller weather for a short time. Then under the influence of the Sun's aspects to Jupiter and Mars, two warm planets, very fine and warm weather was experienced; and this lasted until Saturn became stationary, when some much-needed rain fell. While the martial aspects were in force, several thunderstorms were experienced in different parts of the country.

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The continuation of the strikes in Durham and the North has fulfilled predictions we have made in recent numbers, and which are also to be found in the almanacs.

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In our notes on page 511, on the May lunation, we stated "the Government would have their hands full," and students of the daily papers will have seen that our remarks have been fully carried out, and the difficulties intensified by the pressure brought upon them, both by their followers and the Opposition, to dissolve Parliament. Lord Salisbury's speech on Ulster at Covent Garden on May 6th, has resulted in a large amount of adverse criticism. The rumours of atrocities from Uganda by the East African Company's agents, have also much disturbed the Cabinet.

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As we are writing, premonitions of the end are being perceived on all hands, and the Government are making preparations to dissolve. From the eclipse figure on page 512 we predicted a dissolution, and the position of Herschel on the meridian looks ominous for the Government.

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At the quarterly figure on page 467, we judged from the trine of the Moon to Mercury that "some good Parliamentary measures would be advanced." We may point out as a fulfilment of our judgment, the progress of the useful "Small Holdings' Bill," the "Clergy Discipline Bill," and the "Irish National Education Bill."

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The prediction of "Orion" from the quarterly figure, that "Mars rising would cause extensive fires," has been well verified; we note a few of the principal ones, and it is interesting to notice that at the time of each the Moon was suffering from an ill aspect of Mars. On May 5th, an alarming fire occurred at Dover Station, the Moon

was then applying to sesquiquadrate of Mars; May 9th, a fatal one occurred at Scott's supper rooms, when the lunar orb was going to the square of the red planet; and on the 14th of the same month, an extensive forest fire took place in Berkshire, the Moon semi-square to Mars. A few days later (on the 20th), the village of Sixpenny Handley, in East Dorset, was completely destroyed by a conflagration, the Moon was then applying to a semi-square of the same malefic.

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We predicted for St. Petersburg (page 511), "a notable death will occur"; this was confirmed by the death of General Gresser, the well-known prefect of police, and personal adviser of the Czar.

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At the ingress on page 467, we also remarked "the Czar's life will be again attempted, and many conspiracies heard of." On May 15th, there was the discovery of a plot to blow up the Czar's palace at Gatchina.

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Our predictions for Washington have been well borne out, for on page 511 we stated, "notable deaths and probably an explosion." A dreadful colliery explosion occurred at Rosslyn, in the state of Washington, on May 11th, and forty-two persons were killed.

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"Raphael" was also the prognosticator of disasters in the United States. We note his presages, "heavy storms will occur in the Eastern and Southern States, attended with a fearful fatality, and on the railways alarming accidents will occur. Murders and suicides will be especially frequent."

To the credit of our contemporary, but to the sorrow of our American cousins, his predictions were sadly verified. On May 5th, a train fell into the river at Revere. On the 16th of the same month, a fatal railway collision occurred at Caleves, Ohio; and on the 20th, disastrous floods occurred in the States. On the 19th, the people of Texas city were shocked by a series of four murders committed by one person; all the unfortunate victims were women.

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Those interested in astronomical phenomena, were delighted with the splendid view the fine night on the 11th May afforded us of the partial eclipse of the Moon, a brief judgment of which we have already given.

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Another serious trouble in the financial world! On June 8th, the "Oriental" Bank collapsed, which fully verifies our remarks on page 511 on the eclipse, "failures in the financial world will be marked."

Letters to the Editor.

All correspondents should give full name and address, not necessarily for publication, but as a token of good faith.

N.B.—Writers of signed articles are alone responsible for the opinions therein contained.

DEAR SIR,—As it is a common complaint of “Amateur Astrologers” that the nati of individuals of marked physical peculiarities are very difficult to obtain, would it not be recommendable in the readers of the *Astrologers' Magazine* to forward for publication in its columns, the most interesting of such natal charts, for the study and elucidation of physical malformation in relation to astral influence? Under the search-light of common criticism, this problem of Astrology might easily be solved; that it is still unsolved, the complexity and frequent fallibility of the various rules extant amply proves.

A column devoted to subjects abnormally afflicted, taking special and particular cases in order, would surely be of immense interest to everyone who delights in unravelling the facts of experimental Astrology from the occult web of Nature's etherial forces. Very probably the understanding of normal genethialogy would be vastly assisted by a more intimate acquaintance with abnormal instances of planetary power, and possibly furnish the most demonstratable proofs of stellar co-operation in man's evolution, physically as well as psychically. Time and place of birth of persons afflicted ophthalmically, or with stuttering, colour-blindness, hare-lip, scrofula, and of monstrosities, &c., would be invaluable to the student of astral causes in tracing the consequent mundane effects on people. What rules are there, that would safely indicate from a figure of the heavens, that a Siamese twin, or two-headed being, had been generated under its planetary aspects and positions? At the least, an effort in this direction would settle the question whether or not a natal or pre-natal figure would best account for them; for although an indication might be found in the parents' nativities, still, it is not usually from them that we predicate the appearance, &c. of their children.

Hoping that this suggestion for an interchange of curious and instructive nativities will be entertained and acted upon, as it would greatly assist the aspirant to astral knowledge, and throw a stronger light on the dark ways of Nature, than any other science could hope to do with equal satisfaction in its demonstration.

I remain, respectfully yours,

OURANOUS.

[NOTE BY THE EDITOR.—If “Ouranous” will refer to page 365, he will see we have anticipated his request. His suggestions are good, and we shall be glad if our readers know of any peculiar cases similar to those he alludes to, if they will forward us particulars and authenticated times of birth, without which the information will be useless.]

DEAR SIR,—I have been thinking about “Sepharial’s” proposition respecting the pre-natal epoch ; this according to him, is when the elementary shadow, commonly called “Kama-rupa,” attaches itself to what ? It should be the *physical* conception, but he says “no, the epoch may occur weeks *before* conception ;” if so, to what does this elementary attach itself, or does it sit in the matrix upon its haunches awaiting the advent of a *material* substance to work upon ? There are said to be two kinds of “elementaries,” the first, the form of the *man that was*, the second, the form of the man *that is to be*, and it is the latter that connects itself with the physical conception, and which I maintain cannot take place *before* that event.

On page 508 of the *Astrologers’ Magazine*, a paragraph occurs inviting notice to the “Theosophical Glossary” by Madame Blavatsky, wherein she states that the “Linga Sharira” or astral body, is born *before* the physical body, which I do not dispute, for the astral body is evolved from the combination of Kama-rupa with the physical body, and no doubt arrives at perfection about the time of “quicken- ing,” it is certainly not an epoch, but simply a result.

Now to set a map for any pre-natal epoch or event, appears to me to be rather stupid, why ? Because the fœtus is not a *full* child until *birth*, and is devoid of spirit, the latter entering the body when the infant *first draws breath*, and which, I assert, is the *correct* and only time for which a map should be set. I find I am corroborated in this opinion by that learned occultist, Eliphaz Levi. He says, “The stars are bound together by attractions which balance them, and cause them to perform their revolutions with regularity in space, the network of light extends from sphere to sphere, and there is no point on any planet to which one of the indestructible threads is not attached. The *precise place and moment of birth* should therefore be calculated by the *true astrological adept*, etc. etc.” (the *italics* are mine). Nothing is here said or hinted at about pre-natal epochs, maps or figures, but simply the *precise* place and moment of birth, the very points I have been sticking to all the way through, and at which “Sepharial” has made one or two unwelcome cuts.

In replying to “Leo’s” letter, page 525, I omitted noticing one rather particular point, viz., that “ten is a perfect number whether applied to man or cosmos, and nine is not.” Just so, ten lunar months or 40 weeks is the duration of pregnancy in a *cow*, so that according to “Leo” *man* and a *cow* may shake hands. I have always considered *nine* a most mysterious number and favorable to my idea of the *nine lunar* months. I beg to refer “Leo” to page 446 of your magazine.

I am pleased to see “Sepharial” is going to dive into the zodiac pretty deeply, but before expending his intellectual energies too freely on this subject, I should be glad to hear more anent the positions of the planets as mentioned by him on page 422, and to which I took exception.

The thanks of your readers are due to Professor Casael for the interesting Horary figures which from time to time have found their way into your pages, but as I have not always been able to follow his judgment on these maps, they would be doubly interesting and instructive if the *actual* results of these queries were given ; for instance, in the present month’s magazine, there is a figure respecting a vessel overdue, now if the name of this vessel were given, the

student might easily verify, and with benefit, the accuracy of Casael's judgment.

In my last letter there is a typographical error in the second paragraph, viz., *working* should be *marking*.

I have only just now seen the brilliant criticism of my "Horary Astrology" on page 393, and will reply thereto in my next.

RAPHAEL.

SIR,—With regard to the "nine calendar months of 31 days each," the last four words are of course a slip of the pen. If the ordinary calendar months are reckoned up, the statement which I quoted will be found correct. The period will come to 39 weeks, with a variation of three or four days according to the time of year, leap year, etc. I presume that the figures quoted in the book to which I referred are only intended for averages, from which there may be deviations on both sides.

"Raphael's" reference to the cow may be interesting to the practical stock keeper, but it has nothing to do with the question. The writer referred to does not speak of the time of conception, but only of the length of the gestative period. The supposed inaccuracy which "Raphael" points out does not exist.

The "period of viability" I understand to mean the shortest average period in which an infant can be born that is capable of living and being reared.

His remark that few medical men "pay any attention to the motion or action of the Moon" is beside the mark, for it is not necessary that they should do so; so long as they observe accurately the period intervening between coition and parturition, that is all that is required. This has been carefully done long ago on account of its importance in actions respecting paternity, etc. "Raphael" is wrong in supposing that such observations were calculated from "the time of the last periodic." It is not likely that such laxity would pass without detection in a court of law, where important issues were involved, and where trained experts were employed to detect the slightest flaw in an opponent's armour. The question has been specially dealt with by professors of obstetrics and medical jurisprudence; therefore that loophole of escape is closed.

He denies that a period of nine calendar months is founded upon lunar motion. Your readers can easily decide the point by examining facts accessible to all. Take any birthday, note the place of the Moon, and then go back nine months. The Moon will always be found in or very near the same sign of the zodiac as at birth, and sometimes almost on the same degree. Therefore nine months is co-incident with lunar motion.

With regard to the proposed Astrological Society, I hope some general expression of opinion from astrologers, whether for or against it, may be forthcoming. If it is sufficiently broad and liberal in its constitution, I should imagine a large number would be willing to unite for the purpose of rendering what assistance they could to the development of Astrology. But it must be distinctly understood that it is not to be a hole-and-corner affair, formed to express the

views of one party, or to be bossed by one man. All who have a fair acquaintance with Astrology should be welcome, whether they work according to primary directions or secondary, whether they believe in the part of fortune or whether they don't. Fair and open criticism is right and praiseworthy, but I am afraid that too often astrologers have been chiefly remarkable for the gall and bitterness they have infused into their remarks on each others theories. For myself, I have not the slightest doubt that there is a modicum of truth in all methods, though doubtless it is generally associated with error. I am willing to allow freedom of thought and opinion to all astrologers, but I also claim the same freedom for myself.

Yours truly,

LEO.

Answers to Correspondents.

STRATFORD PACKINGTON.—You are not right; you give the cases of your children, and endeavour to prove “Sepharial” “egregiously wrong,” in Eva’s case at all events. You say “born at West Kensington, London, July 10th, 1887, 5.46 a.m., 8° π descending.” What do you make of this:—

	H.	M.	S.
R.A. of M.C. July 9th	7	8	26
Time elapsed	17	46	0
Difference mean and sidereal time		3	0

$$24 \quad 57 \quad 26 = 0 \quad 57 \quad 26$$

which gives 16° γ M.C. and 7° Ω rising.

By Rule I. page 235, the day of epoch is Oct. 7th, 1886,

	H.	M.
Sidereal time at noon	13	4
J in $15^{\circ} 49'$ X descends at	4	38

The exact time of epoch is therefore 8 26 before noon.

The J on day of epoch is in .. $12^{\circ} \approx 27'$ at noon.

The J 's motion for 8h. 26m. is ... 4 11

Which gives descendant as... .. $8^{\circ} \approx 16'$ or 8° Ω 16,

Ascending at the time of birth 5h. 53m. a.m. Just 6 minutes' difference by “Sepharial’s” method, who is not so egregiously wrong as you make him out to be.