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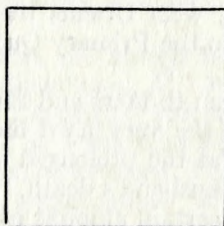
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## EDITORIAL

*"Ada, sole daughter of my house and heart!"*

Most astrologers probably possess Zadkiel's *Grammar*, published in 1910 by G. Bell & Sons together with Lilly's *Introduction*; and they will have noticed that Zadkiel gives, as an example horoscope, the nativity of Lord Byron's daughter Ada, who became Countess of Lovelace. Zadkiel gives no details of her life, for the sufficient reason that she was but eighteen when he wrote. Interesting information appears, however, in an Epilogue to *The Life of Lady Byron*, by E. C. Mayne, published by Constable.

Approximate positions are:—

M.C. ♄3, birthplace London.

☉ 17-40 ♀, ☽ 5-39 ♀, ♀ 0-32 ♀, ♀ 1-32 ♀, ♂ 20-26 ♀, ♄ 2-15 ♀, ♀ 8-36 ♀, ♄ 7-50 ♀, ♀ 19-30 ♀, PL approx. 21 ♀.

Astrologers will note that the map is a brilliant one, but elementally very ill-balanced. There is nothing in Earth and only one body (♂) in Air. The two benefics are in the 7th in Scorpio and Pluto is about 21 Pisces: all the rest, including the ascendant, are in Fire.

It appears that, despite all this Fire, she led a rather secluded and studious life and was devoted to mathematics. It was said that she might have been a senior wrangler, had she been of the other sex. This proved her undoing. She sought an infallible system of backing horses (note ☉ ♂ ♀ in ♀ in 9th—delusive dreams), and finally became involved with sharpers and heavily in debt. Her marriage had been very happy (♀ ♄ in 7th), but the revelation of her involvements was a profound shock to her husband. She died of cancer in 1852.

She was an enthusiastic violinist, which is exactly in accord with what astrologers would expect.

The chief lesson to be learnt from this example appears to be that as much, or perhaps more, danger lies in an ill-balanced



map as in one that contains many tense aspects. The reason why this condition may be more dangerous than any other is, I think, that a "bad" aspect may often be localised, as many diseases may be. But an elemental disproportion such as is shown in the nativity under discussion corresponds to a *condition of asymmetry in the very nature*. There is all the difference between having, let us say, a gouty big toe and being a congenital hypochondriac.

### *Operations and Directions*

The question has been asked, how can one choose a time for an operation when directions are good, since a matter which is, for most people, an unpleasant ordeal, cannot synchronise with fortunate directions? Incidentally, I am told that this point does not seem to have been dealt with in any of my books: why not?

To answer the second part of the query first, I may say that the subject hardly falls within the scope of any of my writings; and furthermore it is not my wish to lay down rules about problems which I cannot claim to have studied except very occasionally. It is likely that successful operations might well occur either under mixed directions, some difficult and some facilitative, or else under "bad" directions between bodies natively strong.

Obviously, in selecting the time for an operation, one would seek to avoid really difficult transitual and directional conditions, and if the current aspects, or aspects in coelo, are also good, so much the better. Above all, it is probably good to avoid difficult configurations of Mars and Uranus, in coelo, by transit or by direction. In fact, these seem to be the most perilous of all formations from the standpoint of physical welfare. But even so they need not occasion much concern if they are strong in the radix.

### *National Eminence and the Horoscope*

Students often ask how the outstanding prominence of this or that individual in the life of a nation is shown in the natus. For instance, it may be said that Adolf Hitler's rise from penury to a place of unprecedented, though transient, power in Europe, is scarcely shown in his geniture, granted that this does contain some striking features.

It must, I think, be remembered that in these cases the natus of the personage concerned is not, by itself, the whole story. It is *the special relationship between that natus and various other horoscopes that is the secret of success*. For example, in the case



of Hitler, it would be necessary (if it were possible) to collate his nativity with the racial German map, in order to explain his hold over the German racial "soul." To elucidate his political rise we should have to consider the same nativity in relation to the horoscopes of the German Empire, of the Weimar Republic, and probably others as well. And, indeed, such a correlation is highly illuminating. As regards the first of these, his Uranus falls on Neptune and his Venus-Mars conjunction is on Pluto.

That, of course, is not the whole explanation by any means, for some hundreds of Germans could show as much. But the point I wish to make is that national "greatness" depends not only on the "right man" but also on the right man appearing at the right time and place.

It is not our fault, usually, that we regard each nativity as if it existed in isolation, for we rarely have the right maps with which to correlate it: nevertheless, this detachment is basically misleading. Astrologers should realise that no man liveth unto himself alone.

If it is right to compare the maps of two marriage partners to see how they will fare together, how much more necessary is it to judge the success of a politician by correlating his nativity with the figures of his party and nation, when such a comparison is possible!

It is not for nothing that Franklin D. Roosevelt has his Moon only 4' from the place of Jupiter in the map of the United States, whilst his Sun and Moon signs are those of the same chart, transposed. Churchill's time is uncertain, but his Moon is near Jupiter in our 1066 figure.

### *Tenth Harrogate Convention*

Once again, despite all war-time difficulties, Mr. H. Hosking Burnell is organising a Convention for Easter. All inquiries should be sent to him at Pool Bank, near Leeds. There is an excellent programme of lectures, classes, and social gatherings, as well as a Brains Trust.

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## FROM MONTH TO MONTH

By THE EDITOR

### *Retrospect*

To economise space I propose to deal but briefly with what has passed.

So far as Britain is concerned, the *Autumn Ingress* operated chiefly in terms of social reform, and, as one might expect from ♀♂♂ in ♍, mainly in widespread discussion of Virgo problems. So far as the war went, we cleared the Scheldt estuary. As for internal relaxations less happened than was expected, but one may mention the standing down of the Home Guard. Supplies of food and clothing were hardly affected. Morale was good—there was in fact a wave of premature optimism.

Russia, as anticipated, was engaged on silent preparations and the principal eastern theatre of war in this period was in Hungary.

Under the December lunation (M.C. \*♂ at Berlin) Rundstedt launched a heavy offensive in the Ardennes.

Despite the culmination of Venus at Tokio the Japanese saw the Philippines invaded and important Allied progress in Burma, but in China they were aggressive and serious words were spoken by those in authority on the position in that country. We view the future of China with solicitude and have done so since she failed to respond as might have been expected to the fine mundane indications of 1942. To designate her, at the present time, as one of the Four Great Powers is misleading. The map of the Chinese Republic is far from an easy one.

China and Holland, both ruled by Cancer, are suffering terribly from the presence of Saturn in that sign, squared by Neptune.

As for the Greeks, Athens is presumably under Virgo and the conjunction of Mercury with Jupiter, square Uranus, in the ingress seems enough to account for what happened in an always inflammable country. It would be interesting to know how Pallas, the planetoid, has been placed in recent horoscopes. In the natus of King George of the Hellenes Neptune and Pluto are with the Sun by radix progression.

Should any reader ask why we were not able to predict the events in Greece, we must answer that we make no pretence to keep any but the principal countries engaged in the war under our observation. Even that is an exacting task and one that we cannot claim to perform by any means adequately. We have,



we believe, already expressed the view that this sort of work should be the responsibility of a proper Board of Astrologers, each keeping watch over his own region.

One of the first correlates of the *Winter Ingress* was the announcement that another quarter of a million men would be required for the Army (♂ on cusp 4).

Budapest was gradually laid in ruins, under heavy Pluto transits in the Hungarian horoscope: data, 13-17 L.M.T., March 1, 1920, at Budapest.

The first half of January saw the exhaustion of the German offensive in the Ardennes, whilst in the Far East the Americans landed in Luzon.

Just prior to the January eclipse the great Russian winter offensive fell like a thunderbolt upon the German eastern front. Of this figure (or rather of the eclipse itself, considered as a transit to the German horoscopes) I said that it foreshadowed the coming German collapse. February should carry this much further.

### *Prospect*

The *March Lunation* has some good for us, for, though the M.C. is squared by Mars, it is supported by the locus itself and by Jupiter. I do not like a lunation in Pisces opposed to Jupiter from the standpoint of our prisoners, and expect some anxiety at this period on their behalf.

At Moscow the locus of the lunation nearly rises and diplomatic complications seem probable.

At Washington the M.C. is trine Venus, which should bring definite military success.

At Berlin the M.C. is supported by Mercury-Neptune, themselves in opposition, which may bring some success. But Mercury-Neptune has the square of Saturn, and personally I do not place reliance on harmonious formations from badly afflicted planets.

At Tokio the ascendant is trine the locus and sextile Jupiter, which should be of use to Japan.

We spoke of the *Spring Ingress* in our last issue and perhaps the best we can say is that Britain may get whatever sweetness may come from a sour orange, for Jupiter is very close to the M.C., but debilitated and without aspects. This planet is, however, part-lord of the 1st, and to have this configuration should be a sustaining, and perhaps a victorious, feature.

Moscow has Venus on the 4th, well aspected by much-afflicted planets, but in her own sign. The M.C. is  $\Delta$  ♃ ♀.

At Washington Saturn (with the Moon) is just past the



M.C., and Neptune, in square, is close to the ascendant, and I am afraid this complex shows the greatest difficulties for the Government; and it cannot help the President. One must hope that the old rule may be true and that, since a cardinal sign rises at Washington, this distressing map may exert its influence for one quarter only.

At Berlin Neptune is, unfortunately for us, just past the midheaven (some  $2^{\circ}$ ); but the transits to the radical German map are extremely severe. ♄ is ♂ the ascendant. And what and where will the capital of Germany be by this time? The transfer of the German capital to Nuremberg or Munich, for example, would be of great, and to them fatal, significance.

Mars is opposed to its radical place in Hirohito's natus and menaces Japan with further bloody losses.

The *April Lunation* falls on our ascendant (1066 map) and we have Venus just past the midheaven, but it is not a good figure for the Allies. At Moscow Mars sets, and at Washington Pluto is on the nadir, foreshadowing, for both countries, very heavy fighting. Correspondingly the map aids Berlin, where each angle has a good aspect.

The *Taurus Ingress* on the 20th has similar mundane positions. By Campanus we have Saturn exactly on cusp 12, which may, by opposition to the 6th, indicate labour trouble.

The *May Lunation* has mundane positions much like those of the Ingress, and, as the major planets have not moved greatly, Washington is again smitten by the culmination of Saturn and by Neptune rising, Mars being in major affliction with both. This seems to point to an extremely difficult time for the States.

At Berlin the M.C. is trine a setting Uranus.

The *Gemini Ingress* appears to be in the main insignificant, except that Tokio has Mars at nadir and is threatened by yet heavier attack.

In sum, during this quarter Britain should stand well, but trouble will fall on the United States. After the great achievements of the late winter Russia seems less to the front, always, be it remembered, so far as these mundane maps go. In her case I have little else to judge by. For our enemies the outlook is sombre indeed, even if a few of the maps show temporary alleviations for Germany. She may struggle on into the summer or even to the *Autumn Ingress*.

It is well to recall here the extremely favourable indications for Russia in February.

*Final Recension: February 18, 1945.*



# "Q 9"—ON TRANSITS

By GEORGE H. BAILEY, F.F.B.A., M.A.F.S.A.

## *Ignis fatuus*

It has always been a source of amazement to me that although so many of my astrological friends appear to register the effects of transits in a manner quite in accordance with tradition, my own transits do not coincide with events of any sort save on extremely rare occasions. The suggestion has been put forward, however, that possibly certain types of people do not respond to transits as readily as others, and while this may be the reason for the anomaly, the fact that transits do not even function for me when prognosticating from other people's horoscopes, quite apart from my own, inclines me to question whether they have any value at all.

As a case in point I am giving my daughter's horoscopic data, for her directions coupled with associated transits filled me with a good many anxious thoughts some years ago, before I had learnt to discount the effects of transits on all and sundry besides myself.

24 May, 1921, 7-20 p.m. B.S.T. (rectified to 18 h. 20 m. 44s. G.M.T.) 51 N 23, 2 W 23.

M.C. 2 ♀ 38, Asc. 15 ♀ 22, ☉ 3 ♀ 0, ☌ 6 ♀ 29, ☿ 18 ♀ 59, ♀ 25 ♀ 57, ♂ 12 ♀ 59, ♀ 9 ♀ 27, ♀ 17 ♀ 59 S.D., ♀ 9 ♀ 28, ♀ 11 ♀ 15, PL 7 ♀ 32.

It will be seen that the Sun is not only approaching Mars in the 8th, but the two are in square aspect with Jupiter and Uranus in the 10th and 4th houses respectively, while Mars also squares Saturn. The direction I most feared was ☉ p. ☌ ♀, for due to the close square between the Sun and the midheaven at birth, the direction M.C. p. ♂ ♀ occurred at about the same time as the other, while as Saturn was also squared by Mercury in the 8th at birth, the directions ☉ p. ♂ ♀ r. and M.C. p. ☌ ♀ r. followed immediately after. The period covered by these progressions was from the middle of 1935 to the beginning of 1938, in the course of which the following transits occurred over the points concerned:

*February, 1936.* ♂ ♂ ♀ r., ☌ ♀ r. ♀ ♂ ♀ r., ☌ ♀ r. This was a dual transit, in fact, practically triple, for ♀ was then in 16 ♀, not far from ♂ ♀ r. and midway between ☌ ♀ r. and ♂ r.







September, 1936, brought a holiday by the sea, and in the beginning of October the native's grandparents spent a week with us. My own health was not too good at the time, but that was not unusual, and the possibility of the parental financial setbacks indicated by Saturn in the 11th house was negated in November, 1936, by an increase in my salary.

The station of Neptune in December in exact square with the radical Mercury brought nothing more serious than a cold and a whitlow, and Neptune's transit over Saturn in February, 1937, coincided with nothing but a sty (three weeks after Mars crossed the ascendant with no result).

August, 1937, brought a pleasant fortnight by the sea, followed by a rush to the grandmother's bedside, the old lady having had a stroke on the 28th. She died on September 5th, but the Mars-Neptune transit was not exact until a week later.

The transit of Mars over the descendant in April, 1938, occurred as the native returned to school after spending a few days at home with a cough. A week later she developed tonsillitis but by that time the Martian transit was well over. Neptune was then transiting the square of Mercury for the third time.

During May and June, 1938, attacks of sickness occurred due to nervous strain in studying for examinations. Neptune was then stationary in 18  $\cap$  22, and its last transit over Mercury's square occurred on July 18th, by which time the nervous trouble had gone and preparations for a holiday were well in hand.

Of all the transits mentioned the last station of Neptune on the square of Mercury was the only one whose nature agreed with that of the associated event, but against this it must be pointed out that the planet had already crossed that point three times before without corresponding effects (and despite the fact that other planets were involved with the transit). Many other transits occurred, too, during the period under examination, all with negative results, but as they were not concerned with the directions in force I have not troubled to list them. Of the few events that happened round about the dates of transit some were not exact to time and most were of a trivial nature (as will be agreed, for I have given them all)—and in fact have even been repeated when no transits were in force.

*The sum of the matter is that transits can safely be ignored in astrological practice, for having no effect they are useless for prognostication.*

Doubtless I shall stir up a hornets' nest in making this pronouncement, for, as I have said, other students appear to obtain excellent results from transitional indications. Never-



theless, I consider that their claims of so many events coinciding with transits are not due to any relations between the two, but to the fact that usually far more transits occur than events!

Now, this is a matter that can easily be tested, and to do so it is advisable to make a table of one's planetary positions and aspects, to ensure that no transit shall be missed. At the head of the table the degrees held by the M.C., asc., and planets with their semi-square aspects should be written (24 in all), and at the left-hand side the zodiacal signs should be arranged vertically, so enabling all the aspects in the different signs to be inserted beneath the planets concerned, on the lines shown in the portion of my daughter's table given below.

	0-22	2-38	2-59	3-00	3-59	6-29	7-32	9-27	9-28	10-57
	Asc.	M.C.	h	☉	♀	♃	PL	♅	♄	♀
♈	.. ☐	∧		*		☐	☐	∧	∨	
♉	..	△	☐	∨	∠	△	*	△	*	
♊	..	☐		♂		∧	∨	☐	☐	∠
♋	.. ☐	*		∨		♂	♂	*	△	

It will be found that there are no less than 192 aspects in the full circle of 360°, which, assuming they are evenly spaced, would give one in less than 2°, so that even if only transits of the six outer planets are used, one or another (or several) must be in force every day of one's life, particularly as some remain a long time within orbs. In my daughter's case, for instance, for the whole of January this year Pluto was ∨ ♅, ∧ ♄, Neptune was stationary ☐ ♃, Uranus was ☐ ♅, ☐ ♄, and Saturn was ♂ PL, ♂ ♃, while during the month Mars transited no less than fifteen sensitive points, and with Neptune and Saturn formed a triple transit by crossing the radical Moon on the 14th. (On which day, needless to state, nothing occurred beyond the usual weekly effort of catching a succession of crowded cross-country buses back to the town in which she teaches, even though Venus joined in the fun by transiting ♂ ♄, ♂ ♅, while squaring Uranus *in coelis*. Of such stuff are transits made!)

By using a table of the kind described together with the current ephemeris, the relationship between transits and events can be examined scientifically, and should it so happen that more events occur than transits over radical places (exciting thought!), there is an equal number of progressed positions to play with, to which may be added the same quantity of regressions—indeed, such abundance can only be compared with the multiplicity of directions resulting from the so-called “symbolic” measures. Nevertheless, it will be found that many events will happen without an appropriate transit, and many



more transits will occur without any corresponding events at all.

As, quite apart from the subject of transits, questions may be raised concerning the apparent inactivity of the direction  $\odot p. \square h$ , the only explanation I can offer is that the regressive or converse direction  $\odot \Delta h$  was in force at the same time and presumably nullified the evil effects of the other, and so far as the direction M.C.  $p. \delta h$  is concerned my experience has led me to attach no great importance to the progression of the angles. That direction was exact in June, 1935, and coincided with a heavy cloudburst which buried the back-yard at my home under several feet of earth and washed most of the front garden into the road, which, besides being an alarming experience at the time, necessitated a good deal of hard work for all of us for a considerable period, and in that way was typical of the heavy planet Saturn in the earthy sign Virgo.

Whether the effects of the solar directions to Saturn were mutually cancelled or not has little bearing on the point at issue, for the fact remains that the evil transits which repeatedly occurred failed to operate according to their reputed natures, and, moreover, this is not an isolated case, for I could quote many more, and in that doubtless will be supported by those of my readers who have taken or will take the trouble to investigate the subject thoroughly and scientifically.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### ASTROLOGICAL CO-OPERATION

From DUDLEY P. HARRIS.

The great pity to my mind about astrology and its teaching is the lack of co-operative effort on the part of the recognised astrologers, who should get together and write and produce a joint textbook on the subject, say, from the elements of astronomy as applied to astrology to the various ways of *effective* directional astrology and transits, the whole to be fully exemplified. The work should also include the proved accurate teaching of past astrologers, where they have been confirmed by modern thought and experience.

I am a civil engineer and I think that if astrology was "written up" as engineering text-books are, especially in America, i.e. by a panel or committee of acknowledged experts, the results would be more likely to be beneficial to the progress of the science than with dozens of astrologers all going their own sweet way.

Astrology seems to have developed a great deal in the last thirty years, as can be seen from the works published during this period.



Isn't it time a committee was set up to review the science and write a joint work?

At various times we have read a great deal in astrological literature about the good astrology could do mankind if "they" but knew. Don't you think Uranus may become revolutionary instead of just independent and the astrologers may get together in this matter? Alan Leo seemed to be on the right track, but he again went to the other extreme and wrote too much about too little: besides, how many students just starting astrology would want six large textbooks, which are not really terribly advanced?

My own experience is that every book on any aspect of astrology that I've studied has many missing, insufficiently explained matters, without proper examples.

I do hope my letter has not been too long or too trying; it is sincere, and I feel sure a treatise such as suggested would help astrology beyond doubt.

[EDITOR'S COMMENT: The suggestion is excellent, but the time is probably not ripe. Who, for example, would select the proposed committee? Again, most astrologers have to earn their livings in one way or another, and the production of such a work as is projected would take a very great deal of time and labour.]

## SCIENTIFIC ASTROLOGY

From MAURICE WEMYSS.

Your issue containing Mr. H. Morris's letter on Scientific Astrology has just reached me. As the author of *The Wheel of Life or Scientific Astrology* may I be permitted to comment on some of the statements which he makes:—

- (1) "When scientists venture into the realms of philosophy they reveal their narrow or one-facet view of the Universe."

Some of the greatest philosophers were also scientists. I need only instance Aristotle and Leibnitz. The fact that few scientists of to-day take any interest in astrology is not necessarily due to their lack of interest in philosophy, for the philosophers of to-day are equally indifferent. It is rather to be attributed in part to the evidences of loose thinking apparent in the writings of many of those who claim to be astrologers.

- (2) "Scientists and astrologers cannot be reconciled . . . for above all things astrology necessarily involves metaphysically idealistic views of the Universe."

But the majority of the great scientists of the past have in fact been believers in astrology, and sometimes an individual was both a scientist and an astrologer. The disbelief of the majority of the scientists of to-day and of the past few centuries is merely a passing phase, and there is every probability that in the future belief in astrology will become orthodox.



- (3) "The positions and relations to each other of the planets at birth simply synchronise with certain forces within the atoms which constitute the individual who is born. This makes nonsense of the view that heredity and the horoscope modify each other, for surely the horoscope is the heredity of the individual symbolised."

After an examination of hundreds of pedigrees, I showed that there was a relation between the places of the planets at the birth of a child and at the birth of its ancestors, but I pointed out that the horoscope itself cannot disclose to the astrologer the inheritance of the individual. The horoscope shows the direction in which the native tends to vary from his inheritance. If you carry Mr. Morris's "nonsense" statement to its logical conclusion a dog and a human being born at the same time within a few yards of each other are almost identical. If Mr. Morris believes that he will believe anything.

- (4) "I think that if astrology was really established and really believed, the suicide rate would mount to unprecedented heights."

But the suicide rate is probably higher now than it was when belief in astrology was widespread.

Finally, let me explain to Mr. Morris what the term "scientific astrology" means. In the first place it does not connote the same thing as the phrase "astrology is a science." To say that astrology is a science is like saying that a rainbow is green. The fact is that astrology has many different hues according to the colour of the spectacles worn by the devotee. If his spectacles are green he will only see the green rays. If he changes his spectacles he may only see the blue rays. If he uses clear glass he will see all the colours of the rainbow, the religious aspect, the scientific, the philosophical aspect, and so on.

I tried to make this clear in a series of editorials in *Modern Astrology* in 1931, and in that on "Astrology and Science" I pointed out that when a man interprets a horoscope he is practising the "Art" of astrology, just as the family doctor practises the art of medicine. But when an astrologer analyses thousands of horoscopes and in consequence tries to formulate rules which may be applied in interpretation, he is engaged in scientific astrology just as the medical research worker is engaged in the science of medicine.

From WM. H. SHUTES.

As an old astrological student and purchaser of *Astrology* I have usually found myself in accord with many of your conclusions expressed on debatable subjects, but in reading the December number I was disappointed and surprised to read some of the opinions expressed in your article on "Scientific" astrology, and whilst of course you are fully right in stating what you think on the



subjects referred to, you will not, I hope, mind if I venture to express somewhat opposite views.

I do not see that the discovery of Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto in any way necessarily destroys the old rulership of the signs as they have come down to us from a hoary past. I believe Alan Leo taught that the knowledge of astrology was given to mankind in the early days of man's descent upon the earth by advanced beings from one of the other planets. However that may be, men have found by experience that astrology as it has come down to us in the present day in the West is substantially true, though there is much yet for us to learn. I do not agree with Bertrand Russell that "the universe is all spots and jumps, without unity, without continuity, without coherence or orderliness." The study of astrology happily shows that such a conclusion is incorrect. So it seems to me.

That Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto may rule Aquarius, Pisces, and Aries, respectively, for man when perfect, appears probable; but until that consummation is reached Saturn, Jupiter, and Mars may be considered to be the rulers of these signs. We may expect, for instance, that when Saturn is strongly and favourably placed in a map, and Uranus aspects the lights or ascendant that at our present stage both planets will rule Aquarius, and similarly in reference to Jupiter and Mars.

On page 116 you enter a plea for the discontinuance of the words "influence" and "vibrations." These words may, at times, be misused, but astrologers can point to the analogy of wireless telegraphy to support their contention that direct vibrational effects are produced by the planets at a birth, and that the child does through life reproduce these influences in his actions, feelings, and thoughts. Any person who has lived with others having, let us say, either Mars or Saturn rising at birth cannot doubt this very well. The vibrations in the ether caused by a radio transmitting installation are quite imperceptible to our senses, and it is only when we use a suitably made radio machine, electrically charged and properly adjusted, that the people in, say, New Zealand become conscious that a message has been in the air and sent all the way from some station in England. Yet the ether has never been seen, or directly consciously handled, and while we may know some of its properties we do not know actually what it is.

Again, if we on the physical plane, with our limited knowledge, are able to construct a phonograph whose wax cylinder will receive impressions of sound which it can faithfully reproduce, why should not the much finer human instrument receive, and be able to receive, the subtler vibrations of the planets, and to reproduce them? We know in fact by experience that they do, and this is not the attitude of obsolete science but of practical common sense based on universal experience, and this we term empiric knowledge. Astrologers should not lose themselves among the subtleties of the philosophers, but rather rely on the interpretations of occultism, which they should test out through the science as far as possible, using discrimination.



## "SYMBOLICS" AND THE WAR

From (Miss) M. MATTHEWS.

I consider that Symbolic Directions are worth studying of the Accession and King's map, also of the Declaration of War figure.

In the Accession map (1.52 p.m., Dec. 11, 1936), ♀ has the same degree as in the 1066 figure. It is in the M.C., is ruler of asc., and came to ☐ ☿ at the outbreak of war by  $2\frac{1}{2}^\circ$  yearly. Pluto came ♂ ♀, by  $\frac{1}{4}$  measure, from 1940 to 1941, during the blitz. Being in 4th, it indicated the destruction of homes (in ☿ and 4th house).

By  $1^\circ$ , ♀ came ♂ ♀, exact, at the war's outbreak.

Also by  $1^\circ$ , the Part of Fortune came to ♂ ♄, ♀, in 9th, about last June 6th—the invasion of France.

The flying bombs seem denoted by Pluto ☐ ☿,  $1^\circ$ ; and M.C. and Nadir also ☐ ☿ by  $2\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ —both last summer.

♀ to ✱ ☉ last autumn, from ☿ and 11th house, points to liberation of our friends—this by  $2\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ .

♄, ♀, are △ asc.,  $1^\circ$ . This may point to the Social Security plan, for Taurus is rising, and ♀ ruling 6th house.

This Spring there are several excellent aspects by  $2\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ —Pluto △ ☉, ☉ △ asc., ♄, ♀, ✱ ♄).

The Declaration of War figure was unfortunate in having 1st and 7th cusps and ♄ ♂ ♀ ☐ ♀ and Pluto in the Accession map, all angular.

By  $1^\circ$  last year, ♂ is ☐ asc., 7th cusp, and ♄, denoting hard fighting. But ♂ ✱ ♄, by  $2\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ , last June, seems to indicate the Invasion. ♀ △ ☿, and ☉ ♂ ♀, by same measure, in 1944, point to the freeing of the enslaved peoples, helping the afflicted.

The M.C. and Nadir ☐ ☿ in 7th, point to the flying-bombs.

Last autumn, ♄ ♂ ♀, by  $\frac{1}{4}^\circ$  measure, seems to show delays and setbacks. It should affect the enemy very adversely.

I should think victory might come, from summer to end of 1945, as there are then several excellent aspects by  $2\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ . The chief one ♀ △ ♂, rulers of 1st and 7th (these ruling those houses also in the King's and the Accession map). This will be about *next October*.

The ☉ △ ♂ measures to about next July. The others in 1945 are ☿ ✱ ♄, ♄ ∨ ☿, and ♀ ♂ ♀.

Symbolics seem less good in the King's map. It is of interest that in summer 1940 ☿ was ♂ ♂ by sub-duodenary measure. As the ♄ was between these at birth, in ♍ and on 2nd cusp, and ♂ ruling 7th, it plainly denoted war and destruction of homes and property.

By this measure, ♀ ♂ ♄ is exact in June 1944. Depression, and destruction of homes, shelter life—♀ ruling the 4th—are indicated.

By this measure events can be timed closely.

The Solar return of the War Figure for September 1944 is fairly good. Caput is on the M.C., Cauda ♂ ♀ (on Hitler's ☉) at the Nadir. ♀ is in good aspect to the Accession ♀ and Pluto. ♂ ♂ ♀ come to ✱ Pluto.



## THE COMPETITION

FIRST of all I must apologise for an error in the birth-place. It should have been Weymouth. I hope this does not materially affect any of the delineations sent in. It brings Venus to cusp 4, indicating a happy old age, but most students would have credited Venus to the 4th house in any case.

There were six attempts, not so many as I should have liked, but upon the whole excellent in workmanship.

The native has sent me an extensive account of her life and criticism of the solutions, which I shall have to deal with as best I can in the limited space available.

First of all I would say that to me the native's outstanding trait is *vitality*—physical, mental and emotional. At the age of 80 she still enjoys an afternoon's hard digging in her garden and makes a yearly trip to London which is crammed with visits to friends and theatres. She is a great and interesting talker. She is kind and generous but not extravagant. In person she is short, with dark hair, a ruddy complexion and bright bird-like eyes.

Her father lost his fortune when she was a child. She became a suffragist and socialist and joined the Whiteway Colony in Gloucestershire, where she has lived ever since, trying to preserve the idealistic spirit in which this venture began. She works hard in her garden and receives guests, some of whom pay whilst others do not. She formed a free union, of a most happy kind, with a Czech philosopher.

He built the cottage in which she still lives and they virtually lived off their plot of land.

In her advanced years—the term old age seems inappropriate—she has written two books: *Whiteway, a Colony on the Cotswolds* and *A Czech Philosopher on the Cotswolds*, both published by C. W. Daniel. The second of these is out of print; copies of the former may be had of the authoress at 7s. 6d. each. Letters should be addressed to Miss Nellie Shaw, Whiteway, near Stroud, Glos. It is the story of a very gallant attempt to live out ideals in practice.

Her health, she states, has always been excellent.

Turning to the delineations, *M. Matthews* begins with a really good sentence: "A bright cheerful nature, full of energy, ardent, enthusiastic"; as a snapshot of the really outstanding qualities this could not be bettered. The only mistakes seem to be an allegation of extravagance which the native denies (probably this would be checked by Moon in Cancer?); possibility of female complaints, of which the native has known nothing, and an interest in palmistry, which has not appeared.

*Vernita Churchill's* delineation is the native's choice and is



full of good points, though she doubts being "sensitive and receptive," denies being "over-anxious" and says she is not very "artistic and musical." Here again the first sentence is an excellent snapshot: "You have a large-hearted and generous nature, fearless, resolute and courageous. You are ambitious and enterprising with plenty of self-confidence." In the ordinary sense however she is not ambitious, this trait, as usually understood, being contrary to her principles.

"*Regulus*" contributes a good attempt, but is wrong in saying she is extravagant (but she is generous) and tall, nor is she particularly musical. He is generally correct but has not been quite so happy in laying the emphasis on the principal characteristics.

"*Sybilla*" speaks of frustrated desires: "Nonsense," comments our Uranian subject, "I haven't any, nor ever had." She is also contemptuous of the suggestion that she is fond of dress and jewellery; I am not quite so sure, though I *am* sure they would count as nothing to her in comparison with her serious interests. She has never wanted children and during her partnership the Tolstoyan ideal of sexual abstinence was practised.

R. C. Davison has sent an elaborate and painstaking delineation but here so many adjectives are introduced that it is difficult to get a clear portrait. Some, too, appear mutually contradictory. Human nature *is* contradictory but nevertheless synthesis has to be attempted and a distinction of emphasis made between primary and secondary qualities.

An attempt by L. Lavigne contains good points but one does not immediately "recognise" the native as one does in the first two solutions mentioned above. After hesitating between these two, it has been decided to allot the prize to Mrs. Churchill, but no competitor need feel discouraged, in my judgment.

The lesson that seems to be taught by these attempts is that, in a brief delineation, one gets the most effective results by seizing on the main points, such as Sun, ruler and Venus in Leo, the Sun being trine Neptune; Moon in Cancer trine Jupiter; Gemini rising, with Uranus therein sextile Mercury. In fact it comes back to the Primary Quaternion—Sun, Moon, ruler and ascendant.

The squares of the Sun to Mars and Pluto in Taurus in 12th seem to have denoted the very hard life the native has led, materially speaking, and the prolonged and distressing illness that terminated in her husband's death.

I should add that a certain amount of money was inherited in the later years of life.

Our thanks are due to the reader who proposed the competition and awarded the prize.