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The Editor's Observatory

Cancer Research

THE recent discovery of the cancer germ follows quickly upon the heels of the Sun's entry into Cancer, when five planets were grouped in that sign. The astrological indications of the disease are not very satisfactorily understood, and the general extent of our knowledge is summed up by Mr Carter, in his *Encyclopædia*, in the following words: "Cancer is usually ascribed to Lunar afflictions. This I have not personally found to be the case. I believe the usual significators are the Sun in aspect with Jupiter and Saturn; that is to say, the Sun will either be in aspect with both, or in aspect with one in or from a sign ruled by the other. The conflict set up by two influences of such entirely different nature seems to set up the disease. Sensitive degrees are about 25° Virgo-Pisces. Neptune also often afflicts the Sun."

It is certain that Lunar afflictions alone are insufficient to cause the disease, but there seems little doubt that the sign Cancer is involved, sometimes directly and at others indirectly through Capricorn or the other cardinal signs. Personally, I am not altogether convinced of Saturn's participation, other than merely as the ruler of Capricorn, and am inclined to look more to Jupiter and Neptune, the planets of growth. But be that as it may, it is interesting to study the map for the Summer Quarter, and the New Moon of the same day, in relation

to the recent discovery. The New Moon is the more significant map which is quite in accordance with the old teaching that great conjunctions and ingresses are brought to a focus by the nearest lunation. Here, then, we have the Sun and Moon in the last few minutes of Gemini, and Mercury and Venus in Cancer, all in the twelfth house, with Jupiter in Capricorn in the sixth in sextile to Uranus in the ninth (the house of scientific discoveries) in 25° Pisces, the exact degree mentioned by Mr Carter.

In the Ingress map itself Jupiter is on the cusp of the twelfth house, Uranus is rising, and Neptune exactly setting, and the positions, though significant, are not so strongly so as at the Lunation.

* * * *

In response to the request of numerous readers I am continuing the Dictionary of Astrology, which has been held over for a few months, and it will be completed in due course. I hope, however, that it will shortly be published in a greatly amplified and extended edition in book form, and an announcement will be made later.

* * * *

The result of our competition is not quite ready at the time of going to press, and will be included in our next issue.

V. E. R.

A RAILWAY pageant began at Darlington on July 2, to celebrate the centenary of the first railway, and was opened by the Duke of York. At the previous New Moon Mercury was ruler of the third house, railways; and Mercury is also ruler of the third sign, Gemini. On July 2 the Moon was in trine to Mercury and Uranus. But in so far as railways involve machinery and iron, Mars is certainly involved in the matter, and probably Uranus also. At the lunation Mars was rising as lord of the tenth house—royal patronage—and was trine Uranus, which was only a little past the cusp of the tenth house.

THERE was a considerable increase in unemployment during June and July, especially commented on in the papers about the date of ☉ □ ♅ June 17, a significant aspect. At the Summer Quarter Uranus was rising in square to Sun, Moon, and Mercury. Zadkiel's *Almanac* predicted "much unemployment and consequent public dissatisfaction."

ON June 16 there was a train wreck in New York State with forty-four killed and many injured. In the map for the Quarter the Moon was in the third house, railway journeys, seriously afflicted.

International Astrology

Eclipse of the Moon

Full Moon, 4 *Aug.*, 1925, 11.59 *a.m.*

	x	xi	xii	i	ii	iii
(1)	♌9.50	♍14	♎10	♎29.43	♍27	♑2
(2)	♍13	♐9	♑4	♑30	♓6	♈12
(3)	♍21	♐16	♑11	♒9	♓16	♈21
(4)	♒5	♓8	♎7	♎29	♍28	♐30
(5)	♉5	♊7	♋8	♌7	♍3	♎3
(6)	♉28	♋2	♌4	♍2	♍26	♎24

(1) London (2) Calcutta (3) Mandalay (4) Wellington, N.Z. (5) Mexico (6) Washington

☉	☽	☿	♀	♂	♃	♄	♅	♆
♌11.34	♒11.34	♍7.22	♍8.50	♌24.42	♑14.37℞	♍8.5	♓25.1℞	♌21.55

THIS is a partial eclipse of the Moon, about three-quarters of its disc being obscured. It falls in the sign Aquarius 11° 34′ in square to Saturn in Scorpio 8° 5′; and in the world at large this will trouble Parliaments, Legislative Assemblies, and Councils, causing discord, the death of members, failure of measures or policies, misunderstandings between friends and allies, loss of popularity, and by or general elections.

In this country and the west of Europe the eclipsed Moon will be in the fourth house, being close to the cusp at Yarmouth in Norfolk, at Barcelona in Spain, in France and in Algeria. This is unfortunate for the land and crops, for houses, mines, and buildings. An earthquake shock may be felt. The struggle between governments and their opponents in this region will be very keen, and the people will suffer.

The Moon will be in the third house over the rest of Europe, including Leningrad and Constantinople, and will be close to the third cusp at Jerusalem, threatening railway accidents and strikes or trouble connected with telegraphs or transport. It will be in the second house in Persia and Afghanistan, causing money troubles. It will be in the ascendant across India and will be closely rising at Mandalay in Burma, embarrassing the government and intensifying party feeling; in the

twelfth house in Shanghai, increasing crime and political conspiracies, and threatening the general health of the nation; and in the eleventh house at Tokio and Melbourne, disturbing parliaments.

The eclipsed Moon will culminate off the north-east coast of New Zealand, and will be not far from the cusp of the tenth at Wellington which will be unfortunate for the government and people of power or position, and threatens an earthquake shock. It will be in the eighth house at San Francisco threatening deaths among politicians and the people, trouble through money and trade, and is not good for national health. It will set in about the centre of the United States; but it will be in the sixth house at Washington, a position unfavourable for the health and well being of the people, tending to strikes and discontent.

The eclipsed Moon falls unfavourably in several well-known royal and political horoscopes.

New Moon

19 *Aug.*, 1925, 1.15 *p.m.*

	x	xi	xii	i	ii	iii
(1)	♍ 14.55	♎ 15	♏ 7	♏ 23.25	♐ 25	♒ 5
(2)	♍ 29	♎ 27	♏ 17	♐ 2	♑ 6	♒ 21
(3)	♎ 16	♏ 13	♐ 4	♐ 24	♒ 0	♓ 11
(4)	♎ 18	♏ 9	♏ 24	♐ 6	♑ 14	♓ 10
(5)	♐ 16	♑ 10	♒ 7	♓ 10	♈ 18	♉ 20
(6)	♊ 29	♌ 2	♍ 3	♍ 29	♎ 26	♏ 26

(1) London (2) Berlin (3) Constantinople (4) Leningrad (5) Calcutta (6) Washington

☉ ☽	☿	♀	♂	♃	♄	♅	♆
♌ 26.1	♍ 6.32	♍ 27.2	♍ 4.15	♑ 13.22℞	♏ 8.49	♓ 24.34℞	♌ 22.28

Venus is in the mid-heaven in Virgo at London and over western and central Europe. The planet is not strong by sign or aspect but should give some amount of success and prosperity to these countries, their rulers and public persons; it tends towards peace and quiet, holiday making, public ceremonials, good fortune and popularity to rulers, interchange of visits between countries, increase in the marriage rate, some marriages in high society, and honours to women. This will be more evident in central Europe because Venus is closer to the cusp of the tenth house at Berlin and Rome than in Great Britain and West Europe.

Uranus is in opposition to Venus, causing scandals in public life, financial, political, divorce, etc. Uranus in the fourth house is unfortunate for the crops, the land, houses, and mines; rain and a lower temperature are likely for the time being under this aspect. Venus is nearest the cusp of the tenth house in Germany and Italy, and Uranus is nearest the cusp of the fourth in West Germany, Switzerland, and North Italy, so that the evil effects of the opposition may be expected to be felt more in that region than elsewhere. International financial trouble will be experienced.

The mid-heaven at Lisbon is ♑ 5°, at Dublin ♑ 8°, and at Madrid ♑ 11°, so that in these parts Mercury and Mars will be on the cusp in conjunction, and there will be excitement in public affairs, attacks upon public men, libels, sensational speech making; possibly some secret treaty or understanding may be arranged and afterwards come to light.

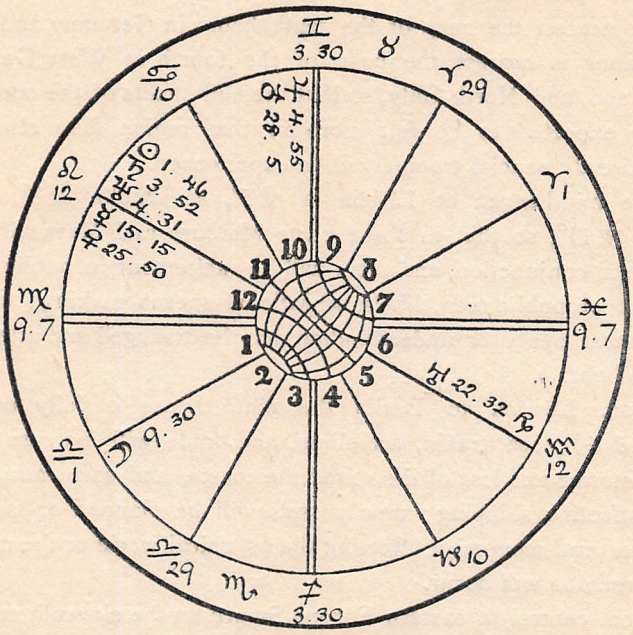
From London to Berlin the ninth house is fully occupied (♆ ☉ ☽ ♂ ☿); sea traffic, travelling, and trade will increase; there will be storms and loss of life round the coasts, and some accident or strike affecting shipping; new vessels will be planned or launched. Some forward movement affecting the psychical world or the mystical side of religion will occur.

From central to eastern Europe Saturn on the eleventh cusp will cause contention in legislatures and trouble over labour questions especially in relation to money; but some financial treaty or understanding may be reached. In East Europe there will be a high death rate, the death of one or more great people, and disputes about religious matters, probably in their political bearing.

In India the rising of Uranus shows continued disputes between sects and parties in the Empire. The rising of Venus at Washington is fortunate for the country but there will be political difficulties ahead, probably financial, which should be capable of arrangement diplomatically.

THERE was a coal mine explosion at Sandford, Carolina, on May 26; fifty men were killed. At the New Moon of May 22 Saturn was in Scorpio on the cusp of the fourth house (♌ ☿ ☐ ♅) which rules mines.

The Horoscope of a Child Film Actor



	Decls.	☽	☿	♀	♂	♃	♄	♅	♆
☉	19N46	✶				✶P	♂P		♂P
☽	8S34		✶	∠		△	✶	□	✶
☿	17N52				∠			☍	
♀	14N23				✶			☍P	
♂	23N49							△	
♃	20N19						✶P		✶
♄	19N43								♂P
♅	14S42								
♆	18N58								

THE above horoscope is that of Philippe de Lacy, a child film actor, who, although only eight years old, has already passed through many remarkable experiences. He was born during an air raid in North-East France on 25th July, 1917, between 8 and 9 a.m. Summer Time, the above map being set for 7.30 a.m. G.M.T. Both Venus and the Moon, the natural significators of the mother, are afflicted by Uranus in Aquarius, which denotes the air raid, and the elevated Mars in Gemini is also significant of the conditions of war prevailing at the

time of birth. Furthermore the conjunction of the Sun, Saturn and Neptune indicates peculiar conditions of parentage, and it appears that the child's father had already been killed in action before birth took place.

For days Philippe and his mother lived in a damp cellar on coarse war bread soaked in tepid water, until finally he was discovered by Edythe de Lacy, who was acting as a Red Cross nurse, and was removed to a hospital, where he remained under her care for several months suffering from emaciation, rickets, and a heart murmur. The treatment and the devotion of his foster-mother, however, worked wonders, for Philippe quickly recovered and has been in the best of health ever since.

These conditions are clearly indicated by the Saturnian and Uranian afflictions, and there is little doubt that death would have supervened had it not been for the brilliant Jupiter (the significator of Edythe de Lacy) which brought the best medical treatment and saved the life through its sextile to the Sun and trine to the Moon.

In September, 1919, Edythe de Lacy and her adopted son arrived in the United States and made their home in Los Angeles, which, together with its suburb Hollywood, is said by American astrologers to be ruled by Leo. Here Philippe was noticed by Geraldine Farrar during the filming of "The Riddle: Woman," and was immediately given a part. Since then he has played in some seventy pictures, including "Rosita" with Mary Pickford, and more recently "Peter Pan," in which he takes the part of Michael. His success, and the nature of his career, are indicated in many ways. The satellitium in Leo, and the Sun in conjunction with the ruler of the fifth house, attract strongly towards the theatrical profession, while Jupiter and Mars in Gemini, a sign very frequently connected with film acting, define the particular nature of the work.

In appearance Philippe de Lacy is said to be very beautiful, and he has been used as a model by several artists and sculptors, which is no doubt due to the fact that all the planets are in artistic and ethereal signs.

From a horoscope such as this it is easy to predict great success in the future, always provided that too heavy a strain is not put upon the health and vitality.

V. E. R.

Opportunity

By BESSIE LEO

OPPORTUNITY is life's great test for everyone, and indeed it is the very keynote of karma itself. For we are born into the world just at the time when the stars give us the opportunity to pay off some of our karmic debts to our parents, brothers and sisters, friends and relations, the debtors or creditors of our past lives.

Indeed, the very race, nation, climate, environment into which we are born constitutes our new opportunity in life; the opportunity to accomplish that which we had previously desired, and which death had prevented. How the soul will avail itself of this new opportunity is another matter. As astrologers we realise as a self-evident fact that much of our surroundings, our body, brain and conditions, are really so much fate; still as thoughtful students of the stars we must ever affirm that within this circle of necessity, lies the power of choice at every step of the way, deciding, selecting, rejecting, out of two or more ways, the path we will take. We see there is freedom to choose within certain limitations, to gain the power which will loosen the fetters we have bound about us, or, if we will have it so, bind them tighter.

Life is a succession of choices, in which we choose to follow either the law of the Divine or the law of the brute, to subjugate the lower self or to indulge it. One is perfectly free to live for the gratification of the body, of the mind, or the soul; but we shall necessarily have to reap as we sow. And we should remember that whatever binds us to matter is a limitation in consciousness, seeing that we are all Gods in embryo, Spirits clad in garments of flesh. Of course our true freedom lies in thought, for thought is the creator and shaper of our destiny, past, present and future, and it generally happens that while we are all more or less bound in the world of action, we are free in the world of thought.

Suppose, during a person's life, some opportunity presents itself

of coming into touch with Theosophy, Astrology, or Christian Science. If this thought or study is pursued to its legitimate conclusion, sooner or later the individual will realise amidst all his old surroundings a new outlook on life which changes all things for him. Everything physical is exactly the same as it was before, nothing has changed except his own mind, which sees things from a new standpoint which necessarily changes its attitude towards the world generally. In other words, he has shifted the centre of his consciousness, and hence his outlook on life is different. As time goes on he presently aspires, or longs, to live a different life, a nobler life; he wishes for a closer touch with the Divine, for greater capacity for Service, for more knowledge, for a wider love nature, for more sympathy; something from within has changed, the mind has vitalised some of the hidden springs of consciousness, heretofore latent; something has occurred on higher planes, possibly the individual touch of the Ego has been felt. And with this expansion of consciousness, suffering of one kind or another very often ensues; since endurance, tolerance and patience are the real answers to an inflow of consciousness from the higher planes. Meanwhile the lower nature struggles and strives to break away, becoming restive as a horse does when the curb is applied.

Opportunity presents itself in various phases, either on the physical, emotional or mental plane, and it is on our power to seize these opportunities that growth depends.

Let us stop and consider what is our dominant and sustained attitude towards life, and the events of life—whether they be good, bad or indifferent. We see many people extremely self-satisfied, so perfectly content with themselves as they are that they wish to make no change; not understanding that Divine discontent which has looked upon the face of the Ideal, and sees how far behind it the vehicles of consciousness lag. For that intense longing, for something not yet attained, is in itself the power that shall make all things new. It illumines all after-events, and brings the man new and more difficult experiences just as soon as he can realise and balance the old.

The moment a man begins to understand the real process of life and the scheme of the universe, in other words becomes a knower of the Truth, no matter what else is done or left undone already his evolution has quickened because of this change of mind and attitude towards

life; because he has turned from externals to internals, from the concrete to the subjective. All his old values have been changed and will become more so as time goes on, for slowly but imperceptibly the inner states of consciousness now begin to dominate and take the lead, and by and by he begins to realise slowly but surely that the worldly wisdom which counts for so much in the world is but foolishness with God. Thenceforward though his external circumstances remain the same he begins to be amongst those who are living in the world yet are not of the world; for sooner or later this condition of mind must become the attitude of anyone who truly realises the doctrines of reincarnation and karma, the evolution of life, and the workings of the Good Law. Then the very forces within the man which rushing outward made him as a boy determined to be top of his class and outstrip all others, as a young man to rise to the head of his business or profession, that gave him his ambition and determination to succeed in the world as the world counts success; this very force, now upturned, changed and transmuted, makes him realise the value of self-sacrifice and unselfishness; making him seek to give others a chance, not to let everything centre round himself; for unity is beginning to take the place of separateness and his desire nature now begins to wish to experience some of the inner reality of life and he is beginning to get a first-hand knowledge of himself. He learns to discriminate between the real and unreal and realises there is a big gulf fixed between worldly and unworldly wisdom.

The Great Teacher declared: "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" The man has tapped the inner strata of consciousness, has entered into a new Law, the Law of the Spiritual Life, and sees things differently.

It may be that when he first heard of Astrology and Theosophy it seemed to him nothing more than a wonderful intellectual presentment of a new truth, and only no later, when the way had been prepared, was the true individuality or Ego able to share with the personality that higher consciousness which gives the man a desire to re-create or regenerate himself. The higher self has been sought, and not in vain; for now he realises, deep within him, that all the wondrous details of teaching about rounds and races, the system to which we belong, Star Angels, consciousness and matter, etc., etc., is but ephemeral knowledge.

that we may become exceedingly learned in comparative religion, philosophy and science, be able to place a finger unerringly upon any given element as it reappears, metamorphosed on the dial of time, recognise all present forms as but the modification of forms that are now past and gone,—yet what shall all this knowledge of the processes of the Divine Becoming avail us unless we ourselves become Divine?

This twentieth century of ours introduces a new Era, for in this wonderful age in which we all live, and think so little about, amidst the turbulence of war, chaos of failure and the terrible unrest, a new departure is at hand. On all sides children of the sixth sub-race are being born, and we stand side by side with many who in their past lives have earned the right to rapid progress in this one, and who may hope to sit at the feet of the Master when he comes to strike the new note for the New Race. This is the most wonderful of all opportunities that can be given to any, to have the inestimable privilege of listening to the teachings of the Christ, to feel the power of His wonderful aura, and the might of His marvellous love.

Two thousand years ago the same opportunity was accorded to those in incarnation at that time, and alas! as history affirms, the majority of those who had so great a privilege given them, lost it; some through hardness of heart, some through disbelief, and some for various other reasons. It is ever the way of this world to mete out to any Great Soul touched with the grace and glory of the Heavenly Spheres, scorn and derision.

The world gave to Socrates the cup of hemlock, to Giordano Bruno the stake, and to the Highest Messenger of all, the Divine Son of God, the cross.

In accordance with the great motion of the cyclic sphere the time is approaching when once again this great opportunity will be given to us. A World Teacher is at hand, and this sad unhappy world shall feel once more the glory of His Presence. Once more a Mighty Son of God shall walk and talk with men.

We as astrologers, descendants of those Magi who proclaimed His Coming two thousand years ago, shall I trust neither doubt nor deny, but herald once again the message. Surely He is coming, His star sweeps onward through the Eastern sky.

The torch of wisdom which the astrological priests carried through

the Dark Ages, in a symbolism that is matchless and unequalled, has never been wholly extinguished, and if the Magi of the past were the first to declare the coming of Christ two thousand years ago, surely we shall not lag behind in proclaiming the Great Teacher's advent to-day.

A great opportunity is at hand. Let us then get ready for its approach by trying to keep an open mind and a pure heart, which must necessarily lead us to an unveiled spiritual perception. So may we be among those who know the Master when He comes, and not let slip this great opportunity, which only can come once in two thousand years.

THE General Election in Belgium took place on April 5 (☉ near ♂ ♄). At first it was found impossible to form a Cabinet although three different statesmen made the attempt; and when one was formed it was quickly defeated on a vote of no confidence. Belgium is ruled by Gemini, which sign contained Mars in the mid-heaven at the New Moon of March 24 preceding the election, and Saturn was close to the cusp of the fourth house opposing the mid-heaven. Mars was still in Gemini at the lunation of April 23 near the fourth cusp (∠☉☽♀, □ ♅♂).

MARS was setting in Taurus at Washington in the map for the Spring Quarter. On May 17, when the Sun was close to the place of Mars at the Quarter, the news was published that Pres Coolidge had sent a demand to nine European nations that they should pay or fund their war debts to the U.S.A. Favourable answers were returned by most. Our forecast was that "energy and activity will be thrown into foreign relations and some degree of success may be achieved."

THE return of the periodic comet *Tempel* (2) has been observed:

June 10.	R.A. 275°45′	Dec. 0°N12′	Long. 6°♑16′	Lat. 23°N39′
July 4.	,, 278°0′	,, 6°S28′	,, 8°♑18′	,, 16°N44′

Magnitude when observed was 12, growing brighter. Perihelion August 7. It is going south and is not well placed for observation in the northern hemisphere.

AT the May New Moon Saturn was in the Ascendant in opposition to Mercury in this country and over a large part of Europe. Negotiations went on for a long time between Britain and France, and a Note was presented to Germany on Disarmament. Other negotiations went on concerning the evacuation of the Ruhr and the admission of Germany into the League of Nations. No conclusion was reached and matters dragged on into the next Quarter.

Medical Astrology

By MAURICE WEMYSS

III.—POISONS

THE definitions of poisons are many, some so wide as to include every known cause of death, some so narrow as to exclude substances commonly known as poisonous. The present article deals with death or illness caused by substances which tend to destroy life by their chemical action when introduced into the system even in small quantities through the alimentary channels. Death or illness resulting from poisonous gases or from the injection of poison into the blood. *e.g.*, by a snake bite, is reserved for consideration at some other time, Even with this limitation the nature of poisons is very various and space is too limited to consider the different astrological blends contained in the well-known poisons. Their common factors, however, can be shortly noticed.

Poisons destroy the rhythm (♈☍15) of the body, usually by interfering with its processes of oxidation (♊ ♐ 16). The nature of the substances thus interfering is usually a combination of ♀ or ♅ with ♐♍5 to 10 or 24 to 29. The normal case of poisoning may therefore be expressed astrologically ♈☍15 ♂ ♆ + ♊ ♐ 16 ☿ Jason + ♀ ♅ + ♐♍. The following are illustrative examples:

Thomas Chatterton (*N.N.* 664), born 20th November, 1752, poisoned himself with arsenic on 25th August, 1770. ♈☍ 15 were afflicted by ☉♏ 29 ♅ (ruler of 6th, ♏) ♒ 29½ and ♃♋15. ♄ (ruler of the 8th) was in ♐ 24 ☌ ♀ ♐ 23 ∠ ♂ ♏ 8 □ ♐♍ 24. In the progressed horoscope the ☽ was opposition ♃r. ♃p. was in ♋13.36 and ♀p. ♑15.37. The ☉ was progressed ♐ 17 □ ♆ ♌2½.

Edith Allonby (*N.N.* 298), spec. hor., committed suicide by taking carbolic acid. ♈☍ 15 were afflicted by ♂ ♒ 27 and ☿ ♏ 25 (and possibly ☽ ♑ 14). ♊ ♐ 16 were afflicted by ♆ in ♉ 1. ♐♍ 26 were afflicted by ♀ in ♐ 26, and ♐♍ 9 by the ☉ in ♐ 9.

King Ladislaus V. of Hungary (*N.N.* 450), born 22nd February,

1440, died suddenly on 28th November, 1457, and was believed to have been poisoned. ☿ was in ♒ 29½ □ Asc. ♏ 29 ♅ ♉ 27 afflicting ♈ ♎ 15. ♊ ♐ 16 were afflicted by ♄ in ♉ 1. ♓ ♍ 26 were afflicted by ♀ ♒ 11 ♂ ♊ 26.

Sophia Hickman (*N.N.* 774) disappeared in London 15th August, 1903. The body was found six weeks later, death being stated as due to poisoning. ♀ was in ♌ 1 on ♋ 12 (Con.) □ ♆ ♉ 0 on ♈ 11 (Con.) ∠ ♊ 16. ♍ 24 was occupied by ♃ afflicted by ♅ ♌ 8½. ♓ ♍ 10 were afflicted by ☿ ♋ 25.

N. S., born Edinburgh, 22nd August, 1900, 0.50 a.m., about 4 years old opened a bottle of salts of sorrel and tasted it but fortunately came running to her father saying "Nasty! Nasty!" He asked her to point out the nasty thing, and a doctor was promptly called just in time to save her life. ♀ was in ♋ 16 on the Ascendant ∠☉ ♌ 28 afflicting ♈ ♎ 15. ♆ was in ♊ 29 ☌ ♄ ♐ 29 ∠ ☿ ♌ 10, afflicting ♓ ♍ 25-29.

A male born 20th July, 1876, 4 p.m., 53°25N (given *M.A.*, June 1916) died from poison taken by mistake at 10 a.m., 13th May, 1913. ☿ was in ♋ 12 and ♀ ♋ 18 in the 8th afflicting ♈ ♎ 15. ♂ was in ♌ 5.38 in the 8th □ ♆ ♉ 5.15. The Asc. was progressed ♐ 21 (a degree of "chance") □ ♂ ♆. ☿ was progressed ♍ 21.50 and ♂ was progressed ♌ 29. ♄ was in ♓ 7 afflicted by the progressed ♀.

A male born 11.41 p.m. L.M.T., 3rd January, 1861, 52°38N (*M.A.*, July, 1919), committed suicide by poison 26th March, 1902. The ☽ was in ♎ 12.24 in Asc. □ ☉ ♑ 13.41 ∠ ♃ ♌ 26.14. The progressed ☽ was in ♈ 13. ♅ was in ♊ 9 □ ♄ ♍ 9. ♆ was in ♓ 26.48 ☌ ♂ ♓ 29.25 □ ☿ ♐ 27.45.

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Under the heading Poisons the taking of drugs or alcohol to excess may be appropriately noticed.

Coleridge (*N.N.* 101) born 21st October, 1772, was for fifteen years a victim of the opium habit. ♆ was in ♍ 16 □ Asc. ♐ 16. ♂ was in ♋ 28 □ ☉ ♎ 29 on ♎ 11 of the Constellations. The close square of ♃ ♒ 23 to ♅ ♉ 23 is noticeable.

N.N. 286 is the horoscope of an opium eater. ♄ was in ♎ 12 afflicting the Ascendant ♋ 13. The ☽ was in ♉ 26 ☉ ♋ 9, ♅ ♈ 8.

N.N. 288 is also the horoscope of an opium habitue. ♆ was in

♈11 □ ♂ ♋ 11 ∠☉ ♒ 26 ☿ ♒ 27½. The ☽ was in ♋7, ♀ ♍ 9 ♄ ♏ 24 afflicting ♒♌ 23.

De Quincey was born 15th August, 1785. ♃ was in ♈14½ ☌ ♆ ♎ 12. The ☉ was in ♌ 23 □ ♂ ♉ 22½ ∠ ♀ ♋7½.

Crabbe (*N.N.* 692), born 24th December, 1754, was also addicted to opium, in his later years. ♀ was in ♒ 2 in 6th on ♍ 14 (Con.) ☌ ♆ ♌ 4½ ∠ ♂ ♐ 16 □ ♃ ♑ 18½. ☿ was in ♐ 11 on ♏ 23 (Con.) □ ♒♌ 23 (Con.).

It will be seen that the blend of ♒♌ 23 or their rulers with ♈♎ 13 to 15 or their rulers is present in affliction in the horoscopes of those addicted to opium.

N.N. 287 is the horoscope of a dipsomaniac. ♂ was in ♊ 25½ □ ♃ ♏ 9. ♄ was in ♐ 17 □ ☿ ♌ 2 (on ♋13 Con.) □ ♅ ♓ 20.

N.N. 288 referred to above was addicted to alcohol as well as opium. The presence of ☿ afflicted in ♒ 27½ is noticeable in this connection.

N.N. 296 is also the horoscope of a drunkard. ♅ was in ♍ 12 □ ☉ ♎ 11. The Ascendant was ♒. Also *N.N.* 834 who has Ascendant ♍ 12 afflicted by ♅ ♈ 13 ♆ ♒ 26 ♄ ♒ 25.

In the year when Blake (*N.N.* 195) had a squabble with a drunken soldier, the Ascendant was progressed □ ☿ r. ♏ 27, the ☉ being in ♋12 ♂ ♌ 29 ♃ ♐ 1.

Jack London, born at S. Francisco, 12th January, 1876,[1] at 2 p.m. was at 7 years old nearly killed by imbibing alcohol. ♃ was progressed ♏ 27.8 and ♀ p. ♒ 27.5. ♆ r. was in ♉ 0.17 □ ☿ ♒ 3 and the progressed Ascendant was afflicted by this combination.

Patrick Nasmyth, the landscape painter, born 7th January, 1786, was latterly given to drinking to excess. ♂ was in ♉ 28½ ∠ ♃ p. ♈ □ ♆ ♎.

♒♌ 27-28, or their rulers, are prominent in affliction in cases of drunkenness. In benefic aspect these degrees indicate hospitality and understanding of human nature.

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Turning to history, in 331 B.C., 170 Roman ladies were found guilty of conspiring to poison their husbands and were executed by

[1] See life by his wife, published by Mills & Boon.

order of Fabius Maximus. ♈15 was then on ♈27 of the Constellations in affliction with ♊12. (The Græco-Italo-Keltic branch of the Aryan peoples appears to be indicated by ♊ ♐, the darker haired races by ♊, and the lighter haired by ♐. The ancient Romans were a blend of ♊12 and ♑3. ♊12 was on the 4th cusp of the World Horoscope at the traditional date of the Founding of Rome.)

In the seventeenth century Tofania confessed that by supplying poison to numerous persons in Italy she had been the means of poisoning 600 people. ♈15 was then on the Ascendant of the World Horoscope.

The frequency of cases of arsenical poisoning in England in the early nineteenth century led to the introduction of an Act to regulate its sale on 6th June, 1851. ♅ was then in ♉3 on ♈15 of the Constellations ♁ ♄ ♂.

It is perhaps not out of place to refer to the accidental poisoning of eight persons by "Botulism" at Loch Maree on 14th August, 1922. ☿ was in ♌28.21 ∠♃ ♎15.17 ☉♋15. ♂ was in ♐16.

Vaquier, born 14th July, 1879 (*M.A.*, September, 1924), who poisoned Mr Jones of Byfleet in 1924 had ♄ ♈15.36 ☐♅♍ 1.58 and ☿ p. ♌ 28. ♋♑ 8 were afflicted by ♀☽ and Pluto.

Horsford, the St. Neot's prisoner (*N.N.* 764), had ♄ in ♑ 8 ☐♂☐ Asc. ∠☿. ♈♎15 were afflicted by the ☽ in ♋13. (♋♑ 8 combined with an affliction of ♀ or ♅ in certain positions, ♉♏ 6 being involved, are degrees of the "devil" and indicate the murderer.)

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Further evidence could be given in support of the views of degree influences mentioned above, but it is better that students should test all theories by their own personal investigations.

WHAT was described as a revolution took place in Greece on June 25, but it does not appear to have amounted to much more than would a general election in Great Britain, except that it was forced upon the country by officers of the army and navy who found themselves strong enough to act. The June lunation showed the Sun, Moon and Mercury in the eleventh house (Parliament) in square to Uranus. Mars ruling the tenth house (Government) was in the twelfth. We pointed out that "Parliaments and Governments will meet with much opposition and be in danger of losing ground or meeting with discredit" (p. 166).

Frustration

By A NURSE

PROFESSOR GILBERT MURRAY, with his deep poetic vision, has pointed out how certain phrases and incidents in great literature have gripped the human imagination for all time. The beauty of Helen is one. Yet there never has been a description of her. Only that wonderful bit which Professor Murray quotes from the "Odyssey." "As the old men were talking, Helen, veiled and weeping, passed slowly by upon the ramparts. . . . They who were in misery, and had lost everything, gazed at her. 'Strangely like is she in form to the Immortal Gods,' said one softly." And that was all. "She was veiled, she was weeping, and she was like the Gods. And the old men who longed for peace could find no anger at the war."

Such is the power of a few words to stir the imagination. Another instance is the driving of Jehu, "for he driveth furiously." We see him driving even to-day. And to these I would, personally, add one more from Hebrew sources. I think the picture of Moses forbidden to enter the Promised Land, and looking upon it from afar, is one of the unforgettable "moments" of literature. And it is the one which is most frequently enacted in human destiny. Have we not often seen or read of it? The Door opens, perhaps after years of striving, and we stand on the threshold with outstretched hands. Then the vision fades; and we are left with negation and the memory of our dream. To cite one among many of the instances which come to one's mind, Bizet, the composer, died "of a broken heart" just before his opera became the success of the European world.

In humble life I have just known a remarkable instance of this frustration. One of the most beautiful characters I have ever met—she was called Mary—had served faithfully and unremittently all her life. At sixty she was still serving, but through someone's interest, one of the little Almshouse homes had been procured for her. I saw her some months before her death and found her patiently plodding along,

but with this wonderful "land of promise" irradiating all her days. She used to talk to me a good deal, and often said remarkable things. We were talking of music, and she said, "There has always seemed to me, Ma'am, something pagan about the great Funeral March of Handel. Perhaps because I do not understand enough. But the Chopin March is full of the Resurrection!" Her mind had of course been formed by the teachings of the Anglican Church, but in whatever school she had learnt, I think the type—one of pure saintliness—would have been the same. She lived with an utterly cantankerous and selfish woman, but never did I hear a word of resentment. Only, one day she asked me to pray for her "that she might have control." And when I said, "Dear Mary, you have already wonderful control," she shook her head.

At last the door was flung open. Her little home was secured. She was to move into it in a few weeks. She went one day to look round,—suddenly staggered, and was brought away. The next day she went to a hospital, which she never left.

What she said when they told her the truth I do not know, still less what was passing in her mind; but they said (of course just what one would expect) that "she took it without a murmur, but it probably robbed her of the wish to live."

There are two ways of being brought to this last and severest crisis of human fate. There is no doubt that through the gate of frustrated desire most of those pass who end their lives deliberately. There is no bitterness, especially to the very intense or the very sensitive, like that of keen disappointment. The wreck of Life's strongest hope is the hardest thing to bear. And yet there is, as I said, another way of meeting it—Mary's way. It is the Way of Vision. Individual vision is, of course, coloured by the personal equation. To a mind of Mary's type the emotionalism of the personal relation in her creed would be uppermost. "It is God's Will that I should not have my heart's desire. He knows best. . . . The servant of the Lord shall not strive."

Or to another it will be expressed in terms of Law and destiny. "This is not for me, for I have not earned it. Through innumerable experiences I have been brought to this point, and I must accept it with its root in the Past."

But there is a point at which I think the two angles of vision coincide; and I have had an example of it lately in another case where Frustration has closed the door with an utterly irrevocable finality upon Life's hope and joy.

With that inexorableness which dogs some horoscopes, particularly when "all the planets are setting," this "native" has been denuded, first of one thing, then of another. Home, health, money, position, all gradually dropped away. Only Love remained. And while that stayed, hope and courage stayed also. Finally Love also had to be renounced through a curious but inexorable chain of circumstances. She is dying now, and knows it; and she has attained "vision"—that is, the entire suppression of desire. I don't mean world-weariness through persistent disappointment. That is another thing. This attitude is one of deep and illuminated understanding. She knows now that the long renunciation was necessary to her spiritual progress, and with that knowledge it has lost its sting. And the Peace that—literally—"passes Understanding," has flooded her soul. It is there—in that wonderful, incommunicable *peace*—that her attitude and "Mary's" arrive at the same thing.

The "vision" that is born of this experience lifts one above and beyond the things of sense; it sees that nothing that counts for most in the earth life really matters; it is able at last to see things in their real proportion, "*sub specie Aeternitatis*"—in the light of the eternal, as a great philosopher used to say. And yet in this state, nothing that the soul has gained in its pilgrimage is cast away. The joys of the past are not forgotten, nor does their renunciation cause the sadness of regret. There is a deeper gratitude for them and a deeper valuation of the joys and blessings of life, and that is all.

The attainment of this peace at the end of life seems to me a very beautiful thing, and by whatever road the soul arrives at it, the result is the same. It is rarely perhaps experienced before the end, as it might produce inertia and militate against the effort that is nece ssary to progress. It seems to me like the last gift of life—last, and in truth, the greatest.

Note.—It would be interesting to know the horoscopes of these two examples of frustration of all hopes and desires. Surely one would expect to find serious eleventh house afflictions—either malefics in the house, or the ruler badly afflicted. As the eleventh house signifies the native's hopes and desires as well as friends it is possible the horoscopes would show whether such afflictions are present.—B. L.

The Earthquake at Santa Barbara

THERE was an earthquake on June 29th that was felt more or less over a large part of California but was centred at Santa Barbara, wrecking the town and doing an immense amount of damage. There were many shocks; they began on the day mentioned but slighter ones were felt on the two following days.

It is well known that earthquakes follow eclipses; that they are felt where eclipses are in one of the four angles of a map for the district, oftenest when afflicting the meridian, more especially the cusp of the fourth house. In the zodiac they are mainly, but not exclusively, associated with the fixed signs, especially Taurus and Scorpio.

Going back several months, because eclipses do not produce all their effects immediately, there was a partial eclipse of the Sun at ♌8.16 on 31/7/'24 when the cusp of the tenth house at Santa Barbara was ♌2.32. At noon on the day of the disaster Mars was transiting at ♌1.59, very close to the cusp. Here the upper meridian is afflicted.

There was a total lunar eclipse at ♒21.43 on 14/8/'24. It fell on the cusp of the fourth house at Santa Barbara, ♒25.37; so that here the lower meridian was afflicted. Scorpio was rising and the Moon was applying to conjunction with Mars in the fourth house.

There was a partial eclipse of the Sun on 30/8/'24 at ♍6.40, The cusp of the fourth house was ♍16.36, so that as the Sun was ten degrees into the third house not too much significance need be attached to it, and yet it is close enough to be interesting. Mercury, ruler of the fourth, was in that house at ♍26.50℞ retrograding in opposition to Uranus in the mid-heaven. It is a curious fact that the middle point between the longitude of the Sun and that of Mercury was ♍16.45 which is almost exactly the fourth cusp; these middle points certainly have significance in horoscopes. On 27/11/'24 there was a conjunction of Uranus and Mars at ♐17.36, only one degree from the cusp of the tenth house of this eclipse map and therefore in

opposition to its fourth cusp; and at the moment of conjunction the two planets were rising at Santa Barbara.

There was a total eclipse of the Sun at ♒4.8 on 24/1/'25 which was in the ascendant in the earthquake district; the two luminaries applying to the square of Saturn on the cusp of the tenth house. On the three days of the disaster Mars was passing from ♌2 to ♌3 and was therefore transiting close to the opposition of the place of this eclipse.

These eclipses show how several previous influences can accumulate before a great disaster.

The map for the Sun's entry into Cancer on 21/6/'25, only a week before the earthquake, was not remarkably significant, except for the two facts that Saturn, lord of the fourth house, was rising in Scorpio, and that the cusp of the fourth house was ♒9.50, very close to the opposition of the place of the first-mentioned solar eclipse of 31/7/'24 at ♌8.16.

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TRANS-NEPTUNIAN PLANETS

BY the rules of a certain peculiarly accurate at present unknown law which governs precisely the positions of the planets and satellites of our Solar System at least, two trans-Neptunian planets exist having the respective periods of 459 and 916 years, and being at a distance of over 59 and over 94 units respectively. The outermost of these two bodies may have retrograde orbital motion. Note how closely these figures resemble, firstly, that given by Flammarion—60 units—and, secondly, one given by Prof Forbes—100 units. These last two, however, were mainly deduced from the observations of cometary "families."—A. B. GEDDES, *English Mechanics*, 12/6/'25.

IN our remarks on the map for the Spring Quarter we called attention that the mid-heaven at Fez was Scorpio 13° 42′ and that this was the exact longitude of Saturn. The planet was in square to the Moon in the ascendant and to Neptune setting. Fighting with both the French and Spaniards followed and continued during the whole Quarter. Morocco is ruled by the sign Scorpio, which contained Saturn culminating.

A MINE explosion took place at Dortmund, W. Germany, May 16, with forty men killed. Mars was near the fourth cusp both at the Spring Quarter and at the New Moon preceding the explosion. We forecast "accidents in mines."

Zodiacal Keywords

By Q

ARIES

"I AM" the Champion of the King!
My blade of Steel shall Victory bring
My symbol is the butting Ram!
So follow me and shout "I am"!

TAURUS

"I HAVE" rich treasures in my trust
To use and guard from thieves and rust;
And more to me shall fortune yield,
For like a Bull I hold the field.

GEMINI

"I THINK" and nightly watch I keep
When other eyes are closed in sleep;
And often like my symbols Twin,
I think, and all are kith and kin.

CANCER

"I FEEL" within my breast the spate
Which shall my soul emancipate;
From Cancer's claws I'll soon be clear,
For Regal strength I feel is near.

LEO

"I WILL" to be what God doth plan;
My work is His since Life began;
Within the Cosmic Magic ring
Of Natural Law, I will be King.

VIRGO

"I ANALYSE" and sift and choose
Only those things quite fit to use;
Yet some may eager be to prize
And value much what I despise.

LIBRA

"I BALANCE" while the Ego waits,
And pit my count against the Fates;
But though it suits my inborn taste,
I weigh my talents till they waste.

AQUILA

"I DESIRE" the upward flight,
Whilst I my lower nature fight;
Robbed shall it be of every sting,
When I can soar on Eagle's wing.

SAGITTARIUS

"I SEE" the goal, the wicket Gate,
The narrow Way to Heavenly state;
Oh! may I have the strength to steer
The course for Home I see so clear.

CAPRICORN

"I USE" all gifts as steps to power,
Mounting like sure-foot Goat each hour;
Yet will I guard and guide the weak
Who in rough ways their pasture seek.

AQUARIUS

"I KNOW" where Truth is to be found,
And thither must my steps be bound;
No Serpent either white or black
Shall make me wander or turn back.

PISCES

"I BELIEVE" the Truth I know;
I use my sight though steps be slow;
Desiring balance true and good,
With discreet will and joyous mood;
I think I have my Home above,
For I am Light, and Life, and Love.

Remarks Applying to People Generally for 1925

By EVANGELINE ADAMS

THE epoch-making Uranus continues to be in the sign Pisces all through this year, which would indicate that people born between the 8th and 18th of March, June, September and December of past years will be more strongly under the influence of this planet than has been the case for twenty-one years, so they must not be surprised if their life is full of the unexpected, and should do everything to keep from being at too great a nervous tension. They would do well to study conditions carefully and to adapt themselves to what seems to come about naturally, rather than trying to force Fate.

People born between the 10th and 20th of July and November will also be very strongly under the influence of the planet Uranus, but in a more constructive way. They should feel a sense of increased power and awakened energy, as well as more certainty of success in whatever they undertake. Uranus has great influence over governmental bodies, corporations, inventions, discoveries, and all untried forms of enterprise. People born at these times can do very constructive work. It often brings preferment and any opportunities which are presented should not be neglected, as they are likely to prove much more important than may appear on the surface.

During this year the depressing, restricting Saturn will be in the sign Scorpio, ruling the organs of generation, bladder and rectum, and sympathetically, the heart and throat. Those who are susceptible to troubles involving these organs will find it necessary to give more attention to their health than for the past seven years. Those born from the fall of 1864 to 1867 and again from 1895 to 1897 will not only find it necessary to avoid getting depleted physically and nervously, but should also take more precaution than usual not to place themselves in accidental conditions. The more materialistic and self-centered side of the nature will be to the front and they may invite, unconsciously, quarrels, jealousy and treachery.

Men born from the fall of 1864 to 1867 must not be surprised if they suffer from troubles with the prostate gland, and women born at these times, from fibroid tumors.

People born during the first half of February, May, August and November of past years, will also come under the affliction of Saturn during some part of the year, the exact date when the affliction would be felt being determined by the day of birth of the individual. They will find it necessary to not only favour their own health but may be worried over the physical condition of some of the members of their families or business associates. They would do well to give their attention to finishing up old undertakings rather than the starting of new ones.

Jupiter will, during the whole year, be in the sign Capricorn, an earthy, constructive sign on the material plane, which would seem to promise well for the crops, and indicate very extensive building, all of which should have a beneficial effect on trade. It may also assist the President in successfully carrying out his policy for reducing expenses and running the Government more economically, as well as inspiring the individual with a spirit of thrift.

People born during the first three weeks in January, May and September will, during some part of the year, come more strongly under the influence of this beneficent planet than has been the case for about four years. Men born at these times will just naturally have more confidence, not only in themselves, but inspire more in others, and for this reason they should enjoy greater activity in business and can afford to push forward and make more effort to extend their influence and power. Women born at these times will have more magnetism, get on more sympathetically with old friends, and stand a good chance of attracting new ones. The year will be a favourable one for the initiation of new ventures and for taking advantage of opportunities which come about naturally.

Unfortunately, Jupiter, which has much to do with the financial world, will turn retrograde on the 11th of May and continue so until the 9th of September, which seems to invariably have a depressing or restricting influence. This is more than likely to have an effect even on the market so the "Bulls" may find it much more difficult to hold up prices, and by June, there is a strong indication that the

"Bears" will have their innings, and especially during the first half of the month.

Beginning with the 10th of May and extending through the 25th of June, Mars will be in the sign Cancer, ruling New York City, and it will be in opposition to Jupiter, particularly between the 7th and 15th of June. Those who are holding stocks at a profit would do well to liquidate previous to this time.

The individual's horoscope must of course be consulted in order to know just how these indications will work out in each particular case.

THE primary directions of the King and Queen are given in Zadkiel's *Almanac*. The first two of the Queen's for 1925 were Asc. □ ☽ zod. con. and ☿ □ ☽ zod., both measuring to March. It is there stated that these two "are unfavourable and threaten a journey accompanied by some worry, annoyance, or discomfort." King George was ill with bronchitis in February; and the King and Queen sailed on a health voyage to the Mediterranean on March 19, returning on April 25. The King's own directions for the early part of the year were ☽ P ☉ zod. and mund. also ♅ ☌ ☽. The Sun was in the third house at birth, travelling, and the Moon was hyleg.

WHILE this country was passing through the heat-wave and drought of June it seemed strange to read that New Zealand was experiencing one of the coldest and wettest winters for twenty years. If reference is made to maps for the Sun's entry into Aries it will be found that whereas Mars, the hot and dry planet, was in the fourth house at London, Saturn in Scorpio 13° 42′ was almost exactly on the cusp of that house ♏13° 30′ at Wellington, N.Z.

THERE were extensive floods in Poland at the end of June and beginning of July, 150,000 persons being reported homeless. At the June New Moon Saturn was in Scorpio in the fourth house in that district, and was in opposition to Taurus, the ruling sign of Poland. In the map for the Summer Quarter, the Sun, Mercury, the Moon and Venus were on the fourth cusp in the watery sign Cancer, the first two being in square to Uranus in the watery Pisces just above the ascendant.

ON June 29 there was a railway accident near Moscow with nine killed. The Sun and Mercury were in the third house at the Summer Quarter in square to Uranus. The Moon squared the Sun on the day of the accident.

Reviews

THE PRINCIPLES OF ASTROLOGY, *by* CHARLES E. O. CARTER, B.A. (*London: The Theosophical Publishing House, Ltd.*, 5*s. net.*)

FOR many years the beginner in Astrology has been neglected, and the task of recommending a really good introductory book has been a very embarrassing one for the teacher. Mr Carter is therefore to be congratulated on producing a sound and reliable work that will give the student a thorough grounding in the subject and at the same time whet his appetite for more. Actually the book contains a very great deal of information on Natal Astrology, and the author has obviously had to restrain himself at times, but it is not by any means condensed and is very readable throughout. Two minor points of criticism arise, one of which is the inclusion of a short chapter on Horary and Electional Horoscopes, a subject that seems a little out of place in a work otherwise entirely devoted to Natal Astrology. The other point is in the author's choice of Queen Elizabeth's horoscope as one of his example nativities. There are two versions of this horoscope given respectively by Gadbury, who is often unreliable, and Junctinus, the former with Sagittarius as Ascendant and the latter with Capricorn. Mr Carter chooses Gadbury's map, and although the discrepancy between the two authorities does not invalidate his deductions, it would perhaps have been better to have mentioned its existence.

V. E. R.

FAIRIES AT WORK AND AT PLAY, observed by GEOFFREY HODSON. (*Theosophical Publishing House, Ltd.*, 3*s.* 6*d.*)

IT is perhaps a sign that the veil between the physical and the superphysical is getting very thin that we have a book of clairvoyant observations such as the one before us. It is written so simply and in such a matter-of-fact style that one almost fails to realise the curious information it gives. Gnomes, elves, brownies, sylphs, devas,

seem as natural as ordinary human beings and their behaviour and games almost familiar. Yet this work is perhaps one of the few that mark the beginning of a new era. In it we find the etheric and the superphysical entities classified and described as if they were visible to the normal sight, and when these investigations have been continued (and we hope corroborated by other clairvoyants) we may find that the stories we loved as children were based on fact. One or two points may be noted here. As a whole the little people of all kinds are joyous and irresponsible. They act in accordance with the plan of the universe and therefore do not learn their lessons by suffering. We, humans, who are the rebels of the world, have self-consciousness and initiative before we have attained wisdom, and therefore the stern master, Experience, hastens our evolution by pain. Another fact should be noted; as the fairy folk of all grades have not dense physical bodies, their emotions are much more intense than ours, for the vibrations of feeling are not dulled by passing through the brain-consciousness. This gives us a hint as to our condition in the after-death state. Very interesting also is the information given about the devas of places and nations, we only wish more had been told. We congratulate Mr Hodson on his book, and hope he will continue his researches. He has the field almost to himself so far and should work it with advantage to himself and his readers.

K. B.

THE EVOLUTION OF MAN, INDIVIDUAL AND SOCIAL, *by* PERCY LUND. (*Theosophical Publishing House, Ltd.*, 6*d*.)

THIS is the Blavatsky lecture given to the Theosophical Convention this year. It deals with the unsatisfactory state of our so-called civilisation and strives to find a solution. It traces the rise of civilisation from the theocratic rule of the divine kings with its ordered system of Councils, through the modifications as the general level of intelligence was raised and the paternal method broke down under the confusion of castes. Man has decided to work out his own destiny, and is developing his faculties by making mistakes and suffering the consequences. When we are wiser we shall choose our rulers from those fitted to guide, and shall co-operate with them whole-heartedly. The writer deals with the difficulty of interpreting

the ancient Scriptures, thence they are frequently despised as ridiculous. We must learn true occult science, so as to restore the link between man and God, and also true co-operation to restore harmonious relations between man and man.

K. B.

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY—THE FIRST FIFTY YEARS. Edited by BASIL P. HOWELL. (*Theosophical Publishing House, 6d.*)

THE chief advantage of anniversaries is that it enables us to look back, and note changes. The T.S. has now nearly completed its first fifty years, and this small volume contains articles written by the founders, Mdme. H. P. Blavatsky and Col. H. S. Olcott, and the President, Dr Annie Besant, and Vice-President, Mr C. Jinarajadasa. The papers deal with the founding and the charter of the Society, with its three objects and its early history, with its wider outlook and inner purpose, the theosophical movement and the Masters of Wisdom. They make a valuable little book and show the remarkable progress the Society has made, and give hope for great future usefulness. No other Society has such a broad tolerant outlook or a wider platform, and we have good reason to believe that the guidance and help given in the past will be continued in the future as long as we uphold the standards of service, brotherhood and scientific investigation set us by our Founders.

K. B.

ON May 23 a severe earthquake shock wiped out three towns in Japan. The rulership of this country was attributed to Libra in the older books but doubt has been cast upon this in recent times and Aries has been suggested, but the question remains uncertain. In view of the large number of disastrous earthquakes that have afflicted the country it is not unreasonable to ask whether one of the four fixed signs may not rule the country now, whatever may have been the case in older times. At the time of the shock, Mercury in Taurus was in close opposition to Saturn in Scorpio: two earthquake signs. The festivities connected with the silver wedding of the Emperor of Japan on May 10 coincided with the aspect Venus in Taurus trine Jupiter. On February 3 there was a free fight in the Japanese lower House of Parliament, which coincided exactly with Sun in Aquarius square Saturn in Scorpio.

Correspondence

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To the Editor, MODERN ASTROLOGY

DEAR SIR,—I see the Prize Horoscope is wrong on rim of wheel; most likely Aquarius comes on the first house bringing Leo the Royal sign on the seventh; but no doubt this will be rectified next month.

Complying with Mr Davidson's request in "Correspondence column":

"I find it interesting in using the daily Sun Table to notice the influence of planets through signs ruled by the hourly planet: *e.g.*, in the hour of the Sun at present we also get the influence of Neptune, as through Leo; and in the hour of Jupiter, the power of Uranus through Pisces, etc.

"For instance, at the present moment there is no influence from Uranus by aspect, yet I feel strongly under influence of that planet, and on looking up the Sun Table find it to be the hour of Jupiter, and with no planet in Sagittarius of course it is stronger still."

Hoping this will be of interest, and again wishing to express my gratitude to all our writers, as I look forward so much to the Magazine each month.

Yours sincerely,
BESSIE COLLINGS.

To the Editor, MODERN ASTROLOGY

DEAR SIR,—Thank you for the April number of MODERN ASTROLOGY. I must apologise for a glaring error which I notice in the letter which I wrote you, and for which I am afraid I must take

the responsibility. I state that Mars is in Pisces in eleven cases out of twelve. This is so obvious an error that I am sure it will not have puzzled any of your readers. I should have drawn attention to the fact more carefully, that one feature such as that in a horoscope does not establish a singularity. A conjunction of two planets in a particular sign might be expected to occur in one horoscope out of five hundred allowing a fairly small orb for the aspect, and this might conceivably be brought forward to account for an eccentricity. The whole question of probability in relation to Astrology is one which I think has not yet been sufficiently studied. Any number of suitable statistics can be found—the number of people per thousand of the population who die of cancer should bear some relation to any astrological theory which is supposed to account for this disease, while the probability of accidental death might be analysed in the same way.

I am afraid that my last letter was written rather hurriedly, and I expected that the Editorial blue pencil would have been used a little more freely if you decided to publish it. When I received your acknowledgment I ought to have considered my remarks and asked you to delete the flippant bits. However a combination of Aries and Gemini makes me much more interested in the present and the future than in the past, and I thought no more about it.

I should probably never have written but for the fact that when I opened the January number of the Magazine I was so astonished that the translation of Dr Ursic's article on Question Horoscopes in the November issue had passed almost without comment, an article which seemed to me to be in such striking contrast to your booklet *Horary Astrology*, and to accepted astrological ethics, and I feared Mr Sampson would enjoy the same immunity from criticism.

With further reference to Mr Sampson's theory I think it is rather a pity that he has not differentiated between his use of Heliocentric places and his Solar Epoch, as these are two distinct departures from astrological practice and ought to bear separate investigation.

I will not make any further comment until he has completed the outline of his theory.

Yours sincerely,
E. HUGH BATEMAN.

SPECULUM. A table comprising the chief data from which primary directions are computed. It usually contains the latitude, declination, right ascension, meridian distance, semi-arc, and cuspal distance of each planet.

SPHERE. A globe, or the figure formed by the rotation of a circle upon its diameter. The "deferent" or orbit of a planet was anciently called its sphere.

SPHERE, OBLIQUE. A sphere in which all circles parallel to the equator are oblique to the horizon, as is the case in places lying between the poles and the equator, which are in an oblique sphere owing to the depression of the pole of the place from the pole of the earth.

SPHERE, RIGHT. A sphere in which all circles parallel to the equator are at right angles to the horizon, as is the case in the equatorial regions of the earth.

SQUARE. An unfavourable aspect of 90°.

STANDARD TIME. A uniform time in force in a given area. Each area or belt is 15° wide and all places within that belt use the same time, changes of one hour being made when another belt is entered.

STAR OF INDIVIDUALITY. The six-pointed star formed by the fiery and airy signs.

STAR OF PERSONALITY. The six-pointed star formed by the earthy and watery signs.

STARS. See FIXED STARS.

STATE ASTROLOGY. That branch of Mundane Astrology concerned with the influence of the heavenly bodies upon countries, cities, and political, social and religious matters.

STATIONS. Those parts of the orbit of a planet where it is stationary before becoming retrograde or direct. The *first station* is that in which a planet becomes retrograde, and the *second station*, that in which it becomes direct.

STELLIUM. See SATELLITIUM.

STERILE SIGNS. See BARREN SIGNS.

STRENGTH. The intensity of the action of a planet, due to its position in a horoscope. *Zodiacal strength* is conferred upon a planet that is in its own sign or its exaltation sign. *Mundane strength* is due to house position, *e.g.*, the Sun ruling Leo and exalted in Aries is consequently strong in the fifth and first houses which correspond to these

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