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THE GENERAL ELECTION.

THE Fourteenth Parliament of H.M. Victoria R. et I. was dissolved on the 25th of September last, and the Fifteenth Parliament was elected in October. The Government were victorious at the Poll, slightly increasing their previous majority—to 134. The Cabinet has been reconstructed, and consists of 20 Ministers.

When the Fourteenth Parliament assembled—August 12th, 1895—we foretold that the Government would have “much work in connection with foreign politics”; and the “imminence of war.” At the end of 1895, and beginning of 1896, we were on the brink of war; and in October, 1899, the GREAT WAR we predicted broke out in Natal.

The Fifteenth Parliament has not yet assembled, but as it was elected under good auspices there is ground for hope that our beloved country may be spared further warfare, and that peace may soon be secured.

We have received numerous letters of congratulation on the success of the following prediction,* and several requests that we should state the basis on which it was made:—

“The Sun enters *Libra*, September 23rd, 1900, at 0^h 19^m. 7 p.m. At this ingress the Sun is just past the upper meridian, attended by the Moon. Mercury culminating pre-signifies a change in the Cabinet and a possibility of a General Election. Mercury in sextile with Jupiter rising is indicative of good agreement between the Government and the people. The Moon having the sextile aspect with Mars shows that the people will be resolute in maintaining their rights, liberties and imperial power.”

The student will be able to readily cast the figure of the heavens for this important ingress with the following data. R.A. of M.C. = 186° 43' 24", *Libra* 7° 19' culminating, and *Sagittarius* 8° 24' ascending. The Sun in *Libra* 0° 0' 0". The Moon in *Virgo* 26° 33', intercepted in the ninth house. Mercury in *Libra* 7° 54'. Venus in *Leo* 14° 6'. Mars in *Cancer* 28° 4'. Jupiter just risen in *Sagittarius* 5° 30'. Saturn in *Sagittarius* 28° 47'. Uranus in *Sagittarius* 9° 2'. Neptune in *Gemini* 29° 14'.

* Zadkiel's Almanac for 1900, p. 60.

The *Daily Mail*, September 20th, 1900, kindly directed public attention to this prediction, in a paragraph headed "ZADKIEL SCORES," as follows:—

"In his Almanac for the present year, published nearly a twelve-month ago, the venerable Zadkiel remarks that the fact that Mercury culminates at the ingress of the Sun into Libra, on September 23rd, 1900, 'pre-signifies the possibility of a general election.' His accuracy is the more remarkable because the Opposition speakers to a man declare the time chosen for dissolution is absolutely unprecedented."

Some previous general elections have been foretold. Those of our readers who remember Mr. Gladstone's sudden dissolution of Parliament on the 26th of January, 1874, and the general election in the following month, will remember also that our able predecessor, Zadkiel I., foretold for February, 1874, that: "England will be full of excitement, and a new election takes place or is decided on."

When writing our Almanac for 1880, foreseeing a general election in that year, we tendered the following advice to Lord Beaconsfield's Government:—"The Cabinet will do wisely not to dissolve Parliament before the Vernal Ingress, or the elections will be almost certain to go against them." If this warning was read by any Minister of that day, it was disregarded, for on the 8th of March, 1880, at 5^h 12^m p.m., the dissolution of Parliament was announced in the House of Commons. The gauntlet was thus thrown down *before* the Vernal Ingress, and the Government met with a crushing defeat at the Poll.

Other instances of successful prediction of the overthrow of Governments, general elections, and great crises, might be cited, but the foregoing are quite sufficient to prove to all unprejudiced inquirers that there is a very great deal of truth in Mundane or State Astrology.

THE PRESS AND ASTROLOGY.

Most of the old-standing daily and weekly journals are still animated by their traditional dislike of and prejudice against Astrology, and are indisposed to treat it fairly.

The *Daily Mail* has no such traditional animosity, and, since the morning *Sun* of the period of 1850-60, it is the first important newspaper of the century to publish anything that tells in favour of the time-honoured science.

On the 3rd of August last a gentleman on the staff of the *Daily Mail* interviewed Zadkiel, at the publishers' office, *re* the prediction of the danger from anarchists to the late King of Italy, and the grief to the Royal Family of Great Britain, fulfilled on the 29th and 30th of July. A very condensed report of the conversation appeared in the *Daily Mail* of the following day; and in the process of curtailment necessitated by the exigency of space, one paragraph gave an imperfect, not to say a wrong impression, of the way in which we were first led into the study of Astrology. It reads as follows:—

"I have been an astrologer since 1860, and before that I used to cast horoscopes of children who were brought into the world by my father, who was a physician."

The explanation really given was this:—"I first studied Astrology in the year 1860, and put it to the severe test of comparing the horoscopes of children born with some mental or physical defect, or who died in infancy with the rules given in the *Tetrabiblos* attributed to Claudius Ptolemy, and some other old standard works on the science. I obtained from my father and a few other medical gentlemen carefully-observed times of birth of defective and short-lived children, and after two years of study and calculation I became convinced that Astrology was based on truth and a natural law. It was with the hope of discovering something in this way that might be of benefit to suffering humanity, and an aid to cure-work (for I was a registered student of medicine and surgery), that I pursued the study. I wrote some papers, annually, on Medical Astrology, Astro-Meteorology, &c., for *Zadkiel's Almanac*, between 1863 and 1874. I wrote a booklet on Astrology, and another on Astro-Meteorology, in 1863 and 1864; and Zadkiel I. dying in 1874, I accepted the editorship of the Almanac when it was offered to me in 1875, and wrote the edition of 1876, and have written every one since. I wrote "The Text-Book of Astrology" in 1878, and 'The Science of the Stars' in 1881."

Far be it from us to complain of the report of the interview being cut down—we are quite cognisant of the exigencies of space. We gladly acknowledge the fairness and courtesy of the *Daily Mail*.

No doubt those press writers who ridicule Astrology and refuse to record anything in its favour are fearful of being thought superstitious, and of offending the prejudiced scientific "authorities" who anathematise what they never examined. The fair conduct of the *Daily Mail* is, therefore, very refreshing. We only ask for a fair field and no favour to either side in the controversy.

In the papers on Astrology and Its Adversaries, at pp. 71-73 and 84-94 of Zadkiel's Almanac for 1901, *bonâ-fide* inquirers and sceptics will find the arguments of our opponents rebutted.

THE ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES.

SIPIDO's abominable attempt to shoot the PRINCE OF WALES at the railway station at Brussels, on the 4th of April, 1900, was happily unsuccessful.

It is remarkable that Brussels is ruled by the sign *Capricornus* (*vide* p. 18 of the "Science of the Stars"), and that at the birth

of the Prince of Wales the two malefic planets Saturn and Mars were in *Capricornus*, in the ascendant; and that on the 4th of April, when Sipido fired the shot at the Prince, Saturn was again in *Capricornus*, $4^{\circ} 58'$. Moreover, there was a conjunction of Mars with Mercury in *Pisces* 27° , only 2° from exact opposition to the place of the Moon ($29^{\circ} 27'$ of *Virgo*), at the Prince's birth.*

The primary directions operating in the Prince's nativity in his 59th year are:—

Midheaven 135° ♃ <i>Zod.</i> , con.	$58^{\circ} 8'$
Midheaven Δ ♁ <i>Zod.</i> , con.	$58^{\circ} 13'$
Sun 8 ♄ <i>Zodiac</i> , con.	$58^{\circ} 30'$
Sun parallel Sun, <i>Zodiac</i> , con.	$58^{\circ} 58'$

The arc for the attempted assassination is $58^{\circ} 24'$. At birth the Sun was in the wholly martial sign *Scorpio* and in sextile with Mars; the Sun therefore takes the nature of Mars, and being directed to his own parallel in the *Zodiac*, conversely, this accounts, partly, for the danger by a fire-arm to which the Prince was subjected. It is instructive to find that at the same time the Sun formed the opposition of Neptune in the *Zodiac*, conversely from the cusp of the eighth, the house of death. Neptune's place at birth was *Aquarius* $14^{\circ} 20'$, his opposition being of course *Leo* $14^{\circ} 20'$. Here we have a striking proof of the malefic nature of Neptune.

In *Star Lore* for December, 1897, we gave the nativity of H.R.H. the Princess of Wales. The student will find that the following evil primary directions were operating in her nativity in April last. The arc for the danger to which this amiable Princess, as well as her husband, was exposed is $55^{\circ} 21'$.

Sun conjunction Saturn, mundo,	$55^{\circ} 23'$
Sun opposition Moon, mundo,	$55^{\circ} 22'$

Saturn was on the cusp of third house, that of journeying, at birth, and the danger was met with while travelling.

When the evil nature of these forceful primary directions is realised, we may well be thankful that the lives of the Princess and the Prince were not destroyed by the bloodthirsty, youthful anarchist Sipido.

We rectified the Princess of Wales's time of birth, but have not rectified that of the Prince of Wales. The nativity of our future King may require rectifying two or three minutes earlier, but if this were done the arcs of the two important Solar directions mentioned would not be altered thereby.

The conjunction of Saturn with Jupiter in ♄ $14^{\circ} 0' 18''$, on the 28th of November, 1901, takes place in the ascendant, in sextile with the Sun, very near the place of Mars at the birth of the Prince of Wales.

* The Prince's horoscope is given at p. 117 of the "Science of the Stars," second edition.

ILLNESS OF THE TSAR.

THE whole civilised world is anxiously watching the bulletins issued stating the varying symptoms of the illness afflicting the Tsar Nicholas II. At first, early in November, it was thought to be malarial influenza, but on November 12th it assumed the character of enteric fever of a mild type. At the time of writing (November 23rd) the latest bulletin states that his Imperial Majesty's strength was good, on the 22nd inst.

In the absence of information as to the exact time of birth of the Tsar, it is very difficult to judge as to his prospects of complete recovery. The only available statement is to the effect that his birth took place at about 12 o'clock noon—"Heute Mittag," according to the telegram to the *Vossische Zeitung* from St. Petersburg.

We are inclined to set the figure of the heavens for six minutes past noon of the 18th of May, 1868. This would give the direction of Ascendant parallel Jupiter, in the Zodiac, for his accession to the throne and marriage in November, 1894; and Midheaven conjunction Mars, conversely, for the attack of fever from which the Tsar is now suffering, and for the War in China.

If this assumed time of birth is correct then the illness is not likely to prove fatal, and recovery may be confidently expected. The most critical age will be the 36th year, under Sun conjunction Mars, conversely.

The Tsar's peaceable and amiable nature is indicated by the proximity of the Moon to Jupiter and the sextile with Venus at his birth. Here are the Zodiacal positions:—

☉	☽	♃	♀	♁	♂	♄	♅	♆
27° 8' 41"	9°	5°	12°	1°	27°	2°	10°	16°

The Moon has the Zodiacal parallel with Jupiter. The Sun is in semi-sextile with Mars and semi-quartile with Venus. Mercury, strong in his chief dignity *Gemini*, is in opposition with Saturn from the upper and lower meridian, and applies to sextile aspect with Jupiter. The ascendant is *Virgo*, at 0^h 6^m p.m., the 11th degree of this sign being on the eastern horizon; and on the 11th of May, 1891, when the Tsar was wounded, in Japan, Saturn was in transit over the ascendant, being then in *Virgo* 10° 19' and stationary.

In a future edition, we intend to present our readers with a diagram of the Tsar's horoscope.

NATIVITY OF JOHN RUSKIN.

R.A. of M.C. = 249° 55' 32".

In the Reverend William Gershom Collingwood's "Life and Work of John Ruskin" it is stated that the birth of that eminent man took place at 7^h 30^m a.m. of the 8th of February, 1819, in London.

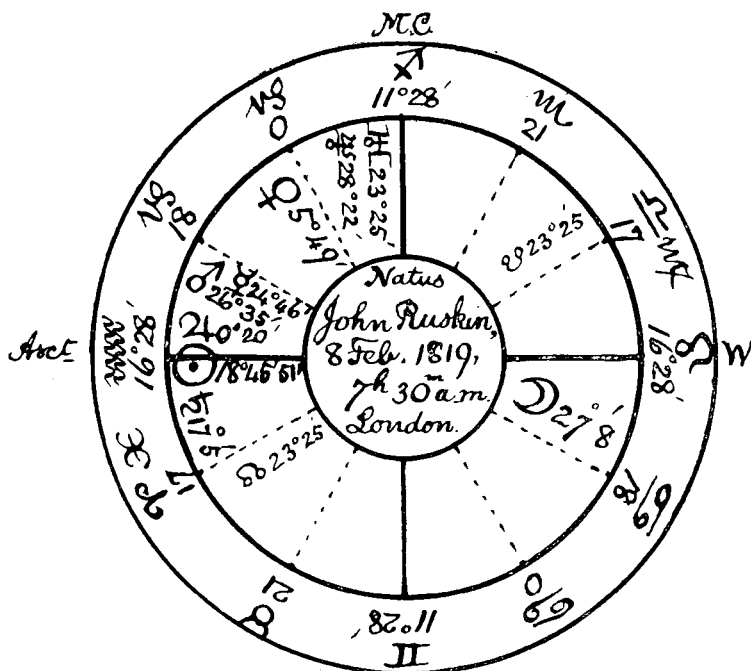
Mr. Collingwood says : — “ We can chronicle no comet for his birth as they do for some—not greater—men ; but this year, 1819, was prolific in characters of interest. We may remark that it was the year of birth of our Queen Victoria ; and among literary men three notables—C. Kingsley, Jas. Russell Lowell, and Walt Whitman. Mr. Ruskin, who has a mood of playing with the occult, believing, like so many, that ‘ there is something in it,’ declares that Saturn presided at his birth : another way of saying that an unfortunate influence seems to have predominated over his life. Weak health, especially, has to be set off against a fair share of wealth ; a certain ill-luck in little things and personal aims against the supreme gift of genius. The violent reaction of a too sensitive nervous system discounts his keen capacity for enjoyment ; and renown, public notice, has been much more trouble to him than it was ever worth.”

We have cast the figure of the heavens for the stated moment of the birth of Ruskin, and, as the annexed diagram shows, the Sun is found to be rising in $18^{\circ} 45' 51''$ of the Saturnine sign *Aquarius*, $16^{\circ} 48'$ of that sign occupying the eastern horizon, or ascendant, and Saturn being in the ascendant, or first house, in the sign *Pisces* $17^{\circ} 5'$. Ruskin being a student of astrology rightly attributed his weak health and ill-luck in many things to the unfortunate influence of Saturn presiding at his birth—almost (within 7°) in quadrature with Uranus in the tenth house, and with the degree ($11^{\circ} \ddagger 28'$) culminating which has the semi-quartile ray of Mars and the sesqui-quadrant of the Moon cadent from the western horizon.

Mr. A. G. Trent remarks in a letter to us : “ You are aware how remarkable this nativity is as regards the aspects to the mental rulers, and, now that we have the precise data, it is seen to present just that mixture of fame and misfortune that was to be expected—the Sun exactly rising, and Saturn in the ascendant.”

Mercury in proximate conjunction and close zodiacal parallel with Mars in *Capricornus*, both making their application to Jupiter by conjunction, lately risen, will account for that acuteness of intellect and genius for which Ruskin was famed throughout the world. Venus in proximate mundane sextile with the ascendant and in quintile (72°) aspect with the ruling planet Saturn accentuated the artistic taste and talent : her semi-quartile with the Sun, and the opposition of the Moon with Mars, the Moon being within $2\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ of the cusp of the seventh house (by reason of her great north latitude), together account for that conjugal unhappiness which eventually led to a divorce. Jupiter just risen—he is less than 10° above the eastern horizon, measured by oblique ascension—and configured with the Moon and Mercury, gave that deep religious feeling characteristic of Ruskin.

In 1843, when a few months more than 24 years old, Ruskin's work on “ Modern Painters,” vol. 1, was published, and soon



PLANETS.	LAT.	DECLIN.	RT. ASCN.	MER. DIST.	SEMI-ARC.
Sun ☉	...	15 13S	321 12	108 44	110 1
Moon ☽	5 1N	25 39N	120 17	50 21	52 51
Mercury ... ☿	0 23S	21 34S	296 47	46 51	60 11
Venus..... ♀	5 10N	18 10S	276 6	26 10	65 37
Mars ♂	0 55S	21 45S	299 6	49 10	59 53
Jupiter ... ♃	0 21S	20 26S	302 37	52 41	62 3
Saturn ... ♄	1 56S	6 54S	348 54	81 2	98 45
Uranus ... ♅	0 6S	23 24S	262 49	12 53	57 1

became the talk of the art world, as by primary direction the Sun ascended to the cusp of the twelfth house, forming the mundane sextile with the Midheaven :—

M.C. * ☉ mundo, 24° 37'.

On the 10th of April, 1848, Ruskin was married. He took cold while sketching in the damp and draughts of Salisbury Cathedral, and fell ill on his wedding tour, under the following primary directions :—

$\text{D } \text{♁ } \text{♀ } \text{mundo, con., } 29^{\circ} 16'.$
 $\text{D } \square \text{ ♀ mundo, direct, } 29^{\circ} 16'.$

The arc for marriage ($1^{\circ} = 1$ year of life) is $29^{\circ} 10'$. It was most unfortunate that Ruskin should have married under the opposition of the Moon with Venus, conversely, and her quartile with the planet of love by direct motion; had he consulted a skilful astrologer—not one of those who cannot compute primary directions and work only useless secondary arcs—he would have been advised not to marry at such a time, and if his intended bride's nativity had been compared with his own, he would have been warned against marrying her.

He first broke down in health in May, 1840, under the direction of the Moon to opposition with Saturn.

In May, 1867, he received honours from the University of Cambridge under these directions:—

Ascendant $\Delta \text{ ♀ mundo, } 48^{\circ} 2'.$
 Ascendant $\times \text{ D } \text{Zodiac, } 48^{\circ} 22'.$

Ruskin was elected Slade Professor of Fine Art on the 10th of August, 1869, arc = $50^{\circ} 30'$, under the following powerful benefic primary directions:—

Ascendant $\Delta \text{ ♃ Zodiac, } 50^{\circ} 35'.$
 Midheaven par. $\text{♃ } \text{Zod., } 50^{\circ} 57'.$

He commenced his course of lectures in February, 1870, under:—

Ascendant par. $\text{♃ } \text{Zodiac, } 51^{\circ} 14'.$
 $\text{D } \text{Rapt Parallel } \text{♃ } 51^{\circ} 22'.$

Illness afflicted him in 1871, and his mother died in December of that year, under the following directions:—

Ascendant $\square \text{ ♃ } \text{Zod., con., } 51^{\circ} 59'.$
 $\odot \text{ par. } \text{♁ } \text{Zodiac, con., } 52^{\circ} 0'.$
 $\text{D } \square \text{ ♂ in., d., } 52^{\circ} 0'.$
 Ascendant $\square \text{ ♃ m., d., } 52^{\circ} 41'.$
 $\text{D } \text{par. } \text{♁ } \text{Zodiac, con., } 53^{\circ} 3'.$

When Saturn was in transit over the ascendant and the Sun's place at birth and Uranus was in opposition, in 1875, Ruskin was plunged into great trouble.

His health and strength broke down in 1888, at 69 years of age, under:—

$\odot \text{ ♂ } \text{♁ } \text{Zodiac, } 68^{\circ} 49'.$
 $\odot \text{ ♂ } \text{♁ } \text{mundo, } 69^{\circ} 14'.$
 $\text{D } \text{Rapt Par. } \text{♃, } 69^{\circ} 30'.$

This was a powerful combination of affliction of both the Sun and the Moon by primary direction, but Ruskin survived it, happily.

He continued to do good work until his 81st year. A severe attack of influenza accelerated the *terminus vite* on the 20th of January, 1900, arc= $80^{\circ} 57'$, under the operation of a train of evil directions :—

☉ par. ♁ Zodiac, direct	$80^{\circ} 10'$
Ascendant □ $\frac{1}{2}$ mundo, conversely,	$81^{\circ} 2'$
Ascendant 135° ☉ Zodiac, direct,	$81^{\circ} 11'$
Ascendant par. ♁ Zodiac, direct,	$81^{\circ} 27'$
☽ □ ♂ Zodiac, conversely,	$81^{\circ} 30'$

At his 80th Solar return in 1899, Mars was in parallel declination with that of the Moon at birth and was only 5° from the Moon's place. The lunar eclipse of December 17th, 1899, took place in the 25th degree of the sign *Gemini*, the Sun being between the places of Uranus and Neptune in this nativity, attended by Saturn and Mars; and during the rule of that eclipse Ruskin succumbed to the attack of influenza. Mars passed the opposition of the Moon's place at birth on the 18th of January, 1900, two days before the venerable artist died.

The nativity of this brilliant genius, whose memory will never die, is a convincing proof of the reality of planetary influence. As Ruskin said—"there is something in it"—this planetary action which affects the greatest as well as the meanest of mankind; which sometimes shakes the earth; at one time raises terrible storms and at another brings glorious weather.

A CASE OF SUDDEN DEATH UNDER MARTIAL INFLUENCE.

THE following case was read before the meeting of the British Medical Association, held at Brighton, in March, 1900, and was reported in the *British Medical Journal* of June 23rd.

"The patient, aged 77, very stout, had generally enjoyed good health but latterly had complained somewhat of symptoms of 'indigestion.' He was first seen on January 31st, 1900. He had felt well on rising, and ate his breakfast. About 11 a.m. he was suddenly seized with pain in the abdomen, followed by sickness and collapse. Vomiting continued more or less constantly until death, the vomited matter consisting chiefly of 'coffee grounds'; at first it was thought that the blackish particles might be portions of prunes which he had eaten the previous night. In the evening he was somewhat better; the abdomen was tender but not distended.

"On February 1st, the symptoms continued much the same. The possibility of intestinal obstruction was taken into consideration, but no surgical procedure was thought advisable. In the evening he became suddenly collapsed, but recovered again after two or three hours. The temperature was 99° to 100° ; the pulse 120.

“On February 2nd, his condition remained unchanged, he having quite recovered from the collapse of the previous evening; but in the evening this recurred, and now he had a running, uncountable, and irregular pulse, with subnormal temperature and profuse perspirations.

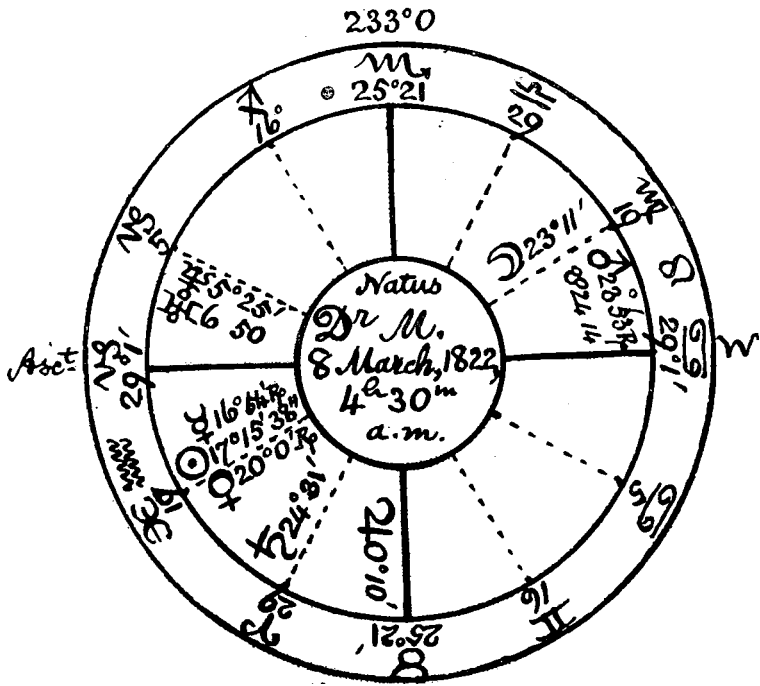
“He again rallied from this attack of collapse, but never completely, and during the following afternoon (February 3rd) he had a third attack of collapse from which he did not rally, and to which he succumbed during the night. As regards treatment, nutrient injections were given and hypodermic injections of strychnine and digitalis.

“*Necropsy.*—The pancreas was firmly adherent to adjacent structures, and was with very great difficulty removed whole. Scattered over its surface throughout its whole length were small spots of fat necrosis; the organ was considerably enlarged, in thickness rather than in length. On making a section the capsule was observed to be thickened and tough. One large hæmorrhage about 3 cm in diameter was seen in the head of the gland; and smaller hæmorrhages were scattered throughout its entire length, with the exception of about two inches: there was also a hæmorrhage on its inferior surface immediately under the capsule, and also another on the posterior aspect of the head.”

With deep regret at the loss of a valued friend, we have to state that the subject was a well-known magnetic healer, Dr. Mack, who made many wonderful cures in the course of his long practice. It was in the year 1886 that a mutual friend introduced the worthy doctor to the Editor of this Magazine.

In the same year we cast his horoscope for the time given him by his mother, viz., 4^h 30^m a.m. of the 8th of March, 1822, at St. Andrew's, New Brunswick, lat. 45° 4' N., long. 4^h 28^m 4 W.; and computed the primary directions up to his 80th year. Dr. M. particularly inquired as to the probable duration of his life. Finding that in his 79th year the direction of the ascendant to the parallel declination of Mars—in 18 \cap 44'—conversely, would fall due, the arc being 78° 24', with no saving influence of either Jupiter or Venus to counteract its malignity; Mars being in the seventh house of the nativity, retrograde in 23° 53' of the fixed sign Leo, we wrote down our opinion that his 79th year would be very critical, and that he would suffer from either an inflammatory or hæmorrhagic illness under that martial influence.

In the summer of 1899, when we last had the pleasure of meeting Dr. M., he looked very well, and was vigorous for his age. He jocularly reminded us of the forecast we had made 13 years before of a dangerous illness in his 79th year, and mentioned that he had been assured, spiritually, that he would live to attain his 100th year. We replied that we sincerely hoped that his useful life would be prolonged to so great an age—and he certainly looked like living for many years—but that he would find his 79th year a dangerous one, we feared. Being of a jovial and sanguine nature, Dr. M. happily placed more reliance on the spiritual than the astrological forecast. It came as a great shock to us when we received a letter from his devoted wife to say that he had so suddenly succumbed to hæmorrhagic pancreatitis, at 77 years and 11 months.



		Lat.	Declin.	R. Asc.	Mer. dist.	Semi-Asc.
Sun	☉	♈	5° 2' S	348 17	64 43	95 4
Moon	☾	♈	0 27 N	172 46	60 14	90 27
Mercury	☿	♈	1 58 S	346 35	66 25	91 58
Venus	♀	♈	4 3 N	347 22	65 38	85 56
Mars	♂	♈	17 25 N	147 38	85 22	108 20
Jupiter	♃	♈	10 36 N	28 26	24 34	79 11
Saturn	♄	♈	7 23 N	23 33	29 27	82 32
Uranus	♅	♈	23 33 S	277 27	44 27	64 6

The student will observe that in the early morning, at 1^h 23^m, of the 31st of January, 1900, a new moon took place in the 11th degree of *Aquarius*, Mars being in the 8th degree and Mercury in the 4th of the same sign, in the ascendant of Dr. M.'s nativity (see diagram), and in sesqui-quadrate (135°) aspect, with the place of

the Moon in the eighth house. About 11 a.m. of that day Dr. M. was suddenly seized with pain, and collapse quickly followed. He rallied from the collapse on the 2nd of February, when the Moon was in conjunction with Venus in the place of the Sun in his nativity; but during the afternoon of the 3rd—when the Moon was in quartile with Saturn—he had a third attack of collapse and died in the early morning of the 4th of February.

The primary directions operating in his 78th and 79th years were:—

☽ ✱ ♂ Zodiac, con.,	77° 35'.
Ascendant par. ♂ Zodiac, con.,	78° 24'.
☽ ☐ ☽ Zodiac, con.,	78° 41'.

If we were to rectify the time of birth but two minutes earlier we should bring up the arc of direction of the ASCENDANT to the *parallel* of MARS, conversely, exactly to that for death at $77^{\circ} 11^m = 77^{\circ} 55'$. But there is no need to do so, for the period of operation of the fatal direction was accelerated by the *lunar eclipse* of December 17th, 1899, falling in (*Gemini* $24^{\circ} 56'$ the very place in the Zodiac to which the Moon had been directed in forming the quartile aspect with her own place (and the sextile with that of Mars), *viz.*, *Gemini* $23^{\circ} 11'$, and in opposition with Saturn.

On referring to the nativity the student will see that the Moon is in the house of death (the 8th) in *Virgo* $23^{\circ} 11'$, less than 6° past opposition with the Sun ("full moon"). *Virgo* is the sign ruling the abdominal viscera, and the pancreas was the seat of the fatal disease. The positions of the Moon and Mars, and the fatal martial arc of direction, taken together, account for the hæmorrhagic form of the disease. This nativity is therefore an instructive one from a medical as well as an astrological point of view.

The sign *Capricornus* $29^{\circ} 1'$ ascended at the moment of birth, and the ascending degree is configured with Jupiter in *Taurus* $0^{\circ} 10'$, with which benefic planet the Moon is also configured by bi-quintile (144°); and Mercury is in the Jovian sign *Pisces*. Dr. M.'s bonhomie and good nature were well known to his numerous friends. His magnetic healing power was great. Uranus and Neptune, nearly conjoined, were the planets ascending just before birth; and he was, accordingly, much given to occult science. A Saturnine sign ascending rendered him serious enough and not too jovial; and Saturn within 5° of the quartile aspect with the ascending degree subjected him to several accidents, two of them to his head ($\frac{1}{2}$ in φ). He was very tall, being over six feet in stature; and well built. He crossed the Atlantic, to North America, to and fro more than a score of times, and was well known in many great cities of the States. He was thrice married; and leaves a widow, but no children, to mourn his loss.

The peculiarity as well as the suddenness of the death of Dr. M. would lead an astrologer to expect to find the planet

Uranus concerned in the fatal train of primary directions, and such an expectation is not vain in this case, for when the Moon is directed to the quartile of her own place, in *Gemini* $23^{\circ} 11'$ the declination of that point in the Zodiac is $23^{\circ} 17'$; the declination of Uranus at birth was $23^{\circ} 33'$; deducting $16'$ for the Moon's semi-diameter from this amount we have $23^{\circ} 17'$, so that the limb of the Moon formed the zodiacal parallel with Uranus when her centre reached the declination of $23^{\circ} 17'$ in *Gemini* $23^{\circ} 11'$.

NOTES ON NATIVITIES.

I.—At page 4 of *Star Lore* for March, 1900, we gave the planets' places at noon (Cawnpore) of the day on which Lord Roberts was born, viz., September 30th, 1832, and we stated our opinion that the gallant Commander-in-Chief in South Africa was, probably, born in the forenoon. Mr. A. G. Trent is, however, of opinion that: "It is extremely probable that Saturn was transiting the Moon's place at the birth of Lord Roberts when his son was killed in the battle of Colenso, on the 15th of December, 1899. This would make the time of birth near midnight, as Saturn's longitude was $25^{\circ} 47'$ of *Sagittarius* on that fatal day. In such case *Aries* would be in the midheaven, denoting the profession. It is curious that the aspects between Mercury, the Moon, Saturn and Jupiter in Lord Roberts's nativity resemble those of another great general, Wallenstein, who had Mercury in *Virgo* opposed to Saturn and Jupiter in *Pisces*."

II.—Mr. A. G. Trent also sends us a note on Sipido: "Whose birthday, according to the *Daily News* was the 26th of December, 1884, when the Moon in *Aries* was in quartile aspect with both Mercury and Mars in *Capricornus*, Mercury being in parallel declination with Saturn. You will observe also that Saturn was in the Sun's place at birth of Sipido, and near the Prince of Wales's ascendant and the Duke of York's midheaven."

III.—Mr. Trent, *à propos* of the birth of the youngest son of the Duke of York, writes:—"I wish you would draw attention to the very interesting fact which I have only once seen alluded to in works on astrology, but which is of itself sufficient to prove that naticities are not matters of chance, that when the ascendant or midheaven is not the same as that of one of the parents, it is usually in opposition. This is confirmed in the most striking way by the Duke of York's family. The angles in Prince Edward's nativity are nearly the same as the mother's. The second prince has the midheaven in opposition to the mother's ascendant. The ascendant of the princess is in opposition to the ascendant of the father. And now the midheaven of the last born prince is the

mother's ascendant, and his ascendant is in opposition to her midheaven. I find this rule to prevail very generally, though not invariably, and it must be the result of some law of Nature."

We have observed very many instances of this coincidence which, as Mr. Trent says, must be the result of some law of Nature. Our ascendant (*Sagittarius* $10^{\circ} 29'$) was on the lower meridian at our father's birth; and ♃ ascended at the birth of three of our children; *Gemini* the opposite sign ascending at the birth of another; *Leo* (the mother's ascendant) at the birth of two others; *Virgo* ascended at the birth of one son, the same as at his grandfather's birth; and *Libra* ascended at the birth of a daughter, the sign in our midheaven.

IV.—Baron von Ketteler, the German Minister who was murdered at Pekin, was born (according to the *Times* of July 3rd, 1900) on the 22nd of November, 1853. Mr. Trent comments on the fact that the Sun's aspects on the birthday of the baron were of the most violent character, viz., at noon, ☉ in ♃ $0^{\circ} 9'$ in quartile with ♀ in ♍ $2^{\circ} 35'$, and in opposition with ♁ in ♄ $28^{\circ} 41'$.

V.—A second lieutenant who was wounded in the heel in one of the great battles in December last, was born when the Sun in ♍ $16^{\circ} 47'$ was in opposition with Saturn in ♋ $16^{\circ} 57'$, and Mars in ♋ $12^{\circ} 31'$. We computed his nativity seven years ago and foretold that if he entered the army he would be wounded in the foot, when in action. The primary direction coinciding with the time of the wound in the heel was Ascendant parallel Saturn, Zodiac, conversely $22^{\circ} 15'$, the afflicting planet being in the sign which rules the feet. The gallant young officer happily recovered from his wound and went to the front again in time to march to Pretoria. A lady student, who is very well versed in the science, foretold that this young officer would be wounded, and that his sister would be married, from the planetary configurations at the birthday anniversaries of the father, son and daughter, after carefully comparing them. In the case of the young lady, the birth time was uncertain to an hour, and therefore no primary directions to afford a sure basis for judgment, yet the marriage was correctly foretold. This emphasises the value of Solar revolutionary figures.

VI.—V. P., a clever palmist, was born on the 10th of September, 1873, at 7^h 45 p.m., London, W., and died, rather suddenly, on the 9th of April, 1899. The student should cast his horoscope, as it is a very instructive one.

R.A. of M.C. $285^{\circ} 57' 24''$; ♄ $14^{\circ} 42'$ culminating, and ♄ $5^{\circ} 47'$ ascending. The Sun was in ♍ $18^{\circ} 7'$. ☽ in ♄ $12^{\circ} 50'$. ♀ in ♍ $5^{\circ} 39'$. ♀ in *Leo* $9^{\circ} 31'$. ☿ in *Leo* $8^{\circ} 46'$. ♂ in ♃ $7^{\circ} 24'$, ♃ in ♍ $13^{\circ} 25'$. ♁ in ♄ $26^{\circ} 24'$. ♃ in ♄ $28^{\circ} 9'$.

Declinations: ☉ 4° 42' N. ☽ 15° 9' N. ♃ 11° 0' N.
 ♀ 17° 39' N. ♂ 23° 29S. ♃ 7° 26' N. ♁ 21° 16' S.
 ☿ 18° 40' N. ♃ 9° 10' N.

The Moon is hyleg and afflicted by the quartile aspect of Uranus, from fixed signs, ☿ being in mundane quartile with ♂ on the cusp of the eighth, the house of death. Venus, the ruling planet, is afflicted by conjunction with Uranus. Saturn is elevated above all the heavenly bodies.

Mr. V. P. was married on the 20th of February, 1899, arc=25° 27', and died on the 9th of April following, of malarial fever, arc=25° 35', under the following extraordinary train of primary directions:—

Midheaven ♂ ☿ mundo,	25° 24'.
Moon ☐ ☉, Zodiac, direct,	25° 36'.
Ascendant ☐ ♂ Zodiac, con.,	25° 37'.
Moon ✕ ♁ Zodiac, con.,	25° 48'.
Midheaven ♂ ♀ Zodiac,	26° 0'.
Ascendant par. ♃, Zodiac,	26° 7'.

The Moon applied to the trine aspect with Jupiter and the sextile with Saturn, at birth, but ♃ was too weak to produce marriage, so that ♁ became significator, and the marriage took place under the direction of Moon sextile ♁ in the Zodiac, conversely.

The sudden death from fever was pre-signified by the Moon directed to the quartile of the Sun, in the Zodiac, ☉ being in ♏ in the sixth, the house of sickness; and by the Ascendant directed to the quartile of Mars, in the Zodiac, conversely, ♂ being in the house of death. Mr. V. P. was of a nervous and delicate constitution and collapsed when attacked by a malarial fever (abroad). At his 25th Solar revolution, Saturn was in 6° 29' of *Sagittarius*, the place of Mars at birth, and the Moon was in the fourth house of the nativity and separating from conjunction with Mars. On the day of death, Uranus was in *Sagittarius* 7° 42'. His amiable nature endeared him to his relations, wife, and friends, who deeply mourn his life being terminated at so early an age. In a letter which we received from him in January, 1895, Mr. V. P. wrote: "I think Mercury must be very strong, at my nativity, as the mount of Mercury is the only one on my hand which is developed to any great extent." Mercury was in his chief dignity the sign Virgo, the Moon separating from his trine aspect.

THE REIGN OF MARS.

THE War in South Africa drags on as foretold in *Zadkiel's Almanac* for 1900, and in *Star Lore* for March last,

There is ground for hope that the bloodshed may be stopped when Mars falls retrograde, in January next, and that the Boers will then perceive the futility of further resistance to the British Army.

The new Moon of December 22nd, in *Sagittarius* 29° 43' falls near the places of Neptune and Uranus in the Queen's nativity, pre-signifying some trouble abroad, so that some fighting in China is likely to mar the festivities of Christmas ere peace be secured.

The reign of Mars, although not quite ended, is not likely to be absolute throughout the opening year of the New Century as in the closing one of the Nineteenth.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A.H.—The astrologer who states, in a frequently erroneous magazine, that the late King Humbert was born in Rome is mistaken, for he was born in Turin. The murdered king's horoscope was given in *Star Lore* for March, 1897; and you will find the fatal train of directions described at pp. 67, 68 of *Zadkiel's Almanac* for 1901.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

Owing to indisposition in May last (under ♃ □ & par. ♃ Zodiac, by primary direction) we lost so much time that we could not do more than prepare *Zadkiel's Almanac* for 1901, last summer. Consequently we were unable to write *Star Lore* for June and September. In future we hope to be punctual with quarterly numbers. Subscribers who paid in advance for four numbers in 1900, will have their subscriptions carried over for two numbers in 1901. We must again ask our readers to do their best to support our magazine for the sake of Stellar science.

IN China, in all provinces, all executions take place immediately outside the walls of the West Gate of cities. From time immemorial this has been the custom in China. The explanation given by European travellers in China is that the Chinese believe that life enters by the East Gate and departs by the West. The truth is that the practice arose from the very ancient belief that in the western angle of the heavens the light of the Sun, Moon and Stars was destroyed. The ascendant represented the life of man and the descendant his death. The word occidental is derived from *occido*, to kill, and the West was called *occidens*. It is all based on astrology.