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## FUTURE EVENTS.

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### DEATH OF H.M. VICTORIA, R. et I.

THE bright, glorious, and successful reign of QUEEN VICTORIA came to an end by her death at 6<sup>h</sup> 30<sup>m</sup> p.m., of the 22nd January, 1901, at Osborne Palace, Isle of Wight, at the great age of 81 years and 8 months. From the moment of her accession on the 20th of June, 1837, down to the latest breath of her existence, Queen Victoria reigned in the hearts of her subjects as never Queen reigned before, in the history of the world. Her influence and spotless character elevated the moral standard of the Court, for nearly two-thirds of a century; and strengthened immeasurably the throne—which had suffered so much at the beginning of the nineteenth century under certain royalties. Her Majesty had several intervals of consciousness during the last day of her valuable life on this earth, recognising her children and grandchildren who were assembled in the bedchamber: and, happily, suffered no pain, lying as if about to fall into a peaceful sleep. So calmly passed away a life beautiful, self-sacrificing, and holy.

In STAR LORE for June, 1897, we presented Her Majesty's horoscope cast for the moment at which she was born according to the statement in the official bulletin, viz. 4<sup>h</sup> 15<sup>m</sup> a.m. of May 24th, 1819, at Kensington Palace. We also gave the primary directions coinciding with the chief events of Queen Victoria's reign; the great majority of those events having been clearly foretold in ZADKIEL'S ALMANAC or the years of their occurrence—*e.g.*, the happy marriage, in her 21st year, predicted nine years beforehand; the Treaty of 1843 with China; the War in Scinde, in 1845; the Crimean War, in 1854; the Indian Mutiny, in 1857; the death of the lamented Prince Consort, in 1861; the Afghan War, of 1878-'9; the War in Egypt and the Expedition to the Soudan, etc. In our issue for June, 1899, we gave the primary directions in Queen Victoria's nativity operating in that year; and in our issue for March, 1900, we presented those operating

in the 82nd year. Her Majesty's health and strength failed gradually after her return from Ireland in the spring of 1900; the direction of the Sun rapt parallel Saturn  $80^{\circ} 37'$  operating from the summer of 1899 to that of 1900. The following train of primary directions will repay attentive study—

⊙ Rapt parallel $\frac{1}{2}$	...	$80^{\circ} 37'$	=December, 1899.
♀ parallel ⊙ Zodiac	...	$80^{\circ} 46'$	=February, 1900.
⊙ * ☿ Zodiac, conversely		$81^{\circ} 2'$	=May, 1900.
♀ Δ ⊙ Zodiac, conversely		$81^{\circ} 8'$	} = July, 1900.
Ascendant parallel ♃ Zodiac		$81^{\circ} 9'$	
♂ parallel ⊙ Zodiac, con., last contact,		} $81^{\circ} 41'$	=January, 1901.
⊙ parallel ♃ mundo	...		

The support afforded the Sun (hyleg) by Venus, by direction, in 1900 retarded the evil effects of the Sun rapt parallel Saturn, for a time; but when the evil Mars formed the zodiacal parallel with the Sun, last contact,  $81^{\circ} 41'$  the fatal stroke fell and ended the noble life of our good Queen. This martial direction measures exactly to the arc ( $81^{\circ} 40'$ ) for death; and as this direction was given at page 16 of STAR LORE for March, 1900, our readers could foresee the grave danger for January, 1901. We then drew attention to the fact that the Moon held the place of Saturn at birth, at Her Majesty's 80th Solar return ( $28 \times 46'$ ). Moreover, on the 28th of May, 1900, the Sun was eclipsed in *Gemini*  $6^{\circ} 47'$ , in the ascending sign of the Queen, and very near her ⊙ and ♃; and at page 17 of ZADKIEL'S ALMANAC for 1900, we stated that: This eclipse is evil for all persons whose birthday-anniversary falls between the 24th and 31st of May; they are warned to live quietly and safeguard their health. The effects of that eclipse continue in force for two years (as was stated at p. 58). We feared that that eclipse and the evil directions of Saturn and Mars would, together, bring on an attack of paralysis, and we expressed this opinion to many students privately. One of our friends wrote, on the 24th of January, as follows: "I hear that the Queen had a stroke some months past, so you were not far out when you told me some time ago that you feared this affliction and that you doubted whether H.M. would pull through the year 1900. L. A."

We thought that a stroke of paralysis would most likely befall the Queen in July last when Mars was in transit over the place of the eclipse; it is known that Her Majesty was very feeble last summer, and the first stroke was experienced in or about July, in all probability.

Certain newspaper-writers have girded at astrology because the death of the Queen was not foretold for January last. It seems that nothing is sacred to some pressmen. We warned of danger; and students of astrology could see that the primary directions due in

Her Majesty's 82nd year were extremely dangerous. In 1846, Zadkiel I. wrote as follows:—

“NATIVITY OF HER MAJESTY.—I have said little on this subject lately, because I was informed, from a high quarter, that my predictions had given some uneasiness to a personage for whom I have no other feeling than the highest respect and affection.”\*

We have from time to time presented some of the primary directions in the late Queen's nativity, but have refrained from making predictions which might have caused alarm. When favourable events have been pre-signified, we have said so; and have occasionally given a hint when Her Majesty's health would be likely to need extra attention.

If we had foretold the death of Her Majesty for the beginning of 1901, carping critics would have said that anybody could foretell danger of death to a lady of 81 years of age. The issues of life and death are in the hand of the ALMIGHTY: all that an astrologer can do is to point out times of great danger, so that preventive measures may be taken as far as possible. It would be presumptuous to do more.

There is no stronger proof of the truth of natal astrology than the horoscope of the late Queen Victoria. M. Hanotaux, in his reference to Her Majesty's death, said that “Queen Victoria was born under a lucky star.” There is no doubt that while she reigned, her stars favourably affected the destiny of a great Empire. Those who rail against astrology cannot deny the great fact that at the moment of her birth, the benefic, lustrous planet JUPITER occupied the tenth house and was very near the upper meridian; neither can they deny that the Sun and Moon were rising in trine ( $120^\circ$ ) aspect with the degree (*Aquarius*  $2^\circ 24'$ ) in the midheaven; nor obliterate the fact that all the planets were above the horizon, and six of them besides the Sun oriental of the midheaven.

There is a remarkable coincidence to be found in the fact that when King William IV. died, viz. at 2<sup>h</sup> 12<sup>m</sup> a.m. of June 20th, 1837, the first degree of *Gemini* was on the eastern horizon, the same sign that ascended at the birth of Queen Victoria, containing the Sun and Moon.

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### ACCESSION OF KING EDWARD VII.

His Majesty succeeded to the throne, on the 22nd of January, on the death of his beloved mother, Queen Victoria, at the age of 59 years and two months. His Majesty's horoscope is given at page 117 of the “Science of the Stars.” As Buckingham Palace is situate in longitude 36 seconds west of the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, a slight correction is necessary, making the right

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\* ZADKIEL'S ALMANAC for 1847, p. 44.



PRIMARY DIRECTIONS, 1900—1901.

Midheaven $\square$ $\mathcal{D}$ Zodiac	...	...	59° 6' = December, 1900.
Sun parallel Sun, Zodiac, conversely	...	...	59° 12' = January, 1901.
Midheaven $\star$ $\odot$ mundo	...	...	59° 17' = February, ,,
Ascendant $\mathcal{S}$ $\mathcal{D}$ Zodiac	...	...	59° 29' = May, ,,
Moon $\triangle$ $\mathcal{H}$ mundo, conversely	...	...	59° 41' = July, ,,
Ascendant $\square$ $\frac{1}{2}$ Zodiac	...	...	59° 47' = August ,,
Midheaven $\mathcal{C}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ Zodiac	...	...	59° 53' = } September, ,,
Midheaven $\mathcal{C}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ mundo	...	...	59° 53' = } September, ,,
Sun parallel $\mathcal{Z}$ Zodiac	...	...	60° 3' = November, ,,

The arc for the age at succession to the throne ( $1^\circ = 1$  year) is  $59^\circ 12'$  and the first four directions measure very closely indeed to that arc. The direction of the Sun (in the tenth house at birth) to his own parallel in the Zodiac and to the mundane sextile of the midheaven, will account satisfactorily for the succession to the throne, especially as the Sun lies in the parallel of Jupiter's declination (the complete arc measuring  $60^\circ 3'$ ). Then the direction of the midheaven to the quartile of the Moon (in *Sagittarius*  $29^\circ 26' 26''$ ), and that of the ascendant to the opposition of the Moon, account for the death of the mother. The student will observe that Jupiter was in transit over the place in the Zodiac directed to the midheaven, viz.,  $\mathcal{J}$   $29^\circ 26' 26''$  on the 16th of January, attended by Venus; and Jupiter was in transit over the place of Saturn in the ascendant of the nativity, viz.,  $\mathcal{S}$   $0^\circ 9' 21''$ , on the 20th of January;\* also, that the New Moon of the 20th of January, in  $\mathcal{S}$   $29^\circ 53'$  fell in exact trine ( $120^\circ$ ) aspect with the place of the Moon at birth,  $\mathcal{M}$   $29^\circ 26' 26''$ .

The planet Saturn was very near the eastern horizon at His Majesty's birth, strong in his chief dignity the sign *Capricornus*, and Saturn culminates by direction just before the completion of 60th year. This pre-signified the advancement, honour, dignity, and bereavement already experienced; and accords with the accession to the throne in time of war and national trouble. It is to be feared that some additional grief is threatened ere the present year is ended. The Sun arriving at the parallel declination of Jupiter promises an early and honourable peace in South Africa.

Within three hours of the birth of His Majesty, Zadkiel I. wrote a judgment on the horoscope, and it was printed before sunset on the 9th of November, 1841, in a second edition of his Almanac for 1842, in which he stated that as Mars was in the ascendant and in mundane quartile with the Sun, "we cannot hope that the child's constitution will be free from liability to feverish complaints. . . . This excepted, the hyleg is strong, having the parallel of Venus, and I doubt not this scion of our Royal House may live to sway the sceptre of these

\* Vide ZADKIEL'S EPHEMERIS, for 1901, p. 5.

realms. . . . The Moon is in good aspect with Mercury, which gives him a shrewd and clever turn of mind, with good natural talents; and he has Jupiter so strong that he will become a mild and benevolent sovereign, though firm and positive in opinion."

The time of His Majesty's birth was carefully recorded as twelve minutes before eleven o'clock, a.m., and Zadkiel I. stated that he had seen a letter from Dr. Locoek, Her Majesty's accoucheur, saying that that was the accurate moment of the birth of the infant. In the year 1861, when the death of the deeply-lamented Prince Consort took place, Zadkiel I. was rather inclined to rectify the time to two minutes later, which would bring up the primary direction of ascendant conjunction Mars, mundo, exactly to the arc for the bereavement, viz.  $20^{\circ} 6'$ . And in the preface to his Almanac for 1863, he wrote: "The undeniable fact of the moment of the rising to the horizon of the planet Mars, in the nativity of the Prince of Wales, the time of whose birth is beyond dispute, exactly coincident with the age of twenty years and five weeks, when his father died, is one of those valid proofs afforded by Nature of the truth and reality of planetary influence." Curiously enough, if such a rectification be made, it would bring up the direction of midheaven conjunction Saturn exactly to the arc for the death of Queen Victoria. As such a rectification would show that the watch by which His Majesty's birth was timed must have been two minutes slow, we hesitate to adopt it. In our experience, if an error is made in timing a birth, it is invariably found that the birth took place from two to five minutes *earlier* than the time given, for reasons obvious to an accoucheur. Moreover, the operation of the direction of Mars to the ascendant was *accelerated* by the lunar eclipse of the 17th of December, 1861, in the 26th degree of the sign *Gemini*, in opposition to the place of Saturn and in quartile with that of the Moon at birth; Mars at the same time being exactly in the place of the Sun at birth.

Zadkiel in his Almanac for 1861, wrote that: "1861 is evil for the father" of the Prince of Wales; and remarked that the position of Saturn in *Virgo* (the sign held by the Sun at the birth of the Prince Consort), in 1861 "Will be very evil for all persons born on or near the 26th of August; among the sufferers I regret to see the worthy Prince Consort of these realms."

His Majesty's serious illness, so nearly fatal, in December, 1871, was pre-signified by the planetary configurations at his 30th birthday-anniversary, or Solar return; and Zadkiel I. called attention to the fact that: "On the 9th of November, the Moon is afflicted by a square of Mars and Saturn, which bespeaks serious losses and troubles for all persons born that day, be they prince or peasant." We wrote, in 1870, that the affliction of the Prince of Wales's 30th Solar revolution "indicates trouble and ill-health—further than this we may not say, but the wise will understand."

For an explanation of the primary direction ( $\odot$  parallel  $\frac{1}{2}$  Zodiac, first contact) operating at the time of that grievous illness, the student should refer to the "Text-Book of Astrology," vol. ii., p. 286.

We have cast the horoscope for the *geocentric* latitude of the birthplace, viz.  $51^{\circ} 18' 36''$  N.

In the NATIVITY OF QUEEN ALEXANDRA—*vide* STAR LORE, December, 1897—the following primary direction has been operating from January to March, 1900—

Moon parallel Venus, zodiac,  $56^{\circ} 16'$ .

The Moon is directed to the parallel of the declination of Venus at birth, and it falls in *Libra*  $24^{\circ} 40'$ .

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### NOTES ON NATIVITIES.

I.—In the nativity of H.R.H. the Duke of Cornwall and York, the primary directions operating this year are—

Ascendant  $\square$   $\frac{1}{2}$  Zodiac, conversely,  $35^{\circ} 45'$ .

$\odot$  parallel  $\eta$  mundo, conversely,  $36^{\circ} 37'$ .

The affliction of the ascendant by Saturn corresponds very closely to the arc for the death of Queen Victoria and the attack of German measles,  $35^{\circ} 38'$ . The accession to the throne of his father, King Edward VII. brings the Royal Duke one step nearer to the throne; and on the 22nd of January, 1901, we find Jupiter in *Capricornus*  $0^{\circ} 44'$ , in transit over the midheaven of his nativity,  $\varpi$   $0^{\circ} 47'$ .

The second direction begins to operate in the spring, and corresponds to the voyage to Australia soon to be commenced.

II.—Her Majesty the Empress Frederick of Germany, Princess Royal of Great Britain, is suffering from a cruel malady under the primary direction of the ascendant to the quartile of Mars in the Zodiac, conversely, and to the opposition of Venus, in the Zodiac, in her nativity; also Sun quartile Moon, mundo. The sympathy of all Britons is with her.

III.—In the nativity of H.R.H. Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, the primary direction of M.C.  $\phi$   $\frac{1}{2}$  mundo  $52^{\circ} 58'$  measures to the time of death of her mother, Queen Victoria. The R.A. of the M.C. is  $295^{\circ} 51'$ ; *Taurus*  $23^{\circ} 20'$  ascending. Saturn is in  $\times$   $17^{\circ} 3'$ , and his R.A. is  $348^{\circ} 49'$ .

IV.—Prince Christian, who died of enteric fever, in October, 1900, at Pretoria, was born at 5<sup>h</sup> p.m. of the 14th of April, 1867, at Windsor Castle. At his birth Mars was in the tenth house in *Cancer*—the sign ruling Africa—and Uranus was in  $4^{\circ} 50'$  of the same sign just past the upper meridian. The Sun in the sign *Aries*  $24^{\circ} 16'$  was in exact quartile aspect with Mars. Africa was the very country that should have been avoided by the Prince, who was a gallant soldier desirous of serving his Queen

and country. Those of our readers who have leisure should compute the arcs of primary direction in this nativity.

V.—A lady who was born when *Sagittarius*  $15^{\circ} 43'$  ascended and Mars was in  $19^{\circ} 31'$  of that sign, had the primary direction of Sun opposition Mars, zodiac,  $57^{\circ} 13'$  operating last summer, when she was compelled to have her left breast amputated. A good recovery, happily, followed, the operation having been very skilfully performed and being completely successful.

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### SOME REMARKABLE ECLIPSES.

WE have already mentioned the Chaldaean Cycle of Eclipses, in vol. I., p. 163.

Chinese annals record an eclipse in the twenty-second century B.C. at the equinox of autumn; the Sun being then eclipsed in the constellation Fang—the stars in the curve of *Scorpio* which were in the autumnal equinox about that period. It has been stated by an astronomer of the present day that there was a Solar Eclipse at the equinox of autumn on the 13th of October, 2127 B.C. “Tradition seems to refer to some remote eclipse in this part of the world, though we cannot speak with certainty. It has been made the subject of the following rhyme, from the trouble two mandarins, Ho and Hi, are said to have fallen into, through their inability to predict or observe it:—

“Here lie the bodies of Ho and Hi,  
Whose fate, though sad, was risible—  
Being hanged because they could not spy  
Th’ eclipse which was invisible.”

The first clearly recorded Solar Eclipse took place at Nineveh in the year 763 B.C. The record of this eclipse was discovered on the Assyrian tablets in the British Museum in the year 1867. It happened on the 15th of June, in the time of the Assyrian king, Assur-day-an; and in the reign of Uzziah, king of Judah.

Until this discovery was made at the British Museum, the most ancient eclipses on record were those mentioned by Claudius Ptolemy in his *Almagest*.

Josephus in his description of Herod’s fatal illness speaks of his burning alive Matthias and his companions, who had raised sedition, “and that very night there was an eclipse of the Moon.” The astronomer, whose remarks on the ancient Chinese eclipse we have quoted, calculates that “the eclipse would be in 3 or 4 B.C. On the morning of March 13th, 4 B.C., there was a partial eclipse of the Moon visible at Jerusalem about 3 o’clock. Though the magnitude was less than half the lunar diameter, yet we may well suppose the streets to be in a state of commotion all night through the burning of the rabbis, and the eclipse would thus attract attention.”



In ZADKIEL'S ALMANAC for 1848, a diagram of the Full Moon eclipsed at Jerusalem, on the 12th of March, 3 B.C., at 1<sup>h</sup> 0<sup>m</sup> 56<sup>s</sup> a.m., in the sign *Virgo* 19° 15' 20", is given. The Sun is in *Pisces* 19° 15' 20", Venus in 13° 48', and Mercury is in 27° 12' of the same sign. Mars is in *Aries* 25° 39', and Saturn in 17° 23' of the same sign. Jupiter is in *Taurus* 29° 28', and Uranus in 6° 31' of the same sign. *Virgo* 25° culminating, and *Sagittarius* 12° 13' ascending. Zadkiel I. wrote :—" This eclipse took place during the last illness of Herod, the king of Judea. The Moon was at the full in *Virgo*, the sign ruling Jerusalem, and passed the meridian there fully eclipsed. This denoted great suffering to the ruling power; and as we find Mars and Saturn in *Aries* on the cusp of the fifth, the house of death to the king, we know, accordingly, that the death of the king was clearly foretold. The conjunction of the malefic planets in *Aries*, the ruling sign of Judea, was followed by civil war, tumult, and fearful bloodshed and disorganisation throughout that country; for above 3,000 men were slain by the soldiers, during one sedition, in and about the Temple. Several priests, etc., were burnt to death on the day of this eclipse. The figure denotes exactly the horrible diseases under which the monster of a king suffered, described by Josephus, who added, 'It was said by those who were endued with wisdom to foretell such things, that God inflicted this punishment on the king, on account of his great impiety.' These were the astrologers who judged this figure by the very same rules that are still applicable. This eclipse, which I have thrice calculated, thus confirms the reality of planetary influences. I have no doubt that Herod died on the 7th of April following, when the Sun arrived at the place of Saturn in this figure. The death of the king's son was also thereby pre-signified; and we read that 'Herod died the fifth day after he had caused Antipater, his son, to be slain.' "

A.D. 453, February 24th. About three-fourths of the Sun's disc eclipsed at sunset, at Rome; when Attila and the Huns made incursions and ravages. According to S. Gregory (*Turonensis*), "Then even the Sun appeared hideous, so that scarcely a third part of it gave light. I believe on account of such deeds of wickedness, and shedding of innocent blood." Uranus was then retrograde in the 22nd degree of the sign (*Leo*) ruling Rome.

A.D. 671, December 7th. This is the date assigned by Dr. Hind to the Solar Eclipse at Medina, when the Caliph Moawiyah was going to remove the pulpit of Mahomet. Uranus was then in the sign *Aries* 0° 16', and Neptune was in *Capricornus* 6°.

A.D. 734, January 24th. "THE SAXON CHRONICLE" refers to this eclipse as connected with the death of Archbishop Tatwine and Beda. "The Moon was as if sprinkled with blood." A total eclipse of the Moon took place early in the morning.

A.D. 796, March 28th. "In this year the Moon was eclipsed between cock-crowing and dawn, on the 5th of the Calends of April; and Erdwulf succeeded to the kingdom of the Northumbrians on the 2nd of the ides of May"—records THE SAXON CHRONICLE. The eclipse began about 4<sup>h</sup> a.m., the Moon setting totally eclipsed. Uranus was in the 30th degree of *Virgo*, and Neptune was in the 13th degree of *Libra*, the Moon being between them.

A.D. 828. "In this year the Moon was eclipsed on mid-winter's mass night; and the same year King Egbert subdued the kingdom of the Mercians and all that was south of the Humber"—SAXON CHRONICLE. The total eclipse began soon after midnight on Christmas morning. It is alluded to in Tycho Brahe's *Historia Cœlestis*. This was a time of pestilence. Uranus was in 19° of the sign *Aquarius*; and Neptune in 23° of *Sagittarius*, near the Sun. The Heptarchy was united into one powerful monarchy while ☿ was in ♋ the house of honour (meridional sign) of London.

A.D. 1140, March 20th. A total eclipse of the Sun visible in England. THE SAXON CHRONICLE states that: "With us and with all our neighbours, the obscuration was so remarkable that people said chaos had come again, since it was Lent. Afterwards, learning the cause, they went out, and beheld the stars around the Sun. It was thought and said by many, not untruly, that the king (Stephen) would not continue a year in the government." King Stephen was defeated and imprisoned. The Sun was eclipsed in *Aries*, the ruling sign of England. Uranus was in *Scorpio* 14° in conjunction with Neptune in the 4th angle, the eclipse taking place at 2<sup>h</sup> 36<sup>m</sup> p.m.

A.D. 1230, May 14th. A great Solar Eclipse near sunrise, in England a little north of London. Uranus in *Capricornus* in opposition with Jupiter. Pestilence followed the same year.

A.D. 1415, June 7th. Solar Eclipse related to have taken place after the feast of *Corpus Christi*; total in the south of France. In Bohemia, birds terrified by the sudden darkness, fell dead. Neptune in *Cancer* 16°, Jupiter in *Aries*, and Uranus in *Aquarius*. The battle of Agincourt took place Oct. 25th.

A.D. 1438, September 19th. The Eclipse of the Sun which was seen at the death of Edward, king of Portugal. Neptune in *Virgo* 7½°, in opposition to the sign (*Pisces*) ruling Portugal.

A.D. 1457, September 3rd. A total Eclipse of the Moon was observed near Vienna by George Purbach and his pupil, John Muller, who generally called himself Regiomontanus. A volume of his, containing the longitudes of the planets daily from 1474 to 1506, a calendar for every month, the festivals of the Church, and coloured figures of the eclipses, is in the library of the Royal Astronomical Society, London. Regiomontanus was an expert astrologer.

A.D. 1598, February 25th. "The Black Saturday." The Sun was totally eclipsed in the morning in Scotland. Wing (*Astronomia Britannica*) says that about Oakham, Rutland, "the darkness seemed like night." Uranus was in *Aries*  $21^{\circ}$  in opposition with Saturn. Great floods, plague and scarcity in Britain.

A.D. 1666, June 26th. Solar Eclipse observed by Hook, beginning at London  $5^{\text{h}} 43^{\text{m}}$ ; 7 digits at  $6^{\text{h}} 39\frac{1}{2}^{\text{m}}$ . Jupiter, Saturn and Uranus in *Aquarius*, and Neptune in *Capricornus*  $25^{\circ}$ . The plague and fire of London. [A comet almost as big as the Moon was seen by Dr. Goad at  $6^{\text{h}}$  a.m. of December 9th, 1664.]

A.D. 1820, September 7th. Nine-tenths of the Sun eclipsed on the east coast of England: annular in Shetland. The House of Lords, summing up the charges against Queen Caroline at the time, left off. Great national excitement ament the trial; tumults; royalty disgraced! Saturn in *Aries*  $12^{\circ}$ . Mars in *Libra*  $20^{\circ}$  culminating. Uranus within  $4^{\circ}$  of conjunction with Neptune in the ascendant, at the moment of New Moon, at  $1^{\text{h}} 52^{\text{m}}$  p.m.

A.D. 1882, May 17th. Total Eclipse of the Sun, remarkable for the fact of a comet in the form of a scimitar impinging on the corona. A diagram of the heavens for the moment of New Moon at Cairo is given at p. 76 of the second volume of the *TEXT BOOK OF ASTROLOGY*; Mars being in the ascendant. We foretold the war in Egypt, from the position of Mars at this eclipse, which immediately followed. The astronomers who went to Egypt to observe this eclipse neglected to warn our Government of the impending war so clearly pre-signified.

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## ON PLANETARY INFLUENCE.

THE *modus operandi* of planetary influence is a mystery which will, we trust, be solved in the twentieth century. The fact of planetary influence is patent to all unprejudiced observers. The late Commander Morrison, R.N., author of "The Solar System As It Is and Not As It Has Been Represented," believed that planetary influence is electrical. For this belief he was subjected to much ridicule, but recent researches favour this view, for it is now recognised that every kind of motion, every change of temperature, every mode of friction, however slight, between two dissimilar substances, the daily course of the Sun, as well as every chemical combination, produces or is accompanied by electrical disturbance.

At the Royal Institution, on the 15th of February, 1901, the Right Rev. Monsignor Gerald Molloy, D.Sc., of Dublin, demonstrated the theory that electric waves are light and heat waves, but larger. By means of parabolic mirrors he showed

that the energy emanating from a battery can be reflected precisely as light is, the chief difference between the two being that we have the sense of sight to realise the one operation, and no electric sense to perceive the other. This theory of large electric waves, thousands and even millions of times larger than those of light, is the basis of wireless telegraphy. Researches made during the past few years establish the view that light, heat, magnetism, and the chemical and photographic agencies of radiant energy are all vibrations of the ether of space, in different wave lengths. The Monsignor predicted that the unravelling of that mystery of mysteries, the nature of the ether, which seems to underlie all those physical phenomena, would form much of the work of scientific men in the twentieth century.

Mr. Nikola Tesla writing, in January last, to Laffan's Agency, *re* communication with inhabitants of planets, said:—<sup>43</sup>

“Should Sir Norman Lockyer doubt that the energy reaches the planet? Does not the *fact that electric disturbances are produced on the earth by changes in the Sun* offer sufficient warrant? While I do not consider myself infallible, I am confident that I am neither capable of mistaking earthquakes for novel electrical manifestations, nor incapable of noting what might have escaped the attention of another. I did not state that I obtained a message from Mars, *I only expressed the conviction that the disturbances I had observed were of planetary origin.* It does not follow that they could be detected by magnetic instruments. Sir Norman asks what grounds I have for assuming that Mars is inhabited. I do not hesitate to say that I am convinced of it. Perhaps part of my conviction is derived from the perusal of his admirable papers. I am sorry that he attaches no value whatever to my observations.”

R. J. Morrison, W. H. White, the secretary of the original Meteorological Society of Great Britain, who followed the lead of Kepler in investigating planetary action became as convinced as did that great astronomer of the fact that it is the cause of atmospheric disturbance; and the observation and experience of the writer have led him also to the same conclusion.

It cannot be too often re-iterated that observation has shown the Sun-spot period, the true magnetic declination period, and that of the auroral displays to be 11·9 years, which is the same as Jupiter's anomalistic year or the time which elapses between two perihelion passages.

Recently a paper was read at a meeting of the Royal Astronomical Society, by Father Sidgreaves “On the Connexion between Solar Spots and Earth Magnetic Storms.”

The astronomical world has been busy watching the planet Mars at his opposition. We have not yet heard, however, that any attention whatever has been paid by the “authorities” to the striking coincidence of a *rapid thaw* taking place, in Germany, France and Spain, as well as in Britain, after a prolonged period of intense frost, with the opposition of Mars. The Government

\* GLOBE, January 12, 1901. The italics are ours.—ED.

publication, the NAUTICAL ALMANAC, 1901, gives the approximate hour of  $\text{♃ } \text{♄ } \text{♅}$  in R.A., as  $18^{\text{h}}$  of the 21st of February, corresponding to  $6^{\text{h}}$  a.m. of the 22nd, civil time. Upon calculation, we found that the opposition took place, in geocentric longitude—which is the ecliptic opposition—at  $6^{\text{h}} 10^{\text{m}}$  a.m. of the 22nd of February, and it is so stated in the calendar of ZADKIEL'S ALMANAC, wherein it was predicted that mild weather would immediately follow—"21st to 26th, fine and mild"—as the Sun passed from  $\text{♄ } \text{♃}$  to  $\text{♄ } \text{♅}$ . The thaw set in on the 22nd day in England and on the 24th on the Continent. Thus did the martial planet, by his opposition, break up the long frost.

This "message from Mars," or seriously speaking, this calorific action of Mars—which is usually less forceful at his opposition than at his conjunction—is too constantly repeated to be "mere coincidence," and is worthy of the deepest attention of astronomers and meteorologists. In the year 1889, the writer called attention to the ten successive conjunctions and ten oppositions of Mars with the Sun in the period 1865-'87; and showed that although six of the conjunctions took place in rainy months, the total rainfall in the thirty days during which the ten conjunctions operated showed a deficiency of 1.54 inches, at the Royal Observatory, Greenwich. The action of Mars on the temperature was the more forcible at the end of February by reason of his elevation above all the other planets at the moment of New Moon of February 19th, 1901.

Kepler's valuable testimony to the violent winds raised by the conjunction of Mercury with Mars should be respected instead of ignored by the astronomers of the present day who accept his three laws in astronomy. Sir John Herschel said that:—"Of all the laws to which the induction from pure observation has ever conducted man, this third law of Kepler may justly be regarded as the most remarkable and the most pregnant with important consequences." The man who discovered this third law could not have been a careless but must have been a most careful and indefatigable observer: therefore Kepler's opinion, based on long observation, that PLANETARY ACTION on the earth and its atmosphere is a FACT in NATURE must be accepted, unless it can be disproved—as it has never yet been.

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### SMALLPOX IN GLASGOW.

THE outbreak of smallpox in Glasgow, amongst a thoroughly well vaccinated population, has been traced to a recently re-vaccinated sailor who was first smitten with the disease. It is reported that more than 600 cases of smallpox and 120 deaths have occurred.

Mr. Long, when asked in the House of Commons what steps were being taken to preserve London from the danger of an outbreak of the dreaded eruptive disease, replied:—

"I am happy to say that, according to the latest returns, there is at present practically no smallpox in London. It is by the vaccination of the unvaccinated, and the re-vaccination of adults, that effective steps can best be taken to prevent an outbreak of this disease."

This answer was given in the face of the fact that Glasgow is a thoroughly well vaccinated city, for, there being no conscience clause in Scotland, the Compulsory Vaccination Act is rigorously enforced in that country; and yet the mortality from smallpox is about 20 per cent. of the 600 cases reported. The infatuated votaries of the rite of vaccination still insist on re-vaccination as a preventive, despite its utter failure to prevent smallpox!

In the year 1871, witnesses who gave evidence before the Select Committee on the Vaccination Acts, stated that so perfect was vaccination in Scotland that smallpox was stamped out. The late Dr. C. T. Pearce was asked the following Question No. 1,239— "Is it your idea that despite the 95 per cent. who are vaccinated in Scotland, the epidemic will still extend there?" His reply was: "Yes; Acts of Parliament will not keep away epidemics." Dr. Pearce warned the Committee that smallpox would not spare the vaccinated. The epidemic did reach Scotland in 1871, and the smallpox deaths there amounted to 1,442, and in the following year to 2,488.\*

In the House of Commons, July 6th, 1870, Dr. Playfair, Professor of Chemistry, said that there could not be the slightest doubt that compulsory laws when properly applied as in Scotland and Ireland were perfectly equal to stamp out smallpox in a country. A few months later both Scotland and Ireland suffered from a severe epidemic of smallpox! In Dublin the deaths throughout the whole of the epidemic of 1871-72 were at the rate of 5,000 per million of the population.

Yet His Majesty's Government now-a-days lend an ear to the interested promoters of compulsory vaccination, and favour the extension of a practice which is proved to be no real preventive of smallpox.

Dr. Pearce was a vaccinator from 1846 to 1856, but abandoned the practice on finding that the prophylactic power of vaccination was a myth.

Since the above was written, the following announcement has appeared in the *Daily Telegraph* :—

"As the smallpox epidemic in Glasgow has rather increased than otherwise, the Glasgow Corporation yesterday (March 6th) agreed to establish a special vaccinating corps of 100 men to visit every dwelling in the eastern part of Glasgow, and insist upon re-vaccination being performed. Up to date the cases number 1,346 and the deaths 156."

The special vaccinating corps may "insist" upon re-vaccination

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\* Vide "Vital Statistics," Smallpox and Vaccination in the United Kingdom and in Continental Countries, with Tables compiled from Authentic Sources. By Charles T. Pearce, M.D., M.R.C.S., Eng. E. W. Allen, Ave Maria Lane, London, 1882.

but cannot compel either adults or children to submit to it; and we much mistake the Scottish character if the people of Glasgow tamely submit to any such insistence.

In Victoria the opposition is increasing to compulsory vaccination, as attested by the *Bendigo Independent*, October 23rd, 1900, since Major Reay published his account of the really serious sufferings through which the Victorian troops passed, on board the *Medic*; and since it was followed by similar narratives of the experiences of the Bushmen who landed at Beira, spending a considerable part of the voyage as semi-invalids, owing to the *pain* and *fever* induced by the vaccine poison inserted into their lymphatics.

It is no longer denied that the vaccinated do succumb to smallpox, but it is contended that a certain amount of protection is afforded. This "certain amount" is incapable of proof, because of the different degrees of natural susceptibility to smallpox.

Which one of the Zodiacal signs rules Glasgow is unknown. As the outbreak of plague, and then of smallpox, took place during the long stay of Mars in *Virgo*, this sign is probably either the ascendant or midheaven of that great city and port.

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## THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

ALTHOUGH desultory warfare is being waged in a feeble manner by the Boers—De Wet in his invasion of Cape Colony has been defeated with the loss of all his guns, baggage, and ammunition—the prospects of peace are brighter now.

We stated in STAR LORE for December last that "there is ground for hope that bloodshed may be stopped when Mars falls retrograde, in January." Mars fell retrograde on the 14th of January, and will continue his retrograde motion until the 3rd of April next.

Mr. Suryanarain Row, relying on ancient Hindu works on astrology, has challenged our judgment that the retrogradation of Mars would weaken his warlike influence; and Mr. R. has said that "the increased activity of the Boers is the direct result of Martian movement" (*sic*); and that he "knows" that "instead of an improved state of facts in the beginning [of the new year] matters get more complicated," etc.

The increased activity of the Boers commenced while Mars was direct in motion. Since Mars became retrograde, their increased activity has been chiefly seen in *retreat*, hasty and ignominious; and so far from matters becoming more complicated, the surrender of large numbers of Boers leads to the expectation that the guerilla warfare is on the point of complete collapse.

We follow the ancient rules of astrology only so far as they are confirmed by observation and experience. We bear in mind the following facts.

In 1870-71, while Mars was direct in motion, the Franco-Prussian War continued from July, 1870, to January, 1871, and Paris capitulated when Mars became retrograde, to the victorious Germans. The further fighting that took place after the capitulation, was amongst the French themselves.

During the long Crimean War, 1854-'56 Mars was direct in motion; and the war was ended just as Mars was in retrogradation at the end of February, 1856.

During the Indian Mutiny, which began in May, 1857, Mars was direct in motion. He fell retrograde in April, 1858, and the rebellion collapsed.

In 1860, Garibaldi invaded Sicily. On the 19th of June, Mars fell retrograde, and from that date to the middle of August, when he again became direct in motion, when the great battle of Melazzo was fought, the fighting ceased entirely—thus fulfilling the prediction of Zadkiel I. in his Almanac for 1860, viz. : — “As Mars is about to fall retrograde, let us hope that the flow of human blood and the glare of burning cities will be now [June] moderated.”

We look for the establishment of PEACE in the Transvaal and Orange River State before Mars becomes direct in motion again (April 5th); and it may be that the preliminary arrangements will begin soon after the 16th of this month (March) when Jupiter will transit the place of the Moon, *Capricornus*  $10^{\circ}$ , at 5<sup>h</sup> p.m. of the 11th of October, 1899, at Pretoria, when the ultimatum sent by Kruger expired and the war began.

It is a singular fact that the evil Saturn was in transit over the same place (of the Moon), from the 20th to 22nd of January last, when our beloved Queen passed away.

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### REVIEW.

Die Kriegs-und Geistesperioden im Völkerleben und Verkündigung des nächsten Weltkrieges. Eine astrologisch-physiologische Skizze von Rudolf Merves.—Berlin. Preis 1 mark.

Those of our readers who understand the German language should study this deeply-interesting and valuable little work. It deserves to be translated into English, and we trust that some one of our learned subscribers will offer to translate it. Its title: “The Periods of War and of Spirit in the Life of the Peoples, and Announcement of the Next World-Wide War: An astrologic-physiologic Sketch,” is inviting and somewhat exciting. The author is a physicist of high repute. He believes that there exists a wave of 55 or 56 years, comprising two periods of 28 years each, one of War-excitement, and the other of Spiritual force developing science and art.