

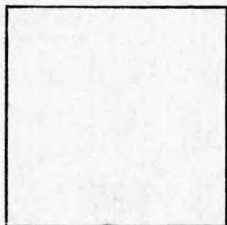
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EDITORIAL

Political Retrospect

The principal events of *November* were the growing discomfiture of Italy in Albania, her further defeat at sea, off Sardinia, increasing evidence that the Greek adventure had been undertaken independently of Germany, further misfortunes for Rumania, great but not very successful diplomatic activity on the part of the Nazis, and an important Chinese victory. All of these agree with our forecasts.

December continued the work of the lunation of November 29. It began with additional reverses for Italy in Albania and sweeping changes in the high commands in the Italian forces. This last exactly illustrated our remark about Isis, the "kaleidoscope."

Isis, I may remind readers, was always represented with a sistrum, which was a kind of rattle containing four stones. Plutarch, in *The Mysteries of Isis and Osiris*, explains that these are the four elements, which, by their endless entry into fresh combinations, prevent stagnation in things.

As a general rule I am no friend of hypothetical planets, but the above seems worth mentioning. The present position of Isis, according to Sutcliffe's data, is about Taurus 5.

At dawn on December 9th our Army of the Nile took the offensive against Graziani. I had predicted offensive action on our part because the lunation of October 30th gave Pluto rising at London, and the Prime Minister explained that the attack in question would have taken place earlier, but that it was delayed by the need for helping the Greeks.

At the time of the attack the Sun was rising in Sagittary in trine to the Moon in Aries, and the only weak spot seemed to be the retrograde ruler. That seems characteristic enough of desert warfare, wherein considerations of water supply and transport over great spaces must always cause delay. Howbeit, the victory of Sidi Barrani, achieving great results with what

were, in a military sense, insignificant losses, was a splendid deed of arms and a further fulfilment of the forecasts we wrote concerning Italy at a time when the world at large thought this country was doing very well for herself.

The winter ingress figure was, as we said, bad in a quite general sense: but it pointed particularly at Italy, since Neptune, stationary in Virgo with the Moon, was in close opposition to its own place and that of the Sun in the Italian map. Actually the Moon in the ingress was 1° of arc only from the opposition of Neptune in the Italian radix and it is these very close contacts which strike home. Saturn in the ingress was also opposed to Pluto in the same map, though not so closely.

As for the lunation of the 28th, which I had marked as bad for us, it brought the very destructive raid on the City of London on the night of the 29th. This map, with Mars on the nadir, seems the complement of the summer ingress with the same planet on the M.C. and may mark the culmination of these attacks on non-military objectives.

Early in *January* Eire was bombed again, and more deliberately. We mentioned that the first Jupiter-Saturn conjunction showed Mars on the nadir at Dublin, and the lunation for December 28th reproduced this.

All the points mentioned in the last issue in connection with the December ingress loomed large in the Press at one time or another, such as food and shipping problems, danger of epidemics, Japan, communism (note the so-called People's Convention and the suppression of the *Daily Worker*) and invasion. Fortunately, up to the time of writing, none of these (except Japan) has assumed critical proportions. Perhaps in this case, as often, Neptune's threat was worse than his deeds. However, the quarter is still fairly young.

In Libya our victories, brilliant even if won against a half-hearted opponent, continued, as Mars came by transit to the opposition of the Duce's Gemini bodies. Bardia and Tobruk fell and Eritrea was invaded after the recapture of Kassala. Seldom or never has so much been done, at least against a European enemy, at such little cost, and so swiftly.

It is true that the deterioration of the condition of Germany itself, as distinct from her associate, did not become apparent. That may be due to two reasons—one, that though we know when directions fall, we do not always know when they will produce obvious results, and, two, that much may happen, especially in a totalitarian country, without the world at large knowing about it. Of the two "influences" specified, the station of Saturn in exact square to the German Venus in Aquareius

might well operate principally through allies: in fact, one would expect it to do so. The other, the direction Pluto opposition Mercury o-d, the lord of the German map, would have a more direct effect. But o-d directions do not always act at once: they are like seeds which may take a good while to appear above ground. This was seen in the case of our forecast of naval successes, which was based on an o-d direction in King George's map: there was an almost immediate effect, but the main operation came some weeks later.

However, there were certain definite ways in which this PL \varnothing \varnothing direction may be said already to have worked. Thus, the increased resistance of the Vichy Government, and, above all (especially as Mercury is involved), the growing sympathy and aid for Britain from the United States.

By the way, referring to my remarks about the rulership of Berlin, Mr. Robson informs me that Sepharial suggested Gemini in this connection. The Germans may not seem a Mercurial race, but it is curious that Tacitus wrote of them as "paying honour to Mercury before all other gods."

The return of Haile Selassie to his country and the renewal of his struggle against the Italians occurred as Uranus reached 22 \varnothing . A Lodge member, Miss P. Vernon, sends me good reasons for supposing that Abyssinia comes under 22 \varnothing , in which case it should be completely free by this autumn, for the September ingress throws powerful and favourable aspects to this degree.

By the end of the month the Italo-African empire was rapidly falling to the British, and Italy herself was in course of being controlled by the Germans.

Prospect

By the time this is in the hands of my readers *February* will have passed.

Some notes on the month were printed in our last number, especially in regard to the Jupiter-Saturn conjunction of the 15th. It was pointed out that this figure contains many good and constructive features, but that it is rather vitiated for us by the fact that Mars is close to our 1066 Uranus—and for that matter near to the Moon in the map of the German Empire and very near to Mars in that of the German Republic.

It has been suggested that these Jupiter-Saturn maps are more powerful in the economic sphere than the military.

At the time of writing little has transpired to support the belief that the Prime Minister is now under Sun opposition Uranus radical, as he would be if born under Scorpio. We must wait and take note. Nor has that ambiguous feature, the station

of Uranus in exact opposition to its place in the King's map, as yet been in clear operation. Japan seems indicated.

The full moon of February 12th is a rather severe one, falling in close square to Uranus, with Mars also square Neptune, and Venus in quadrature of Jupiter and Saturn. As Uranus is near setting at Berlin, with Mercury, in detriment, exactly on the nadir, it is not good for Germany. In our case Jupiter and Saturn have just set.

The lunation of the 26th shows a very well-aspected Mars rising in Europe, with Pluto culminating at Washington, where the Government will act strongly.

Since Mars in this figure is on Hitler's Moon it is probable that he will take some offensive action, and the Balkans are indicated as the direction for this.¹ The chart is good for the assailant, be he who he may, and I expect that Hitler, if he acts in that rôle, will meet with a certain success.

March shows two important features—the Ingress and the Eclipse of the 27th.

One's opinion of the *Ingress* depends in the main on one's opinion of the grand trine, for this horoscope contains the same formation—Mars trine Uranus trine Neptune—as the theme for the outbreak of war. Other aspects are distinctly good: Sun trine Pluto, Moon trine Jupiter and Saturn, and Venus, ruling the 10th, opposed to Neptune, but with two sextiles.

The chief difference between the London and Berlin maps is that in the latter *Fortuna* is conjoined with Neptune, showing the communistic tendencies that will be rife, even if subterranean.

For myself, I distrust grand trines, especially those composed of malefics: but, apart from that, there is much good in this horoscope and much whereupon to build hopes of better times.

Jupiter and Saturn are on the nadir at Moscow.

The *Eclipse* figure reproduces the grand trine, and one element thereof—Uranus—falls on the 8th cusp at London, foreshadowing destruction of life and property (especially the latter) through explosives. Mars is in square to the ascendant but on the favourable side we have Sun, Moon and Venus all in trine to the M.C. at London: and Venus, which rules the map for London, is in close trine to Pluto.

The eclipse falls on Mars in the German map, so that by this time it is probable that heavy fighting will have developed, but we have little reason as a nation to fear the results, though in April we shall have anxious days. And, I believe, glorious ones.

¹ ♂ is in ♏, ruling Bulgaria. Hitler has ☉ Par. 24 this year, and an extension of his sway must be expected.

Uranus culminates at Washington, involved as we have said in the grand trine, and we believe that by this time the United States will be a belligerent.

Neptune is close to the descendant at Tokio.

At Ankara 26 ♀ rises, exactly between Mars and Neptune and within orbs of the opposition of Uranus.

We believe that Japan and Turkey will probably be involved in the spring hostilities. We have dealt with Japan already, and, indeed, as far back as June 1939, page 70: she is riding for a big fall. Turkey, it seems, may have to endure some hard blows but will emerge triumphant in 1942.

In April we may remark, on the 5th, ♂♂ PL exactly on the horizon at Berlin; and we may also note the birthday of our chief enemy, and observe that Venus is on his radical Sun, but that Mars is in opposition to his Saturn, and Saturn is on his radical Venus-Mars. Those who pay attention to solar returns may feel that this is not a condition that promises military success.

On the 26th of the month there is an interesting square of Mars and Saturn, in $16^{\circ} 23' \approx 8$. Since Hitler's radical Mars is in $16^{\circ} 23' 8$ squared by progressed Saturn now in $16^{\circ} 15' \Omega$, we have here a very close involvement and one which, again, does not promise success in war, but the reverse.

The lunation falls on the same day *and is the most conciliatory figure we have seen for many a month*. At London the Lights and Venus are in the 9th, in close trine to the ascendant: Jupiter and Uranus are also there, in trine to Neptune: the discordant contact (the above-mentioned Mars square Saturn) falls from 6th to 9th.

Even if the numerous good aspects that occur in almost all the 1941 horoscopes do not spell peace, they will certainly do much to mitigate the conditions of war, and above all to keep the casualties low, as compared with the Great War. They will also diminish bitterness of feeling in the world at large. We have seen something of this even now in Libya, where the war tends to die a natural death, so to speak, because of the lack of belligerent feeling among the Italians, who are conscious that the war, so far as they are concerned, is entirely an artificial one.

How far does May support the pacific tendencies of late April?

Readers are directed to the map (see page 8) of the extraordinary full moon of May 11th, and the article we publish regarding it. What shall we say, more exoterically, of a procession of Sun, Mercury, Venus, Jupiter and Uranus in trine to Neptune, overtaking, or being overtaken by, the square of Mars as they proceed?

Since even the worst configuration hardly affects the whole world, where will the main impact fall? Sociologically it affects the wealthy classes: geographically the countries placed under Taurus which are, among others, Ireland, Poland, White Russia, Persia, the Grecian Archipelago, and Asia Minor. So far as Germany is concerned, we may note that at Berlin the ascendant is exactly square Neptune. Our enemies might argue that England, as the representative plutocratic country, will feel the blow.

I would say that May 1941 will be a critical month in modern history and earthquakes figurative, and perhaps literal, will shake Europe. I suppose we shall have our share of tribulation, for our King is one of the many with bodies around 25 of the fixed signs. But we must not think exclusively of the squares of Mars and forget the trines of Neptune, from which something desirable should ultimately emerge.

The lunation of May 26th may not seem very helpful for general peace, for it falls in close square to Mars in Pisces in the 10th over much of Europe. But peace is likely to come as a result of fierce fighting. This lunation merits careful study, particularly if erected for Berlin. There Mars is close to the meridian and Uranus is exactly on the 12th cusp.

Thus we have a lunation in the 12th, in square to Mars in the 12th sign and with the cusp of the 12th afflicted by Uranus. Further, Jupiter, natural ruler of the 12th, is near Uranus, and both it and Uranus are in trine to Neptune, usually regarded as having a 12th-house affinity. Again, Mercury, part-ruler of the 12th, is in exact square to Neptune.

Such a formation, though admittedly it centres on an ordinary lunation and not an eclipse, hardly favours the successful prosecution of the war by Germany and points rather to fierce popular anti-war feelings in that country.

At the moment the fulfilment of our prediction of peace in the spring or early summer looks decidedly unlikely. But we do not abandon hope that we may prove to have been not so very far out after all. By "peace" we mean, of course, the cessation of bloodshed; the actual peace-settlement is likely to be many months later.

Written February 16, 1941

A Note on Transits

Several people have asked what the effect of the Jupiter-Saturn conjunctions is likely to be, considered as a double transit in individual horoscopes.

In my own case the October conjunction strongly stimulated

a natal Sun trine Uranus, falling as it did in $12^{\circ} 25' 8''$, whilst my radical Uranus is in $12^{\circ} 24' \approx$. The results were very interesting, in the light of the above query. During the next two months or so some truly Uranian events took place which, to my complete surprise, made a great difference in my daily life. I received what some would regard as gratifying public recognition, but this was combined with the responsibilities and burdens usually associated with Saturn. Thus both planets had their sway. In the same way there was a tendency to complaints coming under both planets. By the same post, it is amusing to add, I got two letters, one containing excellent financial news (a most generous donation to the Quarterly from an American friend) and the other enclosing a communication of exactly opposite tenor.

Thus it seems each planet works, sometimes separately, and sometimes to a certain extent blended.

After over thirty years of astrologic study I am more and more convinced of the value of transits, *correctly appraised*: and in this connection I have noted how the most successful professional astrologers, including Evangeline Adams, who made a great income year after year from a clientele that comprised many hard-boiled business men, rely largely on transits of the majors.

Perhaps two or three more major planets will in time be discovered and with these additions transits may be all we need.

THE EDITOR

ERRATA

On page 120 in our last issue the place of the Moon was omitted from the horoscope, but is added in a note beneath the figure. The cusps of the 2nd and 3rd houses, and their opposites, are incorrect. Pisces 24 should be on the 2nd cusp and Taurus 5 on the 3rd. These changes invalidate the remark about "the German Mars" on page 121. Will readers please amend their copies?

On page 144 Marshal Pétain's M.C. is given as Sagittarius 13: this should, of course, be his ascendant.

A COMPETITION

A Lodge Member has generously sent me 10s. 6d. as a prize for the best solution of the following problem:

The native was born at Cockermonth, Cumberland, about 4 a.m., July 1, 1910, and is an officer in the regular Army. He has an outstanding complex: what is it?

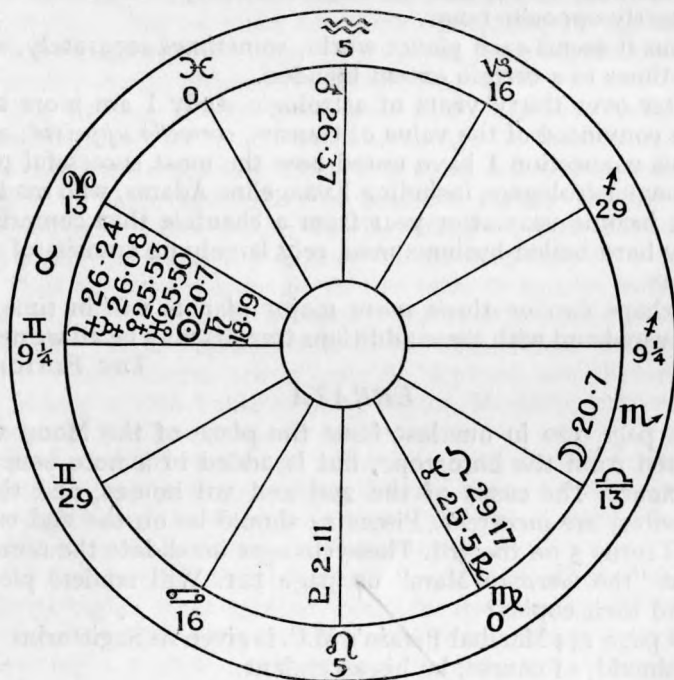
Attempted solutions must reach me by May 1st next, and my award must be considered final.

EDITOR

MAY 11, 1941

By E. CLEPHAN CLARKE

THIS year the ceremony of the Full Moon of Wessek will be celebrated on May 11th. This fateful dawn will see the Buddhist devotee aspiring to touch in consciousness the spirit of Gautama Buddha—to join that inner circle of initiates to whom shall come, as they believe, the vision of their Lord. They know intuitively that He, whom they then shall see in the heavens with the glory of the rising sun upon Him, can never leave this world because He gave His life to it in sacrifice. They say that



once each year from Shamballa, City of the Gods, His form manifests to them, His influence pours down on them.

This year we can imagine that Buddha's devotees will wait in awful ecstasy for a manifestation the like of which no man has ever seen. They will judge far more truly than we the significance of that dawn. But we too can see that it is astrologically unique. For May 11th will bring the Sun into con-

junction with five planets—Saturn, Uranus, Venus, Jupiter, and Mercury, all within orbs, and all opposed by the full Moon, with Mars square to all five planets and the Sun and Moon, and with Neptune sextile to the Moon and trine to the Great Conjunction. Therefore the Sun and Moon and every planet, save only Pluto, will be in mutual aspect.

Surely this will be an occasion, beyond living memory, for remarkable nativities! Indeed, every hour of that day and every place must show horoscopes stranger and more debatable than any we have known. Many astrologers will try to tell us what such charts signify to world-affairs, but the student of the inner side of psychological astrology will view them in another way. He will see in them unrivalled opportunities for great souls to reincarnate, as well as for many not so great. The call will come to children of Earth, who have won strength through past experiences, to take up the burden of heavy karmic debts and pay them, if they can, with sacrifice. Obviously, Earth is the element most concerned, and equally obviously, sacrifice is indicated. There are six planets and the Sun in Earthy signs, and the symbol of sacrifice is seen in the Fixed Cross, every arm of which is supported by planets and luminaries. Only near nine in the evening does this Fixed Cross break, as the Moon moves into Sagittarius. Until this time—roughly 8.48 p.m.—the Moon is in Scorpio, sign of regeneration as well as death. It opposes the united power of Sun, Saturn, Uranus, Venus, Jupiter, and Mercury in Taurus. Therefore there must be contest between the Bull and the Scorpion. Scorpio is strong, and can also be wily as a serpent; but Taurus, bedrock of fixed fidelity, cannot be moved by the pull of the personal self, which the Moon here symbolises, when such a tremendous weight of spiritual power is anchored in fixed earth. It is that personality which will be drawn into the opposite camp by sheer weight of numbers. Much depends on whether the Scorpionic Moon can shake off the malignant influence of its ruler, Mars, by squaring the account between them for all time. Then, free for ever from this old debt, the Lower Self could rise to Scorpio's full height of sacrifice and regeneration. If the Personality refuses to yield in this unequal tug-of-war the bond between the opponents must break.

While considering this opposition let us remember all that opposition means—all that its symbol shows. It is a force which binds as well as separates. A circle signifies Eternal Spirit, and these two small circles stand for aspects of that spirit, each capable of expanding according to the strength behind it. A very strong opponent, or group of opponents, could generate

spiritual force which could do more than draw across; it could expand to embrace the opposing power. But there is no certainty that even such a combination as we see here in Taurus would work that way in any individual case. Man, to a great extent, is master of his destiny. He can use his guiding chart or he can abuse it. The line between the circles, in the sign of opposition, is either a uniting cord or a dividing rod. If the Man wills union it will unite opponents: if division, it will divide them.

But we have considered only the Earth and Water arms of the Fixed Cross. On the Fiery arm is Pluto in Leo. On the Airy arm is Mars in Aquarius, sign of the New Age. It is easy to see the trouble that Mars offers. He throws his challenge disturbingly, disastrously, offering not peace but the sword—an airy sword of intellect so keen that it could cut out every influence by the roots, one is tempted to think, embedded though they be in deep water and fixed earth. Struggle and strife there must be. There will be little ease or pleasure for men and women born on May 11th. There will be constant payment of old karmic debts, and, ruthlessly, the square with Mars will square all accounts.

But—Taurus is very strong. But—from Virgo mysterious Neptune beams in benediction on every aspect of the being.

Studying these horoscopes one needs to reconsider all one's past ideas, especially of Taurus, whose qualities must modify the influence of all the planets shining in fixed earth. Taurus: solid and slow, plodding and practical, we think. Perhaps, in one whose personal self is unregenerate. But at whatever stage of evolution the child of Taurus stands he is not weak. What he does, he does deliberately. What he is, he is with fixed purpose. It is the sign of obedience to law and order, and of response to kindness and beauty, for Venus rules. We find much to admire in our Taurian friends, but we usually shirk long contact with them; not for their faults, but for their virtues. Few of us can follow the line of their exact and careful lives. It is the Taurian nature which speaks through that line of a famous hymn: "So may our ordered lives express the beauty of Thy peace."

Law—Order—Beauty—these are the highest attributes we see in Nature. Day follows night, spring follows winter, tides ebb and flow, constellations move in fixed progression. In all the Universe there is no chance. There is ordered progress, slow, sure and unrelenting. And, in all the works of Nature, there is beauty.

Look for a moment at the symbol of Taurus, remembering that symbols are the alphabet of astrology, the only alphabet

through which we can interpret this strange language. Most of the symbols we use are made up of the circle (Spirit), the arc (Soul—the partial expression of Spirit), and the cross (Matter, or physical form). We find one, two or three of these parts in different combinations and permutations. *Taurus is the only symbol which is made up of the circle of Spirit and the arc of Soul without any trace of the cross of Matter.* In Taurus' symbol the arc is upturned, as in the cup of Mercury, as if awaiting the inpouring of the Holy Grail; or, in another metaphor, as up-raised arms, calling down a heavenly blessing. And supporting the arc is the full circle of Spirit—a reservoir, a storehouse, of Divine power. To draw this symbol we first trace downwards the double curve which artists call "the line of beauty." Then we repeat it in an upward line of beauty: down for involution, up for evolution. So we see that the expressive soul and the supporting spirit are pure of all taint of matter. So is the soil, which Fixed Earth symbolises, ever pure. It transmutes all gross, foul elements into productive energy. And is not the most solid world a condensation of fiery energy of motion? Is not fixed earth the manifestation of spiritual power?

In that profoundly occult book, the *Secret Doctrine*, many works are quoted which state that Taurus is linked with the coming of great spiritual leaders: a strange idea, until one studies the symbol of the sign.

Of course, the Taurian influence varies in direction as the day proceeds. No two charts show like fate or possibilities.

If we take high noon at Greenwich, or, better still, seventeen minutes before noon, we find the great conjunction pouring its influence from the 10th house. Here professional interests, probably the ordering of productive activities, or the actual work of production, will be so strong that it should overpower the emotions of the Scorpionic Moon in the House of the Home. Mars in the 6th brings gruelling labour, and perhaps heavy handicaps in health. But Leo, the king, is rising, in its third and most progressive decanate, and from the 2nd house Neptune's favouring aspects promise success to the unusual aims of this nativity: it might, indeed, produce a great musician or singer.

We cannot delineate all the possible horoscopes of this day, nor give more than a few hints of those shown. But we can see that none is more remarkable than the charts near noon and sunrise—except the horoscope for the moment of Full Moon, when Buddhist devotees shall sit in meditation awaiting the manifestation of their Lord. Surely this chart is more debatable than any other! We see the malignant Mars elevated to mid-

heaven; the great Taurian conjunction in the House of Sorrow, and the Moon in the House of Service. To the being in whom Mars is strong and uncontrolled this is a threatening chart. But to the being whom Neptune rules it is more than beneficent. For indeed the determining factor of these unique nativities is Neptune. Every man cannot respond to Neptune's influence. Most children born that day will not rise to it in this incarnation. But we may hope that from the few who *can* feel this mystic magnetism and inward revelation of truth, one will choose to return to earth when Neptune's beauty so graciously illumines and inspires a life destined to be difficult and dangerous. If only *one* comes who can so respond to Neptune, for him all things are possible. For him the conjoined planetary trine to Neptune in Virgo may be a sign of superhuman possibilities. He will be called to a life of unutterable sacrifice and service. He may be crucified on the Fixed Cross of Matter. But he is the Mystic in the Virgin's womb, by whom, it may be, all the spiritual attribute of man's nature may be blessed. The Aquarian Mars shall energise him in his fight for truth, while Neptune, in the 5th, the House of Leo, shall shine with greater glory than the rising Sun.

Perhaps this sounds absurdly melodramatic—a far too literal rendering of symbolic signs. But we are trying to read astrology, and symbols are the alphabet of astrological language. One must interpret them in the light of one's own reason, since the age-old key is lost, if ever such a key were given to the world. We may be sure that the deepest meaning we can read into the symbols will not exceed their true significance.

The time may come when we can look back on May 11, 1941, and see the fulfilment of those signs to which many past astrologers have looked forward with apprehensive dread. But some have seen in them reason for new hope and faith. After all, this is not the first time that, in a day of national suffering, such an interpretation was given to a sign in the heavens, and men reputed wise followed the guidance of a star.

"MY SYSTEM"

By EDGAR BRAY

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DURING the course of the last thirty years, probably as many as fifty innovations have been put before the astrological world.

Of these numerous new ideas, some, of course, are good, some are very good, some are found to work in certain cases but not in others, and some not to stand up to the test of continued observation at all.

In my experience, only two of these many innovations of the last thirty years have really stood up to the fire of prolonged testing to a sufficient degree to merit incorporation in my own system of dealing with yearly forecasts, these two being the proper rectification of the horoscope by the pre-natal epoch, and the use of the radix system of direction as regards the major arc of 59' 8" per year of life.

No doubt every professional astrologer evolves his own system of dealing with a yearly forecast; and whilst I am not claiming that my own system is a perfect system or in any way better than those of my fellow-professionals, the fact that it scores a large number of arrestingly direct hits, and that most of my business is "old business" in the sense that clients come back year after year to have their maps "vetted" for the ensuing year, affords a strong claim that it is reliable.

It may be of interest therefore to students to follow the exact method by which I deal with forecasts of this type.

In the first place I insist on an exact map, properly rectified by the epoch, with the midheaven and ascendant to degrees and minutes, and in the case of uncertain birth times, a map that is rectified by events and by the physical appearance as indicated by photographs or by an interview.

My next step is to work out the arc to the present date at the rate of 59' 8" per year of life (these arcs are given in the table at the back pages of *The Radix System*), and work out the radix progressed positions of all points in the birth chart, and the radix directions falling within one year before and after the present time.

The ascendant is worked out in two ways—by oblique ascension under the progressed midheaven, and by the increment of the radix arc. The point "Fortuna" is similarly progressed in the same two ways.

The list of radix directional arcs is then set out in order of

date, each major arc being considered to be within orbs for twelve months before to twelve months after the exact date.

In the same way the day-for-a-year progressed positions are similarly set out, and the resultant Arabic directions (if any) listed in order of date, including progressed parallels of declination.

These two lists of major directional influences then form the framework or bony structure of what will later be moulded into a complete forecast.

My next step is to work out the three subsidiary or minor sets of influences, which verify, or bring to fruition, the major influences obtained above.

The first of these three subsidiary influences is the progressed Moon, by longitude and declination, which is set out month by month, and note taken of the month when it forms an aspect (either good or bad) to the positions of the various radix and Arabic directions in the map.

Personally I use the Arabic Moon, and not the radix progressed Moon, as my own experience has been that the radix progressed Moon does not give reliable results.

The assumption is, of course, that the month when the progressed Moon contacts with a direction in force shows the probable month when this directional influence will actually precipitate.

The second step of these subsidiary influences is by means of a list I have compiled of the thirteen New Moons of the year, showing their exact positions, and the aspects held by the Lights at each New Moon. I also have the actual maps of these thirteen New Moons of the year in book form for constant reference, and comparison with any natal map.

I then note each of these New Moons, as to whether they fall within $3\frac{1}{2}$ degrees of a radical point of the horoscope (to my mind $3\frac{1}{2}$ degrees is the allowable orb in the case of a New Moon), and list each New Moon influence which touch the map in this way, particularly noting whether it links up with any radix or Arabic direction in the map.

My own experience, extending over thirty years, has been that New Moons, falling on a radical point under direction in any map, are sure-fire winners every time, and afford in fact the most constant, certain, and reliable astrological indication of any. I have seen so many hundreds of cases where "things happened" when a New Moon vivified a direction, or even when one fell closely in conjunction or opposition to a radical point in a map, that I regard it as the most reliable indication of any.

This list is then extended by examining the positions of the Full Moons of the year, but these seem to be more effective in setting bad directions into activity than in the case of good ones.

The New Moons and Full Moons that happen to be solar or lunar eclipses, are specially starred, as their influence lasts much longer than those of an ordinary New or Full Moon.

The third and final set of subsidiary influences is obtained by an examination of the transits of planets over the radical and progressed positions of a map, and a list of all such transits is worked out, beginning with Neptune and ending with Mars, the transit of Venus in conjunction with the ascendant, and of Mercury in conjunction and in opposition to the radical ascendant also being included.

At this stage I have completed the five elements that go to make a forecast—two lists of major influences, and three sets of minor influences—and before I start forecasting I set to work with a red ink pen, correlating the various influences one with another by red ink lines across the sheets of double foolscap on which I have worked.

If one can afford the time, the best plan at this stage is to take a rest for a bit and "sleep on it," as apparently the human brain is capable of some sort of digestive process, and is able to sort out essentials from non-essentials, and form a balanced and reliable judgment, if given time.

Possibly this may be a peculiarity of my own, but it may be worth noting, as I have often remarked that much better work results if one allows this process of "sleeping on it" to take place, instead of delineating straight away.

The rest of the work is simply straightforward astrological skill. There is, of course, a whole mass of data that has to be borne in mind—house rulership, the navamsa ruler of the various houses, indications from the radical map, the position of the progressed Moon by house—all this goes into the "predictor," with the result that the eventual "shot" hits the mark—or it doesn't.

Much depends also on the type of forecast that is needed. One person may need a month-to-month guide, the next may be interested only in speculation, a third one may wish particularly to know the likely dates when danger from bombs may be anticipated, and a fourth one may only be interested in the periods for favourable esoteric progress.

It takes all sorts to make a world, and the professional has to cater impartially for the speculator as for the esotericist.

A forecast done in this manner, and with these elements and

none other, gives a very workmanlike result. Only rarely does good luck or bad luck that has not been foreseen come to a horoscope. It gives the general trend, and usually the domain in which effects work out, in a very reliable way. It gives a very good proportion of direct hits, and a fair number of sensational hits.

A very good example of a case where I "missed the boat" was where an attack of meningitis occurred, but the astrological indications of this disease are so unusual (page 116 of the *Encyclopedia of Psychological Astrology*), that it would be very rarely indeed that it would be spotted in advance.

The following cases, which were forecast by the system outlined above, may be of interest:—

Case 1.—A forecast made in 1934. The covering letter to the native's guardian contained the following passage: "This map contains suicide tendencies, and the year 1938 is critical in this respect, as impulse in that year will be much exaggerated." This occurred, for in July 1938 the native had a bad nervous breakdown and was an inmate of a mental hospital for some time (Jupiter close conjunction Saturn at birth, Neptune closely angular on 7th cusp, square Sun; progressed Moon came to Neptune radical in July 1938 when Saturn was transiting opposition Mercury radical, and Uranus transiting opposition Mars radical. The breakdown took place at the very hour when the Moon was passing radical Neptune).

Case 2.—This is Mr. C. E. Mitchell, the well-known Halifax astrologer. Writing on September 7, 1938, I informed him: "It looks very much to me as if your aged mother may find her term in the new Moon of 22nd November this year." At the time I wrote, Mrs. Mitchell was in good health, and he was, in fact, consulting me on an entirely different question.

Mrs. Mitchell was taken ill in mid-November, and died on the 22nd, five hours after the New Moon. (The indications from which this judgment was made were as follows: Progressed ascendant (oblique) opposition radical Saturn, ruler of the radical 4th, progressed Moon conjunction progressed ascendant and opposition Saturn radical, in September 1938, but the New Moon of November 22, 1938, fell on the progressed ascendant and opposition Saturn radical.)

Case 3.—A regular client, enmeshed in some very difficult negotiations with four financial partners. I informed him that an offer of settlement would be made in the autumn of 1939, and that an actual settlement would be made in March 1940, but thereafter some very unfavourable influences would come along, and that he should do everything to safeguard health.

The offer and the settlement came out exactly as forecast, but the warning as to health was altogether disregarded, and he died suddenly in November last.

(Influences for settlement: Progressed Moon conjunction 7th cusp, radix Jupiter trine Neptune, New Moon conjunction Mercury radical, ruler radical 7th, and navamsa rising at birth. Influences for death: Radix Moon square Sun. Eclipse of April 7, 1940, opposition his Moon-Uranus, Arabic Mercury opposition Uranus, and progressed Moon conjunction progressed Mercury and opposition Uranus radical.)

Case 4.—The business manager of the above. I forecast for him that 1940 would be an admirable year up to November and December, when major health and business troubles would hit him suddenly.

This worked out exactly as forecast. Severe teeth trouble occurred at the end of October, ending with an extraction. Thereafter the sudden death of his chief and lifelong friend. Thereafter the Government requisitioned the business premises.

(Moon conjunction Neptune in the 10th, opposition Mars in the radical map. The progressed Moon squared these positions in November. The New Moon of November 29, 1940, fell exactly across the Moon, Neptune opposition Mars radical position, Radix Saturn square Sun measured to September 1940, progressed Moon in the radical 8th.)

To get good results by astrology is a laborious and pains-taking process, and there is no short cut to success. However, the above example will show that any student who is content to master the technique and work methodically will be able to achieve consistently reliable results. It is the sum total of all these results spread over a very long period that constitute the proof that astrology is true.

MEDICAL ASTROLOGY

H. B. PILKINGTON

EARLY in January 1940 a doctor friend introduced me to an interesting case of diabetes in the instance of a girl nearing 15 years of age. She represents the third case in a family of three born to her parents. The other two, both boys, also suffered from pancreas disfunction and "passed on" before reaching Cynthia's age.

In the instance of the elder of the two boys there were also

serious mental disturbances towards the close of life. When Cynthia's "not being so well" was diagnosed as the form of sickness the family had learned to dread, the psychological distress of both the young patient and the parents was extreme (data 1).

In most cases of diabetes the pancreas is the physician's main, or perhaps only, concern; but there are cases in which a "secondary," in the shape of a lesion somewhere along the track of the pneumogastric nerve, appears, and it is this which can be difficult to deal with on temperamental grounds.

Owing to Cynthia's undesirable psychological reaction to insulin, only one injection has been given throughout the year. Probably Neptune, in opposition to Venus, the Ascendant, and Mercury, is our indicant here. Attention to diet, plus Ignatia, Sulphur, Phosphorus, Lycopus, Ferrum, and Iris Versicolor (according to symptoms, directions, and transits) have been employed with results which in the circumstances must be judged satisfactory. The percentage of sugar is still above normal in the urine, and at most times the peculiar breath sweetness, which is a feature with diabetes, is also noticeable. For the rest she appears and behaves like a well child of her class and age.

Both patient and the parents have co-operated splendidly on the diet and hygiene side.

The aspectual indicants given by Zain for diabetes—Saturn and Jupiter prominent and afflicted, will be seen to be verified in part in this natus. Mark Jones teaches that planetary placings in Scorpio offer valuable evidence of pancreas conditioning and my experience confirms this in full. It would seem probable that the variety of diabetes known to medical men as auto-toxic psychosis (Cynthia's kind), the insipidus, with excessive flow of urine, is largely Scorpio at base, whilst the variety named diabetes mellitus occurs more frequently with Libran indicants. Dr. Cornell makes mention of this differentiation in his *Encyclopaedia*, and to get our data right here would constitute one helpful contribution on the part of Medical Astrology. Readers will be able to detect the "fortunes" of Cynthia's brothers from her nativity. So far as I can gather the possibility of mental difficulties in a case of diabetes is most likely to occur where Saturn, planetary ruler of the pneumogastric nerve, along with Mercury, is prominent as an afflictor. Another "tending" patterning is for both the cardinal and fixed crosses to be involved, especially if signs associated with specific brain areas are activated. Inasmuch as each organ, plexus and gland works through a combination of activity,

structure and function, it must surely be wrong to limit rulerships to one astrological factor only.

The chart of Dr. X (data 2) is a good example of what to expect in a case of diabetes mellitus. He is a famous scientist with much experience in the medical school, and long, long before he was known as a diabetic subject he seemed to me to take a morbid interest in the disease. His psychological complex was quite definite on this point. Insulin has been used very freely in his case and on two or three occasions he has had to undergo a course of de-insulin treatment. Latterly more strict attention to diet and reduced professional activity have caused the needle to be less employed. A very useful ten years of life have elapsed since the first onset of the disease at 55 years of age. In this case the Sun from the extreme end of Scorpio squares Saturn, with Jupiter joining in from an angular position rather widely, so that Zain's indicants are readily perceived. The square of the conjoined Venus and Mars in Libra to Moon gives the necessary "mellitus" character.

Baby Rex (data 3) provides another example of Scorpio in relation to disease. The parents of this boy are very successful hotel proprietors and they were both well on towards middle life when he arrived. As might be expected with Mars conjunction Neptune in Virgo, he was a precarious feeder even at the infant's food stage. There is always much of everything to eat where Rex lives, and by the time he was 3 years of age he had developed a preference that must be obeyed for sausage, and each and every kind of spiced condiment. Here a Taurus Moon opposes Mercury and Jupiter and the Sun conjunction Venus in Scorpio is squared by Saturn. The ascendant is opposed by Uranus from 28 Aries. Dr. Cornell tells us that almost any affliction in Scorpio can pre-dispose to hemorrhoids, that the external surface of the anus is under Libra, and the deeper tissues under Scorpio. During Rex's fourth year he had to undergo an operation for hemorrhoids.

DATA			LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
1	Feb. 24, 1925	7 a.m.	53° 25' N.	3° 0' W.
2	Nov. 20, 1876	11.51 p.m.	53° 27' N.	3° 0' W.
3	Nov. 19, 1934	5.10 a.m.	54° 9' N.	4° 32' W.

THE KALEIDOSCOPE

By VIVIAN E. ROBSON, B.Sc.

DURING the last twenty years or so, there has been a steady improvement in astrological thought, which has had the natural effect of improving the literature of the subject also. Much of the credit for this movement must be given to Alan Leo, for although he perhaps over-stressed the religious and theosophical aspects of astrology, he opened the way to a more scientific and philosophical treatment of its problems, and thereby attracted a better type of student. His greatest contribution to astrology lay in giving the spirit needed to vitalise a rather dusty collection of bones, and make a living science out of a lot of bits and pieces.

Now that this is an accomplished fact, however, and indeed has been so for many years, it is about time that someone examined the bones, and also picked up a few of the bits and pieces that fell off in the vitalising process. For there is no doubt that while we have gained immensely in the realms of philosophy, scientific method, and common-sense generally, we have not only made little progress in detailed knowledge, but have allowed much of the existing knowledge to be forgotten. I doubt if the average student has the faintest conception of the vast amount of forgotten knowledge that may be found in such ancient books and manuscripts as are still available.

If, instead of spending their time evolving new systems of directing or inventing more hypothetical planets, a number of students would critically examine all the traditional rules and information in our possession they would be doing a most valuable service to astrology. The result of such work would be to give us an immense amount of verified information, which could act as a sound basis for further research. We should at least know that all our rules and data are correct, which is much more than we can be certain of at present.

Alan Leo very wisely used a simplified astrology in building up his system of philosophy, and we are apt to think of his rules as more complete than they are. A little-known example of this is furnished by our present method of judging the affairs of an unoccupied house by the ruler of the sign on its cusp. This is by no means the method taught by the ancient and medieval astrologers. The full rule was that the planet to be chosen as ruler of a house is that one which has chief rulership over the part of the sign on the cusp by the majority of the five dignities, House, Exaltation, Triplicity, Term, and

Decanate. As a rule the two methods coincide, but sometimes they vary considerably. Thus Hitler's ascendant in Libra 24 gives him Venus as ruling planet by the usual method. But Libra 24 is the house of Venus, the exaltation of Saturn, the diurnal triplicity of Saturn, the term of Mars, and the decanate of Jupiter, if we use the ancient decanate rulership. This gives the preponderance to Saturn, who would therefore have been taken as ruler by the ancients.

The determination of the ruling planet is obviously one of the fundamental points about which there should be no doubt, and it is a little disconcerting to realise that our present simpler method has been adopted on account of its greater simplicity, and not because the older method has been tested and found wanting.

The Ruling Planet

Mention of the ruling planet reminds me of a point which often puzzles astrological students, and that is the difference between the ruling planet and the strongest planet in a horoscope. The ruling planet is, of course, the planet ruling the sign rising, while the strongest planet is that which is most powerfully situated with regard to elevation, angular position, sign position, or aspect. Occasionally one and the same planet may be both the technical ruler and the strongest body in the horoscope, but such a simple state of affairs as this is not often to be found. The difficulty arises when the technical ruler is weak, as it very often is, and many astrologers are puzzled to know which to take as the real ruling planet.

This confusion owes its origin to terminology, for the functions of each planet can quite easily be distinguished. It is obvious that the strongest planet must dominate the whole horoscope, and its influence must be felt in all departments of the life. In this sense it is the real ruler of the map, and must be taken into account in everything. So far there is not much difficulty, and it is only when we consider the ruler of the rising sign that the confusion becomes apparent. This is where the usual terminology leads one astray. To call this planet the ruler of the horoscope is most misleading, for in the presence of a dominant planet, it is nothing of the sort. A better term would be significator, for if some such term as this were used the difficulty would vanish. The simplest and most correct way to deal with the matter is to take the ruler of the ascendant as the personal significator of the native. In every horoscope one planet can be selected as the significator of a particular person,

as, for example, the Sun for the father, Jupiter for an uncle, and so on. All the qualities of that person *as seen by the native* and all his circumstances are epitomised in that single planet and its position and aspects. In exactly the same way the ruler of the rising sign epitomises the native. If it is weak and afflicted then one can expect to find a weak and afflicted person. Good aspects to it indicate help throughout life from the sources indicated by the planets throwing the aspects, while bad aspects point to a life of hindrances, difficulties, and disappointments brought about by the afflicting planets and the houses and signs involved. In the case of an unaspected ruler one finds neither help nor hindrance, and the native is left to make his way through life entirely by his own efforts. In every important step he will be isolated and thrown upon his own judgment or resources. A very accurate impression of the whole general course of the life can often be obtained from the so-called ruling planet when it is looked at in this light.

RECTIFICATION BY MACULATION

By MONKTON FARLEIGH

ALTHOUGH the difficulty of determining the correct ascendant of a person whose birth-time is unknown is just as vexatious as ever, despite modern researches in the fields of degree influences, house division, rates of progression, etc., one of the old aids in the finding of the rising degree seems to have fallen into disuse, or, at least, never appears in the pages of the astrological periodicals and textbooks of to-day. This is regrettable, for from some of the results it has given in the past it deserves more attention than has been bestowed upon it of late.

The method referred to makes use of the clues afforded by the positions of moles or other birthmarks on the native's person, and a case is known to the writer in which an old West Country astrologer was able to state the known birthtime of a young man from an inspection of the various moles on different parts of his body. The old astrologer probably had more data to go upon in this respect than the writer has ever seen in print, and may even have framed definite rules based on his own practical experience. Be that as it may, the following paragraphs were culled many years ago from a very old astrological publication, and are now laid before the present generation of students in the hope that not only will they prove of assistance, but will

be found of sufficient interest to encourage further research on these lines.

"The part of the body governed by the rising sign at birth will be found to have a mole or mark upon it.

"The sign the lord of the ascendant is in will produce a mole upon the part which it governs, as also will the sign on the cusp of the 6th, the sign containing the lord of the 6th, and the sign containing the Moon.

"If Mars, Saturn or Uranus are in aspect with either of these lords or the Moon, the signs they are in will have the same effect.

"If the sign or planet which produces the mole is positive the mark will be on the right side of the body; if negative, on the left.

"If the early part of a sign occupies the cusps mentioned or contains the planets, the mark will be on the upper part of the member governed; if the second decanate, the middle; if the end of the sign, the lower parts.

"Should the signs or planets concerned be above the earth the mole resulting will be on the front of the person; if under the earth, at the back.

"The Sun produces a mole of an olive or chestnut colour; the Moon, of a whitish appearance; Mercury, lead colour; Venus, yellow; Mars in a fiery sign, the mark will resemble a scar or cut, in the others, a red fiery colour; Jupiter, purple or blueish, and Saturn, black or very dark."

No reference is made to moles associated with fixed stars, but as from the descriptions in Simmonite's *Arcana* of the forms produced by the signs it seems clear the old astrologers gave due consideration to the effects of the fixed stars on the appearance, it is possible the West Country astrologer mentioned may have discovered amongst other things that specific birth-marks are found when certain stars are exactly on the angular cusps or in close conjunction with the luminaries.

The writer would be pleased to receive particulars of peculiar *nævi* (with full birth-data) known to readers, and if sufficient cases are forthcoming a tabulation could be given in a later issue of the *Quarterly*. Incidentally, the rule concerning the cusp of the 6th might be of some assistance in solving the housing problem!

GARDENING NOTES

By ADA PARKES

WHILST man is doing his best to destroy this lovely world, Providence (in my part of the world, at any rate) gave very freely of her bounty in 1940, and fruit and vegetable crops were very satisfactory indeed. Nor did the more ornamental part of the garden lag behind, for never in my memory seemed a spring so lovely. The hard winter certainly destroyed much, and one looked in vain for the reappearance of many treasured, familiar friends in the beds and borders, but those which did survive certainly seemed to have an added fragrance, beauty and prolificness to compensate for the losses.

We gardeners are indeed fortunate that in preparing for still larger crops this year we are not only doing work we like, but also contributing something to help our beloved country. Not always do duty and pleasure work hand in hand.

For those who are breaking up virgin land, one of the traditional rules is to find a time when the ruler of the ascendant and the Moon are dignified or in angular houses, in fortunate aspect to Jupiter and Venus.

With a prospective shortage of onions this year, many will wish to grow this vegetable. Gardening books and wireless speakers emphasise that rich, deep soil is necessary for good crops, but I find quite good results can be achieved from shallow soil on chalk. For many years my results were poor, but after much experimenting I found that seed sown when the Moon was waxing and in an earthy sign gave very good crops.

The dates for sowing this year are:

March 3rd, 4th, 30th and 31st.

April 8th, 9th, 27th and 28th.

May 6th and 7th.

June 2nd, 3rd, 29th and 30th.

Potatoes are the only seed I find which gives best results when the tubers are planted when the Moon is waning, and if in an earthy sign so much the better.

The dates are:

March 20th and 21st.

April 17th and 18th.

May 14th, 23rd and 24th.

Digging and weeding are best accomplished from the Moon's last quarter to the New Moon.

Parsley and other seed slow to germinate is best sown with the waxing Moon in Virgo. The dates are:

March 12th.
April 8th and 9th.
May 6th and 7th.
June 2nd and 3rd.

The following dates are good for sowing all kinds of vegetable and flower seeds and for planting out:

March 3rd, 4th, 8th, 9th, 23rd, 30th and 31st.
April 4th, 5th, 8th, 9th, 27th and 28th.
May 1st, 2nd, 6th, 7th, 9th, 28th, 29th and 30th.
June 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 7th, 26th, 29th and 30th.

Always plant trees when the Moon is waxing.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PRECESSION

From LUNA LEO.

When looking up the letter referred to in the last Quarterly by Mr. Monkton Farleigh, I noticed he suggested that all the factors in one's horoscope have a retrograde motion of 36 minutes of longitude in 43 years, due to precession. Although this is an extremely slow rate of movement, it produces a considerable displacement in the case of mundane figures of some antiquity such as the 1066 map for England, amounting in that particular case to over 12 degrees at the present time.

Such a shift would not, of course, affect the progressions based on the primary or secondary systems of directing, in that they are calculated from planetary positions occurring during periods of time in close proximity to the date of the radical figure, but where transits are concerned the matter assumes an entirely different aspect, for in the case of the slow-moving planets so great a difference would throw out by several years any prognostications based on transitual effects.

But surely Mr. Farleigh is incorrect in stating that the zodiac on which our astrology is based moves *forward*, for the effect of precession is to give the equinoctial points of $0^\circ \varphi \simeq$ a retrograde movement in the heavens against the background of the fixed constellations, in which case the radical horoscopic factors would, if considered stationary in relation to the stellar background, show an equivalent advance in the direction of the signs.

Take, for instance, the ascendant of the 1066 map, $22^\circ \varphi$, and imagine it occupied by a fixed star having no apparent proper motion of its own. The backward shift of the ecliptic from 1066 to

the present time, through the distance of 12 degrees mentioned above, obviously carried the 22nd degree of Aries with it, leaving the star stationary in space 12 degrees away, that is, in 4 8. Now, in April 1939 Saturn transited 22 ♈, but as that degree only coincided with the position held by 10 ♈ in 1066, the planet was still 12 degrees away from the hypothetical star on the ascendant, and it was not until April 1940 that Saturn crossed the rising degree of the 1066 horoscope.

The difference in the timing of the transit is about a year in the example given, but would have been three years had Uranus been the transiting planet, six years in the case of Neptune, and thirteen in the case of Pluto. From this it will be seen that the effects of precession are likely to upset the timing of predictions by transits pretty considerably when attempting present-day forecasts from old horoscopes.

Of course, it might be argued that the retrograde movement of the ecliptic carries the radical factors with it. That certainly does not apply to the fixed stars, and if, as some astrologers maintain, the degree effects of the stellar constellations correspond with those of the zodiacal signs, the positions of the radical factors in relation to the stars must remain inviolate, and such positions are therefore subject to advance in the zodiac at the precessional rate.

The point is one that can be tested, nevertheless, and provided the 1066 map is valid it could be used for an examination of trans-situational effects, with and without the increment due to precession. It is of interest to note, however, that the transit of Saturn mentioned above occurred when the floodgates of German aggression burst over Europe with the invasion of Norway and Denmark, while the Battle of Britain was heralded by the Ingress of June 1940, in which the fateful opposition between Mars and the Moon across the meridian fell on the degree occupied at that time by the radical Sun and the progressed Uranus of the 1066 map, so stimulating the "explosive" effect of the direction concerned.

MUNDANE FIGURES

From LEON ARTEMIS.

I wonder if Mr. Monkton Farleigh is right in ascribing so potent an influence to the solstitial degrees merely because they happen to pass through the mundane poles? It seems to me that the equinoctial points are far more important in that they occur at the intersection of those two extremely vital circles, the ecliptic and the equator. That is but an opinion, however, and although it is easy to suggest that the relative importance of the various ingresses could be tested from world events, in practice such an examination is likely to prove most difficult, for apart from the interweaving effects of other mundane figures, many things which occur in different countries probably correspond more closely with directions operating in the horoscopes of those countries, rather than with the

indications of current ingresses and the like. Doubtless the latter have some effect in determining the mode of action or the precipitation of the events, but once the trigger has been pulled, so to speak, the influence of the directions involved may well last for periods of time far exceeding those covered by the mundane maps concerned.

For these reasons I am inclined to think that the attacks on this country, although clearly indicated in the ingress figure for June 1940, cannot be solely ascribed to that map, but are probably due to the effects of the progressions of a more basic horoscope, and the continuation of the aerial bombardment must therefore be ascribed to those directions rather than to a prolongation of the indications of the solstitial map, especially as it is quite probable that much more baleful mundane figures have occurred in the past unattended by such dire events.

We must not lose sight of the fact that Germany is also being subjected to intense bombing attacks, but the ingress of June 1940 cannot well be cited as the indicator, for the opposition between the Moon and Mars (which fell across the meridian at London and gave full warning of the events to come in Britain) occurred in cadent houses at Berlin.¹

On the other hand, the opposition mentioned fell not far from the meridian at Madrid, yet Spain has escaped its implications, so that it seems we must look for horoscopes of a more radical nature than the usual mundane figures when considering the destinies of different countries.

At the same time, provided we do not attach too much importance to them, the ingress maps afford a useful guide to the trend of events, and it would be interesting to know at what rate they should be progressed. I believe Mr. Monkton Farleigh asked for this information in June, 1938, but I have not seen an answer to his query.

From G. F. RATCLIFFE.

I would much appreciate it if you could give me a brief answer to the following questions which have puzzled me for years.

In *your* textbook and in many other writers it is stated that the progressions are only the *time fulfilment* of the *possibilities* as shown by the radix.

Now I have in my possession many maps of acquaintances with the affliction of Venus square Saturn. This is the great denial of marriage as I have noticed. But strangely enough some *do* get married under this affliction. How can this be? How can the progressions *to*, or *from* Venus by the other bodies, bring marriage about with some people and not with others under a uniform disability? This is *not* fulfilling the indications shown in the birth map.

No 2 question. Does an affliction follow through to the end of

¹ This opposition did however involve the Moon (19½ ♋) in the map of the German Republic, as well as being fairly near to ♄ in that of the German Empire (24½ ♏) whilst in the two Third Reich maps there are very strong relations.—EDITOR.

one's life? I always understood that progressions shewed the changing consciousness—that is, man forms his own circumstances. According to my own limited observations even *separating* afflictions only end with the death of the native. Where, then, is man's much-vaunted free choice in the control of his circumstances and destiny?

EDITOR'S REPLY.—To say that Venus square Saturn denies marriage is to view the matter too factually. The tendency of this contact is to *restrict the outflow of feeling*. Therefore such people cannot easily form true friendships, although, for that very reason, they are often faithful to those few friendships that they do form. But they cannot express their inner emotions easily or freely. One must of course take note of the map as a whole.

We cannot go into the question of free-will here, except to point out that hardly anyone could claim that "man has a free choice in the control of his circumstances." We can, of course, will anything, but if we had the power, ignorant and even wicked as many of us are (at least sometimes!), of *achieving* whatever we willed, the result would be chaos. My personal view, for what little it may be worth, is that the framework, at any rate, of our *external* life is "fated," but we may at least venture to hope that our *inner* life is not so, for, if it were, life would be entirely without rationality, meaningless and purposeless. Even to discuss such matters would be senseless, for the results of every discussion would be predetermined. In astrology Jupiter and Saturn respectively represent the principles of freedom and limitation.

There is little evidence for the view that we outgrow what is shown in our horoscopes in respect of our external life. Alan Leo died as his natus showed, from Moon square Mars. But we hope, of course, that we die wiser and better men than we were in youth.

THE ASCENDANT OF LONDON

From GEORGE H. BAILEY.

In the December issue of the *Quarterly* Mr. Robson gives the ascendant of London as $17^{\circ} 11' 54''$ and the M.C. as $12^{\circ} 00' 14''$. These have been the accepted values for so long a time that their origin may be unknown, although I believe I have read somewhere that these were the angular degrees when the first pile of London Bridge was driven. Perhaps Mr. Robson can throw some light on this point.

I am inclined to suspect, however, that the meticulous exactness of the rising degree was determined by the reputed passage of the star El Nath or the Bull's North Horn (β *Tauri*) over the ascendant of London at the time of the Great Fire of 1666 (given in some textbooks), and if this is the case a parallel instance might be sought to account for the recent fires due to enemy action.

The only stars close to the degree concerned at the present time are two of the 4th magnitude in the constellation of the Charioteer, ζ *Aurigae* and ϵ *Aurigae*, in $17^{\circ} 11' 48''$ and $18^{\circ} 11' 1''$ respectively, and

while these positions may be considered sufficiently near to afford the necessary indications of the recent conflagrations, it seems to me an important factor has been overlooked. I refer to the star Aldebaran, a *Tauri*, one of the brightest stars in the sky, and whose nature, according to Ptolemy, is similar to that of Mars.

Although Aldebaran is now only in the 9th degree of Π , its south latitude actually places it *below* the eastern horizon of the reputed London horoscope, which it crossed in the year 1790. I cannot trace any events of particular importance at that period so far as London is concerned, and if stellar transits have any significance at all it would appear that the generally accepted ascendant is incorrect. If, however, the Great Fire coincided with the passage of Aldebaran across the cusp of London's first house, the degree on the ascendant must be within a minute or so of $16^\circ \Pi 22'$, with $10^\circ \approx 50'$ on the M.C., a result near enough to that referred to by early writers to permit its acceptance.

Now, broadly speaking, the mundane houses are chiefly associated with material things, and the zodiacal signs with the life that ensouls them, so that the presence of a prominent star of a Martial nature on the cusp of the most important house of the twelve is more likely to signify the burning of the physical form which goes to make up a city than would be the case if the star were not on the horizon but merely crossing the degree on the ascendant. This, I venture to suggest, is borne out by the transit of Aldebaran over the mundane cusp in 1666 as mentioned above, and is confirmed by that of El Nath across the zodiacal degree of $16^\circ \Pi 22'$ (while still above the horizon), which occurred in 1555 during the reign of Queen Mary, when mass burnings of another nature took place, those of martyrs at the stake.

Doubtless other factors were and are at work in the events under consideration which may affect the exact date of their operation, but it is of interest to note that in 1940 another star in the constellation of the Bull, $\lambda Tauri$, a variable of the (4th visual) magnitude, had just crossed the line of London's eastern horizon as now determined by the transit of Aldebaran mentioned above.

REVIEWS

Whose Child Are You? An Astrological Song of Peace. Words by "Aquarius," music by Julian Wright. Paramount Music Co., Ltd., 9, Denmark Street, London, W.C.2. 2s. net. Also obtainable from Mr. C. E. Mitchell, 12, Delph Street, King Cross Street, Halifax.

The general tendency of much modern poetry seems to lie in the direction of an open disregard for scansion and rhyme, and so long as the main idea in the poet's mind finds expression, the conventions in these matters are often abandoned. Were it not for some obvious

immaturities, the writer of this song might, by such standards, rank as a versifier in the modern style, or perhaps even as an ultramodern in that the subject of her verse is purely astrological, epitomising in stanzaic form the attributes bestowed by the different heavenly bodies.

The novelty is indeed twofold, for astrology set to music must come as an innovation to the astrological world, while its intrusion into the domain of musical balladry may well set a new fashion amongst the lyricists.

The music is delightful, and once the words have been mastered the song can be sung with telling effect.

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A NOTE ON HITLER'S NATUS

It seems that the phrase "fan formation," which was, I think, first used by Mr. Carter to denote a certain type of symmetrical planetary grouping, has been widely adopted in America. But few seem to have noticed that Hitler's nativity affords two fine examples of this species of configuration.

For if we look at the east of his map, we find the ascendant approximately at the centre of a "fan," of which the edges are Saturn on the one hand and Moon-Jupiter on the other. These edges are about 144° apart, so that the centre falls about 25° Libra.

On the west Mercury-Sun on the one hand and Neptune-Pluto on the other form the edges, and Venus and Mars are close to the centre, about 15° from both the Sun and Neptune.

Such an integration goes far to explain the mighty power which the quondam out-of-work painter has achieved in a few years.

Incidentally astrologers seem to be shy of the parallel of declination nowadays; but it may be significant that Hitler has Saturn in par. dec. with Neptune (wide) and a close par. dec. of the ascendant with Pluto. Which, being in the 8th in a mental sign, probably explains his alleged preoccupation with thoughts of death.

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