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READERS will note that this number contains eight extra pages.

Despite the fact that I have recently undergone some inharmonious Mercurial influences, as well as the passage of Saturn through my 3rd house, the progress of ASTROLOGY has continued, and I am enabled to increase the size. However, I would remind readers that any help they can afford towards making this journal known will be greatly appreciated. Not a soul draws a penny from it except the printers, who can hardly be expected to view our project from any but a commercial point of view. Specimen copies will be gladly dispatched *free* to any address sent.

Besides having subscribers in most of the English shires and the American States of the Union, we have readers in regions as far apart as Bogota, Calcutta, Calgary, Durban, Zurich, Peru, Paraguay, Stellenbosch, Poland, Uruguay, and Holland.

In fact, our circulation is a vivid proof of the universality of Astrology.

My recent announcement that *the nativity is the backbone of natal astrology* seems to have aroused some adverse comment, although one would imagine that dissentients are few. I can only repeat it, with the addendum that I am only too pleased to give the fullest consideration to all fresh ideas, provided that they are not obviously silly. One hears a lot about horoscopes of birth that afford no indication of certain important parts of the native's character or fortunes,

and have to be supplemented with other maps: all I can say is, that out of the many hundreds that have come my way the number of those that might be called "puzzle maps" is almost negligible; but if readers possess any such, well authenticated both as to the correctness of the map itself and the circumstances of character or fortune, then I shall be pleased to receive them, and, if they actually seem problematic, I will publish them.

I do not say that there is nothing in these new ideas. On the contrary I have high hopes of future discoveries. But I wish some of our enthusiasts would not seem to expect us to embrace their hypotheses instantaneously. It is an unfortunate fact that many hypotheses are put forward with totally inadequate proofs.

On the other hand, I recently had a visit from an American gentleman who placed before me records covering some twenty years, compiled with the utmost care and labour, and demonstrating the correlation between certain planetary positions (of a kind not normally used at all in natal astrology) and the values of certain key-securities.

Curiously enough these records were placed before certain American *savants*, who, without criticising their validity at all even when asked if they could do so, showed no great interest. I confess that it is not the refusal of the scientist to investigate Astrology that surprises me so much as his apparent indifference to the whole question: he appears not to realise that it is at all important!

Mr. K. E. Krafft, the well-known Swiss astrologer, was met in much the same spirit when he placed the results of his stupendous labours before French statisticians.

One is tempted in these circumstances to believe that the cause of our science can best be served by an infiltration of the scientific mind from below, so to speak. This is in fact now happening. As our technique improves and our results with them, we shall gain the day with an irresistible general advance rather than by direct assault carried out with the express purpose of winning over the orthodox.

I have received a cutting from Australia showing that the curse of the astrological charlatan is active there, as here. I should have no hesitation in going into the witness-box against any of these rascals, and I trust that other astrologers would do the same. Almost worse than some of the actual frauds are the irresponsible ones who, although possessing some astrology, are entirely lacking in *sense*, and make the most reprehensible forecasts, often mixed with fulsome cant of the pseudo-religious sort. Cases have come to my notice wherein married women have been told to expect the death of their husbands, or have been calmly told that one of their children would die, together with atrocious nonsense about imaginary lovers, and so forth.

I propose to print no more at the present moment about the Lunar Epoch as the respective views of Mr. E. H. Bailey and Mr. George H. Bailey have now been expressed, the former in his new work on the Epoch and the latter in our own pages. It really rests with individual students to examine each contention for himself (a) by its intrinsic reasonableness or otherwise, and (b) by test-cases.

About the same time as this number of the Quarterly, my new book on *Symbolic Directions in Modern Astrology* will appear, being published by Messrs. Foulsham & Co., Ltd. I consider (after spending more

time on directional tests than most astrologers) that the symbolic methods are in every way better than the astronomical, although I do not wish to assail the latter—they are perfectly sound in their way. But the Symbolics are based on metaphysical Realities—those of which Pythagoras spoke when he said that God geometrises—hence they are far more profound in their meaning than any mere physical system can be. They are also much simpler to use, and they are far more comprehensive. Of course, though some of them have been used for many centuries, symbolic measures are new to many in the West, and nothing like a complete system has been evolved as yet. But I am full of hope on this score, because the principles of Symbology, though extremely profound, are also perfectly simple.

Some of my readers may have noticed that Sepharial, whose astrological utterances merit the closest attention, has stated that Mr. Frankland's measure of four-sevenths of a degree should in reality be three-fifths, the difference being not very great. I should greatly value the opinions of readers on this statement, for a decision on one side or the other is very urgently needed. There can be no question that numbers of very reliable students consider the $\frac{4}{7}^{\circ}$ measure *one of the greatest astrological discoveries on record*.

On the other hand some tell me that the 1° measure does not work with them. This may be because its action seems often to be diffusive and to cause numerous minor matters rather than one important and memorable event. It certainly works. I recently had a Moon-Neptune contact by it, and noted the following occurrences, all within about a week:

Took wife to the sea where she was unwell.

On a short motor-drive saw three deformed dwarfs and ran into heavy traffic in connection with the Ascot races.

Two letters asking for help from "sad cases."

Gas escape in house.

Documents mislaid.

Some muddle about a question of insurance.

Heard that friend had twisted his ankle.

Spent week-end with sick mother.

Heard that brother had rescued three children from danger of drowning in pond.

Heard that an old nurse had blown herself up with a gas-ring.

Some insomnia and a nightmare.

Noticeable tendency to exaggerate importance of trifles.

Now none of these things is at all important and all would soon be forgotten; but they are one and all characteristic of Neptune or the Moon, or of both.

I have received a copy of a very promising new publication, the *Journal of the National Astrological Association of America*. We wish it every success and can recommend it to Americans and others, for its title does not imply that it is national in any exclusive sense.

The editorial address is 8921, National Boulevard, Palms, Los Angeles, California.

In her new magazine, Miss Aldrich, of New York, has some amusing remarks as to English ignorance of American geography and also our assumption that Americans must know all about English geography: these traits sometimes appear when we give insufficient particulars of places of birth—insufficient, that is, to an American. The point is well worth bearing in mind.

An amusing mistake appeared lately in a well-known American publication. The editor remarked, jocularly, that he could never become president of the States because he was born in Barry, South Wales, England! Certainly the first Welshman who ever ceded his country to England!

In a widely-read American occult text-book mention is made of the supposed fact that the work in question is read where the *British Lion* floats in tropical breezes! This is the more remarkable as the American Eagle does not figure on the Stars and Stripes.

Perhaps the most dangerous divergence between British and American usage is in *writing dates*. If an Englishman writes 2/7/29 he means the 2nd July, but if an American writes this, it seems he frequently means the 7th February!

On the 15th July, King George underwent another operation. In our March issue we foreshadowed further trouble. At the time of writing I have been unable to make further investigations of the royal natus, but it is obvious that the transit of Jupiter over the radical Sun must be helpful, and the passing of Saturn, by transit, away from its contacts with the Moon, the ascending degree, Jupiter, and Uranus, will also be distinctly good.

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THE IDEAL ASTROLOGICAL MAGAZINE

By HANS BOTHE

EVERY science and art, every lodge and class, profession or association, after gaining a sufficient number of followers, finds itself forced to look about for a medium of acquaintanceship, of a means of disseminating various members' and non-members' knowledge; and for this purpose the magazine or periodical is of inestimable value.

So far as has come to my knowledge, none of the existing magazines dealing with Astrology comes up to such standards as would be required from an equally

priced fiction magazine; but we are young yet and have much to learn. In addition to that many astrologers have not had editorial training, and others have forgotten that the layman cannot be reached with articles of a too professional character.

It therefore behoves us, in the interests of Astrology, to take these things to heart and to lighten the task of the editor by supplying him with material or suggestions for material, or the names of such persons as would be willing and capable to furnish such help and material.

Different magazines have different features of advantage, and if we can abstract and embody in our journal the best of such features we should soon obtain the ideal magazine.

The most helpful examples for solving our particular problem, the making attractive of our hobby, art and science, to layman and professional alike, seem to be the various camera and photographic magazines. In those we find personal experiences, viewed with the photographic eye, articles on the working and methods of the science, practical problems, question and answer department, correspondence between members department, prize competitions, and a good index at the end of each year.

Illustrations are no doubt the most essential feature of the teaching-type of magazine, and astrologically we need more horoscopes. Not just the data, but the figures. So many people have not the time to erect the figure, or, if so, that should be left to the student or problem department. If I am interested in an article, an illustration following will enhance the reading of the same a thousandfold.

We must not leave out of sight the fact that inasmuch as we are all constituted differently, not all of us enjoy too much dry and matter-of-fact reading.

Either we tire too soon, or we do not absorb and grasp properly the point made by the author. A personal and illustrated experience leaves or should leave no room for doubt, and this would make magazine and science appear inviting to the investigator, and conclusive to the student and member.

A good many persons are not situated so as to be able to attend classes or receive personal instruction. To them the magazine is the only source of information, and should contain current interest. For the same reason it should not assume the text-book attitude. It should be a living thing, throbbing with the pulse of life, and then its 1st house will be Martian and strong of vitality, and so on—every house and sign will manifest in our magazine. Each copy will then be a treasured gift, and gain in friends with rapid strides, and we could not measure the satisfaction gained in the realization that far out yonder we have reached the soul that, all alone, had wanted just such a gift.

I don't believe the time so very far off when photographs and horoscopes will illustrate stories and articles in other magazines besides the astrological. At least I hope it is not. But we must do our share toward it, and we can't do it if we bury our copies of the magazine and our knowledge with it, or confine it to a class of professionals or a class of unpractical persons.

If every reader would write to the editor just what in his opinion would make the magazine most valuable to him, there could not possibly be any doubt left in the mind of this personage as to how he could please the majority; and that is the thing usually conceded to be the secret of success. Publishers know the value of statistics, but in order to be able to prepare them they must have your expression and support.

A chart that comes up in class may be judged by the opinions of about twenty-five students (and perhaps a few of them advanced) and one instructor. If the point in question in such chart is of medical interest, it is doubtful if the correct interpretation and diagnosis is possible with such a limited attendance, but what a different aspect it would gain under the scrutiny of all subscribers! Some person may be at sea in regard to which employment he ought to follow, and from some far out-of-the-way corner may come to him the information that he could not find close by, because none had the experience required to interpret or understand that particular chart. Certain classes may assume the work of answering for the editor, or rather preparing the answers of numerous questions arising in this way, so as to make this not too expensive or burdensome a department for the editor. And at all times should we remember the fact that, to learn Astrology and learn it well, we must *teach others*.

EDITORIAL NOTE

We are pleased to publish our Californian friend's suggestions, and it is certainly a fact that constructive proposals and judicious criticism are extremely helpful. If one could hear, for example, from each lapsed subscriber why he did not continue his subscription, it might be very illuminating, though it might merely demonstrate that many people have mutable afflictions! Of course the chief obstacle is always that of expense. No astrological magazine is likely, for years to come, to have anything like the circulation that a photographic journal can command. The reproduction of photographs, and even horoscopic forms, costs extra money. Then, again, we are pleased to institute competitions, but how few enter for them! We *do* derive much satisfaction from the fact that the Quarterly is a link between the astrological world and very many people in far-off parts of the world, who would otherwise be almost cut off from their fellow-students.

THE LIMITS OF ASTROLOGY

A Lecture before the Astrological Lodge of London

By DR. E. E. DICKINSON

THE subject of this paper is one that has been in my mind for years, ever since, indeed, the early days of my initiation into our study. It has obtruded itself lately because, on the rare occasions when I mention Astrology, I hear sometimes complaints about the failure of it, whether as a delineator of character, or an interpretation of present and future. Disappointed people are apt to be bitter; harsh things are said. Most of you, too, have heard them; most of you, too, have thought, if not said them, unless you are still in the exhilarating moment when you stand on the threshold of our science and see with the imagination the domain of light and power into which it seems to lead. It is a splendid moment, lived by all who enter first into any congenial pursuit, and the most successful are those who can at least recall this vision from time to time. Now the opening vision of Astrology is of rare brilliance, for it seems to offer a solution of all the problems of life, the problems which force themselves upon every thinking man, the difficulties of every day, the riddle of whence and whither—that riddle of which solution has been sought, according to race and mental development, through all the ages. It has been found, more or less adequately, in superstitions, in religions, in philosophical and physical science—that is to say, in the emotions, the intellect, or the spirit. But there has never yet been an entirely satisfactory reply.

At one end of the long line the reply has been by superstition (superstition has been defined as religion without God)—almost universally the appearance of the magpie has been baneful, and back into centuries

before Christ May marriages have been unlucky—but no one knew why. At the other end we find the subtleties of the theologians, and St. Thomas Aquinas, the greatest of them all, explaining all evil as of the intellect; but this being granted, ignorance became bliss and sinlessness—an impossible position.

On other lines, more obvious, more purely physical, devoted men have laboured, and labour still, to relieve toil, to combat pain and death, to fight disease and raise vitality, and bring about that soundness of mind and body which is said to ensure soundness of mind and morals. And on quite other lines, purely spiritual, whether by the early saints of the east and west, or by the latest higher dimensional theorists—I do not know how to name them—it has been sought to detach the soul from the bounds of the body, and set it free from space and time. For ever, as a modern poet has said,

We are here as on a darkling plain,
Swept by confused alarms of struggle and flight,
Where ignorant armies clash by night.

It has always been the same, the effort for knowledge which puts an end to pain.

Now I do really think that the one knowledge, the one explanation which has been common to all generations, has been wrested from Astrology. In dense, intellectual darkness our forefathers laid hold of the only events which seemed regular and dependable, seed-time and harvest, day and night, the sun and the moon and the impressive host of heaven, and made out a rudimentary philosophy of cause and effect. Before all other systems, and side by side with them, there has always been Astrology. It was in existence so far back that the memory of man goeth not to the

contrary, and survives still in these days of civilisation when mechanical control of our environment has reached a point beyond which—who knows?—it may escape us or it may destroy us. We are rejoicing to-day in our control of many kinds of matter, but I wonder sometimes if other great and thoughtful peoples have not possessed this even more fully than ourselves, and perished, in spite of it—because of it. Humanly speaking, this is a very old world, and without extravagance we may conceive that centuries ago scientific experiment may have advanced even to the releasing of the energy of the atom, and found destruction in it. There is a later theory of ultimate cosmic energy—but this is by the way; my contention is that there have been astrologers all down the stream of history, from the cave man to the Babylonian, from Romulus and Remus to Mussolini, and we know at least this: that Astrology is older than Christianity, older than Buddhism; older than Confucianism; and, for certain minds, may in very truth be said, even now, to be the only way of wisdom.

It has, of course, been all things to all men, as all ineluctable principles must be. It has been a crude arbitrary fatalism and false prophecy; three thousand years ago it was sublimated by the Chaldees into a lofty theory of spiritual influences; two hundred years ago it was practised by secret shabby folk who ranked with witches. It has been revered, and it has been trampled underfoot; it has been anathema to the churches, and the scientists have always derided it: it has been driven underground and left to the cheap-jack and the charlatan and the black magician, but it has always persisted, and here and there some great mind, solitary and silent, has preserved the true doctrine of it, and so has saved it for us, alive.

Now there is a wise saying that you can't fool all the people all the time. If all the tribes and nations, so widely separated and different, had asked their questions of the stars in vain, we should not be here this evening. We are here because the unchanging questions of humanity, ever the same in the Stone Age of the past, or the Age of Air in the future, about birth and marriage and death, and health of mind, body, and estate, have been answered by them more practically, more definitely, and more closely as to time, place, and kind, than by any other system. The art of medicine can tell us generally the outcome of an illness and the constitution of a patient; psychology can show that certain dispositions and characteristics lead to success or failure, but it is only by the horoscope that you can be warned of whole periods of good or bad fortune, a sudden death, a perilous enterprise, your most hidden weakness, and your surest strength.

But—and at last I come to the point of this paper—Astrology sometimes fails us. It seems to have its limits. Its defaults have been as conspicuous, though not, I think, as striking, as its triumphs. Thus it has the name of a fallacy, and those unbelievers who are most gentle, because most instructed, call it a pseudo-science. Among students, of course, it is the beginner whose disappointment is keenest, as the sorrows of children are the keenest. Later in experience we learn that nothing in human hands is perfect. The most advanced of us know that vexations await us, that we shall be puzzled often and frustrated, unable to see, without knowing why, but in common with all genuine searchers, we do not throw up our work, but labour on, in faith that the fault is not in the stars, but in ourselves.

I want to set out some of the causes of our mistakes and our discouragements. To begin with, I suppose no

one has real mastery of the subject. It needs long and concentrated study, the widest experience of humanity and human conditions, and an underlying intuition. There are hundreds who can draw out a horoscope for one who can read it. I have often been amazed and ashamed at the blunders I have made in reading my own map as well as those of others. Judgment is no easy matter. You can do nothing till you know by heart the rudiments and the rules, the text and the axioms, so that you can handle them and combine them into a living whole; and next you must be able to get into sympathy with the living creature whose case lies before you, and so blend what you see of the forces of temperament and circumstances that you can form a true picture of himself, and deduce how he has responded to the past and will respond to the future. Comparing it with another art, the physician knows the difficulty of diagnosis, but the physician has the patient before him, telling his tale of trouble, answering questions, revealing himself by a host of bodily and mental signs, while the astrologer has mostly a little chart of an Unknown—an unknown infant, plastic to all touches, or an unknown adult, hard-pressed by events, shaped by lasting impressions, and far on in the making of fresh "karma." Skilful indeed is the way in which a wise astrologer will deal with this, but there are days and moods when vision will not come, and there are horoscopes which are quite unsympathetic, and reading is a forced labour. If it is the mood that is lacking, the map should be put aside for a better moment; but in my opinion, just as no physician can heal all patients, so no astrologer can judge all nativities.

This being true for the expert, what can we expect from the average, for the average student does not

know enough about his subject? There is so much to know! The simplest principles are probably those of the quality of the planets. Most of us are fairly clear as to the difference between Mars and Saturn and Jupiter, but it is easy to be confused between Sun and Moon, and Mars and Venus, and in some cases between Jupiter and Mercury. Aspects, too, are tricky; their duration and their comparative importance; but the usual pit into which we fall is the action of the signs. I am sure we can never understand the signs entirely. In fact, in spite of all that has been done to formulate and clarify the mass of detail that has been accumulated for us, our teachers sometimes differ, and the books disagree.

Now these disagreements are very important. The signs describe forms of consciousness, which are the major part of character, and to a high degree character is destiny. If you are wrong about character you will be wrong about destiny. The native with Aries rising will answer to events in quite another way from the native with Taurus rising, yet you will find that the distinguishing qualities of the signs are confused by many writers. I want to press the fact that *the rising sign is of the first value in all cases*. You will hear it said that we outgrow our rising sign. I doubt it; and it seems to me the key to the whole character, because it means the general outlook, the colour of the working of the brain as distinct from the intellect. The Moon ranks next in force, but is more variable, more moody, as we say, and in the long run I believe she yields to the ascendant. When the birth hour is not known we have to deduce the rising sign. In the crises of life, and in our hours of weakness and old age, when the mind is dull, and what are called acquired characteristics and inhibitions fall away, we act according to the rising

sign, so we can never know the signs too well, never study them too much. You may think they have been sufficiently described, and to be sure we are fairly agreed about the qualities of the cardinal signs, they being the most active and vital, and standing out well in the picture, yet even with these I find occasional confusion. Short ascension has something to do with this, a less number of people being born in its duration, and one can miss the touch of Aries or Capricorn rising because of the crowding in of the adjacent signs. Consider Taurus, with short ascension. I have a good many horoscopes, but certainly not half a dozen with Taurus rising, and only one of these uncomplicated by a planet in the 1st house, so that I can get the full play of it. Contradictory things are said about Taurus. Some say he is short, some that he is tall, some stress the fact that he walks with very short steps, others lay stress on his gentle, dark eyes—my one pure Taurus shows none of these points. I acknowledge the bovine eye when present, but in my experience the short steps are special to Virgo, who has a neat, quick, prim walk. If some student would make a particular inquiry for Taurus rising, it would be of service to us all.

Again, there is confusion regarding Sagittarius, Aquarius, and Pisces, the two last being signs of short ascension. Herbert Waite is known to many of us as an interesting and original writer, and he was a pupil of Alan Leo, but he said of Pisces that it shows method and order, and of Sagittarius that it is always on guard where money is concerned, and is often thought niggardly. Now to my mind Pisces is essentially vague and formless, and Sagittarius spends itself in all directions. Miss Pagan, for whom I have an immense admiration, gives her opinion that Aquarians are changeable and vacillating, at least when undeveloped,

but I differ from her sharply. I should say she has little experience of Aquarius in her own make-up. It is the sign of Fixed Air, which seems to me as a day of still weather, when not a leaf moves. Gemini changes incessantly, like the flickering rapier of a fine swordsman; Libra changes less often, but easily, intelligently, and with purpose, as it appears to be advantageous to do so. The change of Aquarius is rare and radical. The sign when undeveloped is inert, apathetic, tending to "stay put"—in fact, a dull dog. When further advanced, still notably constant, holding fast to love and friendship and its own line of work and thought, but—as the cyclone whirls into the place of the anticyclone—so it can change suddenly and completely, even violently, transforming all its conditions, turning its back on the past once for all, beginning anew. This radical change is the more remarkable because of the long sameness and consistency which went before it. Naturally such a change is rare, once or twice in a lifetime—irrevocable.

I think I can see to some extent how such errors in description come about. You may be trying to read a horoscope with the Sun in Sagittarius, when Mercury is often in Capricorn. Now Mercury in Capricorn can be very penurious, and the Sun gets the credit of this, and hence the "niggardliness." I knew an instance of Pisces rising with the Moon conjunction Mercury in Virgo. The native has most orderly ways; her house is beautifully kept, and she delights in nursing the sick—a born nurse, they say—and a hasty judgment might be that here is an example of a perfectly methodical Pisces. But she is never properly dressed till she has to go out, her own room looks like confusion worse confounded, and her recreation is in dreams, wonderful dreams by night, and worthless poems and love stories

—never offered to a publisher—written at odd times by day.

Again, some of the text-books describe Sagittarius as having a sunburnt type of complexion, but indeed it is Scorpio who is often swarthy, and Capricorn who is often sallow, while Sagittarius, in these islands at least, is of a ruddy countenance, the most conspicuously high-coloured of all the signs. Sagittarius rising, or Moon in Sagittarius, has a bright colour in the cheeks, even when living an indoor life in London; but Sagittarius lies between Scorpio and Capricorn, and a not very accurate observer may allow the physical traits to overlap. You may say that these are trifles, but trifles are of great importance in forming a judgment. Alan Leo used to say that the ascendant is the one little bit of the nativity which we could call our own, and if we declare a rising Taurus from the short steps of Virgo, we shall be far out in our reading of temperament and directions. The robust digestion and equable nerves of Taurus respond in quite other fashion from the fastidious pernickety digestion and the taut and sensitive nerves of Virgo. So will an afflicted 5th or 7th house act very differently when Aries or Scorpio is rising. Aries never breaks his heart, but will recover—and quickly too—from a troublous marriage or love affair (though he will fret and worry a good deal for the moment), but the wounds of Scorpio cut to the soul, even to death, and the experience abides for ever. Why, you may say, do I connect Aries and Scorpio, so unlike each other? Surely these could not be confused? It is because Scorpio is frequently hard to discover, for it seems as though he were so secretive that he will conceal his own features, letting Sun or Moon or Mercury show clearly while he lies hidden even when rising, and he

may have to be dug out in years of observation. All the same he works powerfully, and he works to type, and as a study he is inexhaustible.

It is a mistake to judge the ascendant from personal and physical appearance only. As to these, the sign in which the ruler is placed is often more evident, particularly when in an angle. Leo rising with Sun in mid-heaven in Aries might show as a lean, warlike man, an inveterate and successful fighter. I can think of someone who has Gemini rising with Saturn in it on the cusp, who does not show Gemini physically except by quickness of movement, and a love of short journeys and excursions, and that devotion to London and London life which I have always found typical of Gemini rising. What is shown in personal appearance is the Moon, also in the 1st house in Cancer, with her stoutness and pallor, early greyness, and so forth. The rising Saturn, in this case, has caused a noticeable number of falls and sprains; you will remember that Saturn governs falls. I think of another instance, with Capricorn rising and Sun, Moon, and Mercury in it. Here surely one might expect a most unmistakable Capricorn physique, but all that is shown is Venus intercepted in Aquarius in the 1st house. The native is short and plump, with very fine blue eyes, and a gentle, indefinite manner. There is not a trace of Capricorn till closer acquaintance, when you encounter one of the clearest and shrewdest business minds, the native being actually proprietor and manager of a large industrial concern, with hundreds of employees, and branches all over England. Venus in Aquarius is incapable of such enterprise, but she sweetens the rule, and tempers the ambitions of the powerful Sun, Moon, and Mercury. The native is most kind and charitable.

It is easy to see these things when the birth hour is

known, but otherwise one needs to have signs and planets at one's fingers' ends, or we may miscall the ascendant—a disastrous error.

Knowledge of the quality of the actual degree is much to be desired, and there are two systems expounding this in admirable detail, the systems of Charubel and Volasfera, but they are not in entire agreement, though interesting and sometimes strikingly true. Seldom, however, is the exact minute of birth noted, and as the qualities of the degree differ totally from each other, a mistake of four minutes might be hopelessly misleading. My own accredited rising degree, for instance, is one of extreme glory and dazzling splendour, and I have never felt able to press its accuracy.

Most of us give a good deal of time to our own maps, yet with these too we go wrong as often as not. "Know thyself!" It is harder, I think, than to know others. We set down our own features, acts, and prejudices, quite mistakenly. We think we are expressing Mercury in Scorpio when it is really Saturn in Virgo. We are persuaded we are acting from the best motives because we have Jupiter in Leo, when we are really quarrelling with our best friend because we have Moon conjunction Mars in Taurus. We can never understand the signs too much; we can never understand them to their fullest, and it is the signs which show *character*, while the houses show *conditions*. We can outgrow the houses, in fact we must do so, but the signs we never outgrow.

Another reason for the failure of Astrology is the complication and the extension attempted in every reading. A human being is not an entity in himself, but a part of his surroundings. He is a little cell or particle of the family he comes from, the associates he lives among, the house he occupies, the country he

belongs to, and the events and happenings of the earth and air and the moment of history. Change these, take him away and put him elsewhere, and he is a different person. Some people are more resistant to change than others. Race, individuality, the duration of the change, and the force of the birth map influence our susceptibility, but change there is. One notices it nowhere so clearly as in passengers on a long voyage; they are quite different at sea from what they are on land, and I have heard it suggested that this is because they are no longer in contact with Mother Earth, which may be one reason among many.

It would be helpful if the astrologer could study, with each nativity, those of the family related. We are the creatures of heredity as well as environment, and we need evidence of both if we are to pronounce whether a man will make good or fail. The case is analogous to that of the family doctor as compared with the specialist; there is a family diathesis; family blends and variations. We should always remember that no one lives up to all his possibilities, rather, most of us barely touch them. The expert may say with fair certainty what one *may* do, but seldom what one *will* do. Fate is a fact, but so is free will, and the fate of one incarnation has been brought about by the free will of another.

Again, we are no doubt ignorant of many of the influences which affect us. In old days more attention was given to the force of the fixed stars, and just now some is given to the asteroids, and various attributes are proposed for Isis, and so forth, but our knowledge is still of the vaguest, and in no degree practical. We must be cautious also in our valuation of Herschel and Neptune, it being an open question whether they will act upon us, when they do act, for good or evil. Herschel

is ever something of a danger, being out of our control, and Neptune is the planet of illusion, the master of spells; and with both there is a possibility that the native may not respond at all, unless they are placed in angles.

Further, our conclusions from converse directions are interesting, but not trustworthy, and I have not found that the sensitive points of the horoscope, the parts of Fortune and Infortune, the point of death, the point exactly five signs back from the ascendant, etc., are really dependable. All this may be because of our ignorance. All these forces may be effective, and our failure may be that we cannot combine them. With sufficient ingenuity one can make out an aspect of some sort for every event of the life, every event of the day; we seek out many inventions, and it is easy to get into such a tangle that we can't see the wood for the trees. It is a rising Leo, no doubt, which deprecates complexity, but I would rather work with too few tools than too many. Suppose I lose my purse on a certain day; it is open to me to discover a sesquiquadrate in the transits, or a quindecile in the prenatal solar horoscope, by which to explain it. In fact, it may be that I lost my purse because I have Neptune in the 9th in Pisces in the radix, and am addicted to heavy smoking, and my memory is dulled, and I shall lose my purse again and again, aspects notwithstanding, unless I mend my ways. Don't please infer that I belittle and turn away from new theories. The field of our subject is limitless, and our possession in it is very limited, but we have to prove all things and eliminate the unnecessary. Alan Leo, as you know, eliminated as much as he dared, and some think he went too far, but unless he had simplified his subject he could not have popularized it as he did. He himself worked with more details than he taught, and he said to me more than

once, "I never say all I see, or tell all I know." Even he made mistakes sometimes. I remember one horoscope with which he completely failed, and could not see why he failed. He gave much time to it, and applied every known test to it, and finally returned the fees that had been paid to him, and owned that his science was lacking. There were limits to his astrology. He was much attracted at one time by the pre-natal epoch, but he did not recommend it for general use, and I suppose few of us have found it practical. My own, for instance, gives Aquarius rising, with Moon conjunction Sun, and both in direct opposition to Saturn. Thank goodness I have not had to live through this!

When the birth hour is unknown, something may be learnt from a sunrise horoscope of the day, but this confuses directions, and you are likely to time the chief events of the life wrongly. You see, we are here taking the ascendant of the day as our own ascendant, which is a serious error from any point of view, even though you may not agree with me that the rising sign is the most important and dependable in the whole map. It has seemed to me sometimes that the actual incidence of events has been delayed or hurried on by the quality of the ascendant. It has seemed that Aries or Sagittarius or Gemini has brought to fulfilment some weighty matter, such as marriage or death, sooner than seemed indicated, while with Taurus or Leo or Scorpio things have hung fire, and matured reluctantly.

(To be continued)

ASTROLOGY AND BRITAIN

By YKRAAMIS

THE system of government by Party is one, if not the sole and supreme, triumph of the English, as distinct

from the British, temperament. At its best it makes the executive body dependent for its existence upon a fusion of two loyalties, for the sincere partisan supports his Party in his zeal for the well-being of the State. The English genius, however—we are far, far from spent or decadent!—may yet carry us forward to something greater than Party and Cabinet government, something more democratic, a comradeship of all citizens more intimate, a union more conscious and vigorous of all members of the Commonwealth. The reason for such a hope lies in a fundamental unity of motive which is discernible in the ancient Conservative ideal and in Socialist doctrine, however much the present policies of the respective Parties are opposed. Through ~~as~~ this unity can be visioned; the ~~as~~ influence may condition a fusion into some new form and the ideal of a strong maternal government be realized.

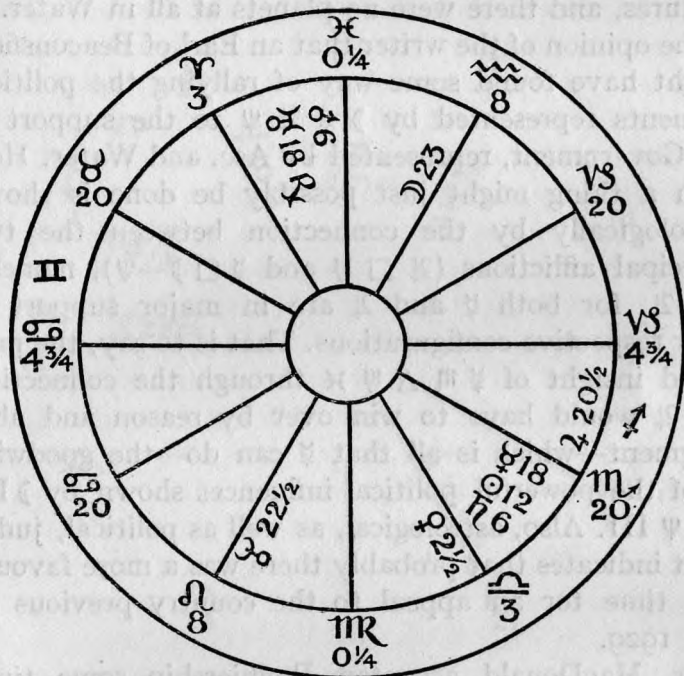
The horoscopes of the late and present Governments, their outstanding features and the striking contrast between them, present a valuable field of research to the impartial student of both Astrology and politics. It is suggested that a government is born at the time when a Party leader accepts the King's offer of the Premiership.

Mr. Baldwin accepted Premiership some time between 7 and 7.45 p.m. London, November 4, 1924; the exact time would seem to have been about 7.15 p.m., as a long list of important events in his Government's life coincide with transits of 0° \times , M , Π , \uparrow , notably events and discussions concerning the Zinoviev letter and the national strike, the beginning of which latter saw \S trans. M.C.

The merits and demerits of the Baldwin Government are matters for history to record. Astrologers will note the great power of Water, no planets in Earth, the

houses wherein the $\text{♄ } 24 \text{ } \Psi$ group and ♀ fall, and that ♀ and Asc. in \square , are the only cardinal features. The prominent, not unafflicted ♄ seems indicative of the unusual circumstances of this Government's birth and character. ♄ is $\square 24$.

The Baldwin Government undoubtedly made Cancerian gestures and speeches, but its deeds and statutes



LONDON, 4.11.1924, about 7.15 p.m.

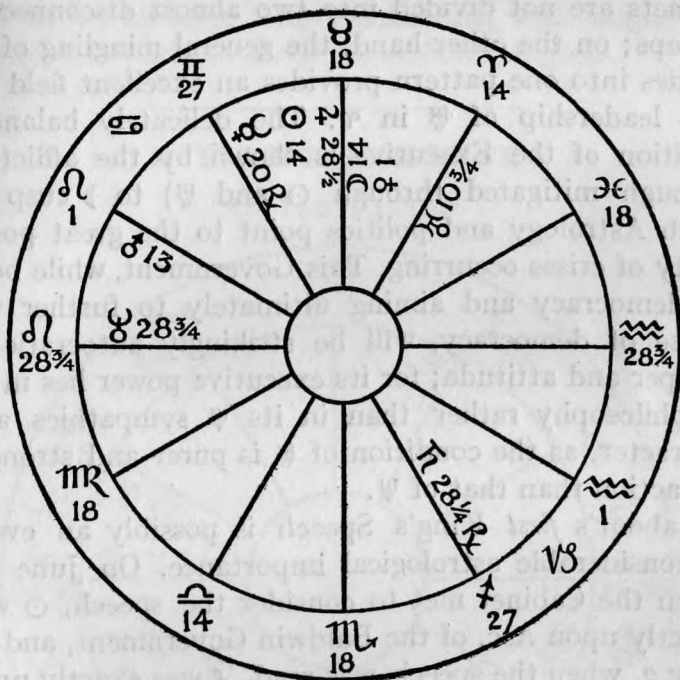
were of the nature of the $\text{♄ } \text{♈ } \Delta \text{ } 12 \text{ } \text{♄}$, rather heavy and unhappy influences, which play with practically irresistible force upon the Asc, otherwise uninfluenced except for $\square \text{ } \text{♀}$ and $\Delta \text{ } \odot$ *wide*. The two great bodies associated with ♄ , ♄ and Ψ , while powerfully placed in the map, are not \triangle Asc., but are linked with 24 , which afflicts ♄ in X. Hence, the Asc. was badly served. The truth of this diagnosis is strikingly shown

by the planets' positions on the morning of election day, May 30, 1929. ☉ and ☿ ♀, rad. XII ☐ rad. ♂ and ♄ but supporting rad. ♀ and ♃ ♄ ♀; ♃ bearing six strong aspects trans. rad. ♃ (!); ♀, near nadir, heavily influenced; and finally, ♂ ♄, * ☉, △ ♄, on the critical cusp III, ☐ rad. ♄. All the current influences were in support of the rad. Air and Fire features, and there were no planets at all in Water. It is the opinion of the writer that an Earl of Beaconsfield might have found some way of rallying the political elements represented by ♃ ♀ ♄ ♀ to the support of his Government, represented by Asc. and Water. How such a thing might just possibly be done is shown astrologically by the connection between the two principal afflictions (♄ ☐ ♄ and ☿ ☐ ♃—♀), namely, ☿ ♄ ♄, for both ☿ and ♄ are in major support of their respective configurations. That is to say, the profound insight of ☿ ♄ △ ♄ ♄ through the connection ☿ ♄ ♄ would have to win over by reason and able judgment—which is all that ☿ can do—the goodwill, ♄, of the powerful political influences shown by ♃ IX and ♀ III. Also, astrological, as well as political, judgment indicates that probably there was a more favourable time for an appeal to the country previous to May 1929.

Mr. MacDonald accepted Premiership some time between 11.2 a.m. and 12.18 p.m., summer time, at Windsor. According to various reports he arrived soon after 11 and left at 12.18, he spent nearly 15 minutes with the King and nearly an hour with Lord Stamfordham. This suggests the vital time as about 11.10 a.m., that is, 10.10 a.m. G.M.T. and 10.7.38 a.m. Windsor, so that ♀, prominent in both His Majesty's and Mr. MacDonald's nativities, was exactly rising.

♀ and Asc. are well supported by ♄ and ♀, planets

are elevated, no planets in Water, only Fixed Signs on angles, and only ♄ Cardinal. The threat of ♂ □ ♀ is influenced by good aspects from ☉ * ♄. Again, a prominent (unafflicted) ♄ shows the unexpected birth and child, a different child produced by other processes than those which made the late Government. And this time it is ♀'s turn to be □ ♀.



WINDSOR, 5.6.1929, about 10.8 a.m.

The question posed is this: Will the Government by the ♄ power (cusp IX, Δ ♂, * ☉) be able to cut clear through the obstructive fog of sentimental optimism concealing the real issues, motives, and interests involved in the present situation, a danger shown by ♀ □ ♀ in Fixed Signs on angles? There is reason to think that it may. Britain, the great British Commonwealth, even the whole world, seem like to move and

to change. That strong and gracious spirit which is England at its best may yet serve the race of Man supremely.

The days of ♄ have now begun; that orb approaches ♀ II½ (see art. Vol. I, No. 3). It augurs well for the future that ♄ is so well placed and strong in the map of the present Government. In this map, too, the planets are not divided into two almost disconnected groups; on the other hand, the general mingling of all bodies into one pattern provides an excellent field for the leadership of ♄ in ♀. The delicately balanced position of the Executive is shown by the affliction (though mitigated through ☉ and ♄) to ♄ cusp X. Both Astrology and politics point to the great possibility of crises occurring. This Government, while born of democracy and aiming ultimately to further the cause of democracy, will be strikingly autocratic in temper and attitude; for its executive power lies in its ♄ philosophy rather than in its ♀ sympathies and character, as the condition of ♄ is purer and stronger for action than that of ♀.

Labour's *first* King's Speech is possibly an event of considerable astrological importance. On June 26, when the Cabinet met to consider the speech, ☉ was exactly upon Asc. of the Baldwin Government, and on July 2, when the speech was read, ♂ was exactly upon ♀ and Asc. of the present Government.

As to the length of life of the Government. The budget period of next Spring sees ♄ ☐ ♄ rad., and June 1930 sees ♄ enter ♄. It is hardly likely that the Government can survive the period of ♄ in ♄ which extends until July 1931. But, whereas ♄ and ♄ trans. ☐ ♄ rad. may unseat the Government, they will not reverse the present progressive regime, for ♄ and ♄ are then also favourable to ♄ ☉ ♂ rad. That is to say,

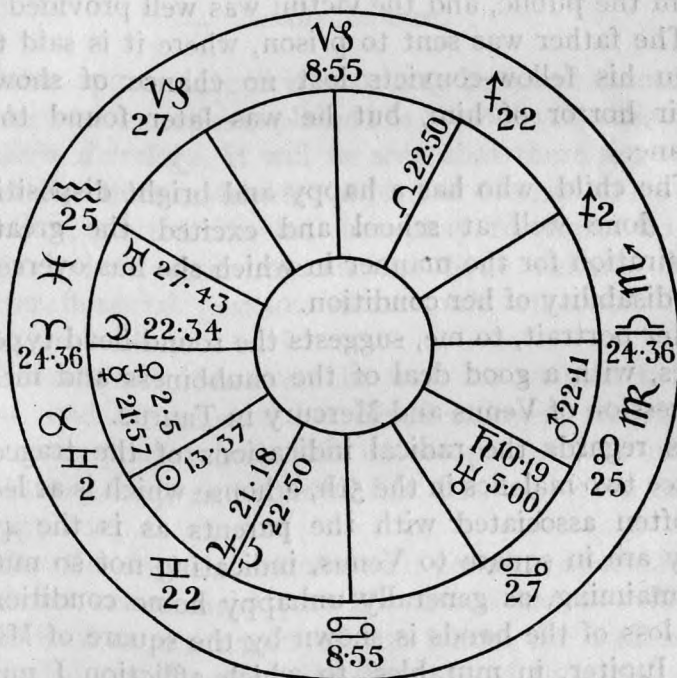
the national unity signified by this horoscope will not be disrupted.

The anti-Socialist parties and elements may possibly become concentrated and unified. The periods of ♂ Cardinal and on angles of map will be significant of this and of opposition to the Government, particularly May, June, September, and October, 1930, ♂ in ♍ and ♎.

♄ in ♍, however, the Paramount, will shape all forces and events to serve the ends of progress.

A TRAGIC HOROSCOPE

By THE EDITOR



THE above is a Nativity of unusual interest.

The native, a girl, was born at 3 a.m., summer time, at Liverpool, England, on June 5, 1918.

Her step-father, a morose and resentful ne'er-do-well, harboured a grudge against her mother because, as he said, she "worked with her hands," as, indeed, his own habits forced her to do.

One day he fetched the native from school whilst under the influence of this mood, took her home, and cut off both her hands with a razor, she being then five-and-a-half years of age.

It is said that the policeman who found her died from the shock, but the child, both then and at the subsequent trial, behaved with the utmost presence of mind and courage.

A very considerable sum of money was collected from the public, and the victim was well provided for.

The father was sent to prison, where it is said that even his fellow-convicts lost no chance of showing their horror of him, but he was later found to be insane.

The child, who has a happy and bright disposition, has done well at school and excited the greatest admiration for the manner in which she has overcome the disability of her condition.

Her portrait, to me, suggests the round-head type of Aries, with a good deal of the chubbiness and merry expression of Venus and Mercury in Taurus.

As regards the radical indications of the tragedy, we see two malefics in the 5th, a house which is at least as often associated with the parents as is the 4th. They are in square to Venus, indicating not so much the maiming, as generally unhappy home conditions. The loss of the hands is shown by the square of Mars and Jupiter, in mutables, to which affliction I must also add Mercury square Uranus and Mars square the Nodes. The Moon-Mars quincunx is significant, for this aspect, when close, is by no means to be neglected.

The child's courage I attribute to Mercury trine Mars, as well as Moon in Aries, whilst Taurus frequently gives much patient endurance.

At the time of the event (the exact time of which is unfortunately not in my possession) we have the following directions:—

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| By the $\frac{4}{7}^{\circ}$ measure | Venus sq. Neptune, Saturn (debilitated)
sextile the Sun. |
| By the 1° measure | Mercury sq. Uranus, Neptune conj.
Saturn, Mars quincunx Uranus. |
| By the $2\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ measure | Uranus quincunx Saturn, Moon sq. Neptune, Sun trine Uranus, asc. between sq. of Neptune and Saturn, Mercury sextile Neptune. |

Other appropriate directions may be found according to the various ratios explained in *Symbolic Directions in Modern Astrology*. It will be seen that there are some good directions involving the lord of the 2nd house and the Sun, posited therein: these may be related to the subscription, which placed the little sufferer in a better financial position than would otherwise have been probable.

Nevertheless, however she may be assisted in this way, and in spite of her disadvantages, we should certainly predict from this horoscope that the native will live a busy and a useful life. One may even add, a happy one.

Our theosophical friends will, perhaps, speculate as to what actions in a past life caused her to suffer in this way at the hands of one whom she had never offended in this incarnation. From a strictly astrological point of view one can only say that certain nativities are antipathetic; in fact, there are very few pairs which do not contain *some* elements of antipathy. If

such are brought into close contact mutual irritation must ensue, and unless there is a preponderance of sympathy, the irritation may get out of hand. Doubtless the man in this case was irritated in some psychological "raw spot" by his wife; and this, acting on an unbalanced nature, produced an outburst of which the child was a victim. Had we the horoscopes of all three parties the whole position might lie before us.

Persons with an afflicted 5th house usually suffer in their early lives from unhappy home conditions, but whilst the law may protect in some cases, in others the danger is so subtle that only Astrology can perceive it.

ASTROLOGICAL REFORM

By WALTER H. SAMPSON

[Continued]

(3) THE INTERPRETATIVE DEPARTMENT.

In the department of interpretation volumes might be written, not in criticism, I mean, but there can be no end to the unfolding of the interpretations to be derived from the astrologic elements. This department, however, needs clarifying more than any. Here, again, we are much troubled by this same inconsistency, for astrologers lay down rules, and cheerfully depart from them, and, in many cases, were they to read horoscopes in terms of their own rules, the results must needs be chaotic. There has been too much of the stock interpretation. There is also the attempt so to formulate Astrology that a child of twelve can use it. There has been the resort to transcendentalism and esotericism, removing the whole matter to a plane in which proof is delightfully unnecessary. The great fault—and here

many students must agree, for I have heard them voice it—is that when you have studied and troubled to learn the rules, their application fails to give you what you want. While it is likely that you know a good many things *about* the subject, you do not know the subject.

Now, in my opinion (and I have thought very earnestly about it), the great failing, and the one responsible for much error and shortcoming, is that we depend altogether too much on ready-to-hand interpretations, and either cannot or do not take the trouble to go down to the fundamentals. A thorough understanding of the basic meaning of the houses, signs, and planets, is the proper equipment, and will give results up to a certain point of concretization. There is no reason why the elements of a horoscope should not receive correct interpretation, if the said elements are translated in accord with their true, basic meaning. These elements, highly abstract, are susceptible of a very wide range of interpretation, in which all variants or co-ordinates are “interiorly” equal, but “exteriorly” different. It is possible that man has choice as to which of a set of co-ordinates he will utilize. To suppose that it is possible to give exactly the right interpretation is to presuppose a very disagreeable thing, namely, that your life is prearranged down to the tiniest detail. We cannot capitulate to that doctrine any more than we can to the presumption that man can “rule his stars.” We must take the ground that the elements of a horoscope truly describe features of man’s psychology and circumstance, *at a certain level of precipitation*, which is not quite the concrete, and not altogether the abstract. If this is so, then a knowledge of the basic, abstract meanings of the elements is the only safe guide. *Lives quite dis-*

similar in concrete circumstances may be identical in abstract principle, and it is this that allows the horoscopes of two people born near the same time to work out differently, and even for their characters to appear very different. It is certain that the same event may act on two people very differently. It is, then, best to interpret psychologically, and deduce what of circumstance one can, to the extent one ought.

If I may speak of my own experience, which is considerable, I never use ready-made interpretations, but always seek to understand the basic elements and their relationship, and soon interpretations freely arrive.

Next, let us speak of the tendency to make astrological character-judgments too censorious or critical. It may be that this is far from the intention, and yet the moment one calls a character-element by its usual name, giving it a label, there is something final, something condemnatory about it. We note that characterizations drawn from mediæval books are grotesquely severe. Many planetary positions and aspects have retained this ancient flavour, so that the people who possess them go about in a half apologetic state, as if they were disfigured. There should be an end to that. Nothing but lack of understanding and need of greater sympathy brings this about.

The point of the matter is really this. The more one studies and thinks over the basic meanings, the more one concludes that there are very cogent reasons for people's actions and reactions, and that when you have called an individual untruthful, cruel, unsocial, irascible, you have not told one-fourth of the story, and what you have told is the least important part. In justice to them, it is necessary to try to understand why it is that they manifest the character they do, and

when you understand that you may feel more disposed to cry over it than criticize it, for it is more than likely that you may run up against a state of affairs where, amid a tragic complication of contesting influences, something had to emerge, and it was that. Moreover, if you were able to understand the cause and feel the motives that prompt even an ugly action, you might find yourself forgiving and excusing in a manner you would hardly like Mrs. Grundy to overhear. It is *this* that a knowledge of the fundamentals gives, and it is this that ought to be the aim of every astrologer. It is possible to get very near the motives behind action, and to understand much of the complex causes that have preceded it, sometimes for years. Simply to call an individual a liar, or to fasten on him any sort of label without a very thorough inspection of its contents, is unjust, unkind, unphilosophic, and unastrologic. It is done very often.

We must take the ground that man, in his journey forward, has to trudge through much that is painful, ugly, horrible, and evil; and if we cannot understand that, we are not fit to deal with the matter. Some astrologers have their pets among the signs and their aversions. Scorpio comes in for a lot of blame and condemnation; but it should be remembered that it is the work of Scorpio to do many disagreeable and difficult things from which the average person would shrink in horror. Similarly, Capricornus is execrated for his very annoying, carping, critical, chillingly superior ways. It is not to be supposed that *he* is getting much fun out of it, is it? He has the very disagreeable task of the accuser, the critic, and (worse than all) the scapegoat. He is "He-who-bears-blame," and he always gets it. Being an eternally dissatisfied idealist (some astrologers actually call Capricorn

"selfish"—he who never gives himself a moment's peace in his endeavour to find perfection), he never rests and never takes pleasure. If he does take pleasure, it is from sheer despair! While he may not respond enthusiastically to kindness, he will be profoundly and eternally grateful not to be misunderstood to the shameful extent of which many astrologers are guilty. His path is much of a martyrdom. Does the student understand that so much of human selfishness, indulgence, wickedness is wrung out of people through stark misery? If he does not, then he ought not to experiment heartlessly and superficially with bruised and bleeding human souls.

It is possible to deal with the most intimate, sacred, and sensitive points of human character, provided one does so sympathetically, with understanding, and avoids using labels which, somehow, stick abominably and are a source of deep discouragement.

Were one to use the interpretations given in some of the text-books, one would not only be wrong but also insulting, and it is out of the question to deal with this point without bringing to it a sense of humour. For instance, here's a list of adjectives placed against Mars square Saturn in a certain text-book: "Reproachful, absconding, avaricious, repulsive, coercive, malicious, outrageous." No comment is necessary. The aspect is not exactly uncommon, and one can't talk to people in that way.

[I find I owe the reader an apology. The adjectives are applied to Mars *conjunction* Saturn. What the square will give one shudders to suppose. However, here we are: "Cruel, scornful, deceptive, hostile, calculating, perfidious, fateful, revengeful, malicious, violent, vindictive, rash, selfish, treacherous, cowardly, uncompromising." It doesn't leave very much unsaid, does it?]

Here's Neptune square Saturn, remembering that this aspect lasts for about a year at a time, so that whole generations, so to speak, are gifted as follows: Resentful, cold, selfish, etc.

No, we cannot read people in terms of such classifications, I fear. Can you picture the astrologer welcoming the lady (for even ladies have Mars square Saturn) and saying, "Madam! I find you to be cruel, scornful (all right, so far; lots of them are), deceptive, (still on the safe side), hostile (now we go plump off the deep end), calculating, perfidious, fateful. I also find you to be improvident, untidy, erratic, animated, ceremonial, partial, impetuous, and vain." (The lady also had Venus square Mars.)

I do not intend to criticize the writer of these descriptions, and, in fact, in some cases they may be near the mark. I protest, however, that to learn Astrology according to such categories leads neither to understanding nor to sympathy, and places no tool in one's hand with which to help humanity. Unless, indeed, one concludes the séance in this fashion: "Madam! I implore you to strive to become less revengeful, malicious, hasty, violent, vindictive, and rash."

Should one of your friends or clients have a square of Mercury to Uranus, and either of them rule the ascendant, or be rising, you are then entitled to say, "Sir (or Madam), I most respectfully find you to be bigoted, stubborn, unruly, wayward, rambling, deficient, notional, diffusive, unforgiving, conceited, conventional, unsuccessful, and unfortunate." If the friend or client still retain consciousness, and at the same time happen to have Venus conjunction Mars, you may palliate the foregoing somewhat by saying, "Sir (or Madam), I find you to be passionate, fascinating, ecstatic, susceptible, propagative, impetuous, and

fickle." If upon that they seem to hesitate, as awaiting more, it is quite proper to add "and also amorous, impressionable, convivial, sportive, epicurean, immodest, sentimental." Etiquette demands that you then send for the ambulance.

I cannot help commenting on the irresistible effectiveness and onslaught of such a line of adjectives proceeding from the astrologer's mouth as from a Gatling gun. What would I not give (only it is too late, alas! and I have Moon square Mercury, which, so the good book says, makes me "impractical, vague, absent-minded") to have these strings of epithets by heart, so that I could hurl them at the heads of mine enemies! But that unfortunate Moon square Mercury makes it for ever impossible, and I am much afraid I must go along in my vague, absent-minded fashion, making up for lack of accuracy with my "trickiness and fancy," which the book says I possess.

In the foregoing paragraphs I have, of course, presented the matter in the most ridiculous possible light, and in case the charge of unfairness be brought against me, I am proceeding to do the most wicked, Capricornian thing imaginable. I am going to draw the deadly parallel, and clinch the argument by reference to 1001 *Notable Nativities*. We don't have to go far to find the sort of evidence we seek. Here it is.

(1) Abbas Effendi, head of the Babi sect. No. 782. Mars square Jupiter and semi-square Saturn, Saturn being the ruler.

(2) Aino Acte, the singer. No. 205. Mars square Saturn. Neither is ruler of the horoscope.

(3) Alan MacAulay, author. No. 193. This is rather a bad case, for Neptune rises opposed to Saturn, Mars, Venus, Sun. The book ran out of adjectives before it reached such unspeakable combinations, and even

if it hadn't the book would have had to be suppressed.

(4) W. L. Alden, American author and humorist. No. 994. This is a very sad case indeed. We should all lament for the people who had to put up with him. Capricorn rises, making Saturn ruler; Saturn is in Scorpio, conjunction Mars-Venus and square Moon. A description of this gentleman would not be fit to print!

(5) Queen Alexandra. No. 415. I regret to have to include this, as it proves to be a terrible disillusionment. How this royal lady managed to so deceive us as she did I am at a loss to understand, but she has Scorpio rising, with Mars conjunction Venus and square Saturn. What tact and self-control, not to say dissimulation, it must have taken to hoodwink the British public, who actually *loved* her, not to say Queen Victoria (who approved her as a bride for her son)! It would not be polite to go through the list of adjectives appropriate to this combination.

(6) Baden-Powell. No. 837. This is a *very* sad case indeed. Saturn is the ruling planet, square Jupiter and Mars, and all semi-square Uranus. The credulity and impressionability of the infant mind must be simply inconceivable, considering the manner in which the boys of the Empire have worshipped and followed this leader. I am moved to profound admiration at the man's artfulness! Yet they say that you can't deceive the young.

(7) Goethe. No. 640. Saturn rising in Scorpio semi-square to Mars and Uranus. Evidently a scoundrel.

N.B.—None of these people is in the Chamber of Horrors, or the Rogues' Gallery.

With apologies for treating the matter with levity, it is needless to insist upon the point further.

If the reader will refer to the description given of Mercury square Uranus, will he, then, note that the following cases from 1001 *Notable Nativities* fall under this classification? Let him then exercise his own sense of humour on the situation.

Chatterjee, the "Walter Scott" of Bengal No. 221.

Chopin, the composer and pianist .. No. 389.

Winston Churchill No. 911.

Sir William Hamilton, astronomer and
mathematician No. 409.

(Gemini rising; Mercury-Venus semi-square Uranus.)

Bret Harte No. 242.

Franz Hartmann, the theosophic writer No. 066.

(Mercury square Mars and Uranus, semi-square Moon.)

Maurice Hewlett, author No. 197.

(Moon square Uranus and Saturn, all semi-square
Mercury.)

Eustace Miles No. 884.

(Mercury, Mars, Uranus, Neptune in cross aspects, all
semi-squaring Saturn.)

Le Plongeon No. 988.

(Mercury is rising square to Uranus.)

Now, perhaps, if you please, it *might* be as well to read over the list of expletives proper to these occasions. Of all these we are supposed to be entitled to say that they are bigoted, stubborn, unruly, wayward, rambling, deficient, notional, diffusive, unforgiving, conceited, conventional, unsuccessful, unfortunate!

I quite meant to be serious. But, my dear reader, the

opportunity for us to laugh together is too enticing. So here goes!

You can see how wonderfully these descriptions fit. You would recognize them at a glance. Why do scientists neglect Astrology? Why does a method of character-reading of such superiority not sweep psychoanalysis off the earth? Everyone knows that Chatterjee was notional and diffusive, Winston Churchill rambling and deficient, Chopin unforgiving and conventional, Maurice Hewlett unsuccessful and unfortunate. I think the "conventional" is an exquisite touch, as, in point of fact, the reverse is the case. People with Mercury square or opposition Uranus are inclined toward the unconventional, the idiomatic, and the original, in idea and expression.

Now, good reader! People who value their intellectual reputation keep clear of "theories" that propagate such stupidities and outrageously contradict their own stated rules. It is not half so much that the actual characterizations are absolute errors (although this is occasionally the case), but it is the *mode of application*. There is only one safe way to read character astrologically, which is to go down to the fundamentals, to understand them thoroughly, and then to apply them with sympathy, understanding, and wisdom.

Much could be written of the circumstantial judgments and predictions made by astrologers; but space permits no further matter. The saner world wants nothing to do with a theory that outrages common sense, that forces people to meet trouble before it is necessary, and that utters sensational warnings which don't prove true. On the other hand, if Astrology could so cleanse and reform itself as to become what it *ought* to be, namely, a messenger of good tidings, of encouragement and hope, bringing to man the kindly

revelation of a God magnificent in mercy and imperial in loving-kindness, humanity might be drawn, in spite of itself, to such a source of comfort. The astrologer, rightly so called, is the Minister of Heaven. Let him take that to heart, and live up to that proud title, and there is little fear of the consequences.

A PRACTICAL PAGE

On this page we wish to publish data, hitherto unused, of from four to six nativities, with brief notes, thus enabling readers to add interesting cases to their collections. Readers are asked to contribute cases.

Place of birth in England unless otherwise stated.

Contributors are asked to state, in each case, that the native has no objection to the publication of data.

THIS Quarter we print four interesting cases.

It has occurred to us that some readers may criticize this section on the grounds that the examples used are so tragic, being nearly all cases of accident or disease. It may be stated that we are only too pleased to publish maps of unusual good fortune, if any are sent to us. At the same time many students are specially interested in Medical Astrology.

Case No. 1.

A girl, born 1.30 p.m., G.M.T., January 29, 1929, 53° N. 4° W.

At birth weighed only 14 oz. Face the size of a watch, and the limbs in proportion. Is stated to be progressing favourably.

Case No. 2.

Girl, born 4.15 a.m., G.M.T., January 20, 1928, London, England.

Almost blind with cataract within a year of birth.

Case No. 3.

Male, born 12 p.m., December 1, 1900, Falkland Islands.

Lost his arm through a fall in the machinery of the ship in which he was serving as an engineer. Age at the time, 25.

Case No. 4.

Male, born 5 a.m., January 12, 1915, Buenos Aires.

The son of a German naval officer married to a British wife.

Was destined to join the Argentine navy, but at the age of 12 cut off his first finger playing with an axe, and is consequently not eligible.

Positions :—

	☉	☽	♀	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂
1.	9.9 ☾	4.28 ☾	24.23 ☾	25.43 ☾	21.1 ☾	2.26 ☾	26.46 ♀	4.25 ☾	0.34 ☾
2.	28.52 ♀	27.3 ♀	6.10 ☾	19.18 ♀	0.48 ♀	29.28 ☾	15.30 ♀	0.14 ☾	28.13 ☾
3.	9.32 ♀	11.44 ☾	20.34 ☾	3.58 ☾	3.32 ☾	19.12 ♀	4.15 ♀	12.31 ♀	28.20 ☾
4.	20.50 ♀	3.49 ♀	24.51 ♀	7.14 ♀	15.57 ♀	24.45 ☾	27.7 ☾	10.29 ☾	29.17 ☾

House-Cusps :—

	X	XI	XII	Asc.	II	III
1.	.. .. 24½ ☾	25 ☾	15 ☾	2 ☾	18 ☾	4 ☾
2.	.. .. 2 ☾	29 ☾	19 ☾	5 ♀	10 ♀	24 ☾
3.	.. .. 12 ☾	0 ☾	18 ☾	18 ☾	17 ☾	20 ☾
4.	.. .. 16 ☾	10 ☾	16 ♀	18 ♀	11 ☾	5 ☾

AUTUMN WEATHER (GREAT BRITAIN)

By L. PROTHEROE SMITH

AT the Sun's entry into Libra, Mars and Mercury are in conjunction on the mid-heaven of London. Saturn is rising in sextile to the two bodies. Uranus holds the lower meridian, with the Sun approaching opposition. Jupiter is setting.

The prominence of Mars and Jupiter foreshadows a continuance during the autumn of the remarkable dryness which has prevailed with only temporary interruptions since the end of 1928.

Contrary to its natural character, in fact, the autumn will be very dry this year, and each of the three months comprising it may be expected to show a more or less pronounced deficiency of rain.

The season, however, although fine, is likely in general to be rather cold, on account of the angular position of Uranus and Saturn.

September (23rd-30th).—Mars and Mercury are near conjunction for a week following the ingress, and the weather should be mainly fine and dry in consequence. The effect of the position in respect of temperature is complicated by the intervention of Saturn's sextile aspect, and it is not unlikely that the usual tendency to warmth will be suppressed.

October.—The weather will be dry during October, but the month is likely to be mostly cold.

The New Moon on the 2nd falls in opposition to Uranus, and a sharp spell of cold is probable in the early part of the month. Some rain may be experienced about the 3rd or 4th (☉ ♀, ♀ 150 ♄), but usually in showers or small amounts only.

Between the 6th and 12th the Sun and Mercury are in trine to Jupiter, and the latter receives an aspect

from Mars and Venus also. Weather should be fine, sunny, and warmer.

Between the 13th and the 22nd, Mercury is close to the opposition of Uranus, while the Sun meets the sextile of Saturn and passes the radical places of Mercury and Mars at ingress. Weather will be generally dry but cold. Frost is likely to be widespread at night, and will probably be severe at times for such an early season. Conditions will be fine, however, except about the 16th, when there is likely to be some rain, and perhaps sleet or snow in places ($\text{♀} \square \text{h}$).

Venus crossing the Equator on the 23rd will give unsettled conditions about this time, and there will be further precipitations about the 27th ($\odot * \Psi$, $\text{♀} \text{♂} \text{♁}$).

At the end of the month the weather will be fine and dry ($\text{♂} \triangle \text{♂}$, $\delta \text{♂} \text{r}$).

November.—A solar eclipse on the opening day of this month shows Mars close to the Meridian, repeating its position at the Autumn Equinox. The tendency to dryness will therefore persist during the greater part of November, and rainfall is again likely to be less than the average.

Weather should be fine at the beginning of the month ($\text{♀} \triangle \text{♂}$) but there is likelihood of low temperatures at times in the first week ($\text{♂} * \text{h}$, $\odot \angle \text{h}$).

Between the 7th and 11th Venus passes the place of Mercury and Mars at ingress and meets the sextile of Saturn, and rather unsettled conditions are probable; the rainfall being, however, as a rule confined to fairly small amounts.

During most of the middle portion of the month fair weather will probably predominate, but there will be less settled conditions about the 13th–14th, when Mars opposes the place of the Moon at ingress and squares that of Venus.

Venus transiting the place of the eclipse will bring rain to all districts about the 20th, and during the ensuing week conditions are likely to assume a more definitely unsettled character.

On the 26th and 27th, Mercury and the Sun are in conjunction squaring Neptune, Mars being also closely involved. Mild, unsettled, and stormy weather is therefore probable about this time, with rain and strong winds nearly everywhere.

On the 29th-30th, the conjoined bodies pass to the trine of Uranus. Conditions will become dry with an abrupt fall of temperature; the month ending with fine, cold weather.

December.—Early in December the Sun and Mars come to conjunction on the Ascendant of the Autumn Equinox in opposition to Jupiter. Such an influence does not exhaust itself in a few days, but, owing to the similarity of motion of the Sun and Mars, persists in its effects for some considerable time.

The month will be exceptionally dry in consequence; in fact, it may well prove to be one of the driest Decembers on record.

During the first two or three days the weather should be fine and cold under the separating trines to Uranus.

The subsequent response of temperature to the Sun, Mars, and Jupiter is somewhat doubtful. As a rule it would be safe to expect unusual warmth to follow such a combination. In the present case, however, Jupiter is near the sextile of Uranus, and Saturn is squaring the place of the Sun at ingress. While, therefore, the normal rise of temperature *may* ensue, it cannot be confidently anticipated; and there is a distinct possibility that the weather, although dry, may remain cold.

About the middle of the month, as Mercury approaches Saturn, severe cold is probable, with per-

haps occasional slight falls of snow (♀ △ 𐄂); and wintry weather is likely to continue during the last week of the Quarter (♂ □ 𐄂).

REVIEWS

Langage Astral, 3rd ed., by PAUL CHOISNARD. Bibliothèque Chacornac, 11 Quai Saint-Michel, Paris. 40 francs.

This is the third edition of a standard French work on Astrology by a well-known and extremely capable writer. It is what we should call an outline of the science, but it is a very full one, and contains interesting supplementary matter, such as a list of birth-data of celebrities in which are comprised some that are of world-wide interest, e.g. those of Dreyfus.

One passage merits quotation:

"Let us never forget that in science one may only bring forward an opinion on the condition that it has been set forth in a manner both clear and verifiable, and that one is in a position to reply to the principal objections that it may raise up.

"It is for this reason that French Astrology is a good twenty years in advance of that of other countries in regard to demonstration and scientific criticism. It is the profusion of astrological writings in foreign countries that might cause misunderstanding on this point."

It is true that the French astrologers excel, as do all their countrymen, in clarity and logical exposition, and we may gladly admit this fact and welcome their special contribution to our science. But we cannot but think that one can go too far in writing always, so to speak, to please the scientific eye, which, after all, seldom condescends to peruse our writings, whatever they be. British Astrology, we contend, has made enormous advances since and because it has shaken itself free from this incubus and has developed freely in its own path. It is not by trying to please the canons of statistical science that such great discoveries as those recent ones of Symbolic Directing have been made, but by deliberately insisting that Astrology is entitled to a life of its own, apart from physics and the like. These discoveries, which immensely lessen our labours and add to our efficiency, are the work of British

Astrology, and there is no need to forget the fact without in the least depreciating the work of Commandant Choissard in its own field. On the contrary, we consider that Anglo-Saxons have much to learn from his clear-cut and objective outlook, and we can recommend his book to all who are able to read French. We should be even more pleased to see it in English.

C. E. O. C.

The Pre-Natal Epoch, by E. H. BAILEY, 10s. 6d. net.

Astrology and Birth Control, by E. H. BAILEY, 2s. 6d. net.
W. Foulsham & Co., Ltd., 10 and 11, Red Lion Court,
Fleet Street, E.C. 4.

Pre-natal epochs are very much in the air just now, and Mr. Bailey is therefore well advised to choose this moment for a second edition of his standard work on the lunar pre-natal. It is not a replica of the first edition, but has been very much altered and revised. But the author is emphatic in stating that in so doing he has not made the slightest alteration in the rules which govern the theory, which he claims have triumphantly stood the test of time. In view of criticisms of these theories in last quarter's *Astrology*, readers who are unacquainted with the system might well obtain a copy of this work and test the principle for themselves. The author explains very lucidly and in great detail all the rules governing it, and gives many examples in actual practice.

He has further strengthened his attack by publishing simultaneously a book on the astrological aspect of birth control, in which he shows very convincingly that there is a definite astrological relation between the moments of coition, conception, quickening, and birth, and makes out a plausible case for the possibility of so choosing the psychological moment for the initial act as to secure the best possible horoscope for the unborn child. Developed along such lines, nobody could accuse Astrology of being devoid of practical use in the world of to-day, and all who have the true interests of children and the future of the race at heart should make a point of reading this book and testing the theory for themselves. At the same time it is only fair to point out that nobody will be able to test it thoroughly without research work on their own account, for Mr. Bailey withholds the details of an essential link in the

chain, without which it is impossible to apply the theory for the benefit of mankind. Fortunately the book is published at a price which is within the means of everybody.

Mr. Bailey's views do not coincide with what is generally known as birth control, and he declares very strongly against the limitation of families. "It is a deliberate attempt to clog the wheel of human destiny," he says, "and hinder souls of their chance of evolution, by depriving them of the physical vehicles necessary for their spiritual growth." But it is difficult to reconcile the practical and ethical sides of his book. He definitely states his belief in reincarnation and karma. Under such belief it is generally understood that our maps are the results of past lives, that the afflictions are the unescapable effects of our past misdeeds. One readily agrees with Mr. Bailey that it is impossible to tamper with natural laws without incurring widespread consequences, but surely in carrying out his theories we should be depriving those souls whose past demanded a badly afflicted horoscope of their physical vehicles. Or else we are acting very selfishly by securing all the well-mapped children for ourselves and leaving all the duds for those people who lack the common sense to turn to Astrology when choosing their children! In his theories Mr. Bailey appears to subscribe to the karma doctrine, but in practical matters assumes that the stars are the cause of everything. It would be interesting to hear how he reconciles the two opposing schools of thought.

But this is all theorising, and our author's sphere would appear to be mathematical facts rather than abstract thought. In these realms he is very enlightening, and if his discoveries stand the test of time they should prove of much value in human affairs. One does not find the lunar epoch much used in the world of astrology, largely, perhaps, because in its pure form it is not of any practical use in correcting birth times, since its author does not permit it to alter the time by more than five minutes, which is already exact enough for the average student. But the facts which he advances in his book on birth control should bring it more into the realms of practical politics, whilst the further theories which he has included at the end of his new edition of his standard work show how the epoch can be used to arrive at a correct birth time even when it is absolutely unknown.

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CORRESPONDENCE

THE EDITOR, *Astrology*.

DEAR SIR,

Your article on "The Astrology of Success" in the March number is the kind of research work which is badly needed to test and sift the astrological traditions which have been handed down from one text-book to another—traditions which to a great extent were established before Uranus and Neptune could be taken into account. Although, as you say, your material was admittedly insufficient to allow of your findings being taken as absolutely conclusive, yet they are eminently valuable in that they afford a sound basis for further investigation.

Some of the conclusions you arrive at are startling; others, although contrary to received opinion, lend themselves to an explanation.

For instance, besides the reasons you give for Aquarius on the ascendant and Sun in Aquarius being favourable to success, there may be this other one, that the world has entered upon the Aquarian Age, and therefore the cosmic vibrations act particularly on natives of this sign, bringing them into prominence.

The Sun may be weak in Aquarius (which fact sometimes shows out as weak sight), but it is certainly not weak in the Eleventh House of the horoscope, which has affinity with the 11th sign. It has always seemed to me that house-position and aspects count for more than sign-position; and we find this borne out by the fact that great men and women have been born at all times of the year.

The successful nature of Scorpio is more difficult to account for, it being a fixed, negative, and inconjunct sign, and one that is generally considered none too fortunate. Yet I have seen it stated recently in an American magazine that the sign Scorpio has given the U.S.A. more presidents than any other. Could this be due to prominent fixed stars in the sign?

Also, I incline to the opinion (wherein I differ from Mr. Gross, who gives the planet *Pluto* to the sign Leo) that this hypothetical body has rulership over Scorpio.

Perhaps other readers may be able to throw more light on this point.

That the Twelfth House is not an undesirable position for

Sun or Moon I have found borne out in my own experience. In two cases of successful lives that I know of the Sun was so placed; but the early years were difficult and obscure. When, however, the Sun by progression had arrived in the Eleventh, marked progress was made. Any body in the Twelfth is bound to gain in power as the life advances, on account of its moving towards the Midheaven.

Here was a startling statement: "Bodies in the Midheaven not very influential"! If this is so—and I am not disposed to dispute it—we must indeed revise our text-books. It would also be interesting if the Editor would give us a few horoscopes by way of illustration of successful people born with Saturn rising. A strong, unafflicted Saturn in the asc. would no doubt give "an old head on young shoulders," love of work, sense of duty, power to take responsibilities, carefulness in expenditure, and steady habits of life—all traits that make for success. But I cannot imagine that a weak and afflicted Saturn rising would be anything but a handicap.

Then again—Moon in Taurus unfavourable? Possibly this might be explained in the same way as Jupiter in M.C., that it gives ease rather than attainment.

In some cases I have found this position to bring with it an indolent, ease-loving nature—endowed nevertheless with a shrewd perception of the value of money and making careful provision for all physical needs.

I hope that other readers may have comments to offer on this very interesting article.

REGULUS.

[NOTE BY EDITOR.—*I do not think these are the words used. There can be little doubt, I think, that a body in the M.C. is very influential. But as there are at least as many technically malefic planets as benefics, bodies in the M.C. need not be influential for success. My statistics merely tended to show that it is not a good thing in itself to have planets in the M.C., irrespective of their nature.*

Surely a weak and afflicted Jupiter in the Asc. would not make for success? It would indicate waste and carelessness. As instances of successes with Saturn rising I may give Goethe, Lord Brougham, Alan Leo, Dr. Berry, Dante, and Francis Bacon (these seem certain), Ruskin, Abraham Lincoln (I believe this is authentic), Sir Humphrey Davy.

Of course, the influence of the planet is shown in the lives of most, if not all of them, very obviously and not always kindly. But the fact remains that they were all successful, each in his way.]

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THE EDITOR, *Astrology*.

DEAR MR. CARTER,

Can you clear this up for me? What values are to be placed upon the planetary significators and the houses respectively in judging a particular condition?

For instance, a man has good planets well aspected in the 7th, but his Venus is afflicted.

In some cases where there are many conflicting tendencies, which configuration determines the *final* outcome of the battle that is sure to ensue?

This question was brought up by a student who dived in the study of Astrology for several years, but finally gave it up, because, as he stated, he could show in any chart that a certain result or condition would take place, by giving consideration to significators, house rulers, sign positions, and house positions.

What he really meant was that we have so many factors that *any* condition in human life could be read in *any* chart.

Yours truly,

DAVID JAMES LLOYD.

[NOTE BY EDITOR.—*I have constantly stressed this point, and am glad that Mr. Lloyd has brought it up so clearly. The modern tendency to introduce more and more maps and other factors makes the problem yet more acute. All are invited to express their views on the question.*]

GREEN END,
3, CRAVEN ROAD.
READING, BERKS.
July 23, 1929.

THE EDITOR, *Astrology*.

DEAR SIR,

Can you inform me if there is any authority, other than tradition, for the statement that England is under Aries?

I have long been puzzled by the fact that English people

as I know them are not in the least Arietic or Martian for the most part. They have, to my mind, Jupiterian, Sagittarian, and Piscean characteristics, and I offer the following facts to support this hypothesis.

- (a) The Government official "broad arrow."
- (b) The famous longbowmen of England.
- (c) The love of the upper classes for hunting and cricket (♂); of the lower for animals and football (♂); of both for horse-racing (♂ and ♂).
- (d) "A true-born Englishman is . . . a man akin to all the universe."—DANIEL DEFOE (♂).
- (e) ". . . our national weakness for taking the easiest way till the last possible moment, sooner than inconvenience ourselves or our neighbours.—RUDYARD KIPLING (♂ and ♂ for different reasons).
- (f) "The English are a nation of shop-keepers" (24). In Elizabeth's time, at any rate, we preferred to call ourselves merchant-adventurers (24 ♂).
- (g) A first-class naval power must surely have something to do with a watery sign?
- (h) Points from horoscopes of famous English men and women.

(1) *Sagittarius Rising*.—Queen Elizabeth, N.N. 552, with Jupiter therein; King Edward VII, N.N. 2 (surely the most popular of English kings and queens?); Shelley, N.N. 73; Coleridge, N.N. 101; Milton, M.A. July, 1921; Herbert Spencer, N.N. 249.

(2) *Sagittarius M.C.*—Prince of Wales, N.N. 116; Princess Victoria, N.N. 45; Princess Charlotte, N.N. 185; Queen of Spain (Princess Ena), N.N. 305; Lords French, M.A. February 1920; Wolseley, N.N. 743; Salisbury, N.N. 788; Rosebery, N.N. 767; Roberts, N.N. 961; and Lansdowne, N.N. 842; Ruskin, N.N. 637; Rupert Brooke, M.A. May 1919; Sir Robert Baden-Powell, N.N. 837; Eustace Miles, N.N. 884; William Lilly, M.A. 617.

If the nativity of Cromwell, N.N. 68, is correct, he should be included here. The M.C. is given as Scorpio 30, the Asc. as Capricorn 26, but from my personal knowledge of one branch of his descendants, and also from his portraits, I judge him to have the first face of Aquarius rising, which makes the M.C. Sagittarius without a manner of doubt.

(3) *Sun in Sagittarius*.—Charles I, N.N. 614; The Duke of York, N.N. 117; Prince George, N.N. 169; Henry VI, N.N. 447; Blake, N.N. 195; Milton, M.A. July 1921; Sir Humphrey Davy, N.N. 703; Sir William Orpen, 27. xi. 78; Winston Churchill, N.N. 911; Chief Justice Coleridge, N.N. 967; Sir William Allan, N.N. 754.

Here should also be noted those not of English nationality who nevertheless made their home and fortune in England, and loved and were beloved by the English: Queen Alexandra, N.N. 415; Joseph Conrad, December 6, 1857; Disraeli, N.N. 737.

(4) *Jupiter in Sagittarius*.—Queen Elizabeth, N.N. 552; King George V, N.N. 114; Prince Henry, N.N. 119; Duchess of York, M.A. June 1923; Duke of Buckingham, N.N. 607; Princess Mary's second son, M.A. October 1924; Lord Fisher, M.A. September 1920; Sir Joshua Reynolds, N.N. 239; Cecil Rhodes, N.N. 318; Lord Northcliffe, N.N. 773; Culpeper, N.N. 14; Blake, N.N. 195; Lily Langtry, N.N. 174.

(5) *Jupiter Rising*.—Queen Elizabeth, N.N. 552; Princess Mary, N.N. 118; Her eldest son, M.A. April 1923; Princess Elizabeth, M.A. June 1926; Lord Acton, N.N. 780; George Crabbe, N.N. 692.

(6) *Jupiter M.C.*—Henry VIII, N.N. 495; George III, N.N. 730; Queen Victoria, N.N. 50; Duke of York, N.N. 117; Earl of Strafford, N.N. 814; A. J. Balfour, N.N. 161 (only just!) Sir E. Shackleton, M.A. March 1922; Rider Haggard, M.A. July, 1925.

(7) *Other Planets in Sagittarius*.—Dickens, N.N. 102, ♃ ♀; Kipling, N.N. 990, ♀ ♀ ♂; Sir Isaac Newton, N.N. 739, ♀ ♀; John Lambert, N.N. 641, ♂; Sir William Allan, N.N. 754, ☉ ♀ ♂; Earl of Essex, 584, ♂ ♀; Second Earl Grey, N.N. 182, ♂; Lord Curzon, M.A. April 1925, ♀; Gladstone, N.N. 29, ♀ ♀ ♀; James I, N.N. 97, ♀; James II, N.N. 652, ♀.

A note here on the Stuarts. They all have Sagittarius intercepted in the fourth house, instead of on the M.C., and none of them except Charles I are markedly Sagittarian. Was this why we had to get rid of them? As regards James II with his Saturn here, note that the unhappy queen, Mary I, also had this position, N.N. 532. Dutch William, on the other hand, though he was personally unpopular, had ♀ ♀ ♀ in Sagittarius (N.N. 658), and he came to stay.

(8) *Pisces Rising*.—As might have been expected, there are

not so many notabilities for Pisces. However, we have Lord Roberts, N.N. 961; Sir Arnold Lunn, of the famous tours, N.N. 995; Marie Peary, N.N. 909; Lord Rosebery, N.N. 767; William Lilly, N.N. 617; Queen Ena, N.N. 305.

(9) *Pisces, M.C.*—Kipling, N.N. 990; Asquith, N.N. 993; John Bright, N.N. 710; Swinburne, N.N. 968; Huxley, N.N. 51; Dr. Jane Walker, M.A. October 1919.

(10) *Sun in Pisces.*—Sir Henry Wood, N.N. 726; Sir R. Burton, N.N. 356; Dr. Richard Garnett, N.N. 308; Lionel Tennyson, N.N. 134; Leonard Merrick, February 21, 1864; W. J. Locke, March 20, 1863; W. L. George, March 20, 1882.

(11) *Jupiter in Pisces.*—Stanley Baldwin, M.A. November 1925; Sir Isaac Newton, N.N. 739; Vincent Wing, N.N. 630; Queen Mary, N.N. 115; Herbert Spencer, N.N. 249; Tom Mann, N.N. 387; Sir Isaac Newton, N.N. 739.

(12) *Other Planets in Pisces.*—Viscount Grey, M.A. June 1922, ♀ ♃; Sir William Robertson, N.N. 745, ♀ ♀.

(13) *Exceptions.*—The Tennysons, Alfred and Hallam, N.N. 156 and 123. Lord Tennyson has Jupiter in Aries, but Hallam Tennyson has no planets in Aries, or in Capricorn, and Mars is in his detriment, Libra. George IV, N.N. 612; "Died unregretted," as Green puts it mildly in his *History of the English People*. Edward VI, 557, "Everything was against him," as York Powell says. Thomas Wentworth, Earl of Strafford, N.N. 608. We all know how the King of England served him.

I apologise for the length of this letter, but if there is any truth in the suggestions put forward, half the notes written on national events must start from a false basis, and it would be a pity for this to continue.

Yours very truly,
BEATRICE SAXON SNELL, M.A.

COMPETITION

THIS appeared in our Summer issue, in the following terms:—

A lady was born on January 20, 1899, at 10.35 p.m., local time, near Warsaw, in Poland.

What happened in regard to her, or what was she doing or undergoing, at about 11 a.m. local standard time (Poland) on October 14, 1928?

Supposing you had been required to make a general prognostication with respect to her destiny on that day, what would you have said?

The positions are:—

Asc. 6.20 \simeq ; M.C. 8.16 \simeq ; \odot 0.40 \simeq ; J 26.28;
 M 8.34 V ; M 15.54 J ; J 27.57 \simeq ; U 8.26 M ;
 H 19.47 J ; H 6.53 J ; Ψ 22.26 II .

The answer may be given in the words of the gentleman (an officer of high rank in the Navy of one of our allies in the Great War) who imparted the particulars and is the husband of the native of the horoscope.

"The accident occurred to my wife through her own fault, owing to some mistake in handling the gas-burner in the bathroom, and letting the gas, unlighted, flow freely without noticing it. I found her unconscious; and for three hours she was delirious and practically blind, as the brain and optic nerves were affected by the poison. She recovered completely only a fortnight later, as the gas poisoning brought forth gastric and bilious complaints."

The lady's age at the time of the accident was 29 years, 267 days, which, by the one-degree measure, is $29^{\circ} 44'$. This brings Mars past the square of the Moon, but Mercury is square Jupiter in Scorpio almost exact. Uranus square the asc. is almost exact also, being near radical Mercury, which accounts for the delirium.

The Naronic ($\frac{30}{5}$) Measure gives Jupiter opp. Moon, Saturn near Mercury, Mercury going to opp. Mars, and several directions of an evil character but not sufficiently close to have a direct effect.

The Duodenary Measure for this age is $74^{\circ} 20'$, being the one-degree measure divided by 2 and multiplied by 5. Here we have Asc. conj. Saturn and going to opp. Neptune, Jupiter quincunx Neptune, Mercury sq. Neptune, Neptune sq. Uranus.

These last directions, which include four evil Neptunian contacts, seem to be the most characteristic, ut readers of *Symbolic Directing* will notice several additional directions of importance, including those by the sub-duodenary and death measures.

The Primary Directions are Asc. sq. Mars and going to sq. Sun, whilst the cusps of 6th and 8th have significant afflictions. The Secondaries are weak and of little value.

Several attempted solutions were forthcoming, though I would have liked to see more, especially from those who claim so persistently that secondary directions and transits are all that are required.

These attempts illustrate the difficulties of Astrology, in its present state. Without exception all competitors fixed on the 3rd house afflictions, and prognosticated trouble on journeys, changes in mental conditions, crucial experiences in philosophic development, and so forth. Now, of course, in actuality the 3rd house was mainly affected through the lungs and nervous system; and it seems to me simply bad luck that none of the competitors selected this aspect of the house, whilst nearly all the other sides of its action were mentioned by one or other student. However, astrologers should not be dependent on luck, and I would be glad if all who have horoscopes of asphyxiation would send them in, so that a detailed study of the subject may be made and published for future guidance. I do not quite agree with one competitor, Mrs. Kennison of Cambridge, Massachusetts, that "nowadays living

is too complex a process to make *precise* prognostication possible." It may be so; but I feel that we need not adopt this conclusion until we have tried much harder than we yet have done to register the special signifiers of particular conditions.

All competitors were correct in prognosticating something of an unpleasant nature, and most of them were in part right. For example, Mrs. Kennison was right in speaking of poison, and right in a sense in mentioning suicide, for it *was* due to the lady's own oversight.

The moral seems, perhaps, to be that planets are more important than either signs or houses. To help this lady it would have been necessary to specify *gas* as the source of danger. To have told her only to watch over her respiratory and nervous system would *probably* have been of no use. Had competitors noted the evil duodenary aspects of Neptune they would probably have mentioned danger from water, poisons, and gas; and all three might have easily directed the attention of a vigilant person to geysers as being instruments connected with baths and also gas. The cadent houses and mutable signs were certainly involved—but only in a secondary way.

It is most fortunate that her husband was able to help her, for the Sun and lord of the 7th are neither particularly strong. But Sun duodenary was in the 7th trine Venus, lord 1st and 8th.

On the whole I feel that the prize can scarcely be awarded, though I do not think that results are in the least discouraging; they should rather incite us to further investigation, for in its present state we are tempted to think that Astrology often *just falls short* of what is necessary to make it immensely useful to mankind. A very little more knowledge would make an enormous difference.

I propose, therefore, to *double the prize* for the next Competition, which will be awarded for the best paper, of about ten pages' length, on:—

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Having a weak Saturn myself, I often feel that I am not just to the signs it rules, and it will be of special interest to me to hear what others think of Capricorn, particularly with respect to its oft-alleged selfishness.

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