

STAR LORE

AND

FUTURE EVENTS.

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THE REIGN OF MARS.

THE ruddy planet MARS, the HERCULES of the Chaldæans, the red deity MARA of the Buddhists, MANGULA of the Hindus—“painted of a red or flame colour, whose *vahan* is a ram,” *Aries*—was supreme at the winter solstitial figure, rising in the sign *Leo* 7° 42' retrograde, at London and Paris; flaming in the oriental quadrant—between the eastern horizon and upper meridian—at Berlin, Vienna, Rome, St. Petersburg, Constantinople, and Calcutta, and culminating at Peking.

In Indian star lore KUJA, Mars, is the NETHA or Commander-in-chief of the planets; he represents martial valour, physical energy, and an adventurous spirit. During the winter quarter we may be sure that martial feeling will predominate in Europe and Asia, and especially in France—ruled as that country is by the sign *Leo*.

Ancient and mediæval authors averred that MARS when in *Leo* and supreme at the equinox or solstice, causes “war and effusion of blood, chiefly in places under *Leo*; scarcity of provisions, especially in the eastern parts; and mortality amongst young men. Having *north* latitude, scarcity of water; being *oriental*, damage to cattle; *retrograde*, loss and detriment to rich and great men.”*

In 1877 MARS was in perigee and nearer to the earth than he had been since 1798. The late R. A. Proctor, in his paper on “The Planet of War” in the *Cornhill Magazine* (July, 1877) wrote against the belief in martial influence and astrology generally, and said:—

“But if Mars were in truth the Planet of War, if his influence, poured from near at hand upon the nations of the earth, excited them to war and bloodshed, we might well fear that the coming months would bring desolation on many terrestrial fields. Moreover, twice during his time of greatest splendour his rays will be closely conjoined with those of Saturn.”

* Vide “Text Book of Astrology,” vol. ii., p. 42.

Proctor, no doubt, at the time he wrote thus, shared the belief of the Russian commanders that the crusade against Turkey would prove but a military promenade, and would be terminated in a few weeks.

However, the unsuccessful attempts to take Plevna by storm caused a terrible holocaust of victims; and the fearful sacrifice of life attested the power of MARS and the validity of his right to be called the "Planet of War." Moreover in ZADKIEL'S ALMANAC for 1877 the Russo-Turkish war was clearly foretold, from the conjunction of Mars with Jupiter in $0^{\circ} 1' 56''$ of *Capricornus* on the 1st of March, 1877, and the conjunction of Mars with Saturn in Pisces $13^{\circ} 45' 21''$ on the 3rd of November following. Proctor exhausted his ingenuity for arguments against the influence of the planet MARS, but was signally defeated by means of the very phenomenon to which he referred as a test, *viz.*, the near approach of Mars to the earth and his conjunction with Saturn. The words of Longfellow, addressed to Mars, might well have recurred to his mind, in the autumn of 1877:—

" O star of strength, I see thee stand,
And smile upon my pain ! "

Longfellow had a far better appreciation of the power of the red planet than had Proctor, who, like nearly every modern astronomer, was steeped in prejudice against astrology.

Dante described the Heaven of Mars as the abode of martyrs and crusaders who died fighting for the faith, in harmony with Plato's idea that the soul returned to its proper planet—"The Creator, when he had framed the Universe, distributed to the stars an equal number of souls, appointing to each soul its several star."

MARS is the ruling planet and *Aries* is the ruling sign of Great Britain, and to this day the British are, as they were described in the *Tetrabiblos*, attributed to Claudius Ptolemy, "impatient of restraint, lovers of freedom, warlike, industrious, imperious, cleanly, and high-minded." It is to this martial influence that Britain owes her naval supremacy, and the native courage and adventurous spirit of her sailors, leading them to "plough the ocean and to tempt the winds." Had Manilius lived after the days of Nelson (who was born with Mars rising in *Scorpio*), Blake, Boscawen, Brenton, Cochrane, and Drake, he could not have better described the attributes of our naval heroes than when writing of the ship in *Aries*, in his fifth book.

Shakespeare recognised the ruling planet of Great Britain, in the words he puts into the mouth of John of Gaunt:—

" This royal throne of kings, this sceptr'd isle,
This earth of majesty, *this seat of MARS*,
This other Eden, demi-Paradise,
This fortress built by Nature for herself,

Against infection and the hand of war,
 This happy breed of men, this little world,
 This precious stone set in the silver sea,
 This blessed spot, this earth, this realm, this England."

The years 1870-'71 were notable for the predominance of Mars at the equinoxes and solstices, and 1870 brought the sanguinary conflict between France and Prussia, and 1871 witnessed the horrors of the Commune in Paris, while Mars retrograded through *Virgo*, the sign ruling that capital. Napoleon III. was born when the Sun was in conjunction with Mars in the last degree of *Aries*—his horoscope is given at page 100 of "The Science of the Stars." In the early summer of 1870 a comet was visible in Europe in the last decanate of *Aries*; and the war put an end to the reign of Napoleon III.

The Vernal Ingress of the 20th of March, 1854, had the martial sign *Scorpio* $14^{\circ} 24'$ rising, at London, and Mars culminating, retrograde, in *Virgo* $0^{\circ} 23'$. A comet was visible in *Aries* in March. War was declared by Great Britain and France against Russia on the 28th of March, and the fearful struggle in the Crimea followed in the autumn and winter of that year.

We could trace the disturbing influence of MARS on the nations for centuries past, but space is limited, and we have already presented incontrovertible evidence sufficient to convince all unprejudiced minds.

The year 1898 has been largely influenced by the Planet of War, and it has been remarkable for the strife in Egypt, the crisis in France and China, the deaths of Gladstone, Bismarck, the Queen of Denmark, and the assassination of the Empress of Austria; also for heat and drought, and many great conflagrations. The British spirit has been roused by the campaign in the Soudan (brought to a successful issue by the glorious victory of Omdurman); and by the unceasing, irritating plots of the French Colonial party, which, but for the evacuation of Fashoda would have brought on a war with France.

Our prediction that the position of the SUN in the first point of *Aries*, on the cusp of the ninth house and in mundane trine with the ascendant, at the vernal ingress last March, promised "prosperity and victory over our enemies," and indicated "imminent risk of warlike measures;" that "the flag of England will be borne to victory by her gallant sons," was exactly fulfilled. As a *fixed* sign, Leo, ascended at the vernal ingress, the figure ruled the destinies of England for the succeeding twelve months, all others being subsidiary to it.

The figure of the heavens for the moment of the ingress of the SUN into *Capricornus*, viz., $6^{\text{h}} 58^{\text{m}} 44^{\text{s}}$ p.m. of the 21st of December, 1898, London (taking St. Paul's Cathedral as the centre) had *Aries* $16^{\circ} 14'$ culminating and *Leo* $7^{\circ} 22'$ ascending.

The student can readily cast the figure, placing the Sun in *Capricornus* $0^{\circ} 0'$, and Mercury in $0^{\circ} 19'$ of the same sign just below the cusp of the sixth house on which *Capricornus* 6° must be placed; the Moon in the tenth house, in *Aries* $19^{\circ} 35'$; Venus in *Sagittarius* $1^{\circ} 57'$, Uranus in $5^{\circ} 25'$, and Saturn in $16^{\circ} 31'$ of the same sign, intercepted in the fifth house; Jupiter in the fourth house, in *Scorpio* $4^{\circ} 25'$; Mars in the ascendant, in *Leo* $7^{\circ} 42'$, retrograde; and Neptune in $23^{\circ} 12'$ of *Gemini*, retrograde, in the eleventh. It must be noted that Mars is really $3^{\circ} 58'$ above the eastern horizon, measured by oblique ascension.

At PARIS the Solar ingress took place at $7^{\text{h}} 8^{\text{m}} 5^{\text{s}}$ p.m., *Aries* $18^{\circ} 50'$ culminating, and *Leo* $7^{\circ} 23'$ ascending, Mars being (by reason of his north latitude $3^{\circ} 29'$) $3^{\circ} 26'$ above the eastern horizon. Mars being retrograde in the sign ruling France accentuated the crisis in that country, as we foretold. We said that "a military dictatorship" would be established, and it has come to pass, for the Court of Cassation is subordinated to the military party, and the cry for justice is smothered by the shouts of *Vive l'armée*.

The figure of the heavens for the moment of the ingress of the SUN into *Aries*, viz., $7^{\text{h}} 45^{\text{m}} 6^{\text{s}}$ p.m. of the 20th of March, 1899, at London, shows MARS supreme again, for although he is said to be weak in the sign *Cancer*, he is elevated above the Moon, and accidentally strong by being exactly in the meridian, culminating at $7^{\text{h}} 44^{\text{m}} 7^{\text{s}}$ p.m. in *Cancer* $21^{\circ} 59'$, the degree in the upper meridian being *Cancer* $22^{\circ} 38'$, the Moon being in *Cancer* $18^{\circ} 20'$.

We have already given our judgment on the indications of this figure, at p. 57 of ZADKIEL'S ALMANAC for 1899, published last October. We have nothing to add except that it would be advisable for the authorities to take extra precaution to safeguard her Majesty during the spring quarter.

Since the foregoing was written news arrives of the sudden death of President Faure on the 16th of February, when Mars had retrograded to *Cancer* $20^{\circ} 6'$, within half a degree of the quartile aspect of the place of the Moon (*Aries* $19^{\circ} 35'$) at the winter solstitial figure in the midheaven at Paris.

At St. Petersburg, Jupiter is in the ascendant at the Vernal Ingress, and this makes for peace, but the conjunction of the Moon with Mars, ruler of the seventh house (that of War), renders it exceedingly doubtful whether the Tsar can carry out his proposal of disarmament, and whether he will set the example. Moreover, Jupiter's peaceful influence is lessened by reason of his being in the most martial of all the signs—SCORPIO—and in semi-quartile aspect with Saturn, ruler of the third, the house signifying neighbouring nations.

The reign of Mars is not yet ended—the Millennium is not yet at hand. Azazel, the destroying angel of Mars, is not yet banished into the wilderness. He was fabled to dwell in "the desert," like

the Egyptian Typhon. Moses imitated the Egyptian practice of driving forth some of the holy animals as an offering to Azazel, by sending the goat, on which the lot fell, for Azazel away into the wilderness (*Leviticus*, c. 16). Throughout the present year MARS is supreme. *Verb. sup.*

THE WEATHER AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

HERE is a specimen of the meteorological science of the *Daily Telegraph*, which journal boycotts letters on *astro-meteorology*:—“Recent gales have blown away a good deal of London’s health. A fortnight ago its state hygienically was almost a marvel, and was certainly the envy of other capitals; to-day, storms of wind and rain have reduced it to almost its normal condition at this season of the year. From 15·8 the mortality has risen to 22·8, and although the latter figures are still below the average, the general result is sufficient to evoke that blustering Boreas will promptly retire into his cave and leave the weather to milder bellows-blowers. Perhaps the most startling item in the report of the Registrar-General is the alarming spread of influenza, and the increasing fatality of its effects. A fortnight ago the deaths due to this scourge were 22, last week they suddenly rose to 50.”—*Daily Telegraph*, February 15th.

We sent a letter to the Editor of the *Daily Telegraph*, stating that the writer of the foregoing paragraph had ventured his erroneous opinion without due reflection; but insertion was refused. So that it appears that the truth is not wanted when it clashes with the shallow views of the funny paragraphist of the *Daily Telegraph*. The *Daily Telegraph* is not alone, for the *Chronicle*, and several other “great” journals, are as bigoted as the orthodox medical press, and burke discussion of philosophical, medical, astrological, astronomical, and meteorological truths which do not coincide with the theories of “really scientific” authorities. As we have before observed, Press writers are never so unanimous as when they combine to suppress truth.

The gales which the *Daily Telegraph* writer stupidly said “blew away a good deal of London’s health,” were from the West to South-West, whereas *Easterly* winds are recorded as usually associated with outbreaks of influenza. Dr. Forster* observed:—“The East wind is the well-known harbinger of woe. When it first blows the change is marked by the accession of numerous morbid phenomena, and an ephemeral headache, the product of the first day of East wind, is well-known, and when aggravated by adjunct causes and a proximity to the periods of new or full moon”

*“Illustrations of the Atmospheric Origin of Epidemic Diseases.”—p.39.

—configured with Saturn—“is often tremendously violent. An epidemical intermittent often sets in with an East wind, and in some cases is difficult of cure during its continuance.”

Over and over again it has been observed and recorded that the atmosphere was in a *quiescent* condition, *undisturbed by storms*, during the height of pestilence, as in the instance of the great plague of London in 1665. In 1831, during the ravages of cholera in the northern parts of Europe, no violent storms took place. Then there is the proverb: “If Austria is not windy it is sickly.”

It is the East wind that is attended with a deficiency of electricity, particularly when followed by cloudy, foggy, and damp weather.

The West and South-West winds bring pure sea air to London, and the violence of the gales in January and February must have blown away the germs of disease which hang over the metropolis, in the crowded areas, during still and foggy weather.

The recrudescence of influenza was foretold in ZADKIEL'S ALMANAC, p. 9, thus:—“The rare opposition of Saturn with Neptune takes place on the 16th of February, about 4h. in the morning; Saturn being in *Sagittarius* $22^{\circ} 2'$ and Neptune in Gemini $22^{\circ} 2'$, retrograde, the former rising at London. In 1240 a similar opposition of these planets was attended with pestilence. That scourge is not likely to return, but an epidemic of *Influenza* or an eruptive fever is sure to spread in our great towns.”

Saturn came within 2° of exact opposition aspect with Neptune on the 26th of January, 1899, and the predicted effect, in the spread of influenza in London, began to appear—Neptune being in London's ruling sign.

The *British Medical Journal*, February 18th, says:—“Although influenza has recently been somewhat prevalent in several parts of London, the number of deaths directly attributed to this disease had, until last week, shown but little tendency to increase. The fatal cases of influenza registered in London, which had been 20, 21, and 22, in the three preceding weeks, suddenly rose to 50 during the week ending Saturday, February 11th, a higher number than in any week since March, 1898. Of these 50 deaths, 7 only were of persons under 20 years of age, 7 of persons between 20 and 40 years, and 17 of persons between 40 and 60; while 19 were of persons aged upwards of 60 years. The disease appears to be most prevalent in North and South London, especially in Islington, Hackney, and Brixton.”

The great storms of January 11th and February 11th and 12th were foretold in ZADKIEL'S ALMANAC. We especially warned *mariners to beware of the 11th of January*.

The State-supported Meteorological Office *failed to issue any warning* whatever of that terrible, furious, and destructive storm! The *Daily Telegraph*, in an article on the “Meteorological Office,

As it is and as it Should Be," said :—"The failure of the department to issue any warning of the gale of Thursday last, the most severe and destructive of the present winter, excited considerable adverse comment. People were inclined to ask what was the use of a Government Department, costing over £15,000 a year, if it was not capable of noting the advance of so violent a storm as that which swept over the country on the 12th of January, and issuing a warning of its advent."

This important question as to the utility of the Meteorological Office, seeing that it so frequently fails to forecast approaching storms, appearing in the *D.T.*, we sent a letter to the editor of that journal calling attention to the *astronomical causes* of the terrible storm of January 11th and 12th, and to the fact that Zadkiel's prediction of it was written six months and published three months before it took place, but our letter was not inserted.

The *D.T.* writer wound up his article by saying that "No fault is to be found with the Meteorological Council or their assistants." Their great fault is that they refuse to inquire into the evidence we have presented in our treatises on Astro-Meteorology of the truth of planetary action on the atmosphere, etc. And the *D.T.* suppresses facts presented in proof of this law of Nature, and encourages the Meteorological Council in their prejudice against astronomical causes of changes of weather, storms, etc.

Our readers know that we have over and over again triumphed over the puny efforts of the Meteorological Council to foretell only 24 hours or less in advance the visitation of great storms, issuing our warnings months before the occurrence.

It is amazing how prejudiced are the "philosophers" and the literati of the present day against one of the great FORCES of the UNIVERSE—*viz.*, PLANETARY ACTION.

THE SOLAR ECLIPSE OF JULY, 1897, AND THE WEST INDIES.

WRITING on the 18th of July, 1897, for the information of a circle of friends interested in such matters, the following forecast was made from a consideration of the positions of the heavenly bodies at the annular eclipse of the Sun on 29th July, 1897 :—

"A great Solar Eclipse in the sign *Leo* is said by the ancients to signify—'the motion of armies, the death of great men and cattle, enmity between the upper and lower classes, discord, and theft, fevers and epidemic diseases, and scarcity of rain.' Also 'the ruin of houses, divisions amongst the clergy, and tumults.' Happening in the first ten degrees of the sign, as in this case, it indicates—'the death of some eminent person, and scarcity of corn.'"

“The line of central eclipse on this occasion passes through Antigua, St. Kitts-Nevis, Porto Rico, Cuba, and Mexico, so that the greatest effects will be felt in those places, but in the West Indies generally, and especially at Barbados and St. Vincent, where the eclipse is almost on the meridian, results more or less on the above lines will follow.

“There will be great administrative changes, violent debates in the legislative Chambers, and the ruling powers will be sadly perplexed and worried. Death will lay his hand upon some in high places, and strongholds of conservatism will be shaken to their roots. Probably the Church in Barbados will be disestablished. The ruin of houses may be from an earthquake or a storm.”

“I foresee a period of activity, turmoil, and excitement, but it will eventuate in good for the West Indies before the rule of the eclipse (which is three years) is over. Many of those, either now or of former years, recognised as leaders in political affairs, will not, however, live to see the complete change.”

So far, my prediction, the original of which, attested as to its date by the initials of a disinterested person, is in my possession. I now propose, with your kind assistance, to place on record, as one more proof of the truth of the Science of the Stars, its fulfilment up to the present date.

The stupendous events which have taken place in Cuba and Porto Rico, where, amidst bloodshed and ruin, Spain has been forced to abandon her last remnant of her once glorious Western Empire, under the compulsion of the armed hand of our American cousins, are so well known that I need only refer to them to show how amply the eclipse has borne fruit along this section of its central path. Epidemic diseases, in the shape of yellow fever and small-pox, have run riot through unhappy Cuba, and still continue; in Porto Rico, where they were also present in lesser degree, they are now abating; and most of the seaport towns in Mexico have been and still are infected with yellow fever.

On the day after the eclipse severe earthquake shocks were experienced at Antigua and St. Kitts, and again on the 4th of February, 1898, these islands underwent the same terrifying experience, while at Montserrat, an island 27 miles to the south of Antigua and included in the same government, between the 15th and 20th February, great damage was done by repeated earthquakes to buildings and water supply.

February the 10th, 1898, witnessed the assassination of President Barrios of Guatemala, the republic bounding Mexico on the south, and where the eclipse was fully visible; and on July 22nd, this year, the much respected Speaker of the Barbados House of Assembly was shot in the back by some unknown ruffian, and died later on from the effect of the wound.

On 22nd March, 1898, the constitution of the Colony of

Antigua was altered by the passing of a Bill to introduce Crown Colony Government, and a similar result was attained in the neighbouring Colony of Dominica on July 22nd, after the most violent opposition from a section of the community, and heated debates in the now abolished House of Assembly and at public meetings. Upon the final passing of the Bill the opposition left the chamber in a body.

At Montserrat, on 1st May, 1898, there were riots in connection with the seizure of an illicit still by the police, who were repulsed, and, together with the Commissioner of the Island, much damaged.

Finally (in point of date) has come the terrible storm of September 10th and 11th, which will be known to future generations as the Great Hurricane of 1898. Details in plenty have appeared in the press, so that it is sufficient to state that St. Vincent has been rendered a howling wilderness, and its population beggars, in a few hours, while Barbados is only one or two degrees better. In the latter island the "ruin of houses" gives a total of 14,000; at St. Vincent there has been no need to count the ruins, as, with the exception of the principal town and one or two curious exceptions in the outlying parishes, all of the buildings have disappeared, and "scarcity of corn" has been and will be felt for many a long day, almost the entire population having to be supported from the generous donations to the Mansion House Fund and other sources.

"Facts are chieftains that winna ding," and I present your readers with the few above quoted, which can be verified by any reader of the daily papers, as a small contribution to the ever increasing record of proofs that the heavens do rule.

The rule of the eclipse is not half over yet, and there are plentiful indications that in the period yet remaining the affairs of the West Indies will continue to occupy a goodly share of the public attention. It will be interesting to observe the effects of the forthcoming triple transit of Mars over the place of the eclipse: The first transit takes place on November 21st, the second on December 26th, the red planet being then retrograde, and the third on May 1st, 1899. *Absit omen.*

10, November, 1898.

SUN IN ARIES.

ASTRALITY.

By APPBER.

To those who appreciate aright the tendency of natural things, the most significant event of the last twelve months was the *Financial News*, at the end of October, devoting a leading article to

Financial Astrology. It was a good-natured chaffing criticism of an article under that title which appeared in a contemporary magazine. But the fact that such a business reflector of everyday affairs as the *Financial News* should be the first practically to draw public attention to the claims of Astrology, was in itself the erection of a prominent land-mark on the track of progress. Inasmuch as the principal prediction which it regarded as unlikely has been fulfilled, it is not extravagant to assert that the appearance of that leading article in the *Financial News* is one of those things that gain in importance as they pass into the crucible of history.

Unfortunately, however, while "Sepharial's" prediction about "Brazilians," which when made seemed ridiculous, has been thoroughly vindicated, he has damaged his reputation by having given in the November and December issues of his journal a prediction about Americans which was falsified. This is the more regrettable because he might have saved himself from damaging his own reputation if he had not been so rash as to back his own opinion against that of older exponents. For in ZADKIEL'S ALMANAC for 1899 (which was published before "Sepharial" wrote the November predictions), on page 56, it is expressly stated that at the beginning of 1899 there would be an increase of traffics for the great railways of the United States: and an increase of traffic means high prizes, or a bullish market. "Sepharial" should take to heart the aphorism of the late Dr. Jowett:—"We are none of us infallible—not even the youngest."

Credit must be given, nevertheless, to one of the youngest astrologers for having helped to bring to light a great epoch-making discovery, namely, that science has now to take into account an influence which it can be demonstrated operates materially and produces obvious effects. During the past year it has been found that the daily fluctuations of the Produce Markets can be translated into wave-lines which accord with planetary law. It has been known to astrologers for ages that scarcity and abundance depend upon planetary combinations, but from a careful study of the daily fluctuations which, thanks to Option Trading, are now registered, it has become possible to predict when the effects of abundance or scarcity will produce a fall or rise in prices. In other words, the experience of the various companies of individuals is the result of planetary action, just as much as the experience of the individual—or even more so. For the mass of individuals interested in a commodity act and react upon each other, so that the prevailing astral influence becomes palpable. Some individual receives the impression, and in the course of half an hour it is multiplied by the electric cables, until at all the sensitive centres a pronounced change has taken place in the minds of other dealers, and the particular market has changed from flat to firm or firm to flat, and fortunes

have been made or lost by the leaders, and the most insignificant interested party has in some measure been affected. The wise and prudent men of the world talk about buyers or sellers predominating—the childlike simplicity which follows the courses of the stars knows, however, to what that predomination is due.

When the business world sees that astrologers can control trade, public opinion will demand from the scientists why they do not bring that field of experience under observation. The cause of Science and of Commerce will therefore be served by Astrology indicating what will happen in those markets whose susceptibility to Astrality has been ascertained—

WHEAT, will have a rising tendency until the middle of May.

SUGAR, a rising tendency culminating in November.

COFFEE, a rising market.

COTTON, a rising tendency culminating in November.

Dates for buying and selling can be had on application to "APPPER."

N.B.—In ZADRIEL'S ALMANAC for 1899 it was predicted at p. 9, that: "On 'Change fluctuations will be frequent about the 10th to 17th of February." At that period Millwall Dock Stocks fell £20, practically 40 per cent.; and on the 17th, Securities fluctuated considerably, "changes were irregular."

ON LUNAR REVOLUTIONS.

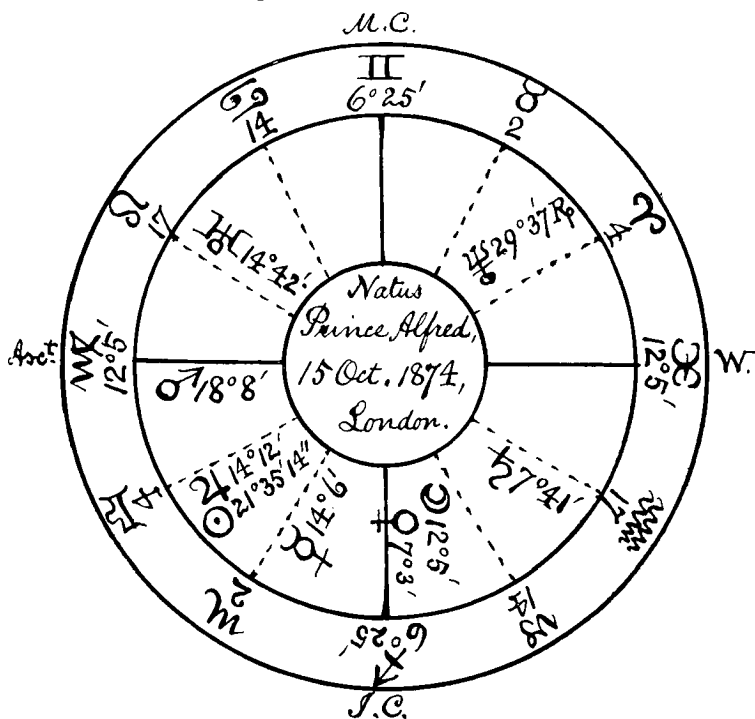
BY NEMO.

ABOUT ten years ago I had the idea that lunar as well as solar revolutionary figures would be of value, and I found that it was so. The figures should be drawn from the moment of the moon's return to her place of birth. The aspects should be calculated in order, beginning with the Ascendant, and working round *via* the Mid-heaven. I have not found aspects wider than the square or sextile of any value in the revolution, unless they are very close. Uranus only 27' apart from semi-square of Moon once produced an obvious effect in my solar revolution. When an opposition occurs, there are, of course, two arcs formed; the time at which the effect will be shown is to be calculated by taking the *smaller* of the arcs. In lunar revolutions I have seen the effect of the aspect five days before, and eight days after the exact limit of the revolutions. In one lunar revolution Uranus in *Scorpio* 21° 4' in sextile with Venus in *Virgo* 28° 30' acted; this throws some light on the "orbs" of the planets.

HOROSCOPE OF PRINCE ALFRED OF SAXE-COBURG-GOTHA.

The late Prince Alfred, only son of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh and of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, was born at Buckingham Palace, London, on the 15th of October, 1874, at 2^h. 45^m. a.m.

The sidereal time was 4^h. 18^m. 13^s. 43 or 64° 33' 22" in arc of right ascension, the sign *Gemini* 6° 25' 24" culminating, and *Virgo* 12° 5' ascending.



PLANETS.	LAT.		DECLIN.		RT. ASCN.		MER. DIST.		SEMI-ARC.					
	°	'	°	"	°	"	°	'	°	'				
Sun	☉	...	8	25	188	199	56	58	44	36	24	100	43	39
Moon	☾	3 47S	26	0	58	250	1	54	5	28	32	127	49	25
Mercury ...	☿	2 13S	18	12	50S	220	56	12	23	37	10	114	26	17
Venus	♀	4 28S	25	54	25S	244	24	33	0	8	49	127	38	17
Mars	♂	1 16N	5	51	11N	169	35	33	74	57	49	82	35	42
Jupiter ...	♃	1 6N	4	35	6S	193	30	14	51	3	8	95	47	11
Saturn ...	♄	0 54S	19	14	33S	310	19	31	65	46	9	116	1	52
Uranus ...	♅	0 39N	17	3	27N	137	21	51	72	48	29	112	41	27
Neptune ...	♆	1 49S	9	39	15N	28	11	33	36	11	49	102	20	56

The ascending degree is hyleg, as neither the Sun nor Moon is in any hylegliacal situation, and the presence of Mars in the ascendant, the red planet being in zodiacal parallel with the ascending degree, which has no support from either Jupiter or Venus, but is also afflicted by the sesqui-quadrate ray of Neptune, and the exact quartile of the Moon in the fourth house, presignified the early death of this well-beloved Prince.

Mercury, the ruler of the mental faculties, is in $14^{\circ} 6'$ of the sign *Scorpio* in exact quartile aspect with Uranus in $14^{\circ} 42'$ of *Leo*, and Mercury is only $6^{\circ} 25'$ separated from quartile with Saturn. The Moon is in *Sagittarius* $12^{\circ} 5'$, and passes from conjunction with Venus to sextile with Jupiter, trine with Uranus, and then to quartile with Mars.

It is evident, astrologically speaking, that Prince Alfred possessed neither a robust constitution nor a strong brain. The severe training he underwent in the German army injured his constitution, which was not strong enough to bear the strain. His mind gave way in his 24th year. When he arrived at Meran, in the latter part of January, he was unable to stand upright, and answered questions incoherently. In his delirium he cried for his parents to save him from the awful pains in his head. He died delirious on the 6th of February, 1899.

We have not had time to compute all the primary directions in this nativity, but the following will be found to correspond very closely to the sad state of health and early death of this ill-starred Prince.

First, it may be mentioned that in March, 1892, Prince Alfred was ill of "inflammation of the large intestine," so it was stated, the arc ($1^{\circ}=1$ year) for this illness measures $17^{\circ} 27'$, and we find the following primary direction synchronising:—

Moon parallel Saturn, zodiac, converse, $17^{\circ} 37'$.

By transit, Saturn was at that time retrograde in *Virgo* (the ascending sign) and in opposition with Jupiter.

The fatal illness began and terminated under the operation of the following directions, the arc for death being $24^{\circ} 18'$ —

Mid-heaven opposition Mercury mundo, con. ...	$23^{\circ} 37'$
Ascendant 45° Mercury, zodiac direct ...	$24^{\circ} 10'$
Mid-heaven 135° Mercury, zodiac direct ...	$24^{\circ} 28'$
Ascendant 45° Uranus, zodiac direct ...	$24^{\circ} 59'$

The student will observe that when the ascendant (hyleg) came by direction to the semi-quartile (45°) aspect of both Mercury and Uranus, *i.e.* exactly midway between the distance (90° nearly) between those planets in the nativity, the fatal disease broke the silver cord of life.

At his last birthday anniversary (Solar return) both the Sun

and Mercury were in quartile with Mars. At the full moon of the 26th of January, 1899, the Sun was in the place of Saturn and the Moon near that of Uranus.

KEPLER'S ASTROLOGY.

THE great astronomer, Kepler, believed in and practised astrology. We commented on this important fact in *Zadkiel's Almanac* for 1895, pp. 69-71.

We have received a very interesting and instructive letter from Herr Albert Kniepf, of Hamburg-Borgfelde, who has lately published a pamphlet entitled "Kepler's Vorläuferochaft zu meiner Begründung der Astrologie"—"Kepler, the forerunner of my Astrology," which will be translated into English soon. Herr Kniepf writes:—"I have studied your 'Science of the Stars,' and read 'Star Lore.' The forerunner of my theory was Kepler. He maintained that there must be existing a soul in the earth, 'which soul is dancing as the aspects are piping'—like the human soul. In his almanacs and in his work '*Harmonicas Mundi*' he repeated this theory, and none can doubt that his description of the fluid soul coincides very closely with the magnetism of the earth, of which he had no knowledge. He was very near the truth. A Vienna astronomer has written a book* wherein he has proved Kepler's belief in astrology. Here again we have an instance of scientists writing on astrology without any knowledge whatever of it. I have sent the author a letter pointing out his errors.

"Kepler did not believe in the 'houses'—the twelve divisions of the heavens—because he could not recognize any basis for them. Like modern sceptics, he rejected everything which he could not find based on reason. Many valuable elements of ancient astrology are lost through this prejudice.

"The control of magnetic influences could afford a surprising result; unfortunately, the scientists have no conception of the importance of the idea. An instrument of greater sensitiveness than the magnetic needle would be needed for such observation. I have no doubt it will yet be discovered. The physiological influence of the magnetism of the earth was proved by the late Dr. M. Zinghr, a homœopathic physician at Genf, born July 21, 1818, died in 1889 or 1890. He wrote in French, and I shall publish his experiences and his yet unknown observations. He was not acquainted with astrology, but his observations exactly confirm, physiologically, the theory of Kepler.

"I myself have discovered the foundation of the houses, after

* "Kepler's Astrology," by Dr. Norbert Herz.

studying the great work of Karl von Reichenbach (the discover of the 'Od'), as far as the astrological houses are magnetical fields in the aura of the earth in reference to the man or the birthplace, and as far as the human body is governed by magnetical fields or zones. This I found to be proved by Dr. Zinghr with the 'Rugounomant Magnetir.'

"I never fail to recommend your works to students."

We shall be delighted to hear again from Herr Kniepf on this deeply interesting subject.

LOOKING FORWARD.

THE news of the Khalifa being again on the war-path with a numerous band of dervishes has given rise to much surprise and excitement in Egypt. It is evident that another expedition will be necessary to crush that truculent savage. The news is no surprise to our readers who know that, writing last summer, we foretold that Mars *stationary* in *Cancer*—the sign ruling Africa—at the end of February, 1899, would again disturb Africa in March—*Vide ZADKIEL'S ALMANAC*, p. 11.

At the new moon at the 11th of March, at London, Mars flames in the meridian, *Cancer* $20^{\circ} 20'$, the sixteenth degree of that sign exactly culminating. It is remarkable that Mars will be culminating again at the new moon of the 9th of May, and will be in the fourth house at the April new moon. Here again we have evidence that Peace is not yet assured, but that strife and the shock of battle may be expected. There will be no cutting down of the estimates for the navy and army in the coming Budget; and the Chancellor of the Exchequer will be fortunate if he has not a deficit to declare, and increase of taxation to propose.

The spring-quarter will be, as we have before predicted, a most critical time for the King of Italy and the Sultan—"the cloud which has overhung Turkey since the spring of 1897 is about to burst and overwhelm the Sultan and his entourage."

Serious as is the present crisis in France, it will be more serious still in the middle of March and in May. The military party will be supreme in May, if not in the present month. The figure of the heavens for the approximate time (3^h 40^m. p.m. of the 18th of February) of the election of President Loubet is not reassuring, for it shows Mars retrograde in the *twelfth* house, and the Moon, his disposer, hastening to opposition with Saturn in the fifth, *i.e.*, the *eighth* from the tenth. Great precaution will be necessary to save the President from a violent death; for if he was born in the afternoon of December 31st, 1838, Mars is stationary close to the place of the Moon at his birth. At the beginning of

April Mars will transit his own place, *Cancer*, $27^{\circ} 25'$ on the cusp of the *seventh* house at the moment ($4^{\text{h}} 45^{\text{m}}$ p.m. of Sept. 4th, 1870) of declaration of the French Republic. This does not make for peace.

While *Jupiter* remains in *Scorpio* his peaceful and reforming influence is greatly diminished.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MR. J. G. DALTON, of Boston, Mass., U.S.A., writes:—"I confess that I find many large errors in my places of *Jupiter* during the first three months of 1898; they are all in the interpolations, and how it occurred I cannot understand. Working those places of *Jupiter* over again I find that your figures are substantially right." Mr. Dalton has sent us a copy of his Ephemeris for 1899; it is well arranged and very accurate.

JUSTIN.—Saturn will be *stationary* in *Capricornus* $5^{\circ} 2'$ in the middle of April, 1900, and in quartile with Mars in *Aries*. At the moment of the Solar return on your birthday anniversary the Moon will be in opposition with Mars.

ASTRO-THERAPEUTICS—In reply to several inquiries, we may state that the name and address can be given, privately, to any of our readers who may wish to consult him, of a medical practitioner who has for many years combined a thorough knowledge of astrology with curative medicine, and whose medicines are prepared under the proper solar and planetary influences.

TO OUR READERS.

OWING to pressure of work we were unable to publish the first number of STAR LORE for 1899 in January. We therefore begin Vol. III. with this March issue, and propose to continue the publication quarterly, the next number to appear on the 1st of June. Subscribers who paid for twelve numbers in 1898, and only received the eight published, will be entitled to the four quarterly numbers of 1899 without further payment. To other purchasers the price is now raised to 4d. per copy.
