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An Astrological Convention

UNDER the highly significant influence of a stationary Jupiter in Sagittarius, in aspect to the astrological areas in Leo-Aquarius, history will be made at Easter, 1936, when a Convention of British astrologers will meet at Harrogate. This important work has been arranged by Mr. H. Hosking Burnell, and it is expected that a number of leading astrologers will be present. Lectures will be delivered by Mr. Maurice Wemyss, Mr. E. H. Bailey, Mrs. A. S. Hurren, Mrs. Rhodes, Mr. W. J. Tucker, Mr. P. J. Harwood, and myself.

I am not aware that any such gathering has ever before met in England; it may become an annual event, for enthusiasm is not lacking and the spirit of harmonious co-operation is abroad as never before. It is true that there are many differences of opinion on technical matters, but there is no diversity amongst us on the supreme facts of our belief—or rather knowledge—of the basic truth of astrology and of our faith that our science, properly understood, can and should occupy a place of the highest dignity in human culture.

All inquiries should be directed to Mr. Burnell, and for further details readers are referred to our advertisement pages.

Additional information will appear in our March issue and a report of the proceedings will ensue in the summer number.

The War

After much bickering the war began on October 4th, when Mars was in opposition to Mussolini's Mars and

in square to the Negus' Saturn. There seems to have been some doubt as to the dictator's birthplace, hence the error in my last Editorial, when, using a map of unknown origin in my collection, I spoke of Neptune being in transit over the M.C. This would appear to be about 3 Virgo, so that the transit in question has long passed.

In *L'Astrosophie* it is stated that the Emperor of Abyssinia was born on July 17, 1891, "and the bells were still ringing at noon," so that an ascendant of Libra is probable.¹ The planetary places are:

☉ 25 ♊, ☽ 0½ ♋, ♀ 6 ♎, ♀ 7½ ♊, ♂ 28½ ♊, ♃ 18 ♋ S.R.,
 ♅ 14 ♌, ♄ 27½ ♋ S.D., ♀ 8 ♋, PL 8 ♋, Nodes 3 ♋ ♋

This is not a fortunate map by any means, nor are the directions happy. The Sun is semi-square Neptune and Pluto at birth, and these planets have now come, by one-degree progression, to the Sun's radical place, whilst Mars, similarly in semi-square to Saturn, has reached the radical place of that planet. Saturn is also conjunction Uranus.

One would not expect good directions in the circumstances, but these are uncommonly critical.

On the other hand, in speaking of the strength of Mussolini's natus in the last issue, I omitted to mention that the Sun and Mercury are in very close semi-square to Uranus and are also, for what it may be worth, in square to the Moon's nodes. If the M.C. is 3 Virgo or thereabouts, he has also the hypothetical *Isis*, the planet of many changes, on the nadir and this would be most characteristic of his life.

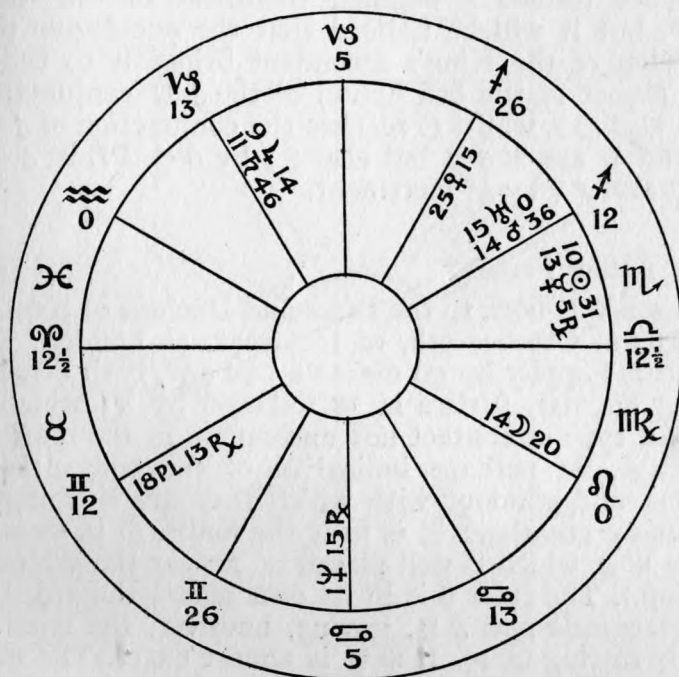
The Dionne Babies

I have received a letter from the *Toronto Star*, forwarded by a correspondent, in which these children are reported as having been born between 4.30 a.m. and 5 a.m. on May 28, 1934.

¹ I have written to the editor for information as to the reliability of these dates but have received no reply. In view of other dates having been published, the matter must be regarded as uncertain.

The Tragedy of the Queen of the Belgians

So many unhappy conditions have arisen during the last few months that this sad event has already almost faded from the popular mind, but it calls for comment, being in fact a wonderful demonstration of astrologic truth. King Leopold was born at 3.15 p.m. G.M.T., November 3, 1901, at Brussels, and the map, erected with Campanus cusps, is given below:



LEOPOLD III, KING OF BELGIUM

(Cusps according to Campanus)

3.15 p.m. G.M.T., November 3, 1901, Brussels. 50° N. 51', geographical latitude. 50° N. 39½', geocentric latitude. 4° E. 22'.

♂ ♀ ♀ in the 8th is eloquent of tragedy, and as the ♀ is in ♀, foreign countries are shown as the scene of disaster, as well as travelling in some form. Motoring undertaken for pleasure or exploration comes under ♀ rather than ♀, which refers to routine journeying.

One might have hopes that the trine of ♃ would have mitigated the blow, but ♃ seems rather to have been itself dragged, as significatrix of the home and the emotions (4th and 5th houses), into the catastrophic oppositions. ♀ is also just within orbs of this configuration. The accident happened on August 29th of this year near Kussnacht, and the queen was born at Stockholm on November 17, 1905.

Space forbids a detailed treatment of the whole case, but it will be noticed that the one-degree progression of the King's ascendant brings it to the ♄ (an aspect of the 8th house) of the ♀-♄ conjunction, and also ☐ ♄, whilst ☉ reaches the conjunction of ♀-♄. ♃ and ♀ are * ♀ ♄ but also ♀ ♄ by o-d. PL is ☌ 3rd cusp and ♀ ♀ by $\frac{1}{4}^\circ$ increment.

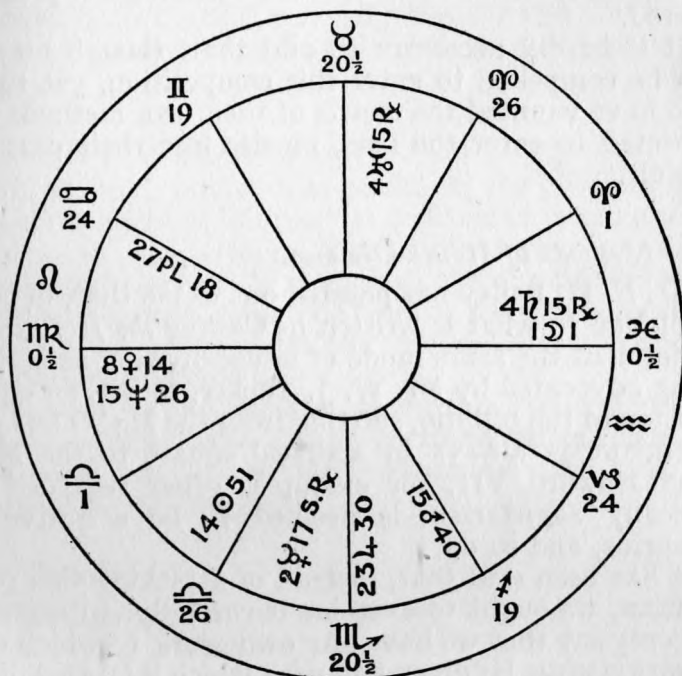
The Young Prince

A son was born to the Duke and Duchess of Kent at 2.05 a.m., October 9th, of this year, at London. The natus is happily by no means a bad one, both benefics being angular. ♀ rises in ♏ followed by ♀, which is ☐ ♄, a type of contact not uncommon in the maps of royalty and perhaps indicative of the conventional drama and glamour with which they are surrounded on many occasions. ♃ is near the nadir. ☉ in ♎ is in close * ♄, which is well placed in ♏ near the 5th cusp (Camp.). The ruler ♀ is in its own house, the 3rd, but is retrograde and ♀ ♄, having, however, the trine of ♄ ☌ ♀ setting in ♏. ♀ * ♄ is almost exact. The map shows some eccentricity, self-will, and irritability, due to the great liability to auto-toxic conditions, and ♄ ☌ ♀ does not favour great vitality in youth, despite ☉ * ♄, which will tell in mature years. However, an attractive and gifted personality is probable with a good deal of shyness and a tendency to seek retirement rather than publicity. The artistic tastes of his royal parents will be inherited in a marked degree. The ascending degree has an uncommon number of aspectual contacts, and this I believe to denote a person of many parts and rather complex character.

Indian Astrology—A Directional Test

I print in this issue the paper of Mr. Hiralal M. Poojara, which, within the limits prescribed, gives some useful ideas on the subject of Hindu astrology. I have also an excellent paper by Mr. George C. Nixon, which I hope to use.

As regards a directional test, I propose three periods out of my own life, viz. the years 1906, 1909, and 1925,



NATUS OF THE SON OF THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF KENT

(Cusps according to Campanus)

2.5 a.m., G.M.T., October 9, 1935, Belgrave Square, London. 51° N. $30'$, geographical latitude, 51° N. $18\frac{1}{2}'$, geocentric latitude. 0° W. $9'$.

in regard to which I have never, I think, published any information. I was born at 10.55 p.m. G.M.T., January 31, 1887, $50^{\circ} 43\frac{1}{2}'$ N., $1^{\circ} 57'$ W. The time has been rectified by Mr. G. H. Bailey to 10 hrs. 57m. 47s. G.M.T.

The object being to compare, as far as possible, the virtues of specific directional systems, the competitors should state what system they have used, or, if they used a private one, they should say so, without necessarily divulging its character.

As far as possible, clarity and precision should be aimed at.

Results should reach me by February 1, 1936, and as the object is scientific investigation, no prize is offered.

It is hardly necessary to add that, though no one can be compelled to enter this competition, yet those who have vaunted the merits of their own methods are expected to enter the lists, or else lose their case by default.

New Methods of House-Division

Mr. E. H. Bailey has pointed out to me that, in contradiction to what is written in *Casting the Horoscope*, Zariel used the same mode of house-division as is now being advocated by Mr. W. J. Tucker, to wit, an equal division of the ecliptic, starting from the M.C. Thus the ascendant is always in zodiacal square to the M.C. King Edward VII, for example, often regarded as typically Sagittarian, is deemed to be a native of Aquarius, and so on.

It has been said that, instead of attacking this proposition, we ought to examine it carefully. In reply, I can only say that we have our own work to which our attention must be given and with which it is often difficult to cope adequately. Thus we cannot re-examine problems long since settled to our own satisfaction and that of 99 per cent of our fellows, and devote our time to every novel thesis that is put forward. Rather it is the duty of the proposer to bring forward the proofs, when, as now, the proposition is at variance with every responsible astrological teaching from Ptolemy onwards—and, in fact, from long before his time.

Both in the East and the West the ascendant has always been the point whereat the east horizon is cut

by the ecliptic, and this has also always been regarded as the cusp of the 1st house. But in the Zariel method the horizon, which is surely the obvious and natural prime bisector of the ecliptic, ceases to have any significance at all.

I may add that it is far from my intention to make any personal attack on those who use this method, for personalities are neither here nor there. Nevertheless, the same freedom of speech which others enjoy I claim for myself also, and I can only characterise the Zariel scheme in the words that I used in the September issue.

An Astrological Lodge of Sheffield

Mr. Wilfred James, who writes in the *Sheffield Star* under the name of "Ortus," is desirous of hearing from all who are prepared to help in the formation of an astrological association in Sheffield, to be affiliated with the Astrological Lodge of London. Letters should be sent to him c/o Messrs. White, Walker & Co., Corporation Street, Sheffield 3.

Needless to say, we wish this project every success and hope that other large northern cities, such as Liverpool and Leeds, may follow in the wake of Sheffield in this respect.

The Quarterly

With this issue we close our 9th volume. Judged from a journalistic and financial point of view the venture that began in 1926 can scarcely be regarded as a success. Happily such considerations were not in our mind when the magazine was begun. To win a large circulation for an astrological publication it is, I believe, necessary to publish much that is nauseating to a true astrologer and detrimental to true astrology. The desire of the Committee of the Lodge, when the Quarterly began, was simply to make available to the general public a selection of the many excellent lectures which were given at the Lodge and were destined, apart from some such medium, to sink into permanent

oblivion. From that central idea others have germinated and now the Quarterly endeavours to stand for *a certain conception of astrology and its true nature and place in human thought*. To do this adequately is doubtless beyond our powers, but we can do our best.

CHARLES E. O. CARTER

NOTE

The paper on "The Religious Impulse" is held over for lack of space, but should appear in the next issue.

NATIONAL ASTROLOGY

By MRS. J. NORMAN RHODES

WE are now drawing near to the end of one of the most critical years in history, and the decisions taken now by all the governing bodies will have far-reaching effects, either for preserving peace and the resultant progress, growth, and prosperity of nations, or warfare, chaos, and the ultimate break-up of civilisation. Fortunately, the chances for peace and prosperity are in the ascendant, as we shall see.

The constant upheaval the earth has been subjected to this year by seven eclipses has affected people as well as the physical body of the earth itself, setting up a state of tension and strain which has ended in war. The last time seven eclipses occurred was in 1823, when fundamental changes in our economic system, which have lasted with modifications till the present time, were brought about.

In both cases the concurrence of these phenomena marked a time of extreme difficulty, preceding drastic changes in our methods of life. Now, with the added influence of ♄ in 8, we are on the verge of another financial readjustment, which will entirely alter all trading and commerce between nations. For it is now fully recognised that no nation can live to itself; rather it is seen that each has become increasingly dependent upon others.

The unfortunate war in Abyssinia now in being, in

spite of Great Britain's and France's efforts for peace, will eventually have the effect of bringing about these fundamental changes in the economic sphere far more rapidly. For this dispute has brought into the open the acute need for a redistribution of raw materials, a prime necessity of all nations. When the deliberations on warfare and sanctions are over at Geneva—and even now there are signs of these ceasing—the first task of a *reconstructed* League of Nations will be to bring order out of chaos in devising means for the better interchange of commodities, more in keeping with the present needs of an increasing population.

Before dipping into the future there are a few items of astrological interest worth noting, inasmuch as they show the effect of the planetary bodies and their positions upon human beings.

The solar eclipse of July 29th, ☐♄, was situated in the 11th house of the London figure, with ♄ in the 8th, the house of death. In the last Quarterly mention was made of this as signifying the death of politicians and prominent men. Unfortunately, since that time there has been a loss of many public men. For instance, Lord Bridgeman, chairman of the B.B.C., and Sir Basil Blackett, well-known financial expert to the Government on Indian affairs, whose birth positions accord well with his great interest in economics, as he had a satellitium in ♄ as well as in ♀, also ☽ and ♄ in ♎—a grand trine in Earth. His data are January 8th, 1882, Nottingham, the hour not known, though many things point to ♄ rising, bringing ☉♂ and ♀♂ into the 10th house and indicating his splendid work for India.

Other prominent men who died recently are Lord Sysonby (King's Privy Purse), Lord Carson, Mr. Arthur Henderson, and many others, including Wiley Post, Will Rogers, and Senator Huey Long, of U.S.A., and Lord Morris, of Newfoundland. The luminaries afflicted in ♏ seemed to point to many important and well-placed persons losing their life at this time. Thus we have examples of the continued effect of an eclipse. There is still another eclipse to come on December 25th, of which more later.

The striking speech made by Sir Samuel Hoare at Geneva in September was delivered when $\odot * \mathcal{L}$ was in force. That speech and the strong lead taken by Britain were the means of galvanising to life an almost moribund League of Nations, which from now onwards will take an even greater part in the forces making for peace and reconstruction. But not in its present state, for before long a new council will be formed, more elastic in design and more able to cope with the present world troubles; one in which all nations can confer, plan, and work for a real lasting and stable world-state. When that day arrives let us hope the new League will start with a better map than that of the present one.

The most helpful transit this quarter is $\mathcal{L} \uparrow$ strong in its own sign, falling in the 6th house of the League map and $\Delta \mathcal{L}$ and $\Psi \Omega$ in the 2nd house during December and January. This is reinforced by the secondary \mathcal{D} p. to γ , reaching the 10th house, and also $\Delta \mathcal{L} \Psi \Omega$ in April.

These transits and aspects affecting the 6th and 2nd houses show plainly that the matters discussed will be economic, having for their object a better arrangement for food supplies, which in turn will benefit employment and trade.

After a round of 12 years \mathcal{L} again returns to its own sign \uparrow on November 9th, and it will stay there till December 1, 1936. This strong position of \mathcal{L} usually helps to expand all trading between nations and makes for success and prosperity. Shipping should benefit, and during the year there will be much activity in the shipyards, again making more employment. Overseas travel will increase.

Unfortunately \mathcal{L} will not have unlimited sway, as at different times this year and next it meets the \square of \mathfrak{h} and of Ψ , indicating that the promises held out will not be fulfilled in every case. It meets the first contact November 25th-26th, soon after sanctions come into force, which shows plainly that all commerce and trading will be hampered and held up in some directions, thus causing difficulty in handling supplies.

Another explanation of the probable effect of these squares can be seen in more taxation to meet the heavy expenditure on armaments and ships. At times, when Ψ in m —towards the end of January and July—is drawn into adverse contact with h and q , with h in March and October, there will be privation, illness, and shortage of food, and failure of crops. Italy and Germany will be the most noted sufferers at these times. Thus war brings misery in its train.

There will be confusion in the Labour and Socialist camps, both in England and in France, also much discontent and contention against those in control.

The change over from December 2nd to December 5th for the Naval Conference, at which the Great Powers will discuss future agreements, brings about a slight variation in the planetary arrangement, but fortunately the configuration is not very different from the previous date, as $\odot \uparrow 12$, $\text{q} \uparrow 6$, and $\text{g} \uparrow 9$ are still sufficiently close to form a conjunction. This trio in \uparrow should be a great factor in the final decision arrived at, making for unity of purpose and desire.

At noon \approx rises, f is still in \approx and therefore strong, g is exalted in v , and he is as ruler of the 2nd house, with $\text{d} \text{ v } 11$ not far from the 2nd house, Δ to the triad in the 9th–10th, I take it we can see in this configuration an all round expansion of capital ships and cruisers, with the necessary expenditure forthcoming.

Even so, there should be a sound agreement in accord with the desires of all the Governments concerned. Fortunately the three planets in \uparrow have passed $\square \text{ h } \times$, so there should not be delay in coming to a decision. Since this was written the date has again been changed, invalidating much of the above, and it is possible that there may be yet another alteration in the time.

Thus three planets are strong by sign position—an added factor for good. December 2nd, too, would be a good time to discuss peace measures for Abyssinia. December 9th to 14th shows a time of great strain and

tension; bad feeling will run high; some strikes are possible. We must hope it will not be a coal strike.

♂ ♀ 1.48, ☐ ♄ 8 1.48 on December 9th suggests accidents in the air, and also fires. This highly inflammable aspect will be followed by ♂ ♀ 6°, which opposes the eclipse degree of July 29th; it is just possible there will be a fresh outburst of fighting in Abyssinia; and it may be that, instead of retiring, the Abyssinians will now defend their positions. ♀ rules Abyssinia and ♂ passing through the sign will fire the natives to battle. This period will be the crucial point of the war.

Soon after there are chances of a settlement being reached, more especially during mid-January, when ♄ and ♀ are conjoined in ♈, but even then negotiations will hang fire, as unfortunately soon after January 25th ♂ reaches ♈ ♄. That in itself indicates a danger-spot, so hostilities may break out again.

This will be followed by ♂ ♄ ☐ ♄ ♈ ♂ ♄ ♄ early in February—a time of indecision and intrigue. Governments meet with opposition, there will be misunderstandings at home and abroad.

Yet in spite of many vicissitudes there are a few gleams of hope ahead, as both the winter solstice map of December 22nd and the annular eclipse of the ☉ on December 25th give strong indication of great forward movements, in fact a time of adventure and experiment with renewed life and energy in the new National Government to carry out its task of building up secure defences and set in working order the big social programme urgently needed and planned.

The ☉ as ruler of the solstice map is close to the cusp of the 6th house and is ♄ ♄ 8 1.42 in the 10th, ♈ ♄; ♄ and ♄ are also in the 6th house, denoting that the "services" will have much attention paid them.

There will be great activity in aviation, both for civil and military purposes. The entirely new type of aircraft designed for Atlantic air mail service and to be ready for experimental flights next year, is one instance of the way these good aspects to ♄ will work. At the time of announcement ♂ ♄ ♄ was in force. There will be more employment in every department,

and the depressed areas at last will get a chance of being dealt with effectively. Other good points in the map are $\text{h} * \text{♀}$, $\text{♂} * \text{♄}$, and $\text{h} * \text{♁}$. Early in January the problem of the coal industry will come up for serious consideration. There will be a great effort made once and for all to put this difficult yet vital trade on a sound basis. Possibly the plans will be of a national character, but in any case some new untried scheme will be devised in order to satisfy both workers and owners.

The annular eclipse of the \odot , December 25th, at 5.50 p.m. G.M.T., shows (at London) $\text{♊} 27$ ascendant, with PL $\text{♊} 27$ exactly rising. We should have some particular evidence at this time as to the way this planet works. If, as some think, he rules material wealth, then, as already forecast, the monetary system will be overhauled, and also raw materials, which are potential wealth, will be in the thoughts of leading men with a view to better distribution of the earth's supply.

This figure is similar to the solstice map in that the \odot and also $\text{♊} 3.1$ are situated in the 6th house (London) in close trine to $\text{♁} 8 1.40$ in the 10th. Both these figures help Parliament to transact business and proceed with their task of finding employment. Their efforts will meet with success. At this period there should be as well a wider world-movement for settling disputes and also for trading agreements.

To refer to ♄ in ♁ again: not only is it positive and strong, but it so happens that it is in trine aspect to the \odot in the maps of several of the chief parties concerned in the Italian-Abyssinian struggle. Mussolini has his $\odot \text{♌}$ and also the Emperor of Abyssinia; for July 24, 1891, as stated by Whitaker's Almanac, seems now to be the final word on his birth date. ♄ will be in trine to the King's rising sign and in \triangle to Mr. Baldwin's $\odot \text{♌}$.

May it not be that these more harmonious vibrations will have effect in a better understanding, and a desire to arrive at some conclusion for the cessation of hostilities? On January 15th ♀ and ♄ are conjoined in ♁ , giving one more note of peace. This is a most

benefic influence which should have a conciliatory effect.

Although ♄ will be good for Mussolini in respect of the aspect to his ☉ by transit, yet it falls in his 2nd house ♀ ♂ ♃ ♅ ♆. There will be a heavy price to pay. In spite of the ups and downs which will occur when the mutable cross is in evidence, I consider the next three months will provide, on the whole, greater chances for peace and reconstruction than the previous year. The chief activity, apart from aviation, will be in getting down to the study of those details so necessary for smooth working of plans and schemes for a new world interchange of commodities. Nothing dramatic, but honest hard work, in which the League of Nations and many governments will have full share.

Written November 2, 1935

"THE ONE SHALL BE TAKEN, THE OTHER LEFT"

BY "RIGEL"

I HAVE always considered it my very good fortune, astrologically considered, to have a horoscope so near in time to my own, and to be so intimately acquainted with the relative life, as that of my elder brother. According to official records he was born in London at 2.30 p.m., 25/4/1895, while I followed him exactly 15 minutes later. Rectification by events establishes the definite statement of my father that I "clocked in" at the stated time, but the advertised time of arrival of Claude, my brother, seems to be twelve minutes late. The map shown is therefore set for 2.45 p.m., that being the certain horoscope.

Taking the charts for comparison of differences, in order of the houses, the ascendant in C.'s chart is 13/41 ♉. This brings in the sharp square of ♄ as against a much weaker contact in mine. In early days we were alike as two peas in a pod, but in adulthood C. developed a slighter and longer build with a Neptunian bias in appearance, while I was more solid

and with a definite Uranian face. Of average height, good complexion, and under weight for height, we were always mistaken for each other.

The second house, however, shows a vast difference in outlook. Venus, being on C.'s M.C., played a leading part in his life, while the exact opposite occurred in the twin. Social life was the whole *raison d'être* of living, so to speak, with C. Never would he be alone or seek to be secluded. He knew everybody and everybody knew him (or us, because I could not help being mixed up with him), and his sparkling Uranian charm attracted people easily and naturally. Of the writer let it be said that he is the complete opposite, and let it lie at that. At the same time the influence of Ψ was apparent, for he was always changing acquaintances, and fidelity seemed to be their privilege rather than his! For what is one "friend" among so many?

The 3rd house does not show any great dissimilarity. The presence of \mathbb{H} led both of us to have that decided mode of expression which only that planet can give. In C.'s case it gave a striking note of humour coupled with the love of extravagance that Ψ δ PL δ ϕ gave. On my demurring to a statement, he rejoined instantly, "You can lay the Pacific to a puddle it is." He did not bet, but with his broad social contact was *au fait* with many sides of life. My own Uranian aspect is quite different. Usually it is bitter and trenchant and is often personal in that it is most clearly seen when I am annoyed and hit back. Two facts are prominent. It is always unconscious and it usually contains a curious inversion of ideas. Thus a colleague at the office, after a trying day, enquired of me if I had "balanced" my books for the day. As I was in the middle of putting them right I just let fly, "Of course not; if it wasn't wrong, it wouldn't be right!" C.'s love of extravagance found full play here, and he either praised unto the highest heavens or condemned to the deepest depths. There was no halfway point, as would be expected with \mathbb{M} rising. It follows naturally enough that electricity and astrology should interest me, but C., although a "wireless" enthusiast, dabbled in elec-

tricity very little compared to the interest I gave it, and astrology he never thought about. It may be said here that he regarded all occultism as the invention of the Devil and my interest in it as a waste of time. Everything was capable of a scientific explanation, according to C.

The 4th house does not show any great difference. The quincunx of the ♃ reveals the attitude of C. towards mother, whereas in my map there is no aspect. When the M.C. by converse progression was $11^{\circ}44'8''$ (thus bringing the natal Moon to the opposition) C. left home. Apart from that earlier break there is nothing of note.

The 5th house was very prominent in C.'s estimation, or rather the nature of the affairs governed by it. The trine of the ♃ brought him to public notice and he was in a semi-professional dance band as pianist for long time. He set his heart on his pleasures and would not be denied. I myself am also strongly interested similarly, but with this difference, that I am always ready to relinquish. If, as often happens, some projected amusement is just quashed by circumstance, I just let it go and will not trouble to obtain my end. I did a deal of work as a free-lance pianist in cinemas before the advent of the "talkies." Notice the difference between us—C. in playing in a social atmosphere and in view of his public, myself hidden in an orchestra pit and in the dark and not caring twopence about the public I had. Moreover I often played solo; C. vary rarely.

The 6th house governing health does not reveal any differences of magnitude. We both had everything in the infantile line of trouble and I believe I had one or two extra afflictions. Styes on the eyes were the great trouble till 14. Then there was a great improvement, and, although spectacles were prescribed for both, for reading only, C. wore his long afterwards, while I discarded mine at the earliest opportunity. In adult life the trouble is of course colds and catarrh.

The 7th house deals with marriage, and here was another outstanding contrast, and one that is par-

ticularly noteworthy in that matters in each case were the reverse of what would be expected. C., owing to an unfortunate 3rd-house matter, fell foul of his mother over his marriage. Mother, I may add, has ♂ ♀ rising in ♉, which indicates that she was not handicapped at all in expressing her opinions. C., with PL going all out for expression, just could not agree and there was a clash. C. eventually went on with his marriage, by himself, and mother nearly collapsed from the shock. Myself, seeing the tragedy and being hatefully involved, although indirectly, was most careful to avoid any such occurrence when I came to wed; and in that I was successful.

The 8th house shows in C.'s map the sextile dexter of ψ . Mr. Carter has noted how sextiles of Neptune are often malefic and this is no exception. I would add that an affliction of ψ to the 8th often causes the native to be the cause of his own death through setting in motion a train of unsuspected circumstances leading to his demise. C. in September 1927 contracted a cold, which with characteristic carelessness he neglected. It never left him and before he knew it a weak lung, occasioned by gas during the war, became affected and T.B. set in. He struggled bravely and uncomplainingly for two years, to pass away at 18.00 (circa) on 21/10/1929, $0^{\circ}36' E. 51^{\circ}32' N$. It is perhaps well to recall my surprise at a remark of dad's in the last days of C. He said, "I have been surprised at the number of people here (in C.'s village) who ask after Claude and who proffer assistance." Let that be his epitaph.

The 9th house again reveals striking differences. Dealing with ideals it gave C. a definite bias towards religion. He became strongly affected and tried to join the Roman Catholic Church. Tried, but not actually, for it aroused intense parental opposition and C. gave way. A compromise was reached in C. joining the Anglo-Catholic body. Contrast this with the twin who has "sampled" every religious body of note and who adheres to none.

Both of us had some musical talent, C. decidedly

so. He would not take the trouble to go deeply into anything, so by sheer plodding I became the better executant. C. concentrated on light music while I delved into the classics. Perhaps it will be no surprise if I say that my favourite composer is R. Wagner, whose opera *Tristan und Isolde* holds premier place in my esteem.

The 10th house gives very similar results. Both of us were employed by the same concern, where we were dubbed "The Heavenly Twins." Why, I cannot think, unless the lights in 8 are responsible. C. did better than I, but in spite of honest endeavour on his part was unable to hold the advantage. Probably ψ δ PL δ η being partly in the 10th would account for this. It may interest for directions to note that we started work on the same day, viz. 7/2/1912.

The 11th house produces sharp contrasts again. C., as has been noted, had many friends. They were all of his own age and standing. But I have very few indeed to call friend, and it is very marked that they are elderly always. There is one my own age. The others usually were at least a decade ahead and in the greatest the difference in years was over forty, more years than my father gives me. Perhaps that is why I have none left now. I think the explanation is to be sought in the sextile of the \mathfrak{D} to the 11th house in C.'s chart. In mine the cusp forms a grand trine with \mathfrak{H} in \mathfrak{M} and \mathfrak{L} in \mathfrak{X} . As the \mathfrak{D} is near the mid-point of the \mathfrak{g} of \mathfrak{h} and \mathfrak{H} the hand of \mathfrak{h} can be seen, but it does not strike me as convincing. More likely is the pre-natal epoch map that a lady astrologer cast for me. It gives \mathfrak{h} in \simeq in XI \mathfrak{g} \mathfrak{g} in \mathfrak{v} in V, which exactly hits off the situation. The only reason I hesitate to accept it as the correct P.N.E. map is that it rectifies my birth to 14.55.

The 12th house always seems to me to be the house of Fate. I joined the army on 3/12/1914 at 17.00 o'clock, \mathfrak{g} being conveniently in transit across my nadir. On the night of 24/1/1917 I went through a series of nerve-racking experiences in no-man's-land, culminating in what became almost a hand-to-hand

fight. In endeavouring to bomb, I was wrestling with a frozen safety-pin (for there was some 10° of frost) when "Jerry" landed one first. It slit my thigh (right) and a piece of the bomb travelled up to the femur, but, wonderful to relate, there was absolutely no other injury, not even the bone being touched or any important leader or nerve. So I walk as naturally as if I had not been wounded. The time of the "choc" is fairly closely known and must be about 22.00. This puts the γ in $27^{\circ} \approx$ which is the nadir of that aforementioned P.N.E. or the Placidian VI if the natal map is cast for the later time. But C. was in France by then, having joined up under the "Derby" scheme. With such a similar map it might be thought he would have felt the force of those planetary aspects also. But there was not the slightest indication of any unusual event. He was, as a matter of fact, on guard at G.H.Q. His turn came later when I was yet in England recovering, for it was some eighteen months before I was fit again. He went over the top at Passchendaele in March 1918. Although never wounded except by the merest graze of a flying splinter, he was stunned by the concussion of a bursting shell, which rendered him stone-deaf in the left ear. He developed trench fever and was invalided home, but was better before the doctors could ever discover exactly what was wrong.

Because the two maps are so similar, and the events do not tally either in time or nature, I feel compelled to reject all "directions" based on the arbitrary internal motion of the radical planets. At the same time, the transitual system does not meet the case either. I am working on the problem and may publish my findings if I can feel convinced that I have something worth while. Apart from that the pre-natal epoch seems helpful, but ours are not regular epochs. I should say here for the guidance of those who may try to set an epoch that strictly speaking we are not twins, but triplets! There was a third delivery, but it was still-born. I have tried to obtain an accurate time but all I can get is that "it was after surgery

hours" (same day). This would make it between 20.30 and 21.00. Pre-natal epochs, I think, are still to be shown infallible guides.

HINDU ASTROLOGY

By HIRALAL M. POOJARA

(*Competition Article*)

HINDU astrology is the oldest astrology in the world. The Hindus have not borrowed it from any other nation. We find the description of different constellations in various Hindu religious scriptures. The age of some of these scriptures is ascertained to be about 4,000 years before Christ, while that of some is even long before this. (See *Orion*, by Bal Gangadhar Tilak, and also article by Shankar Balkrishna Dixit in *Indian Antiquary*, Vol. XXIV.) Some European historians have stated this age to be about 1,500 to 2,000 years before Christ, but the above authors have logically disproved this statement.

The Hindus have themselves developed their science of the stars. A German, Professor Weber, rightly states: "It seems from the names given to the planets by the Hindus that they have discovered the planets independently." (See Weber's *History of the Indian Literature*, p. 251.) Also Max Müller says: "Whatever sphere of the human mind you may select for your special study, whether it be language or religion or philosophy, whether it be laws and customs, art or science, everywhere you have to go to India, whether you like it or not, for some of the most valuable and most instructive materials in the history of man are treasured up in India and in India alone."

Hindu astrology differs from the European in some important as well as interesting points. There are some principles in Hindu astrology which, when applied to the reading of a horoscope, enable one to rightly forecast the general status of an individual and also the events in his life. By this fascinating side of it,

Hindu astrology surpasses any other, and sooner or later it will attract the Western astrological world. Herein lies further reason to believe that Hindu astrology is the oldest in the world.

In Hindu astrology chief importance is given to houses in a horoscope. Some houses are considered always good, while some always bad. For instance, the trines are very good houses; next, the angles are good; while the 6th, 8th, and 12th houses are considered evil ones, and so on. Further, a planet's position in a trinal house is productive of good results, while its position in an evil house produces only evils.

Again, the planets that rule good houses in a horoscope are called auspicious planets, while those that rule bad houses are called inauspicious. The lord of a trinal house always produces good results, whether it be Saturn or Jupiter. Saturn at times does immense good, while Jupiter at times does the reverse. Of course, such auspicious planets should also be otherwise strong, i.e. strong by sign, etc.

In Hindu astrology the aspects themselves are not considered good and bad or harmonious and inharmonious. It is the nature and strength of the aspecting planet which determines whether the aspect is good or bad. An opposition is not considered always bad. The opposition between two friendly planets which own good houses and which at the same time occupy auspicious houses is most desirable in a horoscope.

Further, there are not "angles" of aspects, as is the case in Western astrology. But numerical values are given to the aspects in Hindu astrology and the range of aspect is of 270° , i.e. a planet aspects (of course proportionately) another planet which is placed within a range of 270° , extending from 30° in front of it to 60° behind it. Every planet aspects fully at a distance of 180° from it. Further, additional aspects are given to Mars, Saturn, and Jupiter, which aspect fully at the distances of 90° and 210° , 60° and 270° , 120° and 240° from each other respectively.

Planets are permanent, or natural, friends and enemies among themselves. But temporary relation-

ships in a horoscope are also to be sought in Hindu astrology. Planets which are placed in the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 10th, 11th, and 12th signs from the sign a planet is in are the "temporary friends" of that planet, and those that are in other signs than these are its "temporary enemies." Planets which are both naturally and temporarily friends produce very good results.¹

As to house-division, there are strong reasons to believe that equal house-division was in vogue in Hindu astrology in ancient times. But the later Hindu astrologers have adopted another method, which most resembles the Porphyry system of Western astrology, though the method of locating planets in houses is different. Mathematically the latter system of house-division seems scientific. However, for some still unknown reason, the equal house-division, which was used by one Indian ancient sage in delineating a number of example horoscopes, gives accurate results even at present.

To illustrate what I have said above, I will cite the horoscope of Napoleon Bonaparte² (*1001 Notable Nativities*, No. 731). Take the different aspects, etc.—methods used in Western astrology—and read their effects as described in English text-books. The summing-up of all these described effects will not adequately answer to the high status attained by the owner of that horoscope.

Now I will show briefly how the horoscope of Napoleon is verified by Hindu astrology. Moon and Saturn, both rulers of auspicious houses, occupy good houses and are in mutual aspect. Saturn, being in the 9th from Jupiter, is aspected by it (Jupiter). The conjunction of Mercury and Saturn in the 10th house

¹ Hence the position of a planet in the 4th and 10th signs is considered good, though this is called a square aspect, while the position in the 5th and 9th signs is considered bad, though this is a trine aspect. This is indeed a very great dissimilarity between East and West. Except for this, the rest coincides with Western principles.

² EDITORIAL NOTE.—It is a pity our friend has taken as an example such a highly speculative horoscope as that of Napoleon I. Would he oblige us with another illustration founded on a nativity of undoubted authenticity?

gives further importance to this horoscope. The 10th house—the important house—from the Moon is occupied by Jupiter. But it should be noted that Moon and Saturn are naturally inimical and here they are also “temporarily” enemies. Saturn is not strong by sign. Hence Napoleon could not retain high positions up to the end of his life.

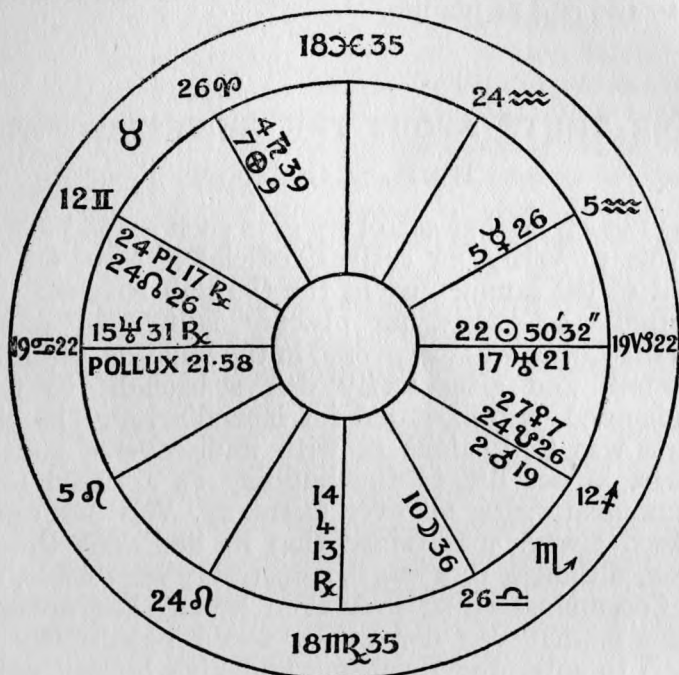
THE TRUTH ABOUT THE REICHSTAG FIRE

BY R. S. GLEADOW

It is not often that astrology gets such a good chance as this to verify, or correct, official history. On the night of the famous fire in the German Reichstag, on February 27, 1933, an obscure Dutchman named van der Lubbe was discovered in the building, promptly arrested, and after many delays brought to trial, condemned, and executed for incendiarism. The Nazi thesis was that, alone or with undiscovered collaborators, he set fire to the building as a signal for a Communist rising all over Germany. Van der Lubbe himself always maintained that he had done the job alone, although this was demonstrably impossible, and no Communist rising ever even began. The opposing thesis is that van der Lubbe was persuaded by the Nazis to enter the Reichstag and give himself out as the incendiary by promises of release and money when the fuss had died down. Between these two possibilities, or any others, the horoscope should enable us to decide, by considering both the character of the victim and the directions operating at the time. During the trial he showed himself entirely apathetic, his head hanging like a dead weight from his shoulders, except on two occasions. Once he made the following protest: “I want twenty years’ penal servitude or death, I can’t stand this trial any longer.” And once he sat up and took notice like a reasonable person, to the great astonishment of the Press box. The suggestion that he was drugged throughout the trial was

plausible and widely believed. The horoscope is a profoundly interesting one and throws light on all these problems.

Marinus van der Lubbe was born at Leyden at 3.30 p.m. G.M.T. on January 13, 1909. His eyes were damaged by an explosion when at work, and it is



(Placidian cusps)

worth noting that the ☉ is in opposition to Pollux, a star that causes injuries to the face and decapitation. His character shows two important but contradictory traits. With ♊ rising and the ♎ in ♊ afflicted by ♎ there must have been a certain natural laziness and desire for a quiet life. But this is offset by the violent afflictions across the cardinal signs and angles, indicating great restlessness, continual internal and external strife, and also a marked desire for notoriety. ♊ rising so afflicted shows a character impulsive and intuitive in the extreme. He must have

been the queer one of the family, and his adventures bear this out. The conjunction of ♀ with the ☉ gave him erratic ideas about the betterment of the human race which disagreed with a leaning towards Communism and a natural tendency to let things slide. But ♂ Δ ♀ in fiery signs shows that he was not lacking in courage. The most striking thing in the horoscope after the fatal and fearful afflictions is the excellent condition of ♀, who is found in the first decanate of ♍ in good aspect to ♄, ♀, and ♂. This makes it perfectly plain that van der Lubbe was no fool, if he chose to use his brains. Since his behaviour during the trial was no better than that of a congenital idiot, there must be some reason for it. Only three are possible: first, that he was ill with nervous breakdown, or some other brain affection; but neither the radix nor the progressions would incline us to believe that such a state had come about in the course of nature; and in any case he was then in no fit state to be tried, for which his captors must take the blame. Secondly, he might have been religiously keeping an agreement with the Nazis to keep the truth dark until the whole thing had blown over as suggested above. But this is very improbable, as according to his horoscope he must have been just the sort of impulsive, tactless person who would sooner or later give everything away by mistake, even if he was frightened out of doing it on purpose. Thirdly, he may have been drugged; and this is the more probable, as the aspects show that, had he been in a normal condition, he would undoubtedly have been as defiant and tiresome as Dimitroff, even though not so clever; the ♄ being so afflicted, he would not express himself easily. But he would have been impossible to browbeat and quick to point out that the proceedings were not fair. The best a barrister could hope for against him would be to lead him into giving himself away; and this was never even attempted.

Now, having been in the Reichstag when the fire began, van der Lubbe must have known who started it, for it was begun in a large number of places at once.

Therefore it is evident that if the Nazis started the fire they could not afford to risk his betraying the fact. And they were unable to produce any evidence against anyone else, although in the six months before the trial they had announced that they had plenty.

The conclusion therefore on the character of van der Lubbe must be that he was of a very wayward temperament—only one planet is fixed, Ψ rises, J rules—and so could certainly be persuaded to do extraordinary things—he pretended, for example, to have swum the Channel—he was defiant, incalculable, and intelligent enough to be dangerous. Now let us consider the progressions.

The chief direction operating at the time was M.C. $\square \Psi$, which is not surprising at all; and it incidentally gives colour to the drug theory, considering the radical situation of Ψ . At the same time J had come to \square M.C. r., ascendant to $\text{J} \text{ } \text{J}$ r., and J was separating from $\square \text{J}$. In general, therefore, some strange and violent event is to be expected, having considerable influence on the position and prestige of the native. And since this horoscope is so largely under fate, indicated by h , it is plain that the crisis in life would come in the form of a catastrophe over which the native had no control. The solar revolution makes it plain that the catastrophe has arrived. It shows J opposing the radical M.C., $\text{J} \square$ ascendant r., h exactly on the radical J and 8th cusp, and PL retrograde exactly opposed to the \odot . In the revolution itself \odot is in tenth $\square \text{J}$, and h opposes J , and is \square ascendant. These data would hardly enable even the most gifted astrologer to predict the actual events beforehand, with the exception of death; and the more methods of progression and direction we take the more obscure the affair becomes. Let us therefore judge simply from the radix, the progressions, and the revolution, and bear in mind the transits.

It is the big square of the radical horoscope that is brought into action. The 1st–7th house influence shows a struggle between the native and his enemies, who may also be his partners, and partners in crime at that, because of the afflictions. And as h in 10th

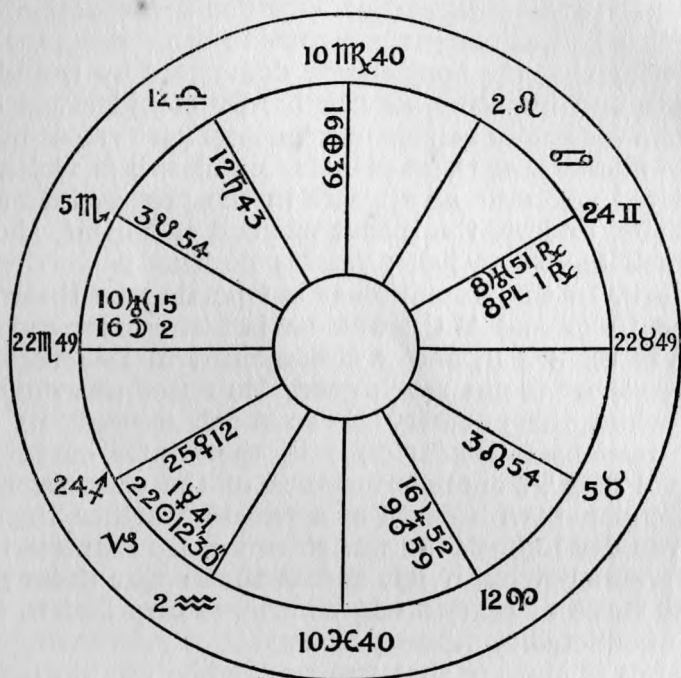
is afflicting ♃ \approx in 4th, we can say that his position would be violently altered owing to something to do with a large public legal building. On the night of the fire ♃ was in ♎ squaring the radical ☉ ♄ ♀; ♄ opposed M.C. r., and ♄ was on ♄ p. The only question is to decide whether the aspects in operation would stir the native to independent and deliberate action, or whether he was under the control of other people.

Seeing that the horoscope is dominated by ♀ and ♀—fate and impulse—we can hardly consider van der Lubbe rationally responsible for acts performed under the afflictions of these planets. Besides, ♀ is violently afflicted wherever he appears in the progressions and transits, and ♄, the planet of good judgment, shows himself unable to help; yet his position is worthy of remark. In the revolution it is true that he throws a trine to ☉ and M.C.; but he is retrograde, cadent, and in ♍, ♄ ♄ R, and ♄ is conjoined to Denebola, so that aspect is not much good. Its effect was only to give him the publicity he so much desired. In the progressions (secondaries) ♃ in the winter of 1933–4 was ♄ ♄ * ♀, another instance of the connection of these planets with death as a release. Further, the end of van der Lubbe's life was so eminently characteristic of ♃ afflicted by ♀, ♄, and ♀ that I fear those who take cusps as centres will be a little surprised to find an unafflicted ♄ in the 4th.

Thus it appears that van der Lubbe was during all this time under the influence of forces and people he could not control. The strength of the 7th house shows that he had partners, or enemies, in his work, and that ♀, the 10th house, and ♄ are all so important suggests Government officials.

The trial opened at Leipzig at 9.15 a.m. on September 21, 1933; and it may seem strange at first, in a trial so universally denounced as unfair, to find ♃, ♀, and ♄ all in \approx Δ ♀, while ☉ is in ♍ ♄ ♄. The ascendant, however, was ♍, and contained ♀ and ♄, both \square ♀. Most remarkable of all, ♀ is on the nadir, and it is the very degree of Hitler's natal ♀ that culminates, showing the Chancellor's loss of prestige over the trial.

Comparing the horoscope with van der Lubbe's, we find ♀ □ his ascendant and ♄, ♀ on his ♀ p., and ♄♂ his ♀, foreshowing his condemnation and death. On the day of the verdict (December 23rd) ♀ was stationary on his ♀, ♄ □ his ☉, ♀ □ his ascendant, and ♀ □ his ♀ and PL. He was executed at 7.30 a.m. on January 10,



(Cusps according to Placidus)

HERMANN WILHELM GOERING, reported born 4 a.m., January 12, 1893, at Rosenheim, South Bavaria, $47^{\circ} 51' \text{ N.}$, $12^{\circ} 5' \text{ E.}$ Rectified time 3.21 a.m. local = 3.33 standard = 2.33 Greenwich.

1934, with the axe, in Hamburg prison, but not buried till six days later, at Leipzig.

A survey of the aspects operating at this time in the horoscope of General Goering does nothing to invalidate these conclusions; and a brief consideration of the radix will not incline astrologers to disbelieve any atrocity stories they may hear against the Prime Minister of Prussia. General Goering's ♀ falls on van

der Lubbe's ♃—a relation of oppressor and oppressed; and as they both have the ☉ in the same degree the solar revolutions for 1933 will have a very great deal in common; more perhaps than ignorant Nazis may wish to believe. For those who are interested to follow it up, the general's horoscope is shewn on page 178.

SEX AND OTHER AFFINITIES

By CYRIL FAGAN

THE passions and animal instincts are denoted by Mars and the affectional nature and the quest for beauty by Venus.

The whole function of masculinity and animal vigour is vested in the planet Mars, and it is essential to examine carefully his position and planetary configurations to determine the nature and direction of the animal instincts and the power to survive the struggle for life.

When Mars is angular, especially in the 1st or 10th house, or, to a lesser extent, the 7th or 4th, the physical nature will be at its best and the individual will possess in all its completeness his manly powers, and will be strong and vigorous and eminently successful in the field of sport or on the battlefield. He will be courageous and daring, and will throw off with facility the ravages of diseases and infection. His animal nature will be easily excited, and he will enjoy a good appetite and have a thirst for adventure.

When Mars is cadent, especially in the 6th or 3rd house and not configured with planets in angles, then the animal nature will be but poorly developed, muscular growth will be retarded, and the native easily succumbs to the ravages of disease and infection, possessing little animal vitality to survive the battle of life. Courage will be absent, and there will be a disinclination to engage in physical labour or exercise, with a consequent predisposition to put on flesh.

Should Mars be cadent and unconnected with the Sun

and Venus be angular, then the native, if a male, will be wholly unmanly and unsuited to the society of his more vigorous companions, and will be esteemed a "cissy" among them, eschewing all laborious occupations, with a partiality for drawing-room occupations and pastimes.

Mars angular in a nativity always predisposes to sport and manly games. Some of the world's greatest athletes have Mars so placed and variously configured with other planets. For example, professional boxers will be found to have an angular Mars configured with Saturn and Pluto. The horoscopes of two representative boxers may be cited. Max Schmeling, the German heavy-weight boxer, was born with Mars rising in Sagittarius, in opposition to Pluto and in sextile to Saturn; while Jack Doyle, the Irish heavy-weight boxer, was born with Mars, Saturn, and Pluto in the meridian of his nativity.

In this connection it will be of interest to contrast the nativities of two people born the same day of the same year but whose characters were decidedly different. I refer to Luigi Borra, *alias* Milo, the "strong man" of Italy (born at 3 a.m., January 12, 1869, Milan), and Bhagavan Das, the well-known Indian mystic (born at sunrise, January 12, 1869, Benares). In Borra's horoscope, Mars, the planet of strength, will be found culminating in the mid-heaven, while in Bhagavan Das's horoscope Mars is obscurely placed in the 8th house, and Mercury, the planet of wisdom and knowledge, is found rising. In both horoscopes Pluto is found angular, and both men achieved a certain amount of notoriety, as befits the signature of Pluto; one for his strength and the other for his writings. Incidentally, the study of these two horoscopes proves how important it is to know the birth times, for otherwise a correct judgment is impossible.

The sign in which Mars is placed is also of importance, as it determines the department in life wherein the energies have their greatest scope for action. For example, Mars in Aries denotes mental activity, discussions, and "head" work; in Taurus, in voice pro-

duction, or surgery; in Gemini, in games of skill, science, mechanical work, or in the education of juveniles; in Sagittarius, in outdoor life, in the training of wild animals, in camping and association with the young; and in Pisces in swimming, fishing, or aquatic sports generally. The same effects are noticeable if the Sun is in these signs but configured with Mars from another sign. For example, I have the horoscopes of two excellent swimmers, both of whom have the Sun in Pisces; in one case it is in quartile to Mars in Gemini, and in the other it is in quartile to Mars in Sagittarius. It will be noticed that in both cases Mars is placed in "limbal" signs.

If Mars is angular and configured with Neptune and Saturn, then extreme cruelty amounting to sadism will be present. Mars and Neptune together are frequently associated with conflagrations and wholesale slaughter. It is curious to note that Alexander the Great, Napoleon, Charles IX, the ex-Kaiser, Robespierre (to name only a few whose reigns have been stained with rivers of blood) were born when Mars and Neptune dominated the scheme of the nativities. It is certain that Neptune conduces to strange desires and inordinate appetites; and the lust for blood, either human or animal, is evident when Mars configures this planet.¹ Vacher and August Sternickel, two notorious murderers who slaughtered human beings for mere gratification, had this configuration powerfully placed in their nativities. The kidnapping of the Lindbergh baby and the burning of the Reichstag took place when the Sun, Mars, and Neptune were in configuration with each other.

Actors and dramatists who live on the stage the tragedies of the great ones of the earth, or who are capable of emulating in drama all the passions that flesh is heir to, will also be found to have Mars and Neptune mutually configured in their nativities. In fact, this is one of the finest indications of histrionic

¹ I can hardly agree with this statement as it stands, though Mars-Neptune contacts can undoubtedly be dangerous when the rest of the map is of a violent type.—ED.

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ability, provided that Pluto also enters into the configuration.

Sadism and sex-brutality are denoted when both Mars and Saturn afflict Venus, Venus being at the same time angular, especially in the occident; and this will be all the more intensified should Neptune enter into the configuration. Neptune is always connected with emotional longings and inordinate cravings. The infamous Marquis De Sade was born when Venus was configured with both Saturn and Mars.

The sex power in man and his right to be deemed a member of the male sex is vested in the planet Mars, and on this planet's strength in his horoscope depends his importance to the opposite sex. A woman worthy of the name admires intensely a truly Mars man, while man is immediately drawn towards the Venus woman. One of the strongest attractions between the sexes is when Mars in the male horoscope is in conjunction or opposition to Mars in the female horoscope. Indeed, the mere fact that both the male and the female Mars happen to be in the same sign, although not in conjunction, is sufficient to draw the sexes together. This fact does not appear to be at all appreciated by astrological students, and yet evidences of it are cropping up day after day. Obviously Mars, then, stimulates the passions mutually, the fire and ardour of the male awakening similar emotions in the breast of the woman. Indeed, it will be noticed that the only connection that exists between the horoscopes of male and female in instances too numerous to mention lies in this association of the respective places of Mars either in the same sign or in opposite signs.

Another strong sexual attraction will be found in the interchange of the Sun in one nativity with Mars in the other. For example, if Mars in the male geniture is in conjunction or opposition with the Sun in the female natus, then the society of that female will passionately affect the male, and he will exert a dominant influence over her, and if his Mars happens to be configured with Saturn at his birth he will treat that woman with harshness or even cruelty, to which she

will submit and surrender. On the other hand, if Mars in the female geniture is in conjunction or opposition with the Sun in the male geniture, then it will be that the female is the dominant influence, and in her passionate desire seek to awaken passion in the man and subjection to her will. Obviously this is a case of inversion, but it is not uncommonly met with in one's archives.

The interchange between Venus in one map with Mars in the other is too well known to need comment, but it should be noted that the male's Mars on the female's Venus is quite different in operation from the male's Venus on the female's Mars, the latter configuration being more usually met with. Josephine had ☉ ♂ ♂ on Napoleon's ♀.

Men and women who are born with the Sun in conjunction or opposition with Mars are very passionate by nature, especially should Mars be angular at birth. Quite early in life they will form attachments which often persist for the remainder of their days, even though marriage is rendered impossible. Women seek to control and dominate the man and are very jealous if he should not be theirs entirely. Cenci had ☉ ♂ ♂ ☐ ♀.

The husband or lover is largely described by the position of Mars in the female geniture, and his condition and prospects should be judged accordingly. For example, if Mars is configured with Jupiter, he will be jovial, of good social position, and much esteemed; if with Pluto, he will be highly egoistic, famous, or notorious, and his name will figure in the daily news; if with Saturn, he is often older than she, possessed of property or money; if with Venus, he is gentle, easy-going, and somewhat effeminate; if with Uranus, he is unique, original, wayward, and inventive, and so on. If Mars is in cardinal signs or angular house, the husband will be successful and widely known, but if Mars is cadent he will be obscure and of but small and usually insignificant fortune.

The best situation for Mars in the female geniture is in the western part of the horoscope. Mars rising or on the mid-heaven of the female natus makes her too

masculine and too capable to be attractive to the opposite sex. Mars cadent in a female map, especially if it is configured with Saturn, and the latter angular, often denies marriage altogether.

Mars in the male geniture also denotes, among other things, the men with whom he associates. If Venus in the male horoscope is cadent or afflicted by Saturn, there is often a distinct aversion to female society, more especially if the Sun is configured with Mars but is without any configuration with Venus.

If Mars represents all the passionate and vigorous elements in nature, Venus typifies love in its true form and stimulates to desire to worship, admire, fondle, and caress. Venus is, *par excellence*, the planet of abiding friendship and true affection, and woe to the individual whose Venus is cadent at birth afflicted by Saturn and unaspected by the luminaries or Jupiter! Love and friendship will not lighten his life, and he will go through life lonely and unwanted and without a true friend, being cynical or even callous to the sorrows of others.

If Venus in one horoscope occupies the place of the Sun in another horoscope, or is in opposition or quartile to the Sun, then the individual whose Sun is thus configured will bestow his affection, and indeed his possessions, on the Venus individual. This will be the more evident if Venus should happen to be angular at birth. This configuration is common to both sexes. It may either exist between the opposite sexes or two of the same sex.

While it is the more normal thing for the man's Mars to be on the woman's ascendant or Sun, and the woman's Venus on the man's ascendant or Sun, variations of these and other positions are not uncommon. For example, two young men who seem to be inseparable were born with the following positions:—

1. Male, born 20. 12. 1912, Sun ♄ 28; Venus ♀ 22
2. „ „ 1. 8. 1913, Venus ♀ 25; Sun ♀ 2

Here it will be observed that the affection is mutual, for in both cases the Sun is in opposition to the other's Venus.

The attachment existing between Ruth Snyder and Henry Judd Grey may be gleaned from a study of their horoscopes:—

Henry Judd Grey, 8. 7. 1892, asc. 8 9; Mars ♀ 17
 Ruth Snyder, 27. 3. 1895, Venus 8 4; asc. ♀ 17

An indication of Ruth's passionate and murderous nature can be gathered from the fact that at birth her Mars, Neptune, and Pluto were conjoined in square to Mercury. It will be remembered what was said concerning Mars and Neptune configurations in the earlier part of this article. In March 1927, when her husband was murdered, Mars and Saturn were in opposition in the heavens, and this opposition fell right across her radical Mars, Neptune, and Pluto, thus unleashing the hounds of hell.

Jealousy arises when Mars on one woman's horoscope happens to configure Venus in another woman's map. The Mars woman is always jealous of her Venus sister.

An interesting study is afforded in the horoscopes of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Leo, whose wedded life was stated to be purely platonic. Alan Leo's horoscope reveals the following features: Venus ♀ 18, Mars ♂ 20. As was to be expected, neither was angular. Saturn in Mrs. Bessie Leo's horoscope was in the meridian in ♀ 21, and therefore directly on Alan Leo's Venus-Mars opposition, a sure indication of celibate wedding. Moreover, Alan Leo's Saturn was in trine to Mrs. Leo's Venus in ♑. The fact that both had an angular Saturn and a weak Mars should not be lost sight of.

NOTE.—Mr. Cyril Fagan will be glad if any reader cares to send him, in confidence, cases bearing on the questions raised in the above article.

WINTER WEATHER (GREAT BRITAIN)

By L. PROTHEROE SMITH

ON January 8th the ☽ is totally eclipsed in ♊, * ♓ practically exact. This is an important event from the standpoint of weather, and one which by itself would

go a long way to ensure a mild winter. As it happens it is only one of many factors pointing to the same conclusion. $\downarrow \square \Psi$, for example, the January new moon aspecting these, while at the February lunation they are both angular. Between the middle of January and the middle of March, moreover, \downarrow will affect important points by transit. It will be in \times to the places of $\downarrow \delta \simeq$ at the last vernal equinox, and \times those of δ at both the lunar eclipses of 1935, these bodies falling in each case on the lower meridian of the figures concerned.

The winter is likely in consequence to be extremely mild; and apart from a few cold days here and there, the temperature should be consistently above normal. Notably high readings for the time of year are probable from time to time, the weather becoming more like spring than winter. Frosts are likely to be very few and far between, particularly in the south; while falls of snow will be rarer still, if indeed there are any at all in southern England.

Besides being very mild, conditions will often be bright, especially as the season advances. Most mild winters in the British Isles are also wet ones, due to the prevalence of south-west winds, and considerable rainfall is likely on the present occasion during the first part of the quarter. December in particular will be a rainy month. After about the middle of January, however, it should be a sunny winter for the most part, in the south at any rate.

A disturbing element is introduced by $\delta \delta \downarrow$ on the 25th of January, denoting a destructive gale. Falling in \times and combined with $\downarrow \square \Psi$, heavy rains are probable, and flooding may occur in some parts of the country.

December

16-22.—Mild and rather unsettled. Fair periods.

23-27.—A distinctly green Christmas. Rain at first, fair periods later.

28-31.—Mild. Unsettled for the most part and perhaps windy, but some fair periods.

January

Mild, except for a few rather cold days about the second week. Distinctly high temperatures around the middle of the month and again towards the end.

Rather unsettled weather on the whole, but with some good sunshine records for the time of year.

1-2.—Unsettled and mild.

3-6.—Mild and probably mainly fair.

7-9.—Unsettled and colder.

10-11.—Mild. Cloudy.

12-14.—Mainly fair and rather cold.

15-18.—Very mild; some springlike temperatures.

Fine and sunny in the south, rather unsettled in the west and north.

19-22.—Mild and cloudy, with rain at times in most districts.

23-25.—Wild, stormy weather. Gales of a severe type, accompanied by heavy rain. Risk of floods.

26-31.—Very mild. Probably mainly fair and sunny.

February

Another mild and open month, with high mean temperatures. Some very warm days for the season, giving a decided foretaste of spring.

Weather often rather unsettled, especially in the west and north, but frequently sunny in the south.

1-6.—Mild. Rather unsettled in the west, fair periods and occasional rain elsewhere.

7-13.—Very mild. Probably rather unsettled, with strong winds at first, but considerable bright periods in the south.

14-22.—Mild and cloudy. Intermittent rain or drizzle.

23-29.—Very mild. Fine and sunny.

March

A forward spring month until the 20th, mild temperatures, accompanied by fair, sunny weather for the most part, and a few unsettled intervals. Particularly fine and mild towards the middle.

1-4.—Mild and mainly fair apart from a few showers.

5-7.—Mild but unsettled.

8-20.—Mild, with mainly fine sunny weather. Very mild between 11th and 15th.

N.B.—The dates should be regarded as approximate.

FOR THE BEGINNER

AN INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGICAL
ASTROLOGY

BY THE EDITOR

CHAPTER TWO

THE PLANETARY VALUES

We have given the names and symbols of the Sun, the Moon, and the planets, and also of the signs, the houses being known by their numbers only. We will now consider their principal meanings or values, mainly from the interior, or psychological, point of view.

In this chapter we will deal with the Sun and Moon (called "the Lights" or "Luminaries") and planets in this way.

The Sun

Man is a being possessing both an active aspect and a passive, or, to use other terms, a masculine and a feminine. He acts, and he is acted upon; he gives and he receives; he expresses himself, and he receives impressions; he seeks the new, and he is the inheritor of the old; he acquires, and he preserves. The active and positive aspect, Man the Doer and Seeker, is represented by the Sun. This is often also said to stand for the Consciousness, the Life and the Physical Vitality, but it is these in their positive aspect that are related to the Sun, or, in astrological parlance, "come under" the Sun.

Nevertheless, because the positive is the more important, or at least the more conspicuous, the negative being so to speak its shadow, the Sun is

the heart of the horoscope, imparting activity to all other factors, but having a more particular relationship with some rather than others.

Thus, from the psychological point of view, we shall consider the Sun as being the *active predispositions* of the native, or person for whom the nativity is cast, or, in other words, what he wishes to *do*, and this, too, in a conscious rather than an unconscious manner.

Whether he will be able to do what he wishes to do will depend principally on Saturn, as contrasted with the Sun. It will be necessary, in this connection, to consider the relative strength of the Sun and Saturn, and the term "strength" will have to be examined later.

Other things being equal, a strong Sun produces good physical vitality, and also vitality of mind and will and of the emotional nature. It tends to forcefulness, or what is called a "forceful personality," with considerable self-respect and dignity, which may degenerate into conceit and ostentatiousness.

Further, force is imparted by the Sun to those other parts of the horoscope that it contacts by "aspect" or otherwise, the term "aspect" being explained in Chapter Three. Thus, if the Sun is intimately and harmoniously connected with a mental factor in the horoscope, the mentality is correspondingly fortified and invigorated.

The Sun is in particular related to the feeling or "heart" side of human nature, the affections being as a rule easily aroused when the Sun is prominent. But it is also nearly related to the action side, for it is traditionally exalted, or strong, in the sign Aries, the most active of the twelve signs. This indicates that it can become too static and receives benefit from association with a dynamic element.

The Moon

The Moon is significatrix of the feminine, passive, receptive, preservative, and unconscious, and of the habitual rather than the deliberately willed. Hence its action is often less obvious than that of the Sun, and yet it is extremely important. This is particularly so

when the Sun is weak, for the conscious and volitional then maintains little control over the life, so that the lunar part becomes the mainspring of action. This will then tend to be directed towards prudential and conservative measures, with a background of prudence or even timidity. The Moon does not so much seek to acquire as to keep what it has; hence it tends to be thrifty, circumspect and shrewd, where the Sun would be extravagant, careless, and over-confident.

A strong Moon makes a good manager in the sense of one that is economical and able to care well for what is confided to it, but it is not a "getter"; its task is not to get, but to cherish and care for what it has. It is domestic and maternal, because in these spheres it finds scope for its special qualities. If it is commercial it will deal with the sale of many cheap articles rather than a few valuable ones; it is at home with the public and always prefers the ordinary to the unusual and outstanding.

A weak Moon will be over-timid, parsimonious beyond reason, and given to worries and forebodings which in extreme cases lead to morbidity. The inherent vitality of the Sun enables it to throw off what is harmful to the native's vital processes, but the Moon, being naturally absorbent, has no such propensity. It follows that children that are strongly lunar require encouragement and a certain amount of sheltering from harsh conditions, which may make a deleterious impression on the lunar nature that is retained for many years, causing symptoms of inadequacy and inferiority. Few lunar children can benefit from a Spartan upbringing and they must be hardened gradually.

The Moon imparts its own careful and indrawn characteristics to all parts of the horoscope with which it is in association.

It is dynamic, in the sense of being restless, especially in respect of the imagination and fantasy-forming element, and so it is exalted in the static sign Taurus, which is contented and reposeful.

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The planets may be regarded as appendant to the Sun and Moon, according as each is positive or negative. Mercury, however, is the intermediary principle, neither the one nor the other but the common factor which forms a nexus between the two.

Two planets, Venus and Jupiter, are called the "benefics" because their natures are harmonising and tranquillising. They have a special relationship with the Moon and the Sun respectively. Thus Jupiter in harmonious association with the Sun has a particularly happy effect on the active solar nature, and Venus in like contact with the Moon sweetens and refines the passive lunar nature.

Mars and Saturn are known as "malefics" because their tendencies, though by no means necessarily evil, are more easily misused than those of the benefics, being apt to exaggerate or distort the expression of other bodies with which they are in combination. Thus Mars will often over-energise the Sun, and Saturn will exaggerate the qualities of the Moon, turning, for example, its prudence into miserliness or morbid fears. Thus they may produce extremes of temperament that militate against individual happiness and social adjustments.

Uranus has a composite nature, but is positive; Neptune is negative; Pluto, only recently discovered, appears to be of the positive class.

When planets are in association with the luminary with which they are not in natural agreement, or with a planet of its class, as Venus with the Sun or Mars with the Moon, the effect will depend upon several factors and ultimately upon the general tenor of the map, but there will usually be a likelihood of psychological friction.

(To be continued)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CO-OPERATIVE RESEARCH

From A SUBSCRIBER.

As a student of astrology, I am wondering if it would be possible for subscribers of *Astrology* to help each other in astrological research work in the following way. As all of us probably could furnish horoscopes of at least one or two people whose intimate life was known to them, could these not be published anonymously, so as not to disclose any confidences, and without giving the name of the person or the place from where they were sent, except to you? The *name* of the subject of the horoscope not to be disclosed to anyone. This would do away with any identification of the subject of the horoscope. Naturally our legitimate love of privacy does not tend to make people tell all their secrets to strangers, and hence the difficulty of scientific investigation in astrological research work.

I have read with pleasure your discoveries, which do not agree with old textbook theories, and am glad that some one is getting nearer the truth of the meaning of the astrological chart. I have always felt that astrology was by no means an exact science.

One other thing: in your last number Mrs. J. Norman Rhodes gives Mussolini's birthplace as Milan. In Mussolini's autobiography the hour of birth is given as 2 p.m., and the birthplace as Predappio, Forli, somewhere in the neighbourhood of 12° East and 44° North.

THE ITALO-ABYSSINIAN WAR

From M. MATTHEWS.

If the Emperor of Abyssinia's birth-map is correct (July 17, 1891, 11.30 a.m.), it seems likely that he will conquer his enemies. The ruler of 1st house is stronger than ruler of 7th, ♂, which though powerful in the 10th, is in its fall held combust by the ☉, ☌ ♀, and ☐ ♀ rising. The figure is probably correct, and points to a very difficult time at present, with the ☐ p. now ☌ 26 going ☐ ♀, ☌ ♂, ☌ ♀.

In Mussolini's map the ruler of 7th is stronger than ruler of 1st, and ☐ so well placed on 7th cusp denotes the sea-power of opponents.

The map of the League of Nations is well worth study (January 10, 1920, 4.15 p.m., Versailles—ascendant ☌ 20.25). There are great possibilities in it, in spite of several troublesome aspects, and its progressed positions are now good. Its ♂ and ♀ p. are now near trine and sextile the radical ♀, giving executive power and harmonious co-operation. The ☉ p. goes to ✱ ♀ r. The powerful sign ♌ is now on ascendant p. with ☐ rising, now exact trine the M.C. p. ☐ 10½ (the degree of King George's rising ☐), which denotes the appeal the League now has to the peoples of the world, and that Britain takes the lead, our sea-power deciding matters. The ☐ p. of the League

(after the explosive \square from γ 6 to PL r. at the commencement of the Italo-Abyssinian war) is now $\triangle \text{♀}$ r., going to M.C. p. $\triangle \Psi$, then $\triangle \text{♂}$ ruler of M.C. r. Of course the rising sign ♄ of the League, with $\text{♀} \square \text{♂}$ gave some slowness, hesitation, and delay, trouble with co-operation with a ♂ people—I think the French are greatly under ♄ —but the progressed positions are mostly very helpful, secondaries and symbolics. Russia should prove helpful, with the good ♄ in ♄ , also the Soviet Republic's $\odot \text{♄}$ 22 on League ♄ . The Ethiopian Emperor's rising $\text{♄} (\text{♄} \text{♂} \text{p.})$ on the League's $\text{♄} \text{p.} \triangle \text{♄}$ brings out this trine powerfully. Note the map of the French Republic (in 1001 N.N.), where the ascendant and ♄ are in conflict with the League's progressed $\text{♄} \square \odot$ in radical figure, so probably military sanctions will be enforced.

In the map of King George ♄ and $\text{♄} \text{p.}$ are close to a square aspect, with $\text{♄} \text{p.}$ entering ♄ going $\square \text{♄} \text{r.}$ —but ♄ so well placed and aspected at birth is always fortunate.

The King of Italy has unfortunate aspects at present (born November 11, 1869, 10.15 p.m., Naples). His $\odot \text{p.}$ is $\square \text{M.C. r.}, \text{♄} \text{p.}$ exactly on 7th cusp of birth figure, $\text{♀} \text{p.} \square \text{♄}, \text{PL r.}, \text{♄} \text{p.}$ in $\text{♄} \square \Psi$. When the $\text{♄} \text{p.}$ comes $\text{♄} \text{♄} \text{r.}$ (on League ascendant), about the New Year, Italy may leave the League.

Probably the Suez Canal may be closed. It was opened for vessels on November 16, 1869. Its planetary positions, also progressed to this year, should be compared with the King of Italy's map. The probable time this step may be taken by the League seems round about the entrance of \odot into ♄ , December 22nd—though may be earlier.

Aspects on December 9th, 10th, 11th are decidedly unlucky all round, especially for Italy—a sea blockade likely, with trade and communication cut off—as the aspects so closely afflict the King of Italy's $\text{♄}, \text{♄}$, and ♀ . Peace should come by next spring, with the League's $\text{♄} \text{p.} \triangle \text{♄}$ ruler of its M.C.

DREAMS

From WILBUR K. YOUNG.

Your review in the September issue of *Astrology of The Science of Dreams* by W. B. Crow was very interesting to me, and I shall obtain and read the book at the first opportunity.

Having been a very prolific dreamer all my life, I have naturally longed for at least a partial understanding of the mystery; but not until I became familiar with the principles of astrology and accidentally discovered, about a year ago, a relationship between dreams and planetary influence, did I receive any light on the subject.

Now, for the past eleven months, I have made it a practice to record the time of my awakening from any vivid dream, and at the same time jot down a few words that will recall the details of the dream to me later. Then, at the first opportunity, I erect a

horoscope for the moment of awakening and write down the details of the dream. In this manner I have recorded and charted close to 250 dreams, and have made many fascinating discoveries. During the entire time I have had only three or four dreams that I could not find a clear astrological reason for.

The great majority of these dreams have shown a direct planetary influence in the characters and events, while about 20 out of the 250 have been symbolic of astrological principles. Of the former, the transiting house positions and mutual aspects appear to be the chief influences in about 60 per cent of the cases, and the balance of the time the events of the dreams can be traced to the house positions of transiting planets in my natal chart, and transiting aspects to my natal planets. Often both influences are shown in the same dream.

Believing that a few examples may be of interest to you, I mention the following:—

On January 12th, at a moment when ♄ was two degrees above the descendant and one degree from exact trine to my natal 7th house ♄, I dreamed I was about to participate in a mass wedding ceremony, in which ten couples were to be united before a convention of a large fraternal order. The ten grooms drew numbers which designated the gifts each couple was to receive. One of the grooms was a friend of mine, who has been married three times.

On January 27th, when the ☾ and ♄ were in ♍, and at a moment when both were in the 5th house with ♄ exactly trine the M.C., I dreamed I was at a summer resort, in a row-boat, with two men, on a small lake. As we neared the pier one of my companions fell overboard. I called for help and dived after him. On the fifth dive I found him, brought him to the surface, and then to the pier; and while he was being revived I felt highly honoured by the many congratulations I received.

On February 14th, at a moment when ♀, ♁, and ☿ were in the 12th house, and all in the sign of ♋ with the two latter in exact conjunction, I dreamed of listening to Mary Pickford make an "uplift" talk to a group of gangsters. She seemed to have great difficulty, however, in forming her sentences—using grammar that reminded me of a foreigner just learning English.

In May, when PL was conjunction my natal ♀, and at a moment when that degree was conjunction the 12th house cusp, I dreamed I was in prison, sentenced to death, with only two more days to live. My chief regret was that I did not have a son to carry on my name. (♄ and the ☾ were in exact conjunction in the 4th house, with ♄ ruling the 5th.)

On June 10th, with the ☾ and ☿ in the 5th house and ☾ sextile to ♀, I dreamed of listening to two musicians play a variety of instruments on the stage of a theatre. One had a trick violin, which produced a sound like that made by shaking dice in a box.

On June 23rd, with ♄ in ♍ in the 4th house and sextile to ♀ in ♏, I dreamed of being in a home garden, part of which was under

glass, and gathering an abundance of fruit and vegetables, many of tropical variety.

On April 23rd, with ♄ on the ascendant, the ♃ in the 5th house exactly trine to the ☉, which was 9° past the meridian, and both ☉ and ♃ in trine to my natal ascendant, I dreamed that I was a member of a group of royalty, which included the King and Queen. The entire party was on its way to a village, where a banquet and celebration was to be given in honour of the King. As we neared the village the bells were rung, and the inhabitants gathered in front of a church into which the royal party entered with the King and Queen in the lead. Inside we enjoyed music and dancing, champagne and food.

On March 30th, when the ☉ was 3° past the 8th house cusp, ♄ in 0 8 in the 8th house, and ♀ on the 9th house cusp, I dreamed of seeing a sick man die and a Catholic priest walk slowly around his bed, sprinkling holy water.

The influence of the decanates, symbolised by constellations outside the zodiac, as taught by the Brotherhood of Light, has been borne out in a few of my dreams at times when the ☉ and ♃ were in trine aspect and occupying the 12th and 8th or 12th and 4th houses respectively. For instance, on October 27, 1934, with the ☉ and ♃ in exact conjunction in the 12th house, in the first decanate of ♎ (symbolised by the constellation Ophiuchus—the man who wrestles with the serpent), and in exact trine to the ♃ in the 8th house, in the first decanate of ♐ (symbolised by Canis Minor—a small dog), I dreamed of watching my mother struggle with a live snake held in the mouth of a small dog. Seeing she could not kill it, I came to the rescue and cut its head off with my pocket-knife.

On November 16, 1934, with the ☉ conjunction ♀ in the 12th house, in the 3rd decanate of ♎ (symbolised by Corona Australis—a laurel crown of triumph), and in trine aspect to the ♃ in the 4th house, in the 3rd decanate of ♏ (symbolised by Cassiopea—a queen on a throne), I dreamed of attending a banquet at which the honoured guests were President and Mrs. Roosevelt.

On September 13, 1935, I awoke from a very vivid, extraordinary, and significant dream, at a moment when the ♃ was in 0 ♏. I was standing in front of an upright, casket-like box that I knew to contain the body of a man who had just died. I shook the box with the wild thought of bringing him to life. Hearing a movement within the box, I stepped back to see the door, or lid, slowly open and a skeleton emerge. The latter walked around in a circle, re-entered the box, and the lid closed. Then, as I watched, the naked figure of a man emerged from the box and rapidly grew to a height of about 20 feet, with other dimensions proportionate. He seemed to radiate health and vitality.

The foregoing are but samples chosen at random, but they give a good idea of the fascinating astrological study that may be made of one's dreams.

THE RECENT COMPETITION

From SOL MINSKY.

Thank you very much for selecting my paper for first prize. I dashed it off so quickly that I left out a few additional important details.

I had a mastoid operation when I was fifteen.

I dropped college for theosophy when I was seventeen.

My sister died when I was seventeen.

My part of fortune is 19 ♀ conjunct my ♀. At that age I obtained my present position.

INDIAN AND WESTERN SYSTEMS

From SAGITTAR.

In his letter in the September issue of the Quarterly Mr. Sanders gave us much interesting and useful information regarding Hindu methods and the two astrologers Leo and Sepharial.

There is little doubt that some of Sepharial's work—especially that contained in his so-called keys to racing and stocks—was slipshod. I will be positive enough to state that very probably I am better informed on this than Mr. Sanders, for I have seen nearly all of the Sepharial keys; have spoken or corresponded with their purchasers; have carried on, with several other students, exhaustive investigations; and the results of all this, in which both American and British students had a part, was that the keys would not hold up and pay a profit.

I am very glad indeed that Mr. Sanders brought out the truth about those privately issued keys. The wondering student should have had the truth long ago. A great deal more might be said, for I have scores of letters in my files. I may assure the student hoping for fabulous wealth that keys issued by others will not, in the long run, work any better than Sepharial's.

In spite of these and other things, I am sure that many will agree that Sepharial was a fine character, and, despite Mr. Sanders's contention to the contrary, an authority beyond question.

As to Hindu methods, I didn't mean, in offering a prize for a letter or article, that we should throw overboard all we know in case a student of such methods should give us something good. Nor did I suggest adopting their zodiac, for I stipulated that whatever was offered should be practical to our knowledge. If Mr. Sanders will re-read my letter in the June issue he will see that this is so.

My brother and two friends of mine got vastly better radix readings from Hindus than from British or American astrologers. And, while I feel sure that Mr. Sanders could give a better directional reading over any period, I rather doubt he would insist that a good student of Hindu methods can teach us absolutely nothing of worth.

My first letter was written in the hope that one of these students would come forward to help us.

EDITORIAL NOTE.—We publish this under reservation, for we have never seen, much less tested, these much-discussed “keys,” and therefore give our correspondent’s opinion for what it may be worth. But we have expressed the view that it is exceedingly unlikely (except in very abnormal circumstances) that anyone possessing a genuine key to speculation would sell it. Consider what a “double” (in racing parlance) may bring in; two or three such successful speculations would turn £1 into a substantial fortune. Is it to be supposed that one who could own this information would hawk it for a few guineas? But this is not to say that all such keys are without foundation. The real point is that the word “key” implies that the system, by itself, will unlock the secrets of prognostication in the field in question; whereas in all astrology we have to balance many factors, and only occasionally is the correct answer obvious. Ordinary principles can be applied to racing, as to all else, and, beyond this, some students are possessed of genuine information that has never appeared in print. But to suppose that any of these render the “spotting of winners” an almost mechanical process in which failure is hardly possible—that, to my mind, would be quite an error.

THE VERNAL EQUINOX IN SOUTHERN LATITUDES

From GEORGE H. BAILEY.

The esoterism of the equinoxes should not be taken too seriously. If the northern spring came in with a shout regularly every year when the ☉ reaches ♈, one might accept the idea of a relationship between the vernal equinox and the resurrection of the magic green fire of life. As, however, the entry of spring is regulated by the kind of winter preceding it, the practical mystic must abjure such symbolism.

In some years, spring flowers can be found early in February, long before the ☉ leaves ♊, yet in others they appear much later, while it is a rare occurrence to find trees bursting into leaf before April is well advanced. If there should be a correspondence between the Sun’s entry into the cardinal signs and the sequence of events in the natural world, it would seem that we northerners should turn to ♊ rather than to ♈ (or even perhaps to ♐ ♊, in the neighbourhood of which is the point that, with its opposite in ♋, divides the ecliptic into two equal periods of time).

Similar considerations apply to the southern hemisphere, save that the opposite points in the ecliptic assume significance, if there be any. Spring shows signs of awakening there presumably in September or October, and ♋ is therefore the “vernal” equinox in such latitudes, with ♐ ♋ as the possible fount from which the green fire springs.

But what shall we say on behalf of the equatorial regions? Surely the argument is there reduced to an absurdity!

Lest readers should be led astray by Eric Bell’s “solution,” it should be pointed out that the south pole is not always “in advance

of" the north pole, for the reverse condition obtains on the other side of the earth's orbit. Even so, it is hardly likely to "blow" propagation back to the southern hemisphere, for the earth's velocity of nineteen miles per second is relatively too insignificant to produce a "draught" in cosmic radiations moving at a speed of 186,000 miles per second!

BOOK REVIEWS

The Wheel of Life, vol. iv, by MAURICE WEMYSS. L. N. Fowler & Co. 112 pp. 5s.

This volume is devoted to Medical Astrology and comprises general considerations, followed by diseases severally discussed alphabetically, from "Abnormal Birth" to "Deformed." There is an appendix on the relative strength of aspects. The work follows the general method of the previous volumes of the same title and contains a very great store of astrological data and other information. Students should carefully test the author's conclusions in respect of particular diseases. His use of certain degree-areas as having specific effects on the health is, in our view, most important and likely to be productive of a much greater precision than most astrologers can at present attain. It seems a pity that comparatively few (in our experience) have followed in his wake in this particular region of the astrological ocean. It appears that the hypothetical planets which figured so largely in earlier volumes are not so prominent in the present book and this is probably to be commended, inasmuch as hypothetical factors, however much we may personally believe in them and employ them, still remain but hypothetical so far as astronomical basis is concerned and therefore may, if accorded too prominent place in published work, give rise to misapprehension and misgivings.

Like all the author's works, this is a highly scientific production and ought to receive every encouragement from the astrological world.

Modern Astrology Ephemeris for 1936. Published at *Modern Astrology* Offices. 48 pp. 1s.

This is similar to its forerunners, which have filled a very important place in our periodic literature. Besides the usual ephemeris for the year, there are Campanus tables for 34° N., a table of standard times, condensed ephemerides for 1636, 1736, and 1836 (these are most valuable and special attention is directed to them), a review of recent astrological literature, a list of data for sovereigns and presidents, and reports for 1934 from societies.

Astrological Ephemeris for 1936, by DR. E. WILLIAMSON. 80 pp.

Features of this work are the heliocentric longitudes and latitudes of the planets for every tenth day, and three combined tables of

houses according to the systems of Placidus, Regiomontanus, and Campanus for the northern latitudes 48°, 50°, and 54° so arranged as to be available for ready comparison—this is the speciality of the publication which is, however, in all respects praiseworthy. Another point to notice is that longitudes are given to the nearest *minute*. Those who use this work should carefully note that positions are for midnight—an advantage, provided that it does not trap the unwary! Particulars of eclipses are given in great detail and the book is excellently printed and bound.

The price does not appear; the publishers are A. W. Sijthoff's Uitgevers Mij. N.V., Leiden, Holland. The text is in English.

The Effect of Lunations in Natal Horoscopes, by JOSEPHINE MARSHALL SHEFFIELD. 50 cents.

A small work produced by mimeographic process. It deals concisely with an important and rather neglected subject and gives details of observations on the effects of lunations in the twelve houses according to the aspects received. The authoress might usefully expand it to much greater size as further data are accumulated, and for this purpose the services of fellow-students might be enlisted, so that a more complete survey could be made.

Cosmology of Numbers, by GRACE H. SILCOCK. Published by L. N. Fowler & Co. 93 pp. 2s. net.

A course of lessons studied at the Women's Progress Club, Auckland, N.Z., and dealing with the nine primary numbers and also 10, 11, 13, and 22. The subject is treated from a religious point of view and does so clearly and in an interesting manner.

L'Astrologie Scientifique à la Portée de Tous, by MAURICE PRIVAT, éditions Bernard Grasset, 61, rue des Saints Pères, Paris VI. 321 pp.

A most compendious and valuable work which can be confidently recommended to all French-reading astrologers. It is written in development of the medieval tradition but is also in touch with the latest astrological work, as is evinced by the chapter on symbolic directions, of which M. Privat writes: "On les appelle ainsi symboliques parce qu'elles reposent sur une conception *a priori*, idée philosophique dont nous ne savons pas si elle est scientifique. Rien de plus invraisemblable, certes, que d'imaginer les astres marchant du même pas. Pourtant la direction symbolique est basée sur cette déraison. Elle n'a en sa faveur qu'un seul argument, mais de poids: elle est à la fois absurde et incontestable. . . . C'est ridicule, mais ça marche." An excellent observation!

As in most French writings, the style is lucid and vital and the enthusiasm of the author shines through its pages. Nor is it less to be commended on the score of learning. The decanate delineations, in particular, merit careful attention.

M. Privat is also the editor of a magazine which is reviewed below.

What Is Astrology? by COLIN BENNETT. Published by Rider & Co. 144 pp. 3s. 6d.

This book is stated, in the Foreword, to be for the unconverted, written in order that the reader may have "a general idea of astrological technique sufficient to enable him to read ready-made nativities, published predictions and astrological works with some understanding," and also "to tell the honest astrologer from the charlatan."

Despite the modest tone of this introduction this is a book that may be very sincerely and unreservedly recommended. It is far from being a mere re-hash of other authors. The style itself is brisk and vital, and the matters dealt with, and the way in which they are dealt with, all bear the stamp of originality without eccentricity. It is also remarkably comprehensive—for instance, mention is made of the three chief methods of house-division (those associated with the names of Ptolemy, Placidus, and Campanus), and yet they are not introduced in such a way as to breed confusion.

There is a very appreciative mention of the work of the Astrological Lodge, with details of the place and times of meetings.

Perhaps as good a book as we have ever seen, or are likely to see, for the use of the serious inquirer who is prepared to make an investigation into astrological theory and practice without necessarily or immediately tackling the subject *in toto*.

The last chapter, "The Cause of it All," will attract the attention of any astrologer save the most superficial. C. E. O. C.

Le Grand Nostradamus. Revue Illustrée d'Humanisme et de Science Conjecturale. Directeur, MAURICE PRIVAT, 56, Rue du Faubourg St. Honoré, Paris 8^e.

This magazine was started by M. Privat a little over a year ago and deserves the attention of astrologers. It is printed on better paper than is usual in France, illustrated, and devoted entirely to the study and advance of astrology, leaving aside the mystical speculations which are so frequent in Continental publications of this sort. Its contributors are the leading French and Belgian astrologers, and a unique and very useful feature is the long lists of birth data which are published every two or three months, largely contributed by readers. As his chosen title shows, M. Privat is a great admirer of Nostradamus, and from time to time excerpts from the famous *Centuries* are discussed and explained, especially those referring to the present time. Contributions embodying original research are welcomed, especially on the subject of medical astrology. Usually *Le Grand Nostradamus* does not indulge in political predictions, but the final pages of each issue are devoted to daily guides for affairs and health judged from the current planetary positions. The price is six francs a number, or sixty-five francs a year post free to England, there being ten numbers a year.

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