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### THE NEW ERA.

In INDIA the first five thousand years of the present era come to an end on the 11th of April, 1898.

The deeply interesting subject of Hindu Chronology and Astronomy is fully treated of in ZADKIEL'S ALMANAC for 1898

It is a remarkable fact that both Scriptural and Hindu chronology coincide as to the beginning of a new era on the 10-11th of April this year. Both those systems of chronology being based on astrology, the approaching Easter possesses the deepest interest for all who study the science of the stars and the Bible. Mr. J. B. Dimbleby, the able chronologist, calculates that a new era begins on Easter Sunday, the 10th inst.

At this Easter the SUN is in *Aries* 21°, the sign in which he is exalted (the 19th degree.)

The Chinese chronology extends to many thousands of years. Like the Hindus, they are incapable of explaining their own history, so that no dependence can be placed on their ideas of chronology. When Confucius wrote that "at that time 3,267,000 years were passed," whether he alluded to the age of the world from Creation or from the Flood, no doubt he meant days, as did the Hindus in similar statements. This reduces the apparently long Chinese period—divided by 360—to 9,075 prophetic years. Some superficial writers of the present day have taken the Chinese chronology too literally, and have talked of "millions of years" as the age of the world.

"The Druidical Easter was not so-called from the imaginary goddess *Eoster*, but from the word *east*, to *eat* (flesh meat), whence is derived *feast*, with the prosthesis *f*. It took its name then from the liberty restored of eating flesh meat; and as our flocks had ever a great share in the attention of our ancestors, the principal dish was a *lamb*," says an ancient author.

Lamb was first eaten annually, when the Sun was in *Aries*, the sacrificial ram, or lamb. Moreover, *Aries* being the first sign of the *fiery* triplicity, the eve of the first day (SUN-day), was celebrated by the Druids with lights and with those *fires* on mountain tops, called *Belteins*.

In Easter-week the ancient Britons made a change from the self-denial of Lent—fish being the principal lenten fare while the Sun was in *Pisces*, the fishes—to joyous festivity. Pardon of criminals, suspense of lawsuits, and every phase of public rejoicing prevailed, in accordance with both the Druidical and Christian systems of religion. Christian missionaries, in order to convert “heathen” festivals to the service of the SAVIOUR had recourse to ancient Jewish rites. Accordingly they gave to the Druidical Easter-lamb the typical turn of a feast on the Jewish paschal-lamb, or *Passover*.

In the fourth century Constantine, who owing to his British origin preserved a great veneration for the SUN, one of the chief objects of Druidical observance, and who in the year 312 even made offerings to Apollo, by way of conciliating his “heathen” subjects, yielded to the pressure of the greater number of the Britons combined with his subjects in Gaul, and procured the substitution of the Druid SUNDAY, with the additional motive of sanctification, the commemoration of the resurrection. Through the influence of Constantine, this observance was then established by the Council of Nice. But there were many in Asia, in Gaul, and in Britain, who still adhered to precisely the fourteenth day, who were declared schismatics, under the appellation of *Quartadecimani*. There were even religious wars in Britain upon this point of celebrating a festival, the origin of which was purely an affair of rural economy.

The Hindu god *Balarama* is “the SUN in his exaltation,” the sign *Aries*, as he is at Easter. At the crucifixion the Sun was in *Aries* and near the stars *El Nath* and *Natik*—the wounded, the slain.

In *Deuteronomy* iv. 19 (about 1450 years B.C.), it is written:—“Lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven and when thou seest the Sun, and the Moon, and the Stars, and all the host of the heavens, shouldst be driven to worship them, and serve them, which Jehovah hath divided [or imparted] unto all nations under all the heavens.” Thus it is manifest that the worship of the heavenly bodies existed prior to the time of Moses. This division of the nations was according to the stars ruling over them in an astrological sense, that is, according to the number of the *angels* of God (in the Septuagint), and not according to the number of the children of Israel, as the Hebrew text asserts. This reading was adopted by the most celebrated fathers of the church, Origen, Basil, Chrysostom, etc.

The ancient belief was that the CREATOR abode in the Sun, and from thence governed the World. Plutarch says, “Osiris (The Most High God) is concealed in the arms of the Sun.”

All Oriental Zodiacal legends imply the observation of a cycle, and the cycle of the legend. The cycles of the first

legend are divided into four ages, each age being named from the symbol of the season to which it belongs. In this manner we have the age of Earth, that of Fire, that of Air, and that of Water. The legend is to the effect that each age terminated with a catastrophe, produced by the element from which it derives its name—an earthquake, or famine; a conflagration; a tempest, or pestilence; and a deluge. In each catastrophe the whole, or nearly the whole of the human race is supposed to have perished, according as the legend became modified in the course of ages. The hieroglyphics Air, Fire, Earth, and Water, render the Zodiac, in a degree, the image of the Universe. The chain can be traced through the myths of various ages and all ancient peoples. The Eagle is the type of Air or Spring; the Whale of Water or Winter; the Lion of Fire or Summer; and the Bull of Earth or Autumn. Various equivalents arise for each of these; in the winged Lion of Assyrian monuments are found the head of a Man, the horns of a Bull, the wings of an Eagle, and the body of a Lion. The Cherubim of Ezekiel is a variant of the same symbolism. These points have been repeatedly described in various annual editions of ZADKIEL'S ALMANAC.

The Hindus look for catastrophic changes this year. Mr. Dimbleby looks for the time of trouble, which is to precede the Second Advent of the MESSIAH, beginning very soon after the equinox.

Mr. Dimbleby makes a very great mistake in ignoring and rejecting the light thrown on Daniel's prophecies by astrology.

Daniel was made Master of the Astrologers, and he stated that he "understood by BOOKS the number of the years," etc. These books must have been *astrological*, and it is, accordingly, impossible for anyone to rightly comprehend Daniel's prophecies without a good knowledge of astrology.

It may here be mentioned that the prophet Isaiah, speaking of the Last Day, said that the heavens shall be rolled together—because they are a book. That is to say, the starry heavens are a sacred book in which may be read the fate of the world.

Now the FIXED STARS are observed to have chief power over nations and great cities. In *Zadkiel's Almanac* for 1861 and 1897, it has been demonstrated how the eminent fixed star REGULUS, or *Cor Leonis*, affected the power of ROME while it passed through the sign *Leo* which rules that ancient capital, viz. from 293 B.C. to 1867 A.D.

The sign next in order, viz., *Virgo*, rules Jerusalem. As Regulus passed the 28th degree of *Leo*, and thus reached the confines of *Virgo* in 1867, it began to affect Jerusalem (and the Jews are gradually returning thither) as Zadkiel I. foretold would be the case from and after the year 1867.

A fixed star takes 2,160 years to pass through the 30 degrees of a sign of the Zodiac, and 72 years to pass through

one degree of longitude. Regulus will not actually enter the first punctum of the sign *Virgo* before the year 2,010. By that year the Elevation of Jerusalem will be accomplished, and the Cleansing of the Sanctuary will take place.

The capitulation of Jerusalem to the Saracen chief Omar took place in the autumn of the year 637 A.D.\* *Virgo* being the ascendant of Jerusalem, *Gemini* would be its meridian. In 637 A.D., the martial star  $\beta$  *Tauri*, the Bull's North Horn, was in *Gemini*  $3^{\circ}39'$ , which is probably the exact meridian of the Holy City. In the year 73 A.D., Jerusalem was burnt by Titus.

( To be concluded. )

### THE VERNAL INGRESS, 1898.

The completion of "seven times" 360 years at the Vernal Equinox of 1898, renders the subjoined figure of the heavens for the moment of the Sun's ingress into the first point of *Aries*, this year, a very interesting one. It will prove of historical importance.

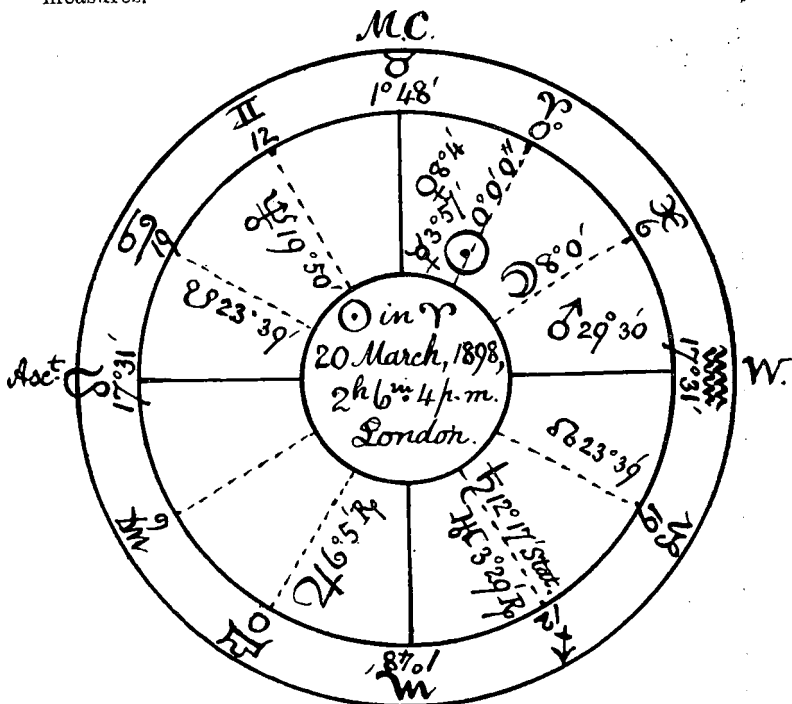
The Sun has not been in the ninth house at the vernal equinox, at London, since 1873 and 1869, and he has not been exactly on the cusp of that house since 1865. The planetary positions are however very different now to those of 1865. Then Saturn was in *Libra*  $29^{\circ}$ ; Jupiter was in *Sagittarius*  $28^{\circ}$ , in quartile with the Sun; Mars was in *Gemini*  $24^{\circ}42'$  and in conjunction with Uranus; Venus was in *Taurus*  $14^{\circ}$ ; Mercury in *Aries*  $2^{\circ}16'$ ; and the Moon was in *Capricornus*  $0^{\circ}46'$ , separating from conjunction with Jupiter and quartile with the Sun.

This year the vernal ingress brings the Moon into *Pisces*  $8^{\circ}$ , separating from conjunction with Mars, and applying to quartile with Saturn in *Sagittarius*  $12^{\circ}17'$ , stationary. Mercury is in *Aries*  $3^{\circ}57'$  separating from the Sun, applying to conjunction with Venus in  $8^{\circ}4'$  of the same sign, and in trine with Uranus in *Sagittarius*  $3^{\circ}29'$ , retrograde. Jupiter is in *Libra*  $6^{\circ}5'$ , retrograde, and receiving the application of the Sun to his opposition aspect.

Now the Moon with Jupiter at the vernal ingress of 1865 made for *peace*, and accordingly, from this conjunction and the ascendancy of Jupiter at the lunar eclipse of the 11th of April following, at Washington, Zadkiel I. foretold that peace in America would be concluded. And so it was, in April, 1865; the protracted civil war between the northern and southern States, the most sanguinary struggle on record, coming to an end by the surrender of General Lee to General Grant on the 10th of April.

\*Uranus was then in the 11th degree of *Scorpio*, the sign ruling ancient Palestine.

This year as before mentioned, the Moon is but  $8\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  separated from conjunction with Mars in the seventh house, that of war, and applies to quartile with Saturn, ruler of that house. It was from this position of the Moon that we wrote last summer that there would be this spring, "a good deal of anxiety as to foreign questions, and, in fact, imminent risk of warlike measures."



Declinations :

☉ 0° 0' 0"	♂ 12° 45' 27" S.	♄ 20° 41' 31" S.
☽ 5 21 33 S.	♃ 0 57 12 S.	♅ 21 44 5 N.
♀ 0 42 14 N.	♆ 20 26 24 S.	
♁ 2 5 19 N.		

In 1865, the conjunction of Mars with Uranus in the 11th house, at the Vernal Ingress at London, led Zadkiel I. to foretell "sudden affliction to the Ministry, which seems to be broken up or newly arranged," and (at p. 9) "troubles to the Ministry from the 22nd to the 28th of March, by means of violent opposition to their course and conduct." The fact is that the Ministry were attacked violently, and defeated by a

majority of 72 against them in the House of Commons. In October, Palmerston died.

This year, Neptune is in the 11th house in *Gemini* 19° 50', which is detrimental to the Cabinet, and seems to indicate the illness of the Premier.

In 1832 the Vernal Ingress brought the Sun on the cusp of the ninth house as in 1865 and 1898. In 1832 an opposition of Jupiter with Saturn coincided, from *Virgo* and *Pisces*; Uranus was on the cusp of the seventh house and in quartile with the Moon in the fourth. From these positions and configurations, Zadkiel I. foretold "assemblages of men, conflicts, violent disputes," and that "the British Lion shall arouse." The stirring events of that time, the assemblages of men to the number of 100,000, the threatened conflicts, the violent disputes in the House of Commons before the third reading of the Reform Bill on the 24th March, 1832, fulfilled Zadkiel's prediction.

It is manifest, therefore, that the planetary positions and configurations at the moment of the Vernal Ingress are prophetic of things to come; and if we can but read them aright we can make true predictions of coming events.

In 1832 and 1898 we find the Moon afflicted at the moment of ingress, and the peace of Old England insecure. In 1865 the Moon was with Jupiter, and peace was maintained. It is remarkable that this period of 33 years—1832, 1865, and 1898—brings the Sun into the same "accidental" position, *i.e.* on the cusp of the ninth house at the Vernal Ingress at London; but as the relative planetary positions and configurations differ, so do the events of the ensuing quarter differ one from the other.

Whatever may be the changes and catastrophes of the new era now opening, the position of the Sun at the Vernal Ingress promises success to Great Britain. We shall emerge from any great struggle victorious, and shall extend our Empire and our commerce. Prussia, Russia, Spain and Hungary will not be so fortunate; and the Sultan's rule over some of the fairest provinces of Europe will soon come to a sudden and violent end.

### HOROSCOPE OF A SUCCESSFUL AUTHOR.

A friend and subscriber says:—"I wish you would give your readers a few humble horoscopes; after those of royal and distinguished personages they would be very acceptable to your readers. Let us have some horoscopes of men who have risen by their own talents, such as the heads of great shipping firms and of trading companies. The horoscope of the Enoch of the nineteenth century, George Muller, in an early number would be very interesting."\*

\*If our correspondent can furnish us with Geo. Muller's time of birth we will cast the horoscope.—ED.

We could publish many interesting horoscopes of "men who have risen," but the consent of the individuals would be necessary; unfortunately they object to the publicity, and fear that an unwarrantable use might be made of their horoscopes by certain indiscreet astrologers.

However, inasmuch as Mr. H. R. H., a very successful author, allowed his time of birth to be published, and his horoscope commented on by the editor of this magazine in *Puck*, December, 1889, we take the liberty of giving a table of the elements by means of which the student can cast the horoscope and enter it in his album for study.

Mr. H. R. H. was born, according to the entry in the family bible, at 5h. 10m. a.m. of the 22nd June, 1856, in lat.  $52^{\circ}38'N.$ , and  $0^{\circ}51'E.$  The R.A. of the midheaven is 23h. 12m. 16.5s., or  $348^{\circ}4'8''$  in arc *Pisces*  $17^{\circ}2'$  culminating, and *Cancer*  $18^{\circ}45'$  ascending.

	Long.	Lat.	Declin.	Rt. Asc.	M.D.	S. Arc.
☉	0 26 54	—	23 27N	90 58	102 54	124 38
☽	18 33 34	4 30s	19 34s	322 27	25 37	62 15
♁	29 11 52	4 7s	19 19½N	89 52	101 48	117 20
♂	23 11 3	0 5s	23 11½N	82 26	94 22	124 8
♂	11 11 20	0 11s	4 39s	190 21	22 17	95 7
♄	7 7 3	1 17s	1 38N	6 59	18 54	92 8
♃	3 26 15	0 43s	22 42N	93 32	105 28	123 12
♂	23 8 12	0 16s	18 19N	50 53	62 49	115 42
♃	20 32 27	1 7s	4 49s	351 40	3 36	83 40

The following remarks on this horoscope were written in December, 1889:—

The celestial sign *Cancer*,  $18^{\circ}45'$ , ascended at the birth of Mr. H. R. H. The Sun had lately risen in *Cancer*  $0^{\circ}53'38''$ , attended by Saturn, and in zodiacal parallel with Venus. The Moon was in *Aquarius*  $18^{\circ}34'$ , separating from trine with Mars and applying to the same aspect with both Venus and Mercury. Mercury was in *Gemini*  $29^{\circ}52'$ , retrograding to conjunction with Venus, and in zodiacal parallel with the Moon, and nearly so with Uranus. Jupiter was in the tenth house, in *Aries*  $7^{\circ}3'$ . All the planets, and the Sun, were above the horizon with the exception of Mars, and all but the Moon were oriental of the midheaven.

This is a fortunate horoscope, the only real drawback being the proximity of Saturn to the Sun, and the application of the Moon to the quartile of Uranus. Mercury being cosmically dignified, near Venus, and in parallel declination with the Moon, pre-signified the strong, weird and poetic imagination, and the literary talent of this distinguished novelist. In the

*Tetrabiblos* it is stated that Mercury with Venus "makes men lovers of the arts, philosophical, of scientific mind, and good genius, poetical, delighting in learning and elegance, luxurious in their habits of life, merry, fitted for various arts, copious and agreeable in speech, and delighting in exercise."

The Moon being within  $5^{\circ}$  of the cusp of the ninth house and in trine with Mars, pre-signified foreign travel and a bent for a military career; also a love of literature and science, as the Moon is configurated with Mercury. Jupiter in the tenth house promised preferment, the favour of official personages and the rich; and this position counteracts the evil effects of Saturn being so near the Sun which would otherwise have caused either loss of patrimony, a long struggle with poverty, or possible captivity. Mr. H. is warned to avoid adventurous proceedings in Africa, as that great continent is ruled by *Cancer*, the sign in which Saturn afflicts the Sun, as there is a risk of his being carried into captivity there. He will always be most fortunate in England and in or near London.

In the year 1875, Mr. H. accompanied Sir Henry Bulwer, as secretary, to Natal, under the primary direction of Jupiter, to the midheaven, the arc  $18^{\circ} 54'$  measuring nearly to 19 years of age. He served on the staff of Sir Theophilus Shepstone. During the Zulu war he was elected adjutant and lieutenant of the Pretoria Horse, a gentleman Volunteer Corps. He retired from the Colonial Service in 1879, and returned to England. In 1880 he married. In 1886 he published "King Solomon's Mines," the work by which he established his reputation. It had an enormous sale, 31,000 copies being sold in this country alone. This great success was achieved under the operation of the primary direction of Venus to the ascendant. In 1887 was published "She," a work that likewise commanded a large sale.

That Mr. H. has a bent for antiquarian and scientific research is evident from his horoscope. The proximity of Mercury to Saturn is likely to cause some debility of the nervous system, so that overwork should be sedulously avoided. Until the publication of the "Text Book of Astrology," in 1879, it was the practice of writers on astrology to state that the mental abilities were impaired by the proximity of Mercury to the Sun and Saturn. We showed that this was refuted by the horoscope of Mr. Gladstone and that of the late Sir Robert Peel; and we may now add, by those of Mr. Tadema and Mr. H. According to the false teaching to be found in the cheap and popular *Guides* to astrology, the horoscopes of Sir Isaac Newton, the late Prince Consort, Earl Beaconsfield, Goethe, and those just mentioned would produce mean abilities and evil inclinations. So long as astrology was left to the illiterate, error and superstition were mixed up with it. We advise our readers to cast



aside as worthless all books on astrology in which the writers advocate the horary reign of the planets in turn (planetary hours), "charms," and talismanic MSS.; and in which horary is mixed up with natal astrology.

We may now add to the above remarks that the Sun is very nearly in mundane trine aspect with the Moon in this interesting horoscope, and is at extreme north declination (summer colstice). The ascendant is in zodiacal quadra-sextile (150°) aspect and very nearly in mundane trine with the Moon.

Without the permission of Mr. H., we do not feel at liberty to say anything as to the future, beyond mentioning that the next birthday-anniversary (or Solar return) is a favourable one.

### THE LATE GEORGE MÜLLER.

Mr. Wright, the son-in-law of the late Mr. George Müller, is unable to give or ascertain the time of birth of the founder of the famous orphanage bearing his name at Bristol. Mr. Müller, who died in March, 1898, at the age of 92, was, according to, his own "Narrative" of the "Lord's Dealings" with himself, born at Kroppenstaedt, near Halberstadt, Prussia, on the 27th of September, 1805. The planets' places at noon (Greenwich) of that day were as follows:—

☉	☽	♀	♁	♂	♃	♅	♁	♁
3° 54'	27° 43'	21° 08'	6° 17'	8° 23'	2° 16'	17° 17'	20° 14'	26° 48'

As there were four planets—Venus, Mars, Neptune, and the Moon—in *Scorpio* at his birth, it is no wonder that Mr. Müller was rather "wild" in his youth, and he acknowledged some delinquencies indicative at that time of unfitness for a sacred calling. As the Moon applied to conjunction with Jupiter in *Sagittarius* his better and religious nature overcame, at length, his weaknesses, and in August 1826 he began preaching. He came to London in March, 1829. In 20 years, 1837-1856, without applying to anyone personally for subscriptions, the sum of £84,441, was given to him for his Orphanage at Bristol "as the result of prayer to GOD." His Orphanage continued its useful existence down to the date of his death, and he supported numerous foreign and home missionaries, and circulated vast numbers of Bibles and religious tracts—all this was effected without a shilling of endowment, without a committee, and without organisation, by funds received from all parts of the world.

No doubt, Jupiter was "accidentally strong"—*i.e.*, in either the ascendant, meridian, or ninth house or in sextile or trine with the ascending degree, at the moment of birth of Mr. Müller

If not, the sextile aspect of the Sun with Jupiter, and the application of the Moon to conjunction with the latter and sextile with the former, accord well with his remarkably successful career, and his religious fervour.

We trust that one of our German readers will examine the record of births and ascertain if the time of George Müller's was recorded.

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### MEDICAL ASTROLOGY.

DR. S. A. JONES contributes a very interesting paper to the *Homœopathic Recorder* (Lancaster, Pa.) for February, "On a Custom of the Druids."

In the opening dialogue between an old and a young doctor, the former says: "The Druids had a literature as much as the Elcusinians. The Druid had his alphabet, and his was not a Phœnician device. It was derived from three straight lines—the symbol of the Omnipotent, Uncreated, Eternal One, whose sacred name a Druid never uttered. The Druid gave to Pythagoras that which the Hebrew Bible did not convey: the doctrine of Immortality. In the sore travail of his soul the stricken one of Uz groaned, 'If a man die, shall he live again?' and there was none to resolve him. The Druid made Immortality the one factor that could not be eliminated from the problem of Life without debasing the value and meaning of every other element in that solemn equation . . . . ."

"Where is the wide and all-including reading [now-a-days] that distinguished the old-fashioned doctors? Where the knowledge of the History of Medicine? Where the reading of Hippocrates, Galen, Celsus, Sydenham, of the worthies who shine as fixed stars in the firmament? Compared to one of these your modern discoverer of mare's nests is as a baccillus to a bull.

"But let us return to the matter which led me to get these books, *The Influence of the Moon on the Mistletoe*, according to the Druidical belief. This 'influence' is, doubtless, more than a mere 'superstition,' as Pliny terms it. He certainly forgot that in his own 'Historie' he cites beliefs countenancing the same influence upon trees; it being held that the quality of the timber depended upon the lunar phase during which the tree was felled. He knew, too, that the Emperor Tiberius had his hair cut only when the change of the Moon was favourable; and that M. Varro (in the treatise that Thoreau liked to read) recommended all who would avoid baldness to have their hair cut only when the Moon is at the full.

"These books will teach you what medical writers have thought about the influence of the Moon upon the human body. Read this one first: 'Millengen's Curiosities of Medical Ex-

perience.' It is a book that I especially recommend to the liberal physician for the sake of the chapter entitled, 'Of the Homœopathic Doctrines.' It displays a degree of liberality that is very unusual in medical writers. In the second edition, p. 73, begins a chapter *Lunar Influence on Human Life and Diseases*; and at p. 482 you will find another on 'Solar Influence.' The reading of these will whet your appetite for fuller information. Then take this—the second edition, the first was written in Latin and published some thirty-nine years previously—*A Treatise Concerning the Influence of the SUN and MOON upon Human Bodies, and the Diseases thereby Produced*. By Richard Mead, Fellow of the Royal Colleges at London and Edinburgh, and of the Royal Society, and Physician to H.M. King George II.

"It was published yet again in the quarto edition of Mead's Works, 1762.

"Twenty-eight years later a Scotch physician, who had seen service in India, published *A Treatise on Putrid Intestinal Fevers; in which the Laws of the Febrile State and SOL-LUNAR INFLUENCES are Investigated*. By Francis Balfour, M.D., Edin.: 1790.

"*A Collection of Treatises on the Effects of Sol-Lunar in Fevers*,' was published at Cupar in 1811, and yet a third edition in 1815.

"In fact the first treatise was published at Calcuttain 1784, and of it there are virtually four editions; so you see, Dr. Balfour stuck to his text for some thirty-one years. The following excerpt from the Fourth Treatise is sufficient for the purpose in hand. The postulates are derived from the observations of some seventy physicians in the service of the Honourable East India Company:

"1.—That the *paroxysms* of FEVERS show themselves in a greater degree of violence about the full and change of the Moon (that is to say, about three days and a half before and after,\* including at each period a space of about seven days), than during the interval of those periods.

"3.—That some remarkable abatement in the violence of paroxysms *never fails* to take place upon the expiration of the periods of full and change.

"I think you will find such literature more fructifying in every sense, than the triangulation of any number of microscopical mare's nests, or "cultures," as I believe they are politely called.

"The *American Journal of Pharmacy* (April 1847) says:—  
"The age of the Moon is also another circumstance which demands consideration in connection with the season of the year; since whatever sceptics, whose range of observation has

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\*At the first and last semi-quartile (45°) aspect formed by the Moon with the Sun.—Z.

been confined within the limits of the temperate zones, may think, all who have a practical acquaintance with the perennial vegetation of the *tropics* are fully aware of the *powerful influence the Lunar phases*, in conjunction with the Solar heat, exert over the circulation of the sap."

American medical journals are evidently not so permeated with prejudice against Lunar and Planetary Influence on Diseases and Remedies, as are nearly all the English. The *Homœopathic World* is, we believe, the only medical journal in Great Britain that has opened its pages to the discussion, time after time, of this important subject. By-the-bye, the *Medical Press and Circular*, June 4th, 11th and 18th, 1890—the most liberal of the orthodox medical journals—did print articles (as editorial ones) from our pen on Astrology and Medicine.

If any of our readers happen to be suffering from any chronic ailment which defies treatment by the family doctor, they should communicate with the editor of STAR LORE.

### NOTES.

The Paris correspondent of the *Standard* stated that "the gale which deprived the Continent of all postal communications with England from Thursday night (March 24th) to Sunday morning, was *not foreseen by the meteorologists*. It appears to have come from an opposite direction from those which generally visit the west of Europe. Instead of crossing the Atlantic, the cyclone moved down from the north and east, bringing with it the snow from the Polar regions."

In *Zadkiel's Almanac* the following prediction of the storm and the snow was published last October, viz., "March 22nd to 24th, cold snow in places. Storm periods: 22nd, 25th."

Meteorologists who ignore planetary influence took no thought of the stormy and rigorous configurations formed between the 22nd and 26th of March— $\phi \Delta \eta$  stationary,  $\odot \Delta \text{♁}$   $\text{♁} \Delta \eta, \text{♁} \text{♀}, \text{♁} \square \text{♁}, \odot \text{♁} \text{♂}$ , an extraordinary combination—and consequently failed to foretell the fearful and destructive snowstorms which swept the British Isles and France.

At Middlesborough, a census taken by the *Guardians* showed that out of a population of 112,051, there were only 1,453 of all ages *unvaccinated*. Yet the epidemic of smallpox continues to spread in that town, to the confusion of the vaccinating doctors, and demonstrates the fact that vaccination is *not* a preventive of that eruptive disease.

Instead of abolishing vaccination altogether, the Government

bring forward a Bill to abrogate repeated penalties, and to substitute *glycerinated* calf-lymph for arm-to-arm vaccination. *London* says (March 24th) :—"In 1895 the Local Government Board repeated an official warning against any departure from the arm-to-arm system, on pain of losing a money grant.

"The late Sir G. Buchanan, of the L.G. Board, referring to some untoward results of vaccination with *glycerinated* lymph, expressed the hope that it would be long before such preposterous adulterations of vaccine give the opportunity of investigating the results in English practice."

In their despair, the vaccination officials are attacking private practitioners. The *Hospital* suggests that medical inspectors should witness and examine the vaccinations done by private practitioners, on the ground that "private vaccination has often been a mere farce"—this is an abominable charge to bring against doctors who do not hold public appointments. The *Hospital* says that "it will be as easy to inspect the performances of the private practitioner as those of the public vaccinator," and advocates the payment of public money to every doctor who efficiently vaccinates his patients. The British public will resent this, and domiciliary visits also.

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### THE CRISIS IN THE FAR EAST.

Our prediction of a great crisis from the 6th to the 28th of March, of double dealing on the part of Russian officials, and of a sudden blow being dealt against the power of Great Britain could not have been more exactly verified.

Several leading journals termed the conversion of Port Arthur into a Russian naval station, by treaty with China signed on the 27th of March, "a severe blow to our trade and prestige," and a "set-back" for our country. Hurried Cabinet Councils, at short intervals, marked the importance of the crisis in the week ending March 26th. Russia has violated her own pledge, given to Lord Salisbury in February last.

This was a rude awakening from the dream of security indulged in on the strength of Ministerial statements a few weeks since that British interests had been safeguarded and satisfactory assurances had been received from our rivals. Our readers were, however, prepared for this exciting crisis.

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### THE UNITED STATES AND SPAIN.

The dispute between the United States and Spain will be very difficult to arrange without actual warfare.

If war should break out, as seems most probable, our

readers will remember our predictions made on the basis of the planetary positions at the vernal ingress at Washington.

Writing last July, we said :—

“At WASHINGTON Mars is elevated above all the heavenly bodies, which is anything but conducive to the welfare and peace of the United States, and a most critical time, especially in regard to foreign affairs, sets in. Taxation will soon be increased, and public discontent will cause great anxiety to the Government. Heavy expenditure on arms and armaments will be witnessed.”

“Voice of the Stars,” April, 1898.—“The United States find increased taxation following on a spirited foreign policy.”—*Zadkiel's Almanac* for 1898, pp. 15, 56.

The *stationary* position of both SATURN and URANUS in *Sagittarius*, the sign ruling Spain and in opposition to the one (*Gemini*) ruling the United States, in March, 1898, has indeed acted as a scourge on both countries, as all who are acquainted with Mundane Astrology expected.

Neptune, a planet of quite as evil a nature as Uranus, in the sign *Gemini* is also a disturbing factor.

Towards the end of April, when MARS will meet JUPITER in fateful opposition, from the beginning of the cardinal sign *Aries*, the chief dignity of the red planet, it will be exceedingly difficult for our Government to avoid entanglement in warlike proceedings.

We have not the time of birth of either the President of the United States or that of the Queen Regent of Spain. The King of Spain is not yet old enough to govern. Nevertheless, his horoscope shows the following primary directions operating this spring and coming summer :—

Ascendant	135°	Mercury, zodiac,	12° 1'
Jupiter	quartile	Saturn, zodiac,	12 1
M.C.	108°	Mars, zodiac, converse,	12 8
SUN	rapt	parallel SATURN	12 23

Moreover, Uranus is retrograding within one degree of the longitude on the cusp of the lower meridian at the birth of the young king, who is in danger of losing either his throne or his life. July and August seem to be the most critical times for him, when Mars will, in turn, transit the place of the Sun at birth and form the opposition with Uranus and Saturn; and Saturn will be stationary close to the lower meridian of his nativity. At the partial eclipse of the Moon, of the 3rd of July, at Madrid, Uranus will be culminating, and Saturn will be in the tenth house. At the new moon of the 18th of July, at Madrid, Uranus and Saturn will again be in the tenth house, and the former in opposition with Mars in the fourth—an ominous configuration indeed!

## ON THE EPHEMERIS FOR 1898.

A contemporary published, in January last, we are informed, a letter from "J. G. D., Boston, U.S.A." stating that he "having recently made, with exactness, a new *Ephemeris* for 1898," and examined all the planets' longitudes given in each one for this year, found the following errors as compared with his strict computations. He proceeds thus :

"Not counting the very numerous instances where it varies only 1', *Zadkiel's Ephemeris* is wrong in 53 instances by 2' or 3', and four times is 4' wrong. This comparatively small number of errors proves, to one familiar with such work, that it was done by the right mathematical method, though very carelessly.

"*Raphael's Ephemeris* is ten times as bad. In 530 cases it is 2' or 3' in error! Nine times it is 4' wrong, and for November 9th to 11th Mars is 5' and 6' wrong. This shows up the 'ready reckoner.' It is fair to presume that for many years it has been as unreliable."

In regard to *Zadkiel's Ephemeris*, we may state that the geocentric longitudes are not computed for every day of the year ; on some intermediate days estimated longitudes are interpolated. So that there may be an occasional error of 1' in the longitude of Mercury. But, unless J. G. D. has computed the longitude to *seconds* daily, he cannot be certain as to an error of 1'. He assumes that his own calculations are absolutely correct in every instance, and does not give a single example of *Zadkiel's Ephemeris* being in error 2' or 3'. Let him send us a few of such alleged errors, and we will re-calculate the longitudes in question and publish them in STAR LORE.

We are not surprised that Raphael's practice of computing his *Ephemeris* by means of his "ready reckoner" has led to such disastrous results ; we have repeatedly stated that his calculations have been egregiously wrong for several years past. Yet Alan Leo and Sepharial lauded *Raphael's Ephemeris* in their magazines ; and the writer of "Natal Astrology" gave a reprint of two pages of it as an example of what an *Ephemeris* should be ! Raphael has called in his 1898 edition, and has promised a correct one in exchange ; but will he also give a correct one for every one of the past ten years ?

Those of our readers who suggest that our *Ephemeris* should be enlarged, are reminded that the circulation of it is not encouraging enough to warrant the extra expense necessary. In *Urania* (1880) we gave an *Ephemeris* calculated to *seconds*.

*White's Ephemeris* was for 84 years supported by students of astrology, as it presented the geocentric longitudes of the planets daily. In an evil hour Dr. Gregory determined on omitting this table—it is said with the view of throwing difficulties in the way of astrologers who were not well acquainted with astronomy—and the sale of *White's Ephemeris*

fell off 5,000 copies the first year of that omission. The longitudes were given for every sixth day only after the year 1832, and very incorrectly. On the 1st of January, 1839, the longitude of Mercury was given in *White's Ephemeris* as  $17^{\circ} \text{ } \nu \text{ } 7'$  instead of  $15^{\circ} \text{ } \nu \text{ } 39'$ , an error of  $1^{\circ} \text{ } 28'$ . On the 7th of that month *White's* was  $2^{\circ} \text{ } 12'$  wrong in the longitude of Mercury.

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### CORRESPONDENCE.

CAPT. A. B. asks for "the exact date and places of the nine planets meeting near together on the 3rd (?) of December, 1899." On the 2nd of December, 1899, the Sun, Moon, Mercury, Mars, Venus, Saturn and Uranus will all be in the sign *Sagittarius*, i.e., seven of the heavenly bodies in one sign, not nine. If we reckon from Jupiter's place, in *Scorpio*  $25^{\circ}$ , to that of Venus *Sagittarius*  $29^{\circ} \text{ } 36'$ , at noon of the 2nd of December, 1899, we find eight of the heavenly bodies within a space of  $34^{\circ} \text{ } 36'$ , and Neptune in the opposite sign *Gemini*  $26^{\circ} \text{ } 2'$ . Mars will be in conjunction with Saturn on the 6th of December, 1899. We must defer answering other questions to our next issue of STAR LORE.

STAR GAZER.—The *dark* satellite of the earth, to which reference was made in our last number, is not likely to possess any influence over the health, character or destiny of mankind. There are many dark bodies revolving in the Solar System.

THE HON. — writes: "What will the savants say about your predictions of the assassination of Canovas, the great storms of last November, the crisis in the Far East, &c.? They surely cannot dismiss them as mere coincidences. How helpless is the science of the Meteorological Office savants in comparison with yours!"

N.B.—We regret that our March and April Editions were a few days late; the delay is owing to our having been very busily engaged on important duty.

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