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EDITORIAL

Changes

READERS will notice that by adopting a smaller type, I have added considerably to the contents of the Quarterly. The reduction in the number of pages is likely not to recur.

I regret that Mrs. Rhodes is no longer able to continue the articles she has written on National Astrology; these I have every reason to think have been widely appreciated and any astrologer can easily realise the amount of work they have involved. I am happy to introduce in her place Miss Estelle Gardner, a member of the Lodge whose lectures on national astrology have been much admired, and I believe that her articles will also be most welcome.

Harrogate

The Second Convention, held last Easter, was a great success, and the courtesy and generosity of the municipality in extending its hospitality to us, must be appreciated by all students, who see in it a definite recognition of the worth and dignity of true astrology. On the Sunday afternoon, at the Winter Gardens, the audience must have numbered at least five hundred people, and these listened most attentively to the speakers, who on that occasion were Lady Simpson ("Lena Ashwell"), Mrs. Sudbury Hurren, and myself.

So the tree planted last year by Mr. Burnell continues to flourish.

Liverpool

An Astrological Lodge, affiliated to the London Lodge and to that of Sheffield, has now been formed and we wish it a long and successful career.

Mrs. Hurren has worked indefatigably as a lecturer, and particularly in the North; and these two fine Lodges are in part the direct outcome of her labours.

Thus we see not only a much greater popular interest in our science, but also a development of organised study, which in my view is much more important.

"The Yorkshire Post"

I enclose with this issue a reprint of a well-written and very fair editorial from this distinguished periodical, in the belief that it will interest readers, who will also like to see a reply printed in the same journal and written by Mr. J. M. Thorburn, of the University of South Wales.

The Weaknesses of Libra

I see that Mr. Robson has unburdened himself in the *B.J.A.* on the above topic, though perhaps he has assailed not so much the Librans themselves as their indiscriminating admirers. I cannot say that I have myself heard quite so much of this wholesale praise of the Seventh Sign—perhaps people have wished to spare my blushes. It is, however, true that Libra seldom says "no," and having said "yes" often regrets his ready complaisance and tries to avoid paying the subsequent bill when it is presented to him.

Yet perhaps this is better than the attitude of the less obliging types—I mention no names—who start off with a stubborn negative and abide by it, or the even more annoying ones that do not say "no," but make a tremendous and disproportionate fuss about saying "yes," until one concludes that it would have been far easier to have done the job oneself and saved all the bother.

And I can certainly call to mind two or three Librans in the Astrological Lodge who never refuse to lecture when asked, and very rarely, if ever, fail to fulfil their engagements. Not, of course, that willingness to lecture—a typically Libran activity—covers all delinquencies.

My own view is that *all signs are good at their own work*, and it is when they are put to a task that is not within their own field that their failings appear. And the use of astrology is nowhere more conspicuous than in its power to tell us what *is* the right work for each of us.

Certainly most of us feel that a little more Libra would not hurt the world to-day, full as it is of people who are in "deadly earnest"—the former adjective is all too appropriate—about matters as to which there is probably about as much to be said on one side as the other.

Libra would agree with the Frenchman who said that "it is

putting rather a high value on one's opinions to be willing to die for them." One might add, "or to kill others for them."

Libra does not make martyrs—nor does it martyr other people. The people who probably *would* fare badly at its hands are those who torture children or animals—forms of cruelty which fill it with uncontrollable anger.

However, if we must make comparisons, then I say that Leo is on the whole the best of the twelve, however much one may ridicule the sentimentality, vanity, and other weaknesses of the less admirable examples. And this view, I think, accords with what one might expect from the sign of the Sun.

Each has his personal predilections, usually due to the positions of the benefics in his own map.

Our Correspondence

This will be found to contain points of exceptional interest. As regards Mr. G. H. Bailey's criticism of Symbolics, I feel, as being myself the author of a book on the subject, entitled to deny, as I have already done, that it is my practice to use innumerable measures, whatever others may do. And I have certainly never said that the ordinary secondary progressions should be neglected, nor transits, and both receive full recognition from those who use symbolics in the Astrological Lodge.

For myself I use the 1° , $\frac{1}{4}^\circ$, and $\frac{1}{8}^\circ$ measures, and am not sure, as yet, whether these should not all be equated by the radix measure, i.e. based on an annual increment of $59' 8''$ instead of 1° . These three do not by any means produce a vast host of possible contacts.

In the case quoted in Mr. Bailey's article it is evident that there are two radical contacts pointing to the tragic death of the native, viz. ♀ □ ♁ and ♀ □ PL ♀. Now it is rational to suppose that one, or both, would be in action at the time of death, under an arc of $19^\circ 13'$, which, by the $59' 8''$ increment, is $18^\circ 56'$. Mr. Bailey will have to admit that if this arc does not bring Pluto exactly to the opposition of the cusp of the 3rd, the appropriate house, it brings him uncommonly near.

Now the $\frac{1}{4}^\circ$ measure is admittedly productive of "background" directions and is, as I have pointed out, not always close to time. But in this case the arc by $\frac{1}{4}^\circ$ is approximately $4\frac{3}{4}^\circ$, and if this does not bring the M.C. exceedingly close to the opposition of Uranus and square of Mercury, well, call me a Dutchman!

In other words, using only two measures and neither of them swift ones, we find *a most perfect example of the value of sym-*

bolics, since each of the relative radical configurations is neatly brought on to a cusp and so precipitated, according to the universally accepted principles of our art.¹

Thus, so far as I am concerned, our good friend may yet convert me to a rejection of the symbolics, but not by this example.

Nor is it correct (so far as my methods go) to say that the lad had "passed through dozens of evil symbolic directions."

And in any case it is hardly to be supposed, even if the boy had not before met with a serious accident, that his life had been entirely without "harm."

Of course, I am not assailing Mr. Bailey's advocacy of the value of the stars, which is another question altogether. Nor am I supporting Mr. Macbean's lavish use of symbolic measures.

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With Mr. Sampson's plea for a sympathetic and helpful treatment of nativities I am in fullest accord and would like all readers to lay these wise words to heart. I cannot go so far as to reject public discussion of the nativities of public men and women, which appears to me to carry the principle of reticence too far; but that such discussion should be discreet, kindly, and where fitting, respectful, I do agree.

And, upon the whole, I affirm that astrologers do recognise their responsibilities and try to act up to them.

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Turning to page 79, it is certainly something new for me to find myself accused of an inordinate reverence for the past. That is not usually the case with Uranus rising, but if a distinct preference for Kepler's opinion in respect of aspects over Mr. Tucker's lays me open to that accusation, I accept it without demur.

I am in cordial agreement with much of what Mr. Tucker writes about the need for proof, and it was precisely because the rejection of the minor aspects appeared to be accompanied on Mr. Tucker's part *by no proof whatever* that I thought it time to say something, even if I adopted a rather facetious tone in doing so.

As for the suggestion that Mr. Tucker should now be asked to present his proofs for examination, I can only say that a very competent judge and jury, to wit, the general body of

¹ The square of Saturn to Pluto in Gemini is also activated, as Mr. Bailey himself points out, by the conjunction of the Moon with the former planet, $\frac{1}{2}$, nor is this direction so very far out, either.

students, is in constant session and usually arriving at a correct verdict sooner or later. If Mr. Tucker, who has shown himself to be an energetic writer, will submit his proofs to this court, I believe the verdict will come in due course.

There the matter, so far as *Astrology* is concerned, must rest, Mr. Tucker having had an opportunity to put forward his observations on my recent remarks.

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There are in point of fact numerous moot-points, some of them of great importance, which are still on the board-room table, so to speak. Some of them have been carefully examined by competent astrologers and yet no definite conclusion has, as yet, been accepted by the generality of students. Gradually, however, some fairly conclusive results are being obtained. It appears, for example, that the French astrologers have, as a result of strict statistical research, thrown Placidus overboard and adopted Regiomontanus, thereby setting the clock back some three hundred years so far as actual practice is concerned.

At some time a formal body of examiners of fresh proposals may come into existence, and provided those composing it commanded general respect, such an institution might perform very useful functions. I do not think that the time for any such thing has arrived in Great Britain, and whilst I willingly place any theories of my own on the table for general examination, I might hesitate to put them before any formally constituted board of examiners. Nor would I ask any other student to do so.

Where the statistical method can be applied, proof and disproof are fairly simple matters. In this field our Continental colleagues are far ahead of us and have done work that ought to be more widely known here.

We, on the other hand, may take credit to ourselves for some valuable original work; and whilst some of the innovations emanating from Anglo-Saxon brains have probably been wild and woolly in the extreme, others will stand the test of time.

I should say there are few astrological assertions or denials that have not been made at some time or other, from the rejection of Pluto by some to the introduction of at least half a dozen hypothetical planets by others, from the dozens of aspects postulated by Wilde to the reduction in their numbers proposed by Mr. Tucker.

But hypothetical planets are not the speciality of the Anglo-Saxon; they have also bred on the other side of the North Sea.

At Harrogate Mr. Thorburn emphatically voiced the view

that it was essential that the value of the heliocentrics should be settled, and Mr. Harwood pleaded for a more general recognition of the pre-natal horoscope.

Over against the innovationists (with whom I must be classed on the scope of certain symbolic measures) we find the example of Alan Leo, who stuck strictly to conservative astrology and kept his opinions as to doubtful matters, if he had any, to himself. He probably owed much of his success as a propagandist of astrology to this policy of sticking to the main points and driving them home.

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THE "ALAN LEO" LECTURE

ON

"DO THE STARS COMPEL?"

Copies of this address, delivered at Harrogate by the Editor, are to be obtained from Mr. H. H. Burnell, "Red Cote," Pool, near Leeds, Yorks, at a price of 7d., postage paid.

MRS. WALLIS WARFIELD AND THE DUKE OF WINDSOR

By EDGAR BRAY

MRS. WARFIELD was born at Baltimore on June 19, 1896. I have been directly informed that the hour of birth was "between 5.30 and 6 a.m." Rectification by the pre-natal epoch shews it to have been at 5.29.39 a.m., Eastern Time, corresponding to 10.29.39 a.m. G.M.T.

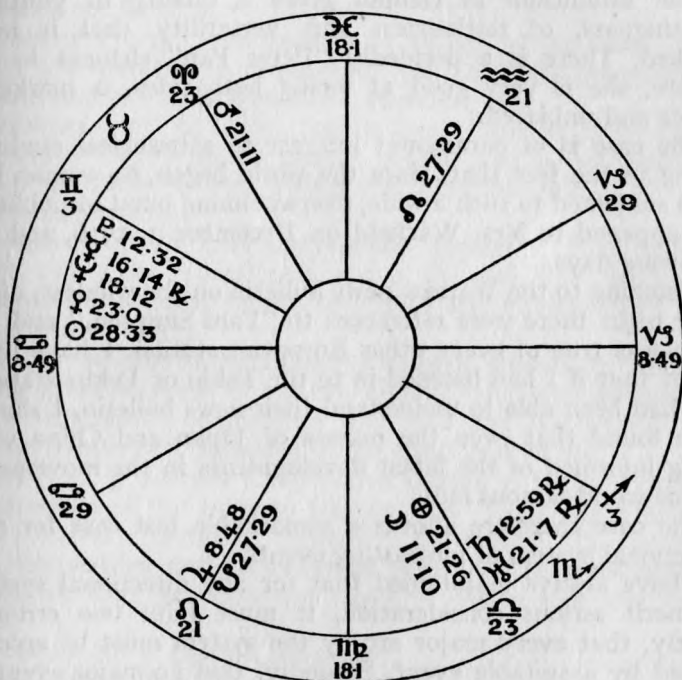
The birth horoscope is a very fine and attractive map indeed. Mars and Mercury are dignified by sign, whilst Mars, Venus, and the Moon are dignified by house position.

Six bodies are in airy signs and there is a very powerful trine between the Libra Moon and Mercury and Neptune, shewing her to be an extremely intelligent, witty, naturally refined, and very sensitive person, possessed of a charming, polished, and agreeable manner.

The conjunction of Venus with Neptune shows that she is possessed of unusual taste, and that the artistic gifts are pronounced.

The Libra Moon shows her to be sociable, gentle, gracious, fond of pleasure and entertaining, and to have an equable and balanced mind.

The sextile of Mars to Venus and Neptune shows the feelings



MRS. WALLIS WARFIELD. Birth Map. Born 5.23.19 a.m. L.M.T., equals 10.29.39 a.m. G.M.T., June 19, 1896, Baltimore, U.S.A.

(Placidian Cusps)

to be warm and cordial, and that she is an affectionate and essentially warm-hearted person.

The conjunction of Venus and Mercury with Neptune indicates that in morals she has a modern point of view and considerable idealism in affairs of the heart. The heroine of John van Druten's novel *A Woman on Her Way* very probably closely fits Mrs. Warfield as regards moral outlook.

The map has not a single opposition, and only one square aspect (that between Jupiter and Saturn), indicating that Mrs. Warfield is an essentially "good" person, with very little evil

in her nature, and with a marked absence of coarse or combative elements.

Her map contrasts most favourably with those of many royal princesses. I cannot in fact recall the map of any royal lady of our times which is less free from hampering and discordant aspects than is the map before us. It is no use mincing words. This is a fact.

The satellitium in Gemini gives a quality of youthful pleasingness, of restlessness and versatility that is most marked. There is a decidedly "Peter Pan" element in her nature, she is very good at seeing both sides, is markedly clever and unbiased.

The case is of paramount interest to astrological students owing to the fact that, since the world began, no woman has been subjected to such a wide, overwhelming burst of publicity as happened to Mrs. Warfield on December 3, 1936, and the following days.

Listening to the Warsaw news bulletin on the wireless, night after night there were references to "Pani Simpson," and the same was true of every other European station. I have little doubt that if I had listened-in to the Tokio or Pekin stations and had been able to understand their news bulletin, I should have found that even the masses of Japan and China were being informed of the latest developments in the movements of this world-famous lady.

The case therefore affords a remarkable test case for any directional system of forecasting events.

I have always maintained that for any directional system to merit serious consideration, it must fulfil two criteria. Firstly, that every major arc by the system must be accompanied by a suitable event. Secondly, that no major event in life should occur without suitable directional evidence appearing in the map.

As the result of many years' observation and experience, I have become firmly convinced that what is known as the "Radix System" of directing is the only one that properly fills these two conditions, and that it must therefore be regarded as the main and bedrock system of directing. This system works on an arc of $59^{\circ} 8''$ of progress for midheaven, Sun, Moon, and planets, per year of life, the progressed ascendant being taken out, as is usual, under the progressed midheaven.

I reject the one-degree system as having no "natural" basis in nature, as we cannot imagine that anyone has ever informed the Sun, Moon, and planets that we humans have arbitrarily decided to divide the circle into 360 equal parts.

The Radix System, however, with a yearly arc equal to the mean daily motion of the Sun ($1/365\frac{1}{4}$ of the circle), possesses this strong natural basis, and, what is more important, works very closely and accurately in practice.

We should therefore *expect* that the events of December 3, 1936, and following weeks would correspond to some extraordinarily powerful and striking directions in the map.

What do we find?

December 3, 1936, corresponds to an age of 40 years, $5\frac{1}{2}$ months, and therefore to an arc of $39^{\circ} 53'$. The radix progressed positions, and the main directions, therefore are:

Midheaven.— $27^{\circ} 54'$ Aries. Sextile Sun r. August 1937. The friendship of highly placed people, honour and advancement, possibly marriage, is well within the allowable orb of 1° at the date in question.

Ascendant.— $9^{\circ} 10'$ Leo. Conjunction Jupiter r. June 1936. Jupiter, ruling the radical 10th and in the 2nd, this direction represents the greatest chance of wealth and advancement in the lifetime.

Sun.— $8^{\circ} 26'$ Leo. Conjunction Jupiter r. June 1937. Again showing great increase of wealth, honour, and advancement. It is a remarkable coincidence that this and the preceding direction should both measure to the same year of life.

Moon.— $21^{\circ} 3'$ Scorpio. Conjunction Uranus r. January 1937. This direction of the ruler to Uranus, the "Lightning Flash" of the planetary hierarchy, posited in the radical 5th, clearly shows the sudden and catastrophic severance of a romantic attachment. This direction was exact to within four minutes of arc.

Mercury.— $26^{\circ} 7'$ Cancer. No aspect.

Venus.— $2^{\circ} 53'$ Leo. No aspect.

Mars.— $1^{\circ} 3'$ Gemini. No aspect.

Jupiter.— $18^{\circ} 41'$ Virgo. Opposition M.C. r. April 1936. Legal and financial disputes, loss and trouble through law, professional people, and nobility. The opposition of the bishops and archbishops is very clearly shown by this powerful direction.

Saturn.— $22^{\circ} 52'$ Sagittarius. Opposition Venus r. January 1937. Grief, sorrow, disappointment, separation from the loved one. The enforced separation from the Duke is very clearly shown by this direction, the orb again being exceptionally close.

Uranus.— $1^{\circ} 0'$ Capricorn. No aspect.

Neptune.— $28^{\circ} 5'$ Cancer. No aspect.

Caput.— $7^{\circ} 22'$ Aries. No aspect.

Fortunus.— $21^{\circ} 47'$ Scorpio. Conjunction Uranus r. April 1936. Sudden and unexpected loss and reversal, loss through political situation and Government action.

The list of directional arcs within orbs at December 1936 is therefore truly formidable and I cannot recollect any nativity which has shown such an extraordinary concentration of major directional influences within so short a period. There are six major directional arcs either by conjunction or opposition. Of the five promissors, Sun, Moon, ascendant, M.C., and Fortuna, four of them show major directional arcs by conjunction or opposition, and the fifth (the M.C.), a powerful sextile to radical Sun.

It would be impossible to imagine a more apt and fitting series of directions as measuring to the historical events. No phase of the developments that have transpired is omitted by the arcs. The great honour and advancement, the increase in wealth, the separation, the opposition of the nobility and clergy, the catastrophic suddenness of the developments—all are shown.

In the course of a normal life span of seventy years, there will be about seventy of these major directional arcs by conjunction or opposition. The average therefore is that of approximately one per year of life, so that the "directional concentration" in Mrs. Warfield's birth map at December 1936 was about six times normality, a truly unusual figure.

Eclipses, new moons, and transits.

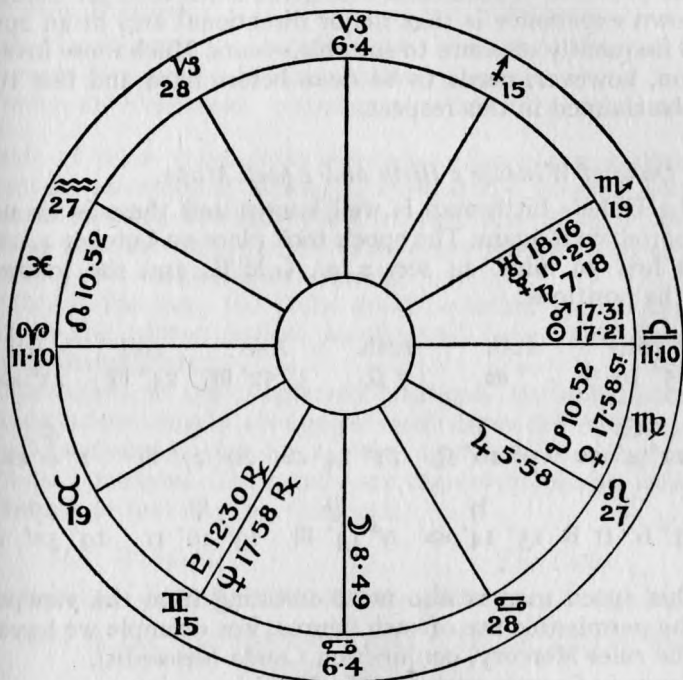
It now remains to complete the directional investigations by the addition of eclipses, new moons, and transits, and in this respect also, the present case is classical in its exact incidence in all three fields.

There was an eclipse of the Sun on June 19, 1936, in $27^{\circ} 44'$ Gemini, within one degree of radical Sun. There can be no doubt that this indicated Mrs. Warfield's divorce, which will be made absolute in May, 1937, when Saturn transits the square of the eclipse position.

On December 3, 1936, Neptune was transiting in $18^{\circ} 53'$ Virgo, or within one degree of the opposition of the M.C. Saturn was in $15^{\circ} 58'$ Pisces and came to the midheaven on January 9, 1937. This double transit well shows the peculiar and unpleasant events and the calumny, slander, and discredit the native suffered at this time.

More remarkable still, however, Mars on December 3rd was in $11^{\circ} 10'$ Libra at noon, or *exactly* on radical Moon. One must consider this transit as the spark which set the powder train ablaze

The New Moon prior to December 3rd was that of November 13, 1936, in $21^{\circ} 20'$ Scorpio, and therefore within less than a quarter of a degree of radical Uranus and radix progressed Moon. As is so frequently the case, the events which this New Moon foreshadowed, took place in the *third* week of the Moon.



MRS. WALLIS WARFIELD: Map of the Pre-Natal Epoch, 10.15.42 p.m., G.M.T., October 10, 1895.
(Placidian Cusps)

For the interest of students the epoch map is also shown. The epoch is a short-term one, but confirms the birth-time as chosen by events, to within five seconds, and agrees closely with the recorded birth-time.

The map opens up some very interesting speculations, namely, as to how far house position and aspects in the epoch map may be taken as indicative of character and fate, and furthermore as to how far directional arcs are permissible.

Readers will note the satellitium of planets in the 7th house, particularly Sun exact conjunction Mars in Libra therein.

The exact square of Venus to Neptune, emphasising the conjunction in the radical map, is also most interesting.

The arc to December 1936 is $40^{\circ} 35'$ and shows p. M.C. trine Sun-Mars October 1937 (presumably measuring to the third marriage) p. ascendant square the nodes, September 1937, and p. Saturn square Venus and opposition Neptune to January 1937.

The presence of such close arcs gives much food for thought. My own experience is that major directional arcs in an epoch map frequently measure to suitable events. Much more investigation, however, needs to be done before hard and fast rules can be claimed in this respect.

The Duke of Windsor's Birth and Epoch Maps.

The Duke's birth-map is well known and there is no need to reproduce it again. The epoch took place on October 4, 1893, at 2 hrs. 39 mins. 24 sec. a.m., G.M.T., and the following are the positions.

10th	11th	12th	Asc.	2nd	3rd
$25^{\circ} 10' 8''$	$0^{\circ} \varnothing$	$7^{\circ} \Omega$	$3^{\circ} 52' \text{III}$	24°III	$21^{\circ} \asymp$
\odot $11^{\circ} 4' \asymp$	J $0^{\circ} 16' \Omega$	M $21^{\circ} 14' \asymp$	V $20^{\circ} 27' \text{III}$	S $1^{\circ} 6' \asymp$	
U $1^{\circ} 6' \text{II R}$	H $15^{\circ} 14' \asymp$	M $9^{\circ} 14' \text{III}$	Ψ $13^{\circ} 28' \text{II}$	Caput $19^{\circ} 52' \text{V}$	

This epoch map is also most arresting from the viewpoint of the permissible use of such figures. For example we have:

The ruler Mercury, conjunction Cauda (discredit).

Venus in Scorpio opposing the M.C.

Neptune in the 10th.

The exact trine between Mars and Jupiter.

By radix arc, the p. Sun came to conjunction Venus r. in October 1933, which coincides very closely with the time when the Duke met Mrs. Warfield and the romantic attachment began.

The Duke's epoch map is also interesting in its comparison with Mrs. Warfield's birth-map, particularly in that *the Sun in his epoch map is within 6' of arc of the Moon in her birth-map. Venus, the ruler of the M.C. in his epoch map, is also within 40' of arc of Uranus in her birth-map.*

I cannot escape the conviction that this Sun-Moon contact is one of the most important factors in their mutual affinity, but it is not permissible to generalise without much additional evidence.

Comparison of Mrs. Warfield's and the Duke's Birth-Maps

The question as to whether the attraction between the subjects of our study is a passing and ephemeral one, or is likely to persist, may be determined by a comparison of the two birth maps.

Mrs. Warfield

Asc. 8° 49' Cancer

Mercury-Neptune

Uranus 21° 7' Scorpio

The Duke

Sun 2° 21' Cancer

conjunction Jupiter

opposition Venus 23° 19' Taurus

Each of these three links appears to have a considerable degree of permanence about it, even if the third is not an unmixed blessing. The third, if I mistake not, is the classical position of some of the older astrologers for postulating the exercising of a snake-like fascination.

If this is the case, the Duke must be rather susceptible to ladies of the 1896-7 period, as they all have their Uranus there or thereabouts.

With regard to the progressed positions, my experience is the comparison should always be made from the Arabic progressed positions (a day for a year), and not from the radix progressed positions. The results are then very reliable indeed.

Working in this way, we then get:

Mrs. Warfield

p. Mars 20° 15' Taurus

p. Mars in her map reaches Venus r. in his map in five years' time

The Duke

Venus r. 23° 19' Taurus

Asc. r. 8° 49' Cancer *was* conjunctionVenus p. 8° 37' Cancer.
January 1933Jupiter r. 8° 48' Leo *was* conjunction

p. Sun January 1933

Mars r. 21° 11' Aries conjunction

Mars p. 24° 26' Aries

Sun r. 28° 33' Gemini conjunction

Jupiter p. 27° 27' Gemini

This series also is strongly indicative of continued attraction, not only as long as youth lasts for them, but with essential harmony in a much wider sphere. It also clearly shows the inception of the attraction, the p. Venus conjunction ascendant r. being very potent.

My judgment in this matter is therefore that the attraction is mutual, is in no way a passing or ephemeral one, and is likely to persist through the years. The radical link of the Duke's Sun and Mrs. Warfield's ascendant is one that indicates

mutual affection and trust that will outlast any stresses of the moment.

The fact too that, in comparing the two epoch maps, the Sun in his epoch map is exact opposition the ascendant in hers, is to my mind further evidence of a very deep link indeed. In noting these comparisons there is a complete absence of Saturnian or other depressive links that might discount the positive links to some extent, and this also strengthens my judgment in the matter.

The "Simpson Case" therefore becomes of outstanding significance to all astrological students. Apart from being one of the most sensational episodes in the lives of our royal family, it is at the same time an absolutely classical case from an astrological viewpoint. To any student who cares to look into the matter it constitutes a very striking proof of the established rules of modern astrology, not only in the general reading of the horoscope as regards Character and Destiny, but particularly of the more disputed rules for directional effects.

It constitutes a strong proof that the established system of Radix Directions, plus the evidence of eclipses, transits, and new moons, is reliable and trustworthy to the smallest detail.

Written March 27, 1937.

NATIONAL ASTROLOGY

By ESTELLE GARDNER

THE quarter opens with an eclipse of the Sun on June 8th, squared by Neptune, and falling in Gemini 17.38, which is the degree given by tradition as ruling London. This being the case there must inevitably be considerable speculation as to what effect it may be expected to have upon our city. It falls in the 6th house at London, and as the square to Neptune is a separating one, this looks rather like the aftermath of the labour troubles we are already experiencing, especially in connection with transport, since Gemini is the 3rd-house sign, and Mercury its ruler was conjunct Saturn in the 3rd house at the Vernal Ingress. This position has, at the time of writing, been the indicator of inconvenience to hundreds of the travelling public in the bus

strike in full swing in the Home Counties. Now we are threatened with its extension to London during Coronation week, and since Venus, ruler of 6th in the quarterly figure, falls stationary square the Moon of the figure during that time, it looks very much as though London's millions may also have their pleasure (Venus also ruler of 5th) interfered with to some extent. But in the eclipse figure Mercury, ruler of 6th, is advancing to the trine of Jupiter rising, so that we may reasonably expect that the worst of the trouble will be over by June, and a settlement in sight, especially as the bodies concerned are in mutable signs, less stubborn and more amenable to arbitration than the fixed, less prone to violent or hasty action than the cardinal. There will, however, be much heated discussion in Parliament over labour questions (Mars on cusp of 11th, opposition Mercury ruler of 6th).

The position of Mercury conjunct Saturn in the 3rd house at the Vernal Ingress, to which I have already referred, has sadly verified the prophecy of serious accidents by road or rail made by Mrs. Rhodes in the last number of the Quarterly. For five days running accidents on London's railways were recorded, for the most part slight, but one, in the morning of April 2nd, involved the deaths of some ten or twelve people. On that day the Moon was in Sagittarius, squaring the conjunction from the 1st house of the figure, and, for what it is worth, the Dragon's Tail was in Gemini 18.42, very near the rising degree of London. Since the Moon in the figure was just on the 8th cusp, opposing Jupiter, the ruler, deaths were almost inevitably to be a feature of the quarter, and this opposition was felt again when on April 9th the Sun squared it from Aries, and nine British officers and men lost their lives as the result of an ambush by hostile tribesmen on the N.W. Frontier (Jupiter ruler of figure in India's sign, and ambush abroad well suggested by Mars in 12th house and 9th-house sign).

Mr. Baldwin has announced his retirement for immediately after the Coronation, so that the summer quarter will open with a new Prime Minister. Mr. Neville Chamberlain, who is to succeed Mr. Baldwin, was born on March 18, 1869, no time known. He has his Sun sextile the Moon in Taurus, Mars in Leo conjunct the Dragon's Head, Saturn in Sagittarius, and Jupiter conjunct Neptune in Aries, a grand trine in fire therefore, and all planets are in fire or water, except the Moon in the concrete earth sign which has so much to do with finance. There are two points in connection with his planetary positions of particular interest. One that his Jupiter is conjunct the ascendant of the map of England (December 25, 1066, midday)

and his Sun conjunct its Moon, so that the country should benefit from his leadership; the other that his Moon in Taurus 25¹ is on the M.C. of the Saturn-Jupiter conjunction map of 1921, and therefore in almost exact trine to that conjunction in Virgo 26 in the 2nd house, a truly illuminating correspondence in the map of a past Chancellor of the Exchequer!

The map for the summer quarter shows mixed vibrations. The Sun enters Cancer at 8.12 p.m. G.M.T., June 21st, with the last degree of Sagittarius rising. Jupiter in the 1st house, and Venus ruler of the 4th in the 4th, should benefit the country generally, and ensure that whatever difficulties may arise will be settled peacefully. Labour troubles may not yet be finished with, since Mercury is on the cusp of the 6th, going to the square of Neptune; and the Government will not have too easy a time, for the Opposition will be very active (Venus ruler of 4th in 4th going to opposition of Mars in 10th). Foreign affairs will be prominent during the summer, since the Sun is on the cusp of the 7th, and they will cause some anxiety, since it is going to the square of Saturn in the 3rd, which makes one think that some note or document may be the cause of a crisis. Debates on foreign affairs will be acrimonious (Moon in Sagittarius in 11th, opposition Mercury), and any trade agreement with a foreign country which is due to come up for revision would only be negotiated with difficulty. Since the Sun rules the 8th the death of some prominent figure in world affairs does not seem unlikely, and Saturn again in the 3rd is not good for transport affairs in general. Jupiter is retrograding to the trine of Neptune which is exact on August 25th and again on October 26th; and as it rises not only at London, but also at Paris, Berlin, and Rome, not to mention the lesser capitals such as Brussels, Amsterdam, and Copenhagen, this factor should conduce to an international atmosphere favourable to the efforts which are being made to pave the way for freer trade. The suggestion has been made that a new World Economic Conference should be convened, but should such a thing be finally decided upon, which at present is unlikely, it would be distinctly more favourable should it not take place until next year, for not until then will Jupiter have got away from the hampering influence of Pluto, the planet which seems to have much to do with the present world-wide currency restrictions and trade entanglements.

Within the Empire, Palestine (ruled by Aries), will almost certainly be in the news, and also India, the latter especially during August. A glance at the map for the Proclamation of

¹ This is the noon-position.

Annexation of India (November 1, 1858, noon, Allahabad), is interesting just now, having regard to the difficulties with which the Government of India is faced in connection with the introduction of the new Constitution. The ruler of the 11th (Parliament and legislation) is Jupiter, weakly placed both by sign and house, in Gemini in the 5th, and forming part of a mutable cross, opposition Venus ruler of 4th in 11th, square Neptune in Pisces in the 2nd, and square the Moon ruler of 6th (house of the people) in Virgo, the 6th-house sign. Under these circumstances to legislate for India in any way is a difficult task, and we could not expect that any Constitution would have an easy passage into effect, since it would be an impossibility for it to meet with universal approval. During May Jupiter is stationary on the ascendant (Capricorn 28), retrogrades into the 12th house during the summer, and returns again to the ascendant in December; India is at present much preoccupied with this matter. Neptune by transit is not far from the Moon, and I think that in this connection Neptune represents the Congress Party, with its leaders frequently imprisoned in the past (radical Neptune in 12th-house sign) and its obstructive though non-violent tactics of non-cooperation.

The New Moon of August falls on India's ruler, Saturn, in the 7th house of India's map, squared by Uranus on the cusp of the 4th. The Cancer Ingress finds Uranus rising at Delhi, conjunct Venus ruler of 7th, and with Mars ruler of 1st in 7th. This looks rather like a deadlock, but with Jupiter in the 10th the Government should have the situation well in hand, and with Neptune on the cusp of the 6th, mitigating the 1st-7th-house opposition, the Congress Party may make some move which will ease matters. Once Jupiter really enters the 1st house of the radical map, which will be at the end of the year, things should straighten out, especially as the progressed Moon, at present in the 7th, will be sextile Jupiter and trine Venus next January. Even then, however, we must not expect too much, for Neptune has still a long way to go before it is clear of the mutable cross which is such a difficult feature of the map.

In Europe we find Mars in Scorpio affecting the chief maps during the quarter; falling stationary on Mussolini's ascendant, on the 7th-house cusp of the chart of the Nazi Government, on the Mercury (ruling the 9th) of the chart of the Soviet regime, and on the progressed Sun of the French Republic, which is at present in the 9th, opposition the radical Pluto in 3rd. Since the Moon is in Sagittarius at the Cancer Ingress, it

seems likely that the Spanish conflict will still be a potential cause of tension. Russia in particular seems occupied with this matter, since the Moon is in the 9th at Moscow. Fortunately, Mars meets no serious afflictions during the quarter, so that we may justly hope that, although the international temperature may possibly rise a little in August, nothing worse than frayed tempers and perhaps some hard words (Moon opposition Mercury) will manifest themselves. The New Moon of August, which is squared by Uranus, touches both Germany and Russia in particular, for it falls square to Stalin's Venus-Mars opposition (and on his M.C. if the speculative map in *American Astrology* for December 1936 is right), and on Hitler's Saturn. Perhaps those two countries, never friendly, will be disliking each other a little more than usual during that month.

The eclipse of June exactly squares the Moon, ruling the 10th house, of the map of the Spanish Republic (April 14, 1931, 5.50 p.m., Madrid). But the New Moon of August falls in the 10th house trine the radical Uranus on the cusp of the 7th while at the same time the transiting Uranus is stationary over the radical Mercury, ruler of the 9th, and in sextile to the radical Jupiter in the 9th, and this is a combination which makes one think that some breach of the non-intervention pact in favour of the Government might take place during that month. On the other hand the August New Moon also distinctly favours the Nationalist forces, since it falls on Franco's M.C., trine his Jupiter, ruler of his 2nd. His progressed ruler Mars is less than one degree from the conjunction of Jupiter, and since this conjunction will be vivified by the New Moon from his mid-heaven, it seems likely that any accentuation of the fighting in the second half of August, when Mars transits the Moon of the quarterly figure, will go in his favour. Peace in Spain is not yet.

At Rome and Berlin the ruler of the 11th is in the 1st at the Ingress, with the ruler of the 7th in the 11th, so that we may expect to see a further development of the good relations between these two countries. But the maps of the two dictators and of their respective Governments do not show any very strongly harmonious links, so that one wonders to what extent co-operation will prove to be possible. In the map of the Nazi Government (January 30, 1933, 10 a.m. G.M.T., Berlin), the 6th house conflicts strongly with the map of Fascist Italy (October 31, 1922, 9 a.m. G.M.T., Rome) for its ruler squares the Sun and the ruler of the Italian map, and the Mars-Jupiter conjunction therein opposes the Fascist Moon, which rather goes to bear out my own observation that there is no very

noticeable enthusiasm in the German people for an Italian *rapprochement* as such, though circumstances may render it necessary. Austria, with her Germanic peoples, is an important factor in the drama being played out in Central Europe, and I hope some day to make a special study of the astrological influences affecting that country. Incidentally, since tradition places her under Libra, we may expect the coming three years of Saturn's transit through the opposition sign of Aries to have a marked influence upon her development and fate.

Hitler is under good and constructive directions at present. His progressed ruler, Venus, is trine his Jupiter-Moon conjunction, and his progressed Mars is trine Uranus, while by one-degree measure Saturn is trine Neptune, Mercury is sextile Saturn, the Moon-Jupiter conjunction is sextile Mercury and coming up to the trine of the ascendant, and his Sun is already forming the trine to Uranus which by secondary direction it does not reach for another two years. The only inharmonious progression is the square of Neptune to Uranus by one degree. The square of the transiting Uranus to his radical Saturn, which he will experience during most of the summer, has much to do, in my view, with the constant struggle going on behind the scenes between the moderates and the extremists in the Nazi party, and also with the intensified secret activities of those who oppose his power both inside and outside Germany (Uranus in 12th in both his own map and that of his Government). But I have elsewhere given it as my opinion, which I see no reason to change, that the *chief* problems of the Nazi regime are, and will remain, internal (Pluto in Cancer in 4th opposing ruler of map on M.C.), not excepting the colonial question, which is also strongly linked with economic conditions. This fact, combined with Hitler's own benefic progressions, should dispose Germany to greater international co-operation this year.

In the United States we find the eclipse falling in the 8th house at Washington, and in the President's 10th, squaring his ascendant and rising Uranus. This, together with the fact that the Sun is in the 8th at the Cancer Ingress, makes one think that his Government may suffer some loss by death. It would also not be surprising if during the quarter there were to be some regrettable loss of life connected with 3rd-, 9th-, 5th-, or 6th-house matters, i.e. travel, labour questions, amusements, etc. Uranus by transit has just entered the President's 9th house and squares his Sun throughout the summer. His projects look like meeting with determined opposition and obstructionist tactics from Congress (Neptune on cusp of 11th in

quarterly map) or from any vested or privileged interests which may be impinged upon by these projects (radical Saturn in Taurus, transiting Saturn conjunct progressed Sun, square radical Moon). I do not profess to have sufficient knowledge of the intricacies of American politics to understand exactly what is involved, but as the 9th house is so strongly implicated it is reasonable to suppose that his attack on the constitution of the Supreme Court of the United States will be one of the matters in question, and labour questions another (radical Uranus in Virgo and ruler of 6th) and that although he has the majority of the people behind him public opinion will tend to become more sharply divided over his policy. The last week in June seems particularly critical for the President, and he should also take care of his health, since the directions and transits at that time are such as to cause considerable physical strain (progressed Sun square radical Moon, progressed Moon nearing its own place, with Saturn squaring it by transit). Jupiter is helping his administration, however, and acts as a preserving influence to him personally, being especially strong through August, September, and October, when it is trine his ascendant. Shipping or aviation matters or interests may be prominent during the quarter and may incur financial difficulty or loss, or be affected in some way by happenings abroad. •

Tokyo has the eclipse almost on the mid-heaven, and Neptune exactly on the ascendant at the Cancer Ingress. If there is to be a constitutional crisis in Japan, which does not seem unlikely having regard to recent events there, June and July are the most likely months for it to occur.

Taking it all in all, the summer quarter seems as though it would be neither markedly satisfactory nor markedly difficult. It should be a period in which, in Western and Central Europe, at any rate, the spirit of Jupiter rising may help to lay the foundations of better things in the future and triumph over any passing complications.

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THE WAY OF ASTROLOGICAL PROGRESS

By P. J. HARWOOD

A Lecture delivered at Harrogate

WE are living in a critical epoch of human and world history when vast changes are coming over the face of the earth and

in the mind and soul of humanity. Numberless currents of new interests and influences and potentialities are tracking through the tangled mystery of human affairs. In our very complex civilisation it is often hard to trace the course which any one of these is taking. Some of these movements, like wireless, broadcasting, the cinema, or flying seem to take a course of more strength and definiteness than others, but these may be said to have already emerged to a maturity and fulfilment which has given them an accepted place in human economy. These, however, a generation ago, were still meandering a course hard to trace in a maze of uncertainty on account of the numberless tributaries of influence which, relevantly or irrelevantly, connected up with them. Nobody twenty-five years ago dreamed that the talking-film or the excellent broadcasting of sound would reach to anything like the perfection they have attained in a comparatively short time. To-day we can look back and trace the main line of wireless development, picking out a defined course made up of essentials from a medley of contributions composed of essentials and non-essentials: the Hertzian spark of fifty years ago, the Branly coherer, the aerial, the crystal detector, the thermionic valve, the microphone, etc.—all these have merged towards synthesis full-volumed in the self-sufficient organisations of broadcasting which we see to-day throughout the world.

Let us take comfort for astrology from these as we identify our efforts and interests with its emergence and impatiently await the day of its acceptance and justification, for astrology is one of those currents which, as a new—though resurrected old—thing is wending its way through the wilds of twentieth-century civilisation. It has not yet reached to a universal recognition: it has not yet won its way to an acknowledgment which springs up on all sides by an acceptance which takes it for granted. Yet there is reason to believe that it is on the threshold of entering that estate; and *when* it enters, what a vast field of human interest the world over will be brought into contact with it! How great will be its sway over the human mind!

To what long reaches in the course of human history can this river of astrology be traced! It is no twentieth-century wonder only. Astrology has a history both as a science and as a power inwoven in human life. It has dominated humanity with the superior vantage of a religion: in fact it has largely dominated religions themselves, supplying them with much of the material of their arrayment, and it has indeed been the universal religion behind religions. The heavenly hosts, the

Sun, Moon, Planets, and Constellations, as seen in the sky, have symbolised that which is "heavenly" and overruling in the religions which conceived an overruling providence. Prophecy and religion entwined gave guidance, and the conception of fate became articulate and derived sublimity in its association with the decree-carrying stars.

Its course as a science has been linked with its sister science, astronomy. Tycho Brahe, the astronomer, said, "Astrology is the soul of astronomy." Astronomy was the handmaid of astrology to supply it with all its necessary materials for prediction and judgment—these were the outer lineaments which hid behind them an indwelling, meaningful spirit more vitally important than they. The keen wind of the Renaissance, however, blew through the mouldering forms in which the popular beliefs of the Middle Ages had been clothed. Superstitions disguised the radiant face of Truth and the surgery of an unshrinking anatomy in the form of Science came to divide, to dissect, to examine, and often to mutilate and to kill. Astrology, a subject so prone to superstitious loading, did not escape, and though the more philosophic scientists like Kepler, Bacon, and Newton protested that astrology only needed a pruning, the general body of scientists were bent on its complete uprooting. The attitude of astronomy has been to drive it forth as the plague, to regard it with the utmost contempt and derision, to be shamefaced that it should ever have been its relative. The churches likewise have sought to expunge it as wicked belief, even though the Bible is limned from end to end with astrological tracteries.

Save for a few eccentrics, living apart from orthodoxy, whose minds had a trend towards mysterious studies and superstitions, its flame might have flickered out completely. But about the time when it seemed likely to be entirely extinguished by the triumphant conquests of twentieth-century science, it took a surprising turn for the better. The "Raphaels," the "Zadkiels," Dr. Simmonite, George Wilde, Powley, Sepharial, A. Leo, H. S. Green, and others carried, in England, the torch of astrology to the present time. A parallel movement, sympathetic to astrology, also arose in the shape of the Theosophical Society, which flourished under Madame Blavatsky and Mrs. Besant. On the theosophical wave, which swept over the entire globe, the exponents of astrology like Sepharial and A. Leo were carried triumphantly forward. Astrology became tolerated by intellectual people, who did not necessarily believe in it, because their leaders accepted it.

Then societies have been formed in more recent years in

England, and these are spreading, those in London headed by Mr. Carter and Mr. E. H. Bailey being the chief. And, whereas the wave of theosophical influence is weakening, that of astrology is rising of its own innate power; and its very one-pointedness and the uniqueness of its purposiveness and meaning will mark it out in time as an unmistakable phenomenon, compelling notice—and it will spread.

And further afield, in practically every country in the world, the leaven of astrology has been working and spreading. The movement of astrology is visibly gaining mass and momentum as we see books, magazines, societies, and conferences, designed for the genuine student, increase in number, size, and importance. There is an international conference to be held in Paris this next July, as there was one in Brussels two years ago, and one in Germany last year; and since some centuries I doubt whether at one meeting so many people have gathered together as they did yesterday afternoon (Easter Sunday) in the Winter Gardens under the inspiration of astrology. This Eastertide of 1937—how significant in analogy of a Resurrection Dawn for astrology!

Since 1929 astrology has made considerable strides. The reunion of astrology with astronomy was heralded in the scientific journal *Nature*, and soon after Mr. Naylor was writing a weekly astrological page in the *Sunday Express*. Other Sunday papers soon copied: then the daily papers. The astrological torch was now carried in large measure by editors and journalists intent on catering to public demand and who regarded astrology not as an end but as a means—a means to increase circulation, publicity, and to bring in money. It would be unfortunate if that torch were wrested entirely from the hands of responsible students, though we must expect it more and more to enter into the parlance of ordinary life and to find it incorporated into magazines and papers of every description.

At the present time there are questionings as to whether the newspaper-astrology is not harmful to the real astrology because the former does not truly represent the latter. Certainly the newspaper astrology goes beyond what it can legitimately claim. Birthday readings are based on such narrow foundations—or are they too broad?—the day in the current year. This leaves out such things as “directions,” which are based on the year, the day, the place, and the hour of birth. It is conceivable that persons of different ages having the same birthday may have very different fortunes for the year that follows. One may travel abroad, another marry, another suffer financial

loss, another gain, another die. Such different fortunes need more individual indications than are afforded by the common, shared-by-all, indications of the current birthday.

Nevertheless, the public in general seem satisfied, and even some of the more scientific have been impressed at least to have an open mind with regard to astrology. The popularisation of astrology should, in my opinion, be regarded as a healthy sign where, at any rate, a strong vein of genuine astrology lies at the back of it. There is also a touch of humour in seeing the unintellectual giving a lead to the intellectual in the acceptance and adoption of a scheme of knowledge these latter will ultimately be accepting. But we must often respect the scepticism, asking, meanwhile, for personal, first-hand examination of the subject as the only real way at present of contacting the truth of astrology—truth hidden amid much imperfection.

Much talk has been made of the "charlatan" in astrology, and certainly there are some whose charlatanry runs to ridiculous extremes. They gull, but often please and satisfy the simple-minded. Of course they present a counterfeit of true astrology and by unscrupulous suggestion, as successful advertisers, they extort money. They are also competitors of more scientific and conscientious professional astrologers. To "crush out the charlatan," as Alan Leo expressed it, is an object many of these astrologers have in view. To that end they seek to officialise astrology and gather all the power of the astrological movement into their own hands. Were this possible more harm than good might easily result. The antidote to it, I think, is the simplicity of astrology and the ease by which everyone of average intelligence and knowledge may become his own astrologer. There will then be little need for an astrological priesthood. Astrology, like the Bible, will be an open book to all. But the future of astrology does not depend on human efforts and guardianship alone. It would be unastrological to think that astrology is left without vital direction from the planets also as to its evolutionary meaning in human life—and astrology may be quite capable of taking care of itself! Perhaps so: but we, as human beings, need to take care of ourselves and of the impact of astrology in our midst. If we are true to ourselves we shall be true to astrology.

The true student of the subject will be most concerned with the internal progress of astrology. One aspect of this is its scientific and technical advance. He will hope to see the subject made more reliable: its rules extended; its untrue doctrines weeded out; the realm of its further potentialities opened up.

At present there seems to be, on the one hand, too much conservatism in the adoption of genuine new developments in the subject. Principally, to my mind, this is true of the general neglect of the epoch figure. What a grand omission is here! When will students wake up to the fact that the horoscope of birth is only *one* horoscope fitting to the native, and that the epoch horoscope is equally, in some cases *more*, important? And the simple rules for finding an epoch, as given by me in *Astrological Prediction*, have they ever had a fair examination and ventilation among students and in magazines? What is the use of trying to progress the science if no one will take up new ideas which have some experience and thought behind them? There is an amazing lethargy in some respects among students of astrology which has often left me, as a writer of astrological books, bewildered and disappointed. As labourers in the vineyard of astrology, let us be worthy. Half-heartedness, self-complacency, are no virtues in pioneers. And if we are unworthy, depend upon it, "the vineyard will be given to others." Astrology will advance internally as its students advance. Recessional, or converse secondary directions, discovered by Mr. H. S. Green, are also neglected. These, with processional directions and applied to both epoch and birth, yield four sets as against the usual one. Try them! I would also refer to the Ptolemaic or equal house division, which apportions 30° of the zodiac to each house, commencing at the ascendant. Try it!—if only to use it as a supplement to that in general use, and it may illuminate your horoscopes.

On another hand, a criticism I would point with regard to present-day astrological study is the easy irresponsibility of opinion which floats around unchecked. There is a difference between tolerance and laxity of opinion. Lax ideas are unscientific, and in the main will lead to no true goal. Astrology, as a science, is hedged with Saturnine limitations and bounds of truth. And it is for us to discover just what those principles are, and what they are not. Any fool can introduce new ideas into the subject, but the fact that they are "new" does not give them the prerogative of truth. Let us test things out, for goodness' sake, before foisting new—and possibly good—ideas on others. The criterion of a good new idea is "that it *works*." Faraday did not make the first dynamo by guesswork; only by dint of much testing out and honest rejection were his efforts at length confirmed by Nature. Do many of the "chance-medley" ideas glibly scattered abroad in astrology really work?—of course they do not!

Another main aspect internal to astrology is the *religious*

aspect. What do I mean by "religious"?—I mean that which unites the mind and spirit of man in *sublime* communion with the inner spirit and animating purpose and "personality" of the universe at large and of the solar system in particular. It is more than an impersonal philosophic attitude, because more intimate, as proceeding from a knowledge that there is a vivifying spirit working through the solar system and which is in close contact with us. This positive knowledge comes through the gateway of astrology. If what I say is true, is it not an important gateway? Would not many wish to be brought thereto?

Externally, the religious aspect of astrology will carry along the collective soul of humanity. Contacting mankind in the inner realms of spirit, astrology will help to carry the tide of general human evolution forward. At present astrology waits on public recognition; later, it may become the moulder of public outlook. We live in a time of unrest and uncertainty the world over. The modern ideologies which have replaced religion are unsatisfying—they seem to lack something. Yet how near to world-unity we seem to be approaching, in spite of the distractions! How near to a pooling of thought and outlook! The world is becoming more one, and the modern developments of wireless, broadcasting, aeroplane travel, and the screen are chief in knitting the world together more tightly as a single unit. It is time the Earth reached its sovereignty. It is time that it received more worshipful consideration from man and the nations of men. These developments may lead towards a sense of world-unity, but it is probably left for astrology as a catalytic, synthesising agent to create in mankind the deeper, spiritual feeling and insight of a oneness animating the Earth; of realising the existence in the Earth of a *World-Spirit* drawing all men to its highest service and obedience. Because it is so broad-based that it applies to all races of men, acting on them and calling forth their interest, astrology may be destined to serve as the universal religion. Then once again the soul of man, long enchained to the slavery of "earthly" materialistic conditions, will soar to the heavens, and, in kinship with a larger universe without, live more sublimely and realise that ultimate of evolution—the divinity in Man—Man, knowing the Universe, at one with the Universe, in conscious pulsation with it by an intimacy of knowledge and familiarity with the Earth and the great Sun and the Planets, and all the spirituality and personality which belong to these. Let us, as students, take inspiration in contemplating the good possibilities of astrology to the world—for "it is nigh,

even at the doors." It is for us to open that door to it on behalf of the world.

I have likened astrology and the astrological movement to a river. It is a "river of life"—concerned with *life* above all things. In closing, I think of the "river of life" spoken of by John in the last chapter of Revelation and of the "tree of life" which, at each new moon or at each entry of the sun into a new zodiacal sign, bore fruit according to the sign. Describing the "city"—the millennial city watered by the spiritualising knowledge of astrology (is not this the interpretation?)—John says: "And he shewed me a river of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb, and in the midst of the street thereof. And on this side of the river and on that was the tree of life, bearing twelve manner of fruits, yielding its fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations." If astrology can come and heal the nations and complete the civilisation of mankind then its future is great indeed. With the advent of astrology a descent of the Spirit of the Solar System will come upon Earth!

A REPLY TO MR. GOKHALE'S QUERIES¹

By THE EDITOR

1. I DO not know whether conjoint twins can be said to have identical horoscopes unless they have one and the same circulatory system, and in that case have separating operations ever been successful?

But even if conjoint twins—or any other pair of human beings—have identical horoscopes, it does not follow that their lives and dispositions would also be identical, for it is not the opinion of leading astrologers that human life and temperament is determined in every detail by the horoscope, but that there is a correspondence, often remarkably close, between the heavens at the time of birth and the natures of those born at that moment.

2. At the same time the present writer would not for a moment admit the correctness of the citation from Mr. E. H. Bailey's book. By whom has this been admitted, and on what evidence?

¹ See last issue, page 42.

3. "Rigel" points out the astrological reasons for the differences between his life and disposition and those of his twin.

Instead of drawing the conclusion that "human fates are, in some cases at least, independent of the stars," I should rather say that, probably, "human fates are, in *all* cases, to *some* extent independent of the stars." That does not *necessarily* imply a belief in free will.

4. When many orders are given at the same time, or virtually so, to a broker, I should judge that the horoscope for the moment would tend to show the *total result* of the orders. The different parts of the map for that time might also be severally related to the different orders. For example the map might show Jupiter strong on M.C., but Mars very weak; in such a case it is submitted that any orders dominated by Jupiter would tend to be fortunate, and the reverse as regards orders that might come under Mars. If the map contained many diverse aspects, some very propitious and some very bad, then the orders would have very different results.

5. It is submitted that no two epidemics are identical in their nature and therefore it is not necessary, on any view of astrology, to demand an identical *caelum*. But certain conditions of the heavens predispose to certain types of epidemic.

It is not maintained, at least by me, that "stars indicate definite events with certainty." One may cite many extraordinarily accurate forecasts, but most thoughtful astrologers would regard these as "lucky shots" and would not assert that such can be produced regularly, in the ordinary course of their art. At the same time it is reasonable to suppose that our knowledge of astrology can be increased, so that our forecasts can become more definite than they usually now are. Just as a physician becomes more and more adept in the use of drugs, but could never foretell the precise effect of a drug on any specific individual "with certainty."

6. Such proofs are not available and data of the kind mentioned by Mr. Gokhale would be most welcome to all astrological investigators. They would not, however, in my opinion, demonstrate more than *general features of resemblance* in character and career, and to claim more, as some have done, is to expose one's self and one's views to just such a critique as Mr. Gokhale has put before us.

OBITUARY

WE regret to record the death of Mr. George White, President of the London Astrological Research Society and author of *the Moon's Nodes*, which took place on January 11th last after a short illness. Mr. White had been a keen student of astrology for over sixty years and he will be greatly missed.

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The above will open at 7 p.m. on Friday, September 24th next. Meetings will be held then and at 11 a.m., 3 p.m., and 7 p.m. on the following Saturday and Sunday, and those attending will also be invited to the opening social of the Astrological Lodge at 6, Queen Square, Bloomsbury, on Monday at 7 p.m.

Invitations to attend and address the meetings will be sent to various prominent astrologers.

Tickets for all meetings, price 5s., to be obtained from Mrs. A. Sudbury Hurren, 49, Twyford Avenue, East Finchley, London, N.2. As accommodation is limited to 400 and a large number of applications is expected, tickets should be ordered as soon as possible.

As the main hall is not available at that time and only a smaller room is at our disposal, the evening meeting on Sunday will be only open to members of the Astrological Lodge and its affiliated bodies and to others specially invited.

THE PARIS CONVENTION, 1937

The International Federation of Scientific Astrologers

The principal meeting of the members of the International Federation will take place, on the occasion of the Fourth International Congress in Paris, on Saturday, July 24th, at 9 a.m., in the Congress Hall of the World-Exhibition.

Programme for the Day

1. Report of the Committee;
2. Organisation;

3. Rules and Regulations;
4. Examinations held by the Federation;
5. Election of Vice-Presidents and National Representatives;
6. Election of Members of the Committee;
7. Determination of the amount of Contributions;
8. Choice of the Place of the next Congress;
9. Other matters.

Right of entry to the principal meeting is allowed only to members and to such persons as may have received a special invitation from the President, to whom applications for the same must be addressed.

DR. JUR. HUBERT KORSCH.
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CORPULENCY

DATA OF CASES GIVEN IN OUR LAST ISSUE¹ (p. 34).

No.	Sex.	G.M.T.	Date.	Lat.	Long.	No.
1	Male	Noon	May 19, 1881	51 N. 33	1 W. 46	1
2	Male	11.12 a.m.	Dec. 14, 1885	51 N. 26	2 W. 11	2
3	Male	2.45 a.m.	May 22, 1879	55 N. 51	4 W. 16	3
4	Male	6.20 p.m.	Aug. 14, 1898	53 N. 40	2 W. 38	4
5	Male	6.15 a.m.	Feb. 18, 1902	51 N. 23	2 W. 10	5
6	Male	5.00 a.m.	Sep. 13, 1901	51 N. 20	2 W. 16	6
7	Male	0.30 a.m.	Aug. 16, 1891	51 N. 26	2 W. 11	7
8	Male	8.50 a.m.	May 17, 1876	51 N. 18	2 W. 12	8
9	Female	2.30 p.m.	May 26, 1900	51 N. 22	2 W. 08	9
10	Female	Noon	Apr. 26, 1910	50 N. 28	3 W. 34	10
11	Female	4.45 p.m.	Sep. 24, 1913	51 N. 22	2 W. 08	11
12	Female	6.45 p.m.	Aug. 30, 1902	51 N. 22	2 W. 08	12
13	Male	2.30 a.m.	Apr. 10, 1883	51 N. 42	3 W. 02	13

Birth data of cases given in last issue of *Astrology*.

No. 7 is the thin person, brother to No. 2.

No. 4 has a twin sister of normal dimensions, born twenty minutes later.

¹ These examples were given as a competition, but no correct solution has come to hand.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

STALIN'S BIRTH DATE

From EDGAR BRAY.

Mr. W. J. Tucker's letter, alleging mental confusion, is unfortunate. He states, "We cannot make Stalin's birth date to be January 1st for the nineteenth century and January 2nd for the twentieth century."

Suppose Mr. Tucker and Stalin to be friends, and that Mr. Tucker had sent Stalin a telegram of congratulation *on his birthday* every year since birth.

Assuming Stalin to be born December 20, 1880 (old style), this corresponds to January 1, 1880 (new style), and in the years from 1881 to 1899 these telegrams would have been dispatched from London on January 1st by our calendar.

But if Mr. Tucker had sent his telegram on January 1st for the year 1900 and subsequent years, there would have been a hearty outcry from Comrade Stalin. He would have said, in effect, "This silly fellow doesn't know that my birthday is not until to-morrow," the reason being that the month of February 1900 had twenty-nine days in Russia and twenty-eight days in England.

Russians are fully entitled to their own calendar, with the appropriate saints' days corresponding to their birthdays, and it therefore remains true that so far as this century is concerned, the anniversary of Stalin's birth is January 2nd by our calendar.

If Mr. Tucker has any remaining doubts, let him ask any Russian born in the last century. For example, Mrs. B—— was born July 18, 1897 (old style), which corresponds to July 30, 1897, on our calendar.

When she came to England in 1920, the date that corresponded to her birthday anniversary was July 31st, and no arguing in the world would ever convince her that July 30th was her birth anniversary. July 30th in our calendar in this century no longer corresponds with the Saint's Day of St. Sophia in their calendar, and the 31st is the correct anniversary.

A REPLY TO CRITICISM

From W. J. TUCKER.

Mr. Carter, in the pages of *Astrology*, has recently taken me to task on account of my innovations; so perhaps I may be permitted a few comments.

My critic seems to think that because certain beliefs have persisted for a number of centuries, they should remain unchallenged and should be accepted unquestionably.

Unfortunately, to accept such a dogma as here indicated is to deny freedom of thought and speech and to prohibit the discovery of truth—much along the lines of the Inquisition of the Dark Ages. What hope for progress of any kind is there when beliefs are to be

blindly accepted? And what is more atrophying to the human mind than an abject bowing to authority and the indulgence in the type of idolatry which worships the past to the point whereat it is blind both to the truth and to the power of evolution?

The mind of Aristotle dominated human intellects for many centuries because of such blind belief—until one Galilei Galileo ventured to challenge Aristotle's authority in an important matter and proved the vital need for experiment as the test of a theory.

Despite the discoveries of Pythagoras, the authority of Ptolemy dominated the centuries—until Copernicus took up the cudgels in the cause of truth and demonstrated the untenability of the Ptolemaic system.

Really, it is saying little for the intelligence of one's readers to state that they will cease to patronise a magazine merely because it publishes details of new ideas and reports progress. Even if true, it can hardly be claimed that such readers are scientific. For the narrow, bigoted mind which is so rigidly made up that it cannot tolerate anything which tends to challenge prior beliefs (even when these beliefs are demonstrably false) has not the qualities which distinguish the scientific mind. Our own readers are certainly not so intolerant; and if other astrologers are, I suggest that astrology would be much better off without them, for they are holding up progress.

Mr. Carter says that it should be "the task of the protagonist of these novelties to produce evidence in their support. . . . It is not for the rest of us to disprove, but for him to prove."

My reply to this is: how can one prove anything, when the intolerant mind refuses to examine the proofs? I have already produced hosts of proofs; but, apart from earnest students and followers of my work and methods, I have so far not noticed any comments from my critics either on the proofs or the principles presented.

Mr. Carter goes on to say: "Proof, in astrology, is a very difficult matter indeed. If this were not so, it would be hard to explain why we have so many differences of opinion . . . amongst students who are genuinely seeking to find the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth."

May I tell him why? It is because it is experience which is the mainspring of true knowledge and which alone can give certainty. Experience conveys impressions to us; and the immutability of those impressions we describe as facts. Science disregards opinions, considering them valueless. It insists upon facts, and upon the accuracy of those facts; and it will not shift its gaze from them until it is fully convinced of their immutable accuracy. Even when convinced, it will return to them time and time again for re-examination and re-assurance.

In astrology the evidence deduced should be particularly clear and precise, because of the formidable skein of phenomena with which it deals. Astrology deals largely with psychological phenomena, for example, and it is so easy to give free rein to the *imaginative faculty*—to the exclusion of verifiable facts—when dealing with

ready credence and acceptance to *all* the statements which have been published by astrologers—no matter how eminent they may be. Insist instead upon the production of their proofs! For instance, if they ask you to accept the minor aspects, insist that they produce to you their evidence showing *why* you should give such aspects credence.

It is easy to make assertions. But astrology is valueless and worth no one's while to study if its tenets are so nebulous and vague as to defy investigation and proof.

That astrology is not incapable of demonstrative proof my own work bears witness; and I shall continue on my way serenely, convinced that time will justify my earnest efforts to get at the real truth.

Finally, Mr. Carter appears to administer a fatherly reproof when he indirectly reproaches me for being precipitate and for not nursing my mental offspring awhile before sending them out into the world. And he justifies his reproach by telling us: "As I studied astrology for fourteen years before publishing my first book, I have perhaps some little right to express myself in this way."

Apparently Mr. Carter nurses the delusion that I have not a similar right. Which is another case of opinion versus *fact*. However, the theories and statements made by people who have ill-digested their subject and whose knowledge is of the half-baked variety are not difficult to demolish, as a rule. Therefore, if this really be my colleague's opinion of my merit, I think he should at least make some attempt to justify his intellectual superiority by correcting my errors, and by demonstrating objectively, and with proofs, wherein I am wrong.

Exactly how long one should nurse his mental offspring, Mr. Carter makes no attempt to state. But life is short, and personally I have no expectations of reaching the great age of Methuselah. Hence, once I have arrived at the conviction that I have reached an unassailable truth, I do not keep it up my sleeve with the idea of making money by posing as a prophet to the general public, but pass on the content of my knowledge to other students.

I also know that one is ultimately judged on what one has written; and if I have erred, I stand committed and am ready for the firing squad. But before an indictment can be lodged, there must be a specific charge. Hence I am entitled to be presented with the evidence of my accusers in the presence of the jury of readers.

Let us go through the proper formality of a trial. Then perhaps I may have a defence which will surprise my critics.

One never knows quite what to expect from that queer orb, Uranus!

ACCIDENTS

From ROSE SHAKESPEARE.

Having studied with great interest your book, *The Astrology of Accidents*, I thought you might find of interest the following four

cases from the horoscopes of my friends, as they bear out many of your investigations.

(1) Accidental shooting, of which you say in your book you have not many cases.

Male. 9 p.m., May 2, 1898. Birmingham. Lost left eye at twelve years and three months by being accidentally shot with an airgun by his cousin while on holiday.

(2) Railway accident.

Male. 11 p.m., July 17, 1898. Staffs. Lost sight of left eye as a result of splintered glass in a slight railway accident at twenty-eight years.

(3) Fall.

Male. 2.10 a.m., May 25, 1897. Liverpool. Permanently injured left arm by falling from a rigging at sea, while serving in the Navy.

(4) Female. 2 p.m., February 16, 1888. Birmingham. (Compare BL.1, *A. of A.*, same date.)

Fell off bicycle at fourteen years and broke her nose. Knocked down by a bicycle at thirty-eight and sustained severe concussion.

Native's father was killed by a train. Cardinal signs are all very prominent in this nativity and Uranus afflicts both ascendant and its ruler.

May I take this opportunity of thanking you for the interest and education in astrology which your books have afforded me?

RAILWAY COLLISIONS

From M. MATTHEWS.

The series of railway accidents in London at the end of March and early April occurred while the south node was in Π close to London's ascendant.

The accident near Victoria on April 2nd, 8.3 a.m. G.M.T., when a fast train ran into a stationary one, resulted in many deaths and injuries. $\Pi 13^\circ$ was rising, with the south node close to the ascendant, ruler ζ in bondage in the 12th house, square PL in the 3rd. The \Downarrow , ruler of the 3rd, was in \uparrow , applying to $\square \text{H}\ddot{\text{g}}$ and $\square \text{h}_2\text{—H}\ddot{\text{g}}$ being in the 12th \square the M.C. ζ and η were also afflicting J in the 6th, in \uparrow .

The \Downarrow at the time of the accident, in $\uparrow 22^\circ$, was in almost exact square to the previous New Moon of March 12th, in $\text{X} 22^\circ$, $\uparrow 22$ falling in the 3rd house of the New Moon figure, that had $\uparrow 4$ on the 3rd cusp— J exactly transiting it at the time of the accident.

GENERAL FRANCO

From WALTER H. SAMPSON

I have been reading your Quarterly, and note your mention of "American astrology," and agree that it is not advisable to "popularise" astrology, primarily because it cannot be done. May I say that I appreciate your journal as one of the very best, and as *nearly* the only one which is worthy of respect at all? However, I did not

commence this letter with a view to complimenting you, so much as to lodge a protest against the setting up of public characters for public vivisection in general, and the pillorying of General Franco by one of your contributors in particular.

Many years' arduous study of and close acquaintance with astrology has made it clear to me that the just estimation of a human character is a very difficult task indeed, one requiring much knowledge, much experience, a very mature judgment, and some insight. For professionals or amateurs to "place horoscopes on the board" to "take a crack at" seems to me insolent where it is not unethical, and I am increasingly of the opinion not only that no good end is served thereby, but that such performances bring astrology still more in disrepute, and tend to make all right-thinking people suspect, fear, and hate the whole thing. It seems to me that it is our business, as astrologers, to interpret horoscopes privately to the people concerned, and that public dissections are odious, especially as those that follow this practice seem, often, to have neither the manners nor the insight to do justice to the subject. "Justice," indeed, shall I say, when the requirements of the case are such that anyone who really approaches to an understanding of human character and all that it implies must have a great reverence for that sanctuary which is the human individuality, and would rather keep silent than do the least injustice. Many people who write for the astrological journals do not seem to look at it in this way, but obviously think it right to caricature, travesty, or distort, whether they do so humorously, superficially, or otherwise. It is possible that they are doing their best and it is certain that their best is not sufficient or timely.

Coming down to cases, the account of the horoscope of General Franco included in your March-April-May 1937 number, while not by any means as bad as many, seems to me to contain some very questionable statements, and a description of General Franco's character which, to say the very best of it, is at least a misrepresentation, for it fails to take into account many very important points.

Your contributor says, on page 31, that the rising position of the Moon's south node tends to give a great sense of self-importance *with lack of real merit*. What a thing to say! He implies, that is, that no matter what the planetary factors, the rising of the south node would sweep away all merit. As Bramwell Booth had the south node rising, I suppose he "lacked merit," and Annie Besant had it very close to the ascending point, so she very nearly lacked it, but not quite. The further implication, namely that all people born with Scorpio rising in 1891 must "lack merit," and all people born in 1893 with Libra rising similarly must lack merit (taking these for instance) is somewhat too amusing for comment.

He then remarks that the rising of Uranus is "quite a common feature with would-be dictators." I think this needs *much* qualification, and really one born with Venus and Uranus rising in Scorpio, south node and all, is much more likely to be a source of

attraction than one of compulsion. At any rate, it cannot be said that a rising Venus is indicative of hardness, even in Scorpio. It is impossible not to think that this delineation is written with prejudice.

The next paragraph, top of page 32, gives us a summary of General Franco's character; it is about this that I wish to speak in particular. Your contributor says, "The horoscope denotes a very ambitious, hard nature, combative, militant, brave. There is thoroughness, patience, capacity for hard work. The positions tend to make a good soldier and disciplinarian, but *rash, destructive, cruel.*" (My italics!)

Now to look at the horoscope! I take the figure as presented. I notice that Mars is in Pisces, a very unwarlike position which Miss Adams thought a serious debility on account of its lack of aggression, hardness, or force of character. In fact, that experienced astrologer found this position of Mars the greatest detriment this planet could receive in respect of its fighting capacity or its ability to contend for or gain its own. The configuration on account of which (I assume) your contributor calls Franco hard and combative, rash, etc., is probably the square of Mars to both luminaries, but he seems to have overlooked the fact that Mars and Jupiter are in mutual reception, that Mars is in a sign incapable of cruelty, that the Sun and Moon both have the favourable aspect of Jupiter, and that the Sun is close to the sextile of Saturn in his chief dignity, Libra. I point your attention to the lack of "hardness" of a Sun, Moon, and Mars all affected by Neptune and, in fact, the Moon conjunction Neptune is the very antithesis of hardness. It gives extremely sensitive feelings, the capacity to see the others' viewpoint almost to the extreme, and a friendly, kindly disposition. The Sun in Sagittarius trine Jupiter in Aries is a fine and noble aspect, say what one will, and although the Moon is only 49 minutes from the square of Mars, she is also only $1^{\circ} 2'$ from the sextile of Jupiter. It is difficult to understand how a man with Venus rising in Scorpio and Mars in Pisces ever wanted to be a soldier at all except that Jupiter in Aries gives an inclination for leadership and tends to bring success through such matters. I am amused at the suggestion of "destructiveness," since a Sun trine Jupiter and sextile Saturn portrays almost the acme—one may say—of constructiveness, for there is no more "building" aspect. The accusation of "cruel" is almost laughable, for I should expect to find General Franco kindly and generous to a fault and, indeed, there is some reason for believing that it is precisely his sympathy and kindness which might betray him. That he is amiable, friendly, and full of feeling is, to me, quite obvious from this horoscope, and if I were asked to give an account of it, I should be inclined to emphasise his good nature and innate kindness.

Well, General Franco, of course, has his faults, as we all have, and doubtless war, and such a war, must bring out some of his least attractive qualities, especially when viewed from the angle of enemies or non-sympathisers, but justice demands that any account of his horoscope at least gives due emphasis to the best points dis-

played. Your contributor's account seems to me superficial, careless, unjust, and unilluminating, and I cannot see how any good purpose is served by publishing such a sketch. I might say, almost humorously, that his adjectives "rash, destructive, and cruel" are much more appropriate to his performance than to General Franco's character, and your own note on the subject, at the foot of page 33, seems to imply that his description overcame your own judgment to the point of causing you to say that the aspects to the M.C. were the best features for success in the map, whereas I should certainly think that the aspect of Jupiter to both luminaries was, anyhow, of equal importance, and in this, tradition would uphold me. Whatever the unfavourable incidents or accidents attributable to the square of Mars, the favourable aspects of Saturn and Jupiter to both luminaries are of prime importance.

Finally, I feel that if we are going to publish readings of horoscopes at all, we should take very great pains to do so as justly and kindly as we can, and I also feel that a much better purpose is served by pointing out the good in people, both to them and to those who read what is written. If we cannot do that, we had better let it alone. I do not mean to imply that we should flatter and "white-wash," but, as a matter of fact, my long and careful experience with astrology tells me that there actually is so much more of good in people than the world sees, and of what is not so good, so much of what really cannot be helped, that we need to be compassionate and very modest—to say the least—in denunciation. It is almost wicked to hold up public characters to condemnation, if for no other reason than that it nearly always is unjust. We know so little; let us not presume on the little we know.

If your contributor has seen the article in the *Observer* by Major F. Yeats-Brown, "The New Spain," issue of March 14, 1937, giving an account of an interview with General Franco, he will find plenty of material therein which makes it obvious that his description of the General is anything but a fair portrait, or even an apt sketch. On page 22 of this same issue come the words, "Franco's modesty and charm are admitted by all, but he is much more than merely magnetic and agreeable. . . . To have won the devotion of a people until recently divided by Monarchist, Fascist, and other factions, to be able to hold the Moors in the hollow of his hand, and to have gained the respect and confidence of foreign observers implies that he is a man of no common mould."

SYMBOLIC DIRECTIONS

From GEORGE H. BAILEY.

It seems necessary to inform Mr. Macbean that the fixed stars are not nearly so accommodating as symbolic measures undoubtedly are. His assumption that from the multitude of stars it should be easy to find one or another to fit any occasion is not borne out by the facts, for not only do they fall into definite groupings, but as I have shown in my article, "Per Ardua ad Astra" (*Astrology*, June

1936), to make themselves felt at all they need to be closely associated with planetary configurations in the horoscope, not only at birth but in progressions, and those conditions may easily be sufficient to rule out stellar effects entirely in many cases.

The degrees of the zodiac affected by the most potent groupings (squares and oppositions) of the stars down to the third magnitude are approximately $4\frac{1}{2}$, $8\frac{1}{2}$, 12, 14, 19, 23, and $29\frac{1}{2}$ of the cardinal signs, $0\frac{1}{2}$, $6\frac{1}{2}$, 11, $14\frac{1}{2}$, $18\frac{1}{2}$, $24\frac{1}{2}$, $26\frac{1}{2}$, and $28\frac{1}{2}$ of the fixed, and $1\frac{1}{2}$, $2\frac{1}{2}$, $8\frac{1}{2}$, $10\frac{1}{2}$, $14\frac{1}{2}$, $16\frac{1}{2}$, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, $25\frac{1}{2}$, $27\frac{1}{2}$, and 29 of the mutables, so that planetary afflictions outside those areas are relieved of stellar stress, while those inside may be denied physical expression by their remoteness from the angles. As all the cross aspects in the case quoted occurred in the areas given above, and as certain of the stars concerned focused the afflictions on the angles, a state of intensified stress was induced, a condition far more uncommon than Mr. Macbean would have us believe, and the results must be regarded as evidence in favour of the horoscopic significance of the fixed stars. This is no new thing, but simply the astrology of the ancients, making use of factors with a definite place in the celestial scheme, factors that dare not be ignored if astrology is to be studied as a complete science.

It is not my present intention to plead the cause of the fixed stars, but merely to emphasize the difference between their fundamental reality and the wholly unnatural phantasmagoria of symbolic measures. A horoscope is, or should be, a miniature representation of the celestial sphere, in which the fixed stars have their rightful place, and to determine the periods in which its radical potentialities will come to maturity no other course lies open than to follow natural cyclic progressions. That basic condition is sufficient in itself to expose the fallacy of all measures whose rates of motion through the zodiac are perfectly regular, for such motions have no parallel in nature. The plane of reference for zodiacal progressions is the ecliptic, the path of the Sun, but the Sun certainly does not traverse it at an even rate, any more than the Moon and planets do.

Symbolic directions make no appeal to those who appreciate the essence of this principle. Others, like Mr. Macbean, claim wonderful results, but a critical examination soon shows these results to be illusory, being merely due to the multiplicity of combinations possible with the large number of factors and rates of motion involved. There are no less than 90 direct arcs between the planetary bodies (including the luminaries), 90 arcs of oppositions, and 180 arcs *each* for the square, semisquare, and sesquiquadrate aspects, taking only the evil contacts (although even the good are viewed with suspicion by some symbologists!). With this grand total of 720 arcs (ignoring the house-cusps resorted to when other methods fail) multiplied by the host of symbolic measures, it would indeed be surprising if some sort of direction could not be found for any event, and it is small wonder the undiscerning student is deluded into acclaiming symbolic directions as a marvellous discovery.

In the face of this welter of possibilities, Mr. Macbean dares to apply the term "accommodating" to the fixed stars! Moreover, despite the possibilities, in his endeavour to account for the violent death in the case under discussion, he is reduced to fitting symbolic measures to transitual positions, and even some of those are not exact!

Surely symbolologists can put up a better show than this! Admittedly the lad (in his teens when he met his terrible end, although Mr. Macbean seems to regard him as an elderly man) had passed through dozens of evil symbolic directions during the course of his short life without coming to harm, but surely there should have been some kind of grand slam at the time of the fatal accident, some convergence of directional force to correspond with so intense an event. The usual measures, despite their multiplicity, when applied to the planetary bodies, give no indication of this beyond a few hazy approximations, and even the radix system (as symbolic as the rest) yields no results. Can it be there are measures as yet undiscovered? Or is it that the measures in use are incorrect in their progressive values?

Take the so-called "Measures of Death," $\frac{1}{4}^\circ$ and 4° per annum. The former gives nothing exact, the nearest approximations being $\text{J} \delta \text{h}$ and $\text{h} \delta \text{q}$, but when it is resolved into the far more imposing measure of $\frac{2}{7}^\circ$ to the year, these directions assume wonderful exactitude. With the 4° measure there is little to show except inexact afflictions between q , H , and PL, but when adjusted to $250'$ per annum ($4^\circ 10'$), q squares q , q squares J , δ squares q , and H opposes q .

The " 77 " measures are indeed of an arcane order. Correcting the futile $\frac{4}{7}^\circ$ to $\frac{40}{77}^\circ$ per annum yields $\text{J} \delta \text{q}$, $\text{q} \square \delta$, and $\text{q} \square \text{H}$ (all exact), and $\frac{90}{77}^\circ$ gives $\text{h} \square \text{H}$, while $1\frac{40}{77}^\circ$, $2\frac{40}{77}^\circ$, $3\frac{40}{77}^\circ$, $4\frac{40}{77}^\circ$, and $5\frac{40}{77}^\circ$ per annum all bring their contributions to the pool of afflictions. The integers simply increase the arc corresponding to $\frac{40}{77}^\circ$ by an amount equivalent to the life span per unit ($19 \cdot 215^\circ$), but even adding $19 \cdot 215$ to both the numerator and the denominator of the proper fraction, so obtaining a measure of $\frac{50 \cdot 215}{98 \cdot 215}^\circ$, reveals another affliction ($\odot \square \text{H}$). The last measure closely corresponds to $\frac{8}{13}^\circ$, bringing in the number of ill-fame, and by reversing this fraction to form $\frac{13}{8}^\circ$ (converting the 8 into 1 and 7 to maintain the proprieties), $\text{h} \delta \text{q}$ is thrown into the limelight. Doubtless the thirteens can produce many other directions, but lack of space (and time) forbids further demonstration.

It will be observed I have taken major aspects only, and have not even touched the angles or other cusps, but had I done otherwise many additional directions would have been obtained without using other measures.

Is not all this simply wonderful? Alas, it is indeed too wonderful to have any significance whatever, for the same sort of thing can be done for periods in the life when nothing at all happens. Symbolologists usually overlook this fact, and concern themselves more

with fitting directions to events from the multitudes of accommodating progressions at their disposal, instead of basing predictions on them.

The shortcomings of traditional methods are undoubtedly a strong urge towards experimentation in the hope of finding the perfect system, but departures from natural cyclic orders are worse than useless. Progressions *in the zodiac* cannot do other than follow ever-varying rates of motion, to suit solar, lunar, or planetary orbital cycles; the only strictly regular motion in nature is of quite a different order, that of *axial rotation*, whose circle of reference is the equator, whose measurements are computed in right ascension, and whose inter-relationships are founded on mundane position. In that field alone can any justification be found for the symbolic measures mistakenly applied to-day to zodiacal aspects, but dare any symbolologist venture therein?

REVIEWS

The Measure of Life, by RAYMOND HARRISON. Stanley Nott Limited, London. Price 10s. 6d. net.

The number of textbooks available nowadays to the would-be astrological student is so large and is growing at such a rate that selection is becoming increasingly difficult. Fortunately the army of students is also growing in an ever-increasing ratio, so that perhaps the advent of new manuals is not a matter for concern save that the application of some sort of distinction would appear to be advisable between the good, bad, and indifferent, if only to enable beginners to avoid those likely to implant wrong impressions at the commencement of their astrological studies.

This is most decidedly a textbook that should *not* be avoided at any cost; in fact, it is one of the best we have seen for many years. Although it contains nothing startlingly original, it presents the old truths in a new and attractive form, and admirably covers the whole field of study necessary to a proper understanding of the doctrine of nativities and the methods of prediction associated therewith. The concluding chapters (on "Final Counsels" and "The Philosophy of Astrology") are especially illuminating, and the author brilliantly joins issue with the questions of fatalism and our personal relationships with the heavenly bodies.

In addition to several beautiful photographs of ancient zodiacs, many interesting maps and horoscopic data of notabilities and others are given to illustrate the points made in developing the subject. An index to these nativities would have been helpful, especially had it included the sources of information from which the birth data were obtained. This omission is but a minor one, however, and detracts but little from an absorbing and comprehensive book worthy of recommendation to all students of astrology, whether elementary or advanced.

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Some French Publications

WE have pleasure in mentioning the following publications of the Bibliothèque Chacornac, 11, Quai Saint-Michel, Paris.

Le Message des Astres, by MAX HEINDEL and AUGUSTA FOSS HEINDEL.

This is a translation of a well-known American work. It runs to 500 pages, and those who have benefited by the original will be glad that an opportunity of reading it is now open to French students. As a book on astrology it is, perhaps, not outstandingly original, but it is sound and contains a great deal of highly useful matter.

Principes Astrologiques de la Médecine Hermétique—manuel pratique de diagnostic des Maladies, by TH. TERESTCHENKO, 46 pages.

This work is described by its title and contains some interesting remarks on colour, sound, and other natural principles, in relation to astrology and to healing.

Astrologie and Almanach Astrologique (1937), published by L. LASSON, 17bis, Boulevard Victor Hugo, St. German-en-Laye.

Two publications which reach the high standard that previous issues have established.

Astronomie Pratique des Etoiles Fixes, pour leur utilisation rationnelle en Astrologie, by LEON LASSON. Price 10 francs.

This little work (16 pp.) contains some very useful tables showing the S.T. for the rising of 105 fixed stars under various poles. The author writes: "The fixed stars influence those elements that occupy the same circle of position as themselves and they are to be regarded as being in conjunction with those factors, and those alone, which are placed on, or very near, this circle."

The author then proceeds to tell of a statistical test with Algol—"the worst star in the heavens." Using 300 themes, all of violent death, he finds that there are 18 conjunctions of the Sun with Algol using the circle of position, against 12 using the degree of longitude (5° orbs), the astronomical average being 8 or 9. Using the Moon, he finds 14 against 9; using the planet Mars, 16 against 10. Thus it is proven that the circle of position conjunctions are far more potent, even if the zodiacal have some effect.

"Of course," says the author, "it is the poles according to Regiomontanus that must be taken, this method of house-division alone being according to reason."¹

A work to be translated into English, small but of great value.

¹ At Harrogate Mr. R. S. Gleadow stated that the Placidian system was, as a result of statistical tests, "dead on the Continent." Query: was the test inclusive of the Campanus system, or only as between Placidus and Regiomontanus?