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EDITORIAL

The Outlook

WE believe we may say that our forecast of a better outlook has been substantially fulfilled, there being a general lessening of tension in Europe. Now that Saturn opposition Neptune, the last of the mutable-cross aspects that were so troublesome in 1936, has dissolved, things should go still better. As I have elsewhere indicated, I regard the accession to our throne of a monarch born under Libra, and with the two benefics angular, as a happy portent.

Leaving further comments on mundane astrology to Mrs. Rhodes, I turn now to other matters.

I still get requests from enthusiasts to make the Quarterly into a monthly and push for a much larger circulation. Certainly one feels rather small when one hears that Mr. Paul Clancy's magazine in the States has a paid circulation of 125,000 copies a month! But it is obvious that such an enterprise is a whole-time job, and I have had to explain that it is impossible for me to undertake any such responsibility. Moreover, I am not personally an enthusiast for popular astrology —and it is clear that we could not hope for a circulation of one-tenth the above figure among actual astrological students, in the narrower sense. To popularise astrology would, in my view, be an unwise step, for it is only those who are astrologically minded and have a certain background of philosophy who can study the subject with benefit. Upon others the effect is likely to be disconcerting and productive of fatalistic attitudes of mind. There are more "malefics" than "benefics" and

more "bad" aspects than "good," and therefore those who are too tied to ordinary conceptions of goodness and badness are nearly sure to find astrology a mixed blessing. Many would investigate in the hopes of finding that their map was a good one, just as many take tickets in gambles, in the hopes of drawing a winning number; but, as in one case so in the other, most would be disappointed and would either, so far as astrology is concerned, forget all about it or else be haunted with fears and forebodings. I, for one, do not wish to read accounts in the press of people who have taken their lives as a result of astrological studies; yet such a contingency might be far from unlikely were the habit of astrology to be widely diffused.

All knowledge must be good in itself, but that does imply that all knowledge is always good for all people. The Astrological Lodge has consistently done its best to open the doors of the astrological temple to all who seriously desire to enter, but its policy has never been to force the issue and so to speak shout astrology in the streets.

Some, of course, view the matter otherwise and I have no desire to criticise but only to express my own opinion.

The Harrogate Congress

All points to this being a greater success even than it was in 1936. Particulars occur in our advertisement pages and all supporters of astrology are asked to take part if they possibly can.

Other Matters

Dr. F. Rolt-Wheeler, editor of *L'Astrosophie,* Avenue du roi Albert, Cap de Croix, Nice (A-M), France, has asked me to draw attention to his scheme for compiling and publishing archives, or records of times of birth of notabilities. Readers should write for specimen copies of *L'Astrosophie* and take part in this very useful enterprise.

Readers are directed to the review of Mr. C. E.

Mitchell's book on page 45. The author is a member of the Lodge and has written something distinctly original. A very readable book, which, although mostly about the author's own work, avoids the danger of undue egotism and ought to serve a useful purpose. Mr. Mitchell is well known in the north as a protagonist of astrological truth.

The Abdication

We need hardly remind our readers that this step was specifically foreshadowed in our article on the Royal horoscope in the June 1936 issue, in which we also told of the inflexibility of King Edward's nature in matters that aroused the feelings. At the time of the crisis the Sun in the heavens was going to the square of ♄ ☌ ♆, this last being a clear indication, from the very nature of the two planets, of the abdication or withdrawal of one highly placed. The Sun was actually square Neptune on the day of abdication. Saturn and Neptune by transit both afflicted the radical Jupiter-Neptune. Pluto was on the radical Mercury, part-ruler 7th, and the list of aspects within orbs by one-degree progression contains formidable elements:

Asc. □ ♆	☉ ✶ ♆
☽ ☌ ♄	☿ □ PL
♂ ☌ ♅	♅ ⚻ ♀
♆ ♂ ☿	♄ △ ♂

I have often pointed out that, whatever spiritual value they may have, "good" directions between the Sun and Neptune often coincide with retirement and, in fact, in some cases with discredit and even downfall.

By the ¼° measure (the "measure of death" which, as I have pointed out, applies particularly to *all* material welfare) the M.C. is opposite Neptune and the ascendant is in trine to the same planet, showing, perhaps, downfall from power, but personal release.

It will interest some to see that the progressed Moon, in Libra, is close to the Dragon's Tail, a traditional indication of loss of position.

We may now recall, not without satisfaction at so striking an example of the veracity of sane astrology, that very many years ago "Sepharial" foretold that King George VI would occupy the throne; and although we do not accept the rather disparaging remarks that he then made of the map of the late king, yet we agree that the Duke's natus is not that of an ideal constitutional sovereign. It is, in fact, the map of precisely the kind of man that the royal native has shown himself to be. The square of the Sun and Mars points to self-will and the strength of Neptune indicates a powerful portion of what I will call the "withdrawal motive," or desire to retire, to retreat, and to seek privacy. These two factors are not easily reconciled, nor has the native of this horoscope found his path pleasant or facile.

It is of great astrological interest that *The Times*, in the leading article of December 11th last, said of the late king, "he was unfortunate, no doubt, in some of his intimates"—how true of many born under Aquarius! The 11th house also is ruled by Jupiter, which, though it had a trine of Saturn from which much might be hoped, was in its detriment and conjoined with Neptune—that planet which, in the present state of man's development, is so apt to signify weakness, indecision, and emotionalism. To the trine of Saturn may be due the fact that *The Times* further says, "he also had advisers who served him with courage and prudence." It is believed that Mr. Baldwin himself is a native of Capricorn. Indeed, Saturn is the general significator of statesmen, and it would therefore seem that, on this side, King Edward VIII was well served.

The Times further adds, "His Majesty's circle was too largely composed of men and women . . . who cared far less for his welfare than for their own amusement"; this agrees with the superficiality of Jupiter, lord 11th, in Gemini, a sign, incidentally, that indicates the country one of whose natives was the immediate cause of the crisis. With the Sun in Cancer, trine the Moon, he would have done well if, like two of his brothers, he had sought a partner in Scotland.

It is noteworthy that by Campanus both Jupiter and Neptune are in the Duke's 5th house and Pluto is within 2° of the cusp; this seems to me to agree better with the life than the Placidian horoscope which puts them in the 4th. In fact, ruler 11th in 5th conjunction Pluto and Neptune seems to agree excellently with the purport of the above citation.

For the Empire the change has been for the good, not because of anything we wish to imply regarding the Duke of Windsor as a man, but speaking purely as a scientist judging two horoscopes. As regards the Duke, one should, I think, regard the work he did in his prime with lasting gratitude and add thereto a sincere hope that he may succeed in finding happiness in the new associations which he appears determined to form.

Astrologers know that "luck" (as apart from merit and skill) is a very real thing and one, indeed, that they can measure. And just as one would not choose to sail with a captain who was always suffering shipwreck, however good a man he might be, so an astrologer would say that a person twice unfortunate in marriage is rather unlikely to be fortunate in a third alliance, and this not necessarily because of any failings of a personal kind. Horoscopic factors appear in many forms, but appear they do. When a happy marriage has succeeded an unhappy one, it will usually be found that the same aspects and positions that caused unhappiness in the one case have operated in the second also, but in another manner.

In *American Astrology*, February 1937, page 47, Mrs. Wallis Warfield Simpson's data are stated to be June 19, 1896, 10.30 p.m., Blue Ridge Summit, Pa., the authority for these particulars being given as "birth record quoted by North American Newspaper Alliance," but we have received unimpeachable information that the birthplace was Baltimore at 5.30 a.m., E.S.T., which yields an ascendant of $9\frac{1}{2}$ ♋.

Of all the royal maps it may be said that the nativity of the Duke of Gloucester is probably the best, presenting as it does a brilliant trine of ☉ ♂ ☽ ♈

to ♃ ☌ ☿ ♆. The Lights are in the 12th house, showing that the first part of his life has been passed in the diligent pursuit of his chosen profession, but there are astrological as well as other reasons for expecting him to become a more public figure in the future.

In this case ♂ □ ♆ very clearly indicates the sacrifice of a military career.

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THE NATIVITY OF H.M. KING GEORGE VI

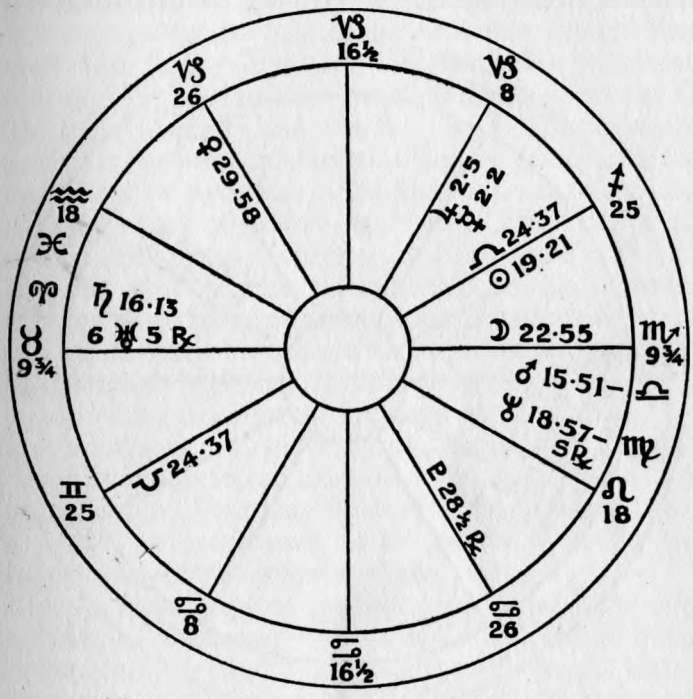
By THE EDITOR

DESPITE my forecast of the abdication of King Edward VIII, I little thought that within one year I should be writing a delineation of another British monarch.

King Edward VIII's abdication became operative at 1.52 p.m., December 11, 1936, and the figure for this time is given below.

It contrasts strongly and favourably with the figure for the death of King George V.[1]

The M.C. receives the sextile of Saturn and the square of Mars, as also an applying trine of Neptune, and from this I prognosticate dangers of war gradually growing less, a long reign, and one full of commercial, scientific, and literary activities, with increased pros-



(*Cusps according to the system of Campanus*)

NOTE: ♄ should be in ♓, not ♈.

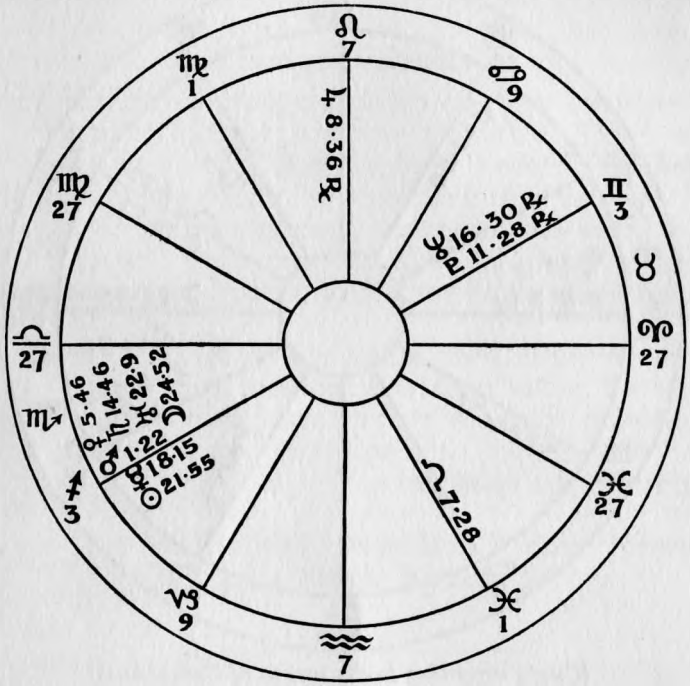
perity for the working-classes (Mercury, ruling 2nd and 6th, conjunction Jupiter applying and almost exact). *Progressive thought* will be the keynote of the intellectual life of the period and discovery after discovery

[1] This took place just before midnight, January 20, 1936, at Sandringham. ♆ is in aspect to no less than six bodies, including both Lights, and is not far off ☌ ♂ ♄ as well. ⊕ is ☌ ♂ ♄. PL is on the M.C. ☌ ☉. This figure was so bad that I refrained from mentioning it in print, but privately stated that "it denoted the end of things, if it were valid." The abdication has saved us from its operation.

will open fresh fields to the mind of man. Note that Mercury and Jupiter are both applying to the trine of Uranus, near ascendant.

The moral and religious condition of the people will improve and the cynicism and pessimism of the post-War period will die away. Good hopes of better things will possess the soul of the nation.

The Sun leaves the square of Saturn and is also



Born at 3·5 a.m., G.M.T. December 14, 1895, at Sandringham, Norfolk
(*Cusps according to Campanus*)

quitting that of Neptune. Thus the element of confusion and anxiety typical of Neptune will not easily be banished, and *the health of the King will at times be a source of concern to the people.* Indeed, it cannot be denied that the reign will be replete with anxieties and difficulties, though I think one may legitimately expect that these will tend to decrease as time goes on.

Turning now to the royal nativity itself. (See above.)

The King was born under Libra, a sign of impartiality, fair play, and reconciliation. This has been exemplified almost at the moment of his accession by the Anglo-Italian pact regarding the common interests of the two nations in the Mediterranean. This agreement, relatively small perhaps in itself, is a feather showing which way the wind of the new reign will blow. Just as, directly on the accession of Edward VIII, the country flew to re-arm, responding to that monarch's Sun square Mars, so now the first movement is towards peace and agreement. We do not, in writing this, condone the attack on Abyssinia, of course, or for that matter condemn it; we are scientists writing as scientists, conscious that the astrological influences, as such, take no account of moral issues, but work impartially, like other natural forces, according to their specific values.

Thus we now expect movements towards mutual understanding in place of dissensions and recrimination.[1]

Of the innate kindliness and fair-mindedness of Libra, blended with the intensity of Scorpio, and of the many other interesting features of this nativity we forbear to speak, considering it altogether improper and inappropriate for a subject to discuss the character of his monarch. We can, however, without bad taste make certain observations on the figure in so far as it is likely to affect the events of the reign.

Here we have Jupiter (prominent, as we have seen, in the map of accession) on the M.C. in Leo. Although it is retrograde (a condition traditionally weak, though we have never seen one jot of real evidence in support of this view) and not entirely well aspected,[2] yet, being so very powerful by sign and house, it must undoubtedly be regarded as a splendid horoscopic feature, reminiscent of the similar configuration in the natus of Queen Victoria. *We say that the prestige of Great Britain and the Empire will stand high during this reign; that a war of any magnitude is in the highest degree improbable; and that should such an unlikely event transpire, the*

[1] Since this was written, a move to improve relations with the Irish Free State has been made.

[2] But it is △ the midpoint between ♂ and ☿.

outcome could but lead to the enhancement of the glory of Great Britain. Jupiter being lord of the 2nd and 6th houses, it would seem that the dominant factors of the new reign will be such as are attributed to these sections of the horoscope, to wit, national health, finance, and the condition and well-being of the workers of the operative classes.

I consider that the satellitium, or group of bodies, in Scorpio, which constitutes a not altogether happy feature, refers mainly to King George's health, which has already given trouble of a Scorpionic character (gastric complaints and appendicitis) and which may continue to do so, from time to time.[1] The Moon is between Uranus and Mars, a troublesome position from the standpoint of liability to inflammatory trouble. Happily the rising Libra is a moderately strong sign, careful without being fussy, and the Sun is well-placed by sign in Sagittarius. The opposition of Neptune, in the 8th, to Mercury and the Sun is somewhat weakening to the constitution, and it is not in the least surprising that His Majesty was compelled, after being in action in H.M.S. *Collingwood* at Jutland, to relinquish a naval life. In fact, his health will be best when away from the sea, and a strict avoidance of damp and moisture will be beneficial; it is cold dry air that will favour his constitution, and high ground rather than valleys.

The accession took place under the very typical direction ascendant trine Jupiter o-d, but the M.C. was also square Mercury and Neptune, showing the unhappy events leading up to this occurrence. By o-d, Venus, the ruler, had also progressed to conjunction Mercury and opposition Neptune, but the Moon is sextile the ruler by the same measure. The $\frac{1}{4}°$ measure, indicative of material power, brings the M.C. to the trine of Mercury and the sextile of Neptune, and the ascendant (converse) to good aspects of the same two planets; also Saturn to the conjunction of the Moon (heavy responsibilities). The current transits of Saturn, Uranus,

[1] ♏ is apt, by polarity, to affect the throat and breathing organs, and so also the speech.

and Neptune are all interesting and indicate severe mental strain and the state of uncertainty prevailing prior to accession.

Let us sincerely hope that the coming reign will write yet another fortunate chapter in our history, in which are unfolded the promises foreshadowed in that truly great horoscope, the map for the coronation of William the Conqueror.

It is regrettable that, since Queen Elizabeth's birth-hour is not on record, we cannot usefully venture on any detailed remarks on her nativity. The ascendant has been rectified to 27 Taurus—we believe by Mr. Robson—but a rectified map is still but speculative, however well the work of rectification may have been carried out.

The planetary positions show some remarkable agreements with those of the King. The Sun and Mercury are again in Fire; the Moon is in almost the same degree of Scorpio; Venus in Cancer is trine the King's Venus; Jupiter and Uranus are trine the King's Jupiter.

But whilst the sign-positions are mainly strong, the planetary aspects are less fortunate.

The presence of many Neptunian aspects in royal maps is not surprising, for sovereigns are obliged in modern times to play a part and must often disguise, or at least suppress, their personal reactions. This is the outward significance of these aspects, at least in part. Another point, less true of Britain than of autocratic monarchies, is that royal persons, by reason of their isolation from the people, are often deluded by designing people, so that they know little of what is really happening around them. Thus it is even said that Nicholas II was provided with alleged copies of English papers in which paragraphs had been altered and reset. His map contained serious Neptune afflictions.

But inwardly Neptunian aspects indicate shyness, sensitiveness, a desire to retire, and a dislike of formality of the Saturn kind, so that the result is that the native is not happy in a *métier* which calls for this kind of thing. King Edward VII loved his kingship,

for he had the Sun *in medio coeli*; his son, with Neptune rising, did not seek the limelight and for that very reason, amongst others, won the love of his people, who, as a race, carry the dislike of ostentation almost to an affectation. Edward VIII, having his ruler Saturn in trine to Neptune, very soon found his freedom. George VI has not Sun square Mars, and with Saturn rising in Scorpio, he will face his destiny, his Neptunian aspects being of another character and being, as we consider, likely to affect his health above all else.

Queen Elizabeth has Saturn and Neptune in opposition.

We proffer our loyal wishes for a long and happy reign.

THE PLANET URANUS

A Lecture by C. E. O. CARTER

This body was discovered in the year 1781, a year noteworthy in history for the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown and the final collapse of the efforts of George III to enforce his rule over the American colonials. The planet was actually discovered when in Gemini, the sign of the United States, and it quickly became apparent that its nature was quite in agreement with the events of the period. It became known as the planet of revolution, personal liberty, self-will, and even rebellion. Soon after the American Revolution came the French, and concurrently the Industrial Revolution transformed the lives of an increasing number of human beings throughout the world, whilst the Romantic Movement in literature worked a corresponding change in intellectual outlook. One of the chief effects of this last was to create a great interest in the lives of the poor, which, before, had been either ignored or treated contemptuously. Of this more anon.

The planet was first discovered by Sir William Herschel, a Hanoverian musician who came to England and pursued astronomy eagerly in his spare time,

assisted by his sister, who merits respectful remembrance as being the first woman to win a name in science.

In compliment to the King the new planet was named Georgium Sidus, or the Georgian Star, and it was also called after its discoverer, and, indeed, sometimes still is. But the name Uranus has prevailed.

Uranus is the Latin form of the Greek word *Ouranos*, which means the sky or heavens. It is a cognate of the Sanskrit *Varuna*, one of the ancient Vedic gods of the sky, and it is also said to be related to the Old English word *waer*, or water. In Greek poetry the gods are often called "Uranian," meaning simply "dwellers in the heavens" or "celestials."

It is often said that the absurdity of astrologers is manifest in the way in which they claim that the names of the three "modern" planets—if one may for convenience call them so—have a real relation to their qualities. For, it is said, these names are arbitrarily chosen by people who have no astrological interests and merely select whatever name seems to them to be convenient. It is contended that, except for mere chance, Neptune might as well have been named Pluto, Pluto Uranus, and so on. The astrologer, with deeper knowledge, denies that these choices were made fortuitously, although he will of course admit that the persons who chose them believed that they acted without any guidance, either from within or otherwise. We contend that there is a racial guidance, or oversoul, that acts through our subconscious faculties and causes such selections to be made in accordance with a real fitness in things. We do not pretend that we understand how this influence works, and, for myself, I should say that it is on the instinctual level only; but we do contend, from our experience, that there *is* such a directive power and that it usually operates with a strange appropriateness.

The discovery of Uranus certainly revolutionised many things, and, amongst others, it destroyed the apparent harmony of the astrological scheme, by which the Sun and Moon ruled a sign each, and there were five planets, each ruling a positive and a negative

sign—these seven, a sacred number, and no more. It was even declared that the appearance of a newcomer had overthrown the whole astrological contention. It is true that it dealt a blow to it, for it is the nature of Uranus to render obsolete old conceptions; but it replaces them with fresh and wider ideas, and astrology has no more been destroyed by the discovery of the new planets than chemistry is destroyed by the discovery of a fresh element. Yet we may admit that that ancient harmony of sign-rulership is half-regretted by us and that ever since 1781 students have been trying, incessantly but without much success, to replace it with a new conception that will allot their proper rulerships to Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto.

The fact is that the absolute harmony of the Spiritual is never perfectly reproduced in the actual world of precipitated existences; and whilst there must ideally be twelve signs and twelve rulers of them, it does not follow that this condition has been exactly reproduced in our solar system, or in any other particular system.

The year 1781 is a long time ago now, and the fact that we have not really agreed, or even got anywhere near agreement, as to the sign-rulerships of the new planets, leads me to suppose that the ancient scheme of seven rulers is still valid, and that Uranus and his new-found brothers have certain *affinities* with the signs, but do not actually rule any of them. If Uranus, for example, actually rules Aquarius in the same way that Mercury rules Gemini, we should not still be at variance as to the fact, after one hundred and fifty years or more. It would have been settled long ago. It would have been found that people with the Sun or Moon, as the case might be, in favourable application to the planet would marry Aquarians, and that Uranus in the 7th would have the same effect, and so forth.

As it is, the planet has been said to rule Leo, Scorpio, and Aquarius, and possibly Gemini, with which it certainly has points in common.

Similarly Neptune has been related to Cancer and Pisces, and certainly has some affinity with Scorpio, the sign of poison, whilst it has even been given

dominion, by some of our more venturesome students, over Libra and Capricorn. When there is so much difference of opinion it seems likely that there is no real rulership at all, but that we are all on the wrong trail.

It has been found no easier to agree as to the Plutonian rulership and, in my opinion, the same probability holds good. It is not a ruler in the old sense.

For example, Uranus has much in common with Aries on the score of energy and self-reliance, but its peculiar nervous composition is not Arietic. It resembles Gemini mentally, but this sign lacks the Uranian will. It has much in common with Leo, but cares little for display, whilst Leo has nothing of the Uranian love of the unconventional; Leo dons a top-hat and white waistcoat as readily as Uranus flies to shorts and an open shirt. Scorpio is often like Uranus, but the planet is not so taciturn and repressed, being often sociable and friendly among those it likes. On the other hand, Uranus resembles Sagittarius in some ways, but is not superficial and changeful of purpose. In mental breadth Uranus is like Aquarius, but it is far more forceful than this sign.

Thus, of the twelve signs there are no less than six that recall Uranus to my mind, and I dare say there will be some who even think that he rules one of the others.

Uranus has certainly been described very differently by different writers, of whom some have applied many evil adjectives to him, such as malicious, vengeful, wayward, stubborn, proud, jealous.

Others, with a turn of the so-called mystical, regard him as an occultist, an adept possessing a marvellous will-power by which he exercises extraordinary powers over nature and man.

Others describe him as a sort of childish genius, neurotic and untrustworthy, but not bad-hearted. In an ancient issue of *Modern Astrology* there is a clever sketch of the planets based on the supposition that a needy youth writes to his friends and relations for a little pecuniary help. I forget the details, but kindly

Aunt Luna sends a moderate amount, with a caution to use it thriftily; Uncle Saturn rebukes his extravagance but offers a position, not too well paid but with some opportunity of ultimate advancement, in his office; and so forth. Uranus is represented by a friend who dashes off a few incoherent lines about a wonderful discovery he is on the point of making, and then adds as an afterthought that "he hasn't the money—yes—no—yes, he has," and encloses an unsigned cheque, a postal order out of date, half a dozen foreign postage stamps, and a few other odds and ends of currency. I think this is an extremely good picturette of one Uranian variety!

However, these three types all unite in regarding Uranus as being very unusual, whereas, after all, quite a number of people are born with the planet rising and therefore he cannot *always* cause notable eccentricity.

I prefer to stick to a classification that has become habitual with me and to say that there are three kinds of Uranian: the primitive, the ordinary or normal, and the supernormal, with many intermediate shades.

Of the primitive Uranian one must freely admit that the evil adjectives of Raphael and others are quite true. He is very revengeful, very bad-tempered—being, indeed, uncontrollably furious on occasion—and completely unreliable. Sometimes the malice and ill-temper, which come with a prominent Mars, are absent, and we merely get perversity and untrustworthiness; this variation is not bad-natured, but is incapable of common sense, wearies his friends with his inconsistencies and lack of reason, and is for ever "going off at a tangent," as we say, and leaving whatever he was engaged upon, often just at a critical moment when, by using ordinary reason, he might have achieved success. *Perversity*—that is a Uranian keyword.

This type will never admit its own folly, but will try to justify even the silliest of its acts, so that sensible people soon tire of its ways and write it down as a hopeless ass, or something more lurid. *Lack of patience* is perhaps the other primary fault of the type, which

loves to act, think, and feel quickly and with intensity and is irked beyond endurance by those who move to a slow *tempo*.

Reposefulness, the practice of doing nothing on occasion, and relaxation are difficult things for Uranus, but he is usually the better for mastering these arts, and from time to time putting them into practice. By doing so he certainly becomes easier to live with.

Uranus, both primitive and advanced, often feels as if he were but a vehicle for tremendous mental and emotional forces that seem to carry him away with them and cause him to do and say things almost before he has realised that he is speaking or acting. When his interests are aroused, his concentrative powers are strong, and he will work without remission until he has found the solution he is seeking or has fallen asleep at his desk. The will-power is almost always great, but in the primitive type it is fitful and unsustained and is not controlled by reason. *Self-will* is almost always present; the Uranian wants his own way, at all costs, and hates inhibitions to such an extent that even the temporary discomfort of a crowded train or room seems to suffocate him; he is often definitely claustrophobic, for the presence of crowds seem to symbolise the crushing out of his own individuality, which he prizes. In the same manner he tends to be ultra-independent, preferring, in extreme cases, suicide to submission or becoming dependent on others. There is nothing cringing or parasitic about him and he is no schemer, or but a poor one, preferring open action to subterfuge and violence to guile. He is rarely financially dishonest.

He dislikes to appear weak or to show his feelings—except the more independent and "manly" ones! When ill, he hates consolation—a symptom well known in homoeopathy. Pity irritates him and almost seems an insult—he is not down yet, by a long chalk!

Uranians are usually well-pleased with themselves without being actually conceited. But if they are astrologers and know themselves to be Uranians, or consider themselves entitled to be deemed as such,

they are often very satisfied about it. They may not talk a lot, but it becomes obvious that they assume as a matter beyond question that other astrologers envy them and respect them as really "born under Uranus." They feel called on to demonstrate their Uranianity, if I may coin the word, by doing strange and unexpected things, writing free—very free—verse, and indulging in other pursuits that are in their eyes the right thing for an Uranian to do. In fact, they set up a sort of convention of unconventionality and derive much inner content from reflecting that they are not at all as other men, but are something remote and splendid. "His soul was like a star and dwelt apart"—yes, that was written about Shelley, and he had his Sun conjunction Uranus; we Uranians are like that, you know!

These psychological peculiarities demonstrate that Uranus has much pride in his nature; when this has been dissolved by rational self-analysis, and when he has got into his head that men are naturally gregarious and that there is nothing fine in ultra-independence, but merely a rather childish vanity, he becomes a less touchy and much pleasanter individual, as well as a happier one. It may be a noble ambition to try to excel others, but to seek merely to be different for the sake of being different is nothing better than conceit.

Now let us consider the *normal* type of Uranian who earns his living, keeps his temper (usually), and tries to be a respectable citizen. I have known many of this sort and have tried, here and there in my writings, to remind my fellow-students that this variety does exist.

In a sense even the normal Uranian is abnormal, in so far as he is usually interested in something unusual or has some uncommon belief or pursuit. But very often this is quite a harmless—and possibly even a very praiseworthy—affair. I can recall among my acquaintances two or three whose chief peculiarity is interest in universal philosophy and religion, which cannot be called exactly a vice! Then there is one who is a very keen wireless student, with powers quite beyond the usual. There are two or three vegetarians

and a nudist—this last is the nearest that any of them approach to wrongfulness, and, as a matter of fact, he is a very respectable member of the sun-bathing fraternity, and when "clothed and in his right mind" is nothing more bizarre than a bank manager! It is noteworthy that some of these people have no special intellectual powers at all—it is well to mark this, for there is a notion abroad that Uranus rising is always intellectually gifted. It is also to be observed that they are quite up to the average in general kindliness, in fact one or two are extraordinarily "good sorts"—it is well to mark this, too, because it is often believed that Uranians are an aloof race, irritable and incomprehensible. There is this side to their nature, but I cannot sufficiently affirm that one meets some very jolly people with Uranus in the ascendant, though they are forthright, outspoken, and rather tactless. This type is rather reminiscent of Mars rising in Sagittarius, or Jupiter rising in Scorpio. There is the Jovian jollity and good-fellowship with the Scorpio depth, for there is nothing superficial about Uranians.

These people are usually interested in human nature and have a keen sense of humour, being fond of telling anecdotes that throw light on the peculiarities of races and individuals. The Uranian self-will often appears as a certain tendency to be slapdash and careless about details. In fact, Uranus is rarely a good plodder and prefers to work in spurts—and then, if possible, only at things in which he is interested.

This "normal" variety is usually very fond of the open-air, of camping, walking tours, and all sorts of free-and-easy recreation.

We now come to the *supernormal* Uranian associated with rulership, government, and organisation, and we find this type in positions of authority, often exercising almost autocratic powers, in which the great volitional vigour of the planet has full play. Signor Mussolini may be taken as an example of this sort of Uranian. There is nothing of the easy good-fellowship of the second variety, and everything seems swallowed up in the love of power and authority and in great concen-

tration of will upon certain objects. This kind is not inherently bad or criminal, but it is ruthless and sticks at nothing to get its ends, which are usually quite impersonal and take no account of what individuals may think or claim. It is drastic, sudden, dictatorial, and almost inspired—though not necessarily from above. There is much magnetism and the power to sway multitudes by the sheer force of personality. Uranus can be a dramatic orator and seems to know just how to work on the emotions of crowds. We see this both in Mussolini and in Hitler. The latter, in his vegetarianism and simple personal life, is typically Uranian, for the planet is no Sardanapalus.

In physique the planet often shows forth in a Martian manner, one class being distinguishable by dark or even black hair, with dark, shining eyes and a ruddy complexion, with white and very even teeth, and red lips. Exactly the same appearance is very frequently possessed by Aries and Scorpio, showing that the planets Mars and Uranus have much in common.

In contrast to this we often find a Saturn type of Uranian who is inclined to be tall and rather spare in build, much more nervous and more obviously energetic.

The health is usually good, apart from peculiarities of the nervous system that occur frequently enough. The characteristic irritability of the planet clearly indicates one of the principles that should guide Uranians who seek to improve their health, and that is a careful avoidance of irritant comestibles, or, at any rate, moderation in their use. Condiments such as mustard or pepper, drinks such as tea and coffee, and all very spiced substances, even very acid fruits—these may not all be injurious, but it is likely that some of them will be, and probably their ill effects will be most obvious in respect of the nerves. Their own instinct usually warns the Uranians against the use of meat in excess. In my experience a "bland" diet, devoid of over-heating or "strong" food, is best for them and will often cure, not only actual maladies, but also irritability of temper. There is very little danger that this sort of living will make the Uranian phlegmatic,

for he can usually be relied upon for mental and physical energy in abundance.

A homoeopathic remedy that has apparent affinity with the type is *nux vomica*, a substance allied to strychnine, the action of which, in excess, is convulsive, so that the homoeopathic dose may be relied upon to produce an exactly opposite effect, calming and steadying the system. Dr. Boericke says: "The typical Nux patient is rather thin, spare, quick, active, nervous, and irritable," and "Nux always seems to be out of tune—inharmonious spasmodic action." "He does a good deal of mental work, has mental strain and leads a sedentary life, found in prolonged office work, overstudy, and close application to business, with its cares and anxieties." This sounds like many Uranians, though we associate the planet with science, art, or literature rather than with business.

In the field of sex our planet has a bad name. It is not only regarded as the planet of divorce, and quite correctly, but is also usually declared to be the cause of those distressing and sometimes criminal aberrations that modern science is inclined to attribute to the irregular functioning of certain glands. We may leave these topics to the medical specialist whose work it is to investigate and alleviate them, merely agreeing that Uranus does have an affinity with perversity in all its forms, from the kind which manifests in the desire to help one's enemies and take not the slightest trouble to assist one's friends, to love all foreigners and decry everything English, to that which manifests in sexual confusion. On the other hand, it is entirely wrong to suppose that such things must necessarily follow from Uranian afflictions, even when Venus and the 5th house are involved, though admittedly one might suspect such propensities in a map of that kind. It is unfortunate that some writers make sweeping assertions on subjects like this, without having gone to the pains of really investigating them and discovering something like a definite rule as to their indication.

But that Uranus is connected with divorce and marital disharmony is not to be denied, seeing that the

fact is based on an essential feature of the planet, to wit, its love of independence. Marriage is an inhibition, even though it may be a very pleasant one; let the Uranian once look upon it in this light and he is prone to resent the state at once and look round for freedom. If he is one of the more reasonable sons of the planet, a little tact will preserve him from headlong acts of folly, but if not, then his pet foible may ruin his married life. It is certain that Uranus in the 7th house is not a good sign where marriage is concerned, and if it is badly afflicted the outlook is definitely the reverse. Nor is Uranus in the 5th house good; it inclines to affect the moral character adversely, should the map in its entirety show weakness of that kind. It is indeed obvious that a planet that hates restriction must often be tempted to break the law, both human and divine.

A fierce element of resentment often burns in the Uranian breast, that is to say, if there is in the map in general a propensity towards rebellion. Such people are quick to quarrel with social order and to espouse whatever may be the newest form of revolutionary activity—socialism, communism, nihilism, or what not. They are political and economic rebels, and they are usually likewise in arms against all forms of established religion, for religions usually forbid us to do certain things, and Uranus dislikes interference from without. He is not by nature particularly religious and heartily rejects all forms and ceremonies, rituals and ritualistic observances, although, of course, he is always potentially a quick-change artist who will suddenly outdo the ordinary ritualist at his own practices, just as Annie Besant passed from secularism through theosophy to the elaborate rites of Co-Masonry and the Liberal Catholic Church. I have indeed known others with Sun in affliction with Uranus, as she had, who are keen ritualists, but one is tempted to suppose that this is in spite of their Uranian configurations, and not because of them. Uranus is certainly interested in religion and even fascinated by religious and philosophical problems, but he is not a devotee, and is, as

a rule, addicted to the intellectual and active paths—gnana-yoga and karma-yoga—rather than the devotional. Yet he is much attracted to conceptions that are grandiose and to phraseology that is high-sounding, and one can easily understand why Annie Besant was attracted to the vast, though confused, philosophy that is unfolded in the *Secret Doctrine*.

Much of the psychological trouble to which Uranians are prone is, in my opinion, due to the fact that they have an exceedingly strong emotional nature which, for some reason that appears to operate in almost all of them, they prefer to try to ignore; indeed, sitting on safety-valves seems to have a special fascination for this perverse planet. They like to picture themselves as adepts at self-mastery, with the "lower nature" in complete subjection to their own iron wills, and they eventually suffer, in one form or another, for this attempt to use suppression instead of sublimation. There is, of course, a higher and a lower nature in man, but this is not to say that either the one or the other is evil; indeed, the so-called lower nature is very good in its own place and way. Undoubtedly it is powerful, and to talk proudly of "mastering" one's emotions and passions is to throw down the gauntlet to natural forces which can be very devastating if too cavalierly treated.

It may be said that each of the planets is apt to need some particular gift of mind or spirit. Mercury is lacking in principle and character and considers others too little. Venus is often too dainty and averse to facing unpleasant tasks. Mars is weak in the conciliatory aspect of life and makes enemies. Jupiter is extravagant and lacking in restraint. Saturn is too matter-of-fact and misses the joy and beauty of things. Neptune has the exact opposite tendency and forgets the actual in the pursuit of fancies and imaginings. Uranus, too, needs Saturn, inasmuch as with much practical ability in certain directions and plenty of self-control when he himself is electing to apply it, he overlooks the social or gregarious aspect of human life, and the very actual dependence of human beings

each upon the other. Saturn, through Aquarius, presents this fact to our consciousness, and Saturn, by its strong sense of fact and actuality, can also correct the waywardness of Uranus, if anything can, driving home the lesson that common sense is none the less valuable because it has a homely ring and is not one of the pretentious virtues. Certainly the primitive Uranian is a difficult horse to control, and the native himself, if he sets himself to the task, will have a long and perhaps a lonely journey to travel, with plenty of adventures on the way.

However, there are compensations in all things and Uranus, like the other planets, brings his own gifts to those born beneath his sway.

NATIONAL ASTROLOGY

By Mrs. J. Norman Rhodes

The planetary influences during 1937 present a very different picture from the year we have just lived through, with its disastrous consequences, for instead of the mutable cross, we see ahead an array of harmonising, constructing influences, which we expect will work out in appropriate ways, including a reawakening of interest in religious, astrological, and kindred subjects.

The helpful positions of ♃ △ ♆, ♂ △ ♄, ♂ ✶ ♆, ♂ ✶ ♃ during February will have started the good work, preparing the ground for future harvest. ♃ ✶ ♂ repeats itself during May and July, while ♃ △ ♅ and ♅ △ ♆ are within orbs in July, August, and September.

To look back briefly: The mundane map (♃ ☌ ♄ 1921) which indicates with remarkable accuracy the trend of events for monarch and people, was severely aspected during 1936 by ♄, ♆, ♃, and ♂ (current position), especially from that significant date, October 20th, when Mr. Baldwin first interviewed the former King Edward, to December 11th, the date of his abdication, while the eclipse of June 19th in ♊ 28, falling in the

12th house for London, indicated the Press campaign which was prevalent in America during the summer, but held back in this country.

This degree, ♊ 28, was opposing ☽ ☍ 28½ in the mundane map and, as we know, the civil war broke out in Spain three weeks later.

The cheerful side of the picture shows itself in better financial conditions at the end of December and onwards, which followed the good aspects of ☉ ♃ ♑ △ ♅ ♉; and on the day of the winter solstice (December 22nd), when these aspects were active, Lord Nuffield announced his great gift of £2,000,000 for setting up industries in the distressed areas; also many employees at this time received better pay.

The appalling disasters at sea during January coincided with, and followed on, the severe aspects of ♂ ☌ ♅ (great gales) and ♄ ☌ ♆ (cold and wet), while the great floods and wholesale distress in the southern states of America followed on such positions as ♄ and ♀ ♓, ♂ ♏, the first two being close to ☌ ♆.

The previous serious floods (in 1927) followed an eclipse in June in ♋ and ♅ ☌ ♃ ♓, with ♀ ♏, in December. In the same year our own floods in London caused loss of life, ♓ being involved on both occasions.

The Peace Pact between Great Britain and Italy was signed on January 2nd, and both sides agreed to respect each other's interests in the Mediterranean. Thus ended a tension which had existed for a year, commencing with the Abyssinian war. This is one step in the right direction.

King George VI has ♃ ♌ 8 close to Mussolini's ☉ and ☿ ♌ 6 and quite close to the King of Italy's ascendant. So better relations between the two countries should increase rather than diminish.

There is now a chance of Italy joining in the Naval Treaty, and also of agreement with Turkey over the Dardanelles (♃ ✶ ♂, ♃ △ ♆).

Spain

The civil war continues and becomes more grim with assistance from outside forces. The hope that a

settlement would be reached by the end of 1936 has not been realized; now the expectation of an early decision is more remote, and the chances are that while ♂ stays in ♏ (till August 8th), Barcelona and the Catalonian coast, ruled by ♏, will be the central point of conflict, with naval warfare more prominent. It may possibly be a deciding factor in the long run.

It is difficult to see either side winning definitely at an early date.

During March, April, and part of May (♂ ↕), fighting will become more acute and severe around Madrid, with a final desperate fling in September, when ♂ leaves ↕. This should be the end of warfare in Spain.

One or two slight hopes of a restraining influence occur; first, March 29th, when ♄ ♓ 26–27 by transit opposes ♄ ☌ ♃ in the mundane map, and in April, when ♄ 28½ ♓ leaves □ ☽ ↕, for at the same time ♃ ♑ 26½ transits the △ of ♄ ☌ ♃. But ♄ p. ♍ □ ☽ ↕ r. this year indicates a sad, empty, starved Spain.

Fortunately ♂ meets with good aspects from ♃ and ♆ during the summer, consequently there is no fear of the war spreading. Rather, the firm line which Great Britain is taking over non-intervention will eventually restrict the combatants to the Spanish people and so hasten the final outcome one way or the other.

More than one attempt at negotiation to this end will be made during the next three months.

It is very significant that some of the important persons involved in this Spanish conflict have planets progressed to ♄ ☌ ♃ in the 1921 map, or thereabouts.

For instance, Mussolini has his ☉ p. ♍ 26½ sec. with ♀ close to the same spot during February and March—a hint that he may extricate himself from the turmoil without much damage to his prestige; he may indeed snatch some brief honour out of the situation. During the summer ♂ ♏ passes over his ascendant △ ♀ and ♃ ♋. Fortunately his own ♂ progressed by 1° is separating from ☉ radical and soon ceases to be so potent for strife.

Hitler's ☽ progressed is in the same degree during February-March. No doubt he will consider it wise to retire from active intervention soon after that time.

♂ ♏ transits his 2nd house ☍ ♀ and ♂ in 8th. During February Germany is at the cross-roads economically; she will do well to consider seriously suggestions made by Great Britain and France for co-operation and restriction of armaments.

♃ ♑ transits Hitler's 3rd house △ ♀ and ♂ mid-February. So there will be soft words on peace; will the necessary action be forthcoming? We shall see: he has a vital decision to make this year and much will depend upon his judgment for future European security.

To return to the Spanish situation: King Alphonso at birth had ♃ ♍ 26 △ ☉ ♉ 26, the ☉ being the highest planet.

His ☽ progressed reached ♍ 26 during last December and touched up the birth position, while in February–March ☽ progressed ♍ 28 picks up ♃ progressed.

These are remarkable coincidences, all bearing out the mundane map and indicating the destiny these men are playing in world-affairs.

When the conflict ceases Alphonso may be approached with a view to his resumption of the monarchy. He, too, gets the benefit of ♃ ♑, as by transit it is △ his ♃ and ☉ radical at the end of April, in early June and in early December. These months will be vital both for him and Spain, and good should come out of it.

A glance at the Spanish President Azana's birth position, January 10, 1880, no time known, shows that he too will be under good Jupiterian transits during the summer, as it passes over his ☉ ♑ 19 in March, August, and October. This also picks up the radical ☉ △ ♂. It is rather significant that, while a civil servant in his early days, he studied warfare in all its branches, as ☉ △ ♂ suggests.

He may be the second connecting-link drawing the best elements of both sides together. The planetary configuration indicates amalgamation and co-operation rather than a separative influence, as ♃ △ ☿ △ ♆ are within orbs during August and September.

From many points of view February, March, and

April will be months outstanding for events of a startling nature which will affect highly placed persons and set on foot conditions destined to last a long time.

On April 25th ♄ moves into ♈, and in that we see commencing a new thirty-year cycle of restraint, common sense, and cautious action, also scientific research on an enlarged scale, especially when ♄ is well aspected, but depression, and thwarting of plans when influences are adverse, particularly in those countries ruled by ♈.

As ♈ rules England we naturally wonder how it will affect our standing and prestige. It falls in the 8th house of the mundane map (♃ ☌ ♄) and stays there for 2½ years, meeting ☍ ☿ during May.

It so happens that the change of the monarchy and consequently the coming of a different royal horoscope have a real interest for us, for, whereas ♄ ♈ transits the Duke of Windsor's ♂ ♈ □ ☉ ♋ in April, thus setting in motion a dangerous square aspect, King George VI has the advantage—in which Great Britain and the Empire share—of having the transit of ♄ ♈ △ his ♂ ♑, and next year △ ♃ ♌ in the M.C.—a vital difference, which all can appreciate, denoting constructive action and less risk of warfare.

However, the transit still holds in the Duke of Windsor's map as an individual, and shows a critical condition surrounding him at that time. Great care for personal safety is needed.

The present King has his progressed ☽ ♉ passing through the 8th house ☍ ♄ prog. in his 2nd during March, ☍ ♅ radical in July, ☍ ♅ progressed in August. These aspects are not good for health and will no doubt cause difficulties through finances.

The map of accession (December 11th, 1.52 p.m. G.M.T., 1936)[1] has many progressive features.

♉ 10 rises with ♅ ♉ 6 just above the horizon △ ♃ which is ☌ ☿ ♑ 2 in the 9th house, a good omen for prosperity overseas, shipping and commerce, while Church and law will further the cause of State and monarch.

[1] See page 7. But Mrs. Rhodes uses the Placidian scheme.

☿ rules the 2nd and 3rd houses with ♊ on the cusps, a strong indication of a financial agreement with U.S.A. and a possible lowering of tariffs.

The ruler ♀ ♑ 29° 58′ is the highest planet and in the 10th house; a sign of peace and good will; it is 6° from □ ♅. Some disagreement with Russia or Ireland is not unlikely. ☉ ♐ 19 in 8th house ✶ ♂ in 6th—we can expect relief from war atmosphere.

The ☉ separating from □ ♄ ♆ indicates the weakness of the map. It also showed the trials the royal house and the nation went through during the constitutional crisis of December 1936.

About one to three years ahead, when ♆ and ♄ by 1° reach the □ of ☉ in turn, a depressing time will be seen, with loss, ill-health, and labour troubles imminent; the boom of prosperity will be lessening. The 7th house with ☽ 23 ♏ ✶ ♀ △ PL ✶ ♆ shows an active foreign policy and a big naval programme, with the people well ordered and constitutional, strengthening the democratic trend, and friendly feelings towards other nations. ♄ ✶ M.C. ♑ 16¾ suggests a stable reign.

The benefics in ♑ highly placed show that good will between the Mother Country and India will be enhanced, with trade agreements and a steady flow of business between the two.

Incidentally ♃ in ♑ during the year is also good for India and for trade generally.

During the second reign of office President Roosevelt will be a force in the world, now that trade depression is passing in America. In his inaugural address his emphasis on broadening the basis of wealth, and means of living for all, will find a ready response in Great Britain, as also his earlier speech in South America on the theme of the "good neighbour."

President Roosevelt will get the benefit this year of ♃ ♑, which is in △ aspect to his rising ♅, also to planets in ♉ in his 9th house. The ideas he may have he will be able to translate into action. He will be able to settle the long-drawn-out strikes, now that ♄ ☌ ♆ is a waning influence.

Co-operation between America and Great Britain is certain to gain ground.

♃ ✶ ♂ ♏ indicates huge expenditure brought about by flood havoc.

The Vernal Equinox

The ☉ enters ♈ at 0.45 a.m. G.M.T. on March 21st. ♅ 10 rises with ♂ ♅ 2, △ ☉, pointing to an active year of progress in travel, trade, industry, and enterprise.

♃ ♑ 23 ruler of the map is placed in the 2nd house, ✶ ☿ ♄ ♓ 26 in 3rd, and ♂ ☽ ♋ 19 in 8th, also ♂ PL 27 ♋.

The exchequer will be helped through increased flow of trade and revenue, also by death duties due to decease of highly placed women, but the chance of reduced taxation will be nil owing to expenditure on large naval and army programmes. Money will be plentiful and circulate freely.

☿ ☌ ♄ in 3rd brings some serious accidents by road and rail and possible failure of a publishing house.

Foreign affairs as seen by the 7th house will be mixed, alternating between gloom and cheerfulness. ☿ ruler in aspect to ♄ and ♃. Our policy will be cautious yet hopeful.

The 9th house also ruled by ☿ with ♆ in 9th ✶ ☽ ♋ shows much travelling by sea. Some curious lawsuits will be heard of, dealing with religion or health.

♀ ♉ ruler of M.C. ☌ ♇ in 5th house. Romances of prominent persons and theatrical adventures will be a marked feature, also some outstanding financial deals.

♂ △ ☉ ruling 11th, Parliament will show a lively session, with bills passing into law without much hindrance.

The year on the whole will be much warmer than 1936 (♂ ✶ ♃ in contact) interspersed with sufficient rain (♃ △ ♆) to make for plenty of growth. Some heavy thunderstorms are likely to occur due to warmth and a moist atmosphere, especially from May 1st to 21st. With the passing of ♄ ♂ ♆ serious sea disasters will diminish. On the whole a promising year.

Written January 30th.

THE HOROSCOPE OF GENERAL FRANCO

By M. MATTHEWS

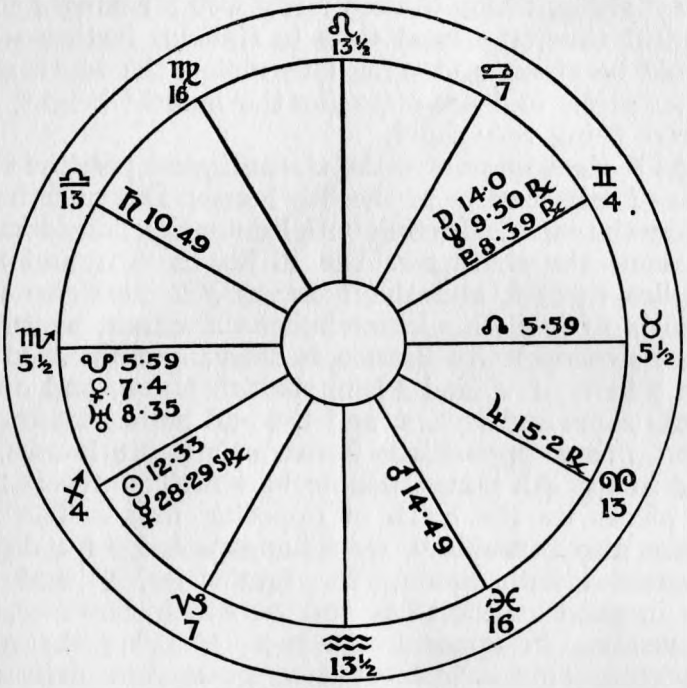
GENERAL FRANCO was born on December 4, 1892, at 4.30 a.m., province of Galicia. (Before knowing the time I had placed him under ♏, and drawn up a map with ♏ 13° rising, which worked fairly well.) Taking 4.30 as Madrid time, the local time in Galicia, further west, would be about 4.11 a.m. This makes the south node exactly rise and accounts for the lack of height, the native being very short.

As ♏ rises, one notes the strength and position of ♂, also of any planets in the 8th house. The ruler being below the earth, afflicting both luminaries, considerably weakens the character. The ☉ leaves ✶ ♄ and first applies to □ ♂, and the ☽ leaves ☌ ☉ and also first applies to □ ♂ (this latter being the closest aspect in the horoscope). As Franco is specially influenced by the ☽ in ♊ ☌ ♆ and PL in the 8th house, and opponents come under ♉, ♀, and the 2nd house, wherein is the ☉, these oppositions from 2nd and 8th houses, all □ ♂ in the 4th house, denote how his country is torn to pieces by the clash of opposing forces. The 2nd house also contains ☿, weak, unaspected, in a degree connected with Spain. The luminaries, ♆ and PL, are in good aspect to ♄ and ♃, which, however, are themselves in opposition aspect, ♄ being the most elevated. This is apt to cause great difficulties and prevent the attainment of ambitions.

A striking feature in the horoscope is the rising south node in close ☌ ♀ ☊. This position of the node tends to give a great sense of self-importance, with lack of real merit. ☊ rising or in the M.C. is quite a common feature with would-be dictators. Here the destructive force of ☊ is pronounced, owing to its being with the south node, ♀, ruler of 7th, being between them. Both are disposed of by ♂ and are in weak trine aspect to it.

The influence of ☊ is still more strongly marked by the position of ☽ in the early part of the 8th house, corresponding to ☽ ☌ ☊, the ☽ being also near the node of ☊.

The horoscope denotes a very ambitious, hard nature, combative, militant, brave. There is thoroughness, patience, capacity for hard work. The positions tend to make a good soldier and disciplinarian, but rash, destructive, and cruel. Alternate good and bad fortune, popularity and unpopularity, are signified; but in the end ambitions are not likely to be attained.



(*Placidian Cusps*)

Directions

The progressed map for last December 4th has ☩ 9½ on ascendant, opposed by ♆ r. on 7th cusp. ♂ p. is now in its own war sign ♈, going from △ ☉ r. to ✳ ☽ r., and it is of interest to note that last November it was just midway between these two aspects, thus bringing out the birth opposition of the lights. These present good aspects of the ruler ♂ are not likely to be of much help, owing to the radical squares, and ♂ also being at present ☌ ♄ p.—this aspect acting from the 4th and 10th houses of the

progressed figure, and occurring between the aspects to ☉ and ☽ r. (♄ in December had reached ☌ 12° 47′, ♂ ♈ 13° 18′.)

When Franco was held up at the gates of Madrid in November this ♂ ☍ ♄ aspect was reinforced by the transit of ♄ st. on his ♂, ♂ going to the ☌ of his ♄—these transits being in force on his birthday return, December 4th—with ☿ then on his 7th cusp.

His ☉ p. is now ∠ ☉ r., denoting loss of credit, disfavour of superiors. ☽ and ♃ p. were in square aspect in December (♃ in 2nd house progressed), indicating financial difficulties.

By 4/7 measure ♂ is now ☍ ♄. Also by this measure ♄ is now ☌ south node and ascendant, denoting the difficulties and delay in realising his war ambitions. The best aspect at present in force to give him any military success is that of ♂ going ☌ ♃ r.

In the radical map the ☐ conjunctions in 8th house point to Franco's superior air force. PL on cusp of 8th is a terribly destructive force, and it is now ⚻ ☿ p. The ☉ in 2nd, being ruler of 10th, suggests that he opposes the legitimate government.

Peace does not seem likely while ♂ stays so long in ♏, transiting his 1st house, with ☿ in 7th. ♂ ☍ ☿ this January falls on his 1st and 7th angles. ♂ in ♏ is likely to cause trouble in Morocco, and with his Moorish followers.

♆ transiting near ☍ ♂ r. this year is a frustrating influence.

The autumn New Moons, from August onwards, are unfavourable. The August New Moon falls on his M.C. □ ☿ in his 7th house. He may have trouble through Germany then, as that New Moon is unfavourable for Herr Hitler.

However, a certain amount of success in Franco's campaign is denoted by the progressed ♂ nearing ☌ ♃, bringing out the luminaries' good aspect to that planet; but he is likely to fall short of fully attaining his ambitions, as there is so much else to hinder him.

EDITORIAL NOTE: The great aspectual strength of the M.C. seems the best feature for success in this not very attractive map.

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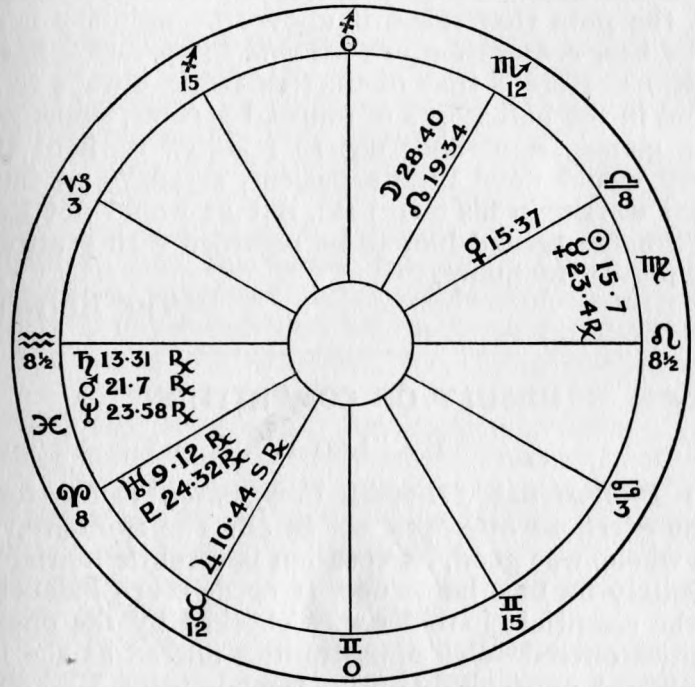
CORPULENCY

No.	Sex	M.C.	Asc.	☉	☾	☿	♀	♂	♃	♄	♅	♆	PL	☊	No.
1	Male	♉ 28	♍ 6	28 ♉ 36	13 ♎ 41	0 ♊ 31	5 ♉ 25 ℞	5 ♈ 16	8 ♉ 58	5 ♉ 30	9 ♍ 38 S D	14 ♉ 35	27 ♉ 45	19 ♐ 16	1
2	Male	♐ 11	♒ 16	22 ♐ 42	19 ♓ 22	3 ♑ 13 ℞	9 ♒ 52	16 ♍ 14	3 ♎ 56	5 ♋ 54 ℞	7 ♎ 20	23 ♉ 25 ℞	1 ♊ 37 ℞	20 ♍ 50	2
3	Male	♑ 6	♈ 19	0 ♊ 37	10 ♊ 14	6 ♉ 9	9 ♋ 23	17 ♓ 10	10 ♓ 6	12 ♈ 14	0 ♍ 11 S D	10 ♉ 19	25 ♉ 55	27 ♑ 50	3
4	Male	♏ 28	♑ 21	21 ♌ 55	22 ♋ 12	18 ♍ 28	4 ♎ 48	17 ♊ 56	8 ♎ 21	5 ♐ 40 S D	29 ♏ 31 S D	24 ♊ 16	15 ♊ 26	15 ♑ 51	4
5	Male	♐ 1	♑ 29	28 ♒ 41	3 ♋ 21	0 ♓ 3 ℞	23 ♒ 19 ℞	7 ♓ 20	2 ♒ 37	23 ♑ 14	20 ♐ 43	28 ♊ 48	16 ♊ 38 S D	7 ♏ 57	5
6	Male	♊ 6	♍ 12	19 ♍ 42	23 ♍ 23	3 ♎ 14	24 ♎ 54	8 ♏ 15	3 ♑ 30	9 ♑ 47 S D	13 ♐ 5	1 ♋ 22	18 ♊ 36 S ℞	16 ♏ 19	6
7	Male	♒ 27	♋ 2	22 ♌ 50	0 ♑ 24	20 ♍ 10	13 ♌ 42	17 ♌ 29	15 ♓ 39 ℞	16 ♍ 57	28 ♎ 2	8 ♊ 52	8 ♊ 40	1 ♊ 11	7
8	Male	♈ 6	♌ 0	26 ♉ 44	5 ♓ 59	18 ♊ 38	11 ♋ 33	24 ♊ 1	27 ♏ 11 ℞	7 ♓ 15	16 ♌ 10	3 ♉ 40	23 ♉ 5	26 ♓ 5	8
9	Female	♋ 8	♎ 6	4 ♊ 51	8 ♉ 27	0 ♊ 20	16 ♋ 33	6 ♉ 53	6 ♐ 9 ℞	3 ♑ 41 ℞	10 ♐ 44 ℞	25 ♊ 53	15 ♊ 50	11 ♐ 27	9
10	Female	♉ 2	♌ 17	5 ♉ 22	26 ♏ 26	24 ♉ 39	19 ♓ 11	26 ♊ 41	6 ♎ 32 ℞	27 ♈ 27	25 ♑ 13	16 ♋ 46	25 ♊ 16	29 ♉ 39	10
11	Female	♐ 13	♒ 20	1 ♎ 1	15 ♋ 42	7 ♎ 30	27 ♌ 37	4 ♋ 49	8 ♑ 39	18 ♊ 8 S D	3 ♒ 46 ℞	27 ♋ 51	1 ♋ 4 S ℞	23 ♓ 37	11
12	Female	♐ 18	♓ 0	6 ♍ 26	4 ♌ 12	23 ♍ 10	13 ♌ 25	26 ♋ 56	9 ♒ 17 ℞	21 ♑ 45 ℞	17 ♐ 17 S D	3 ♋ 20	19 ♊ 29	27 ♎ 41	12
13	Male	♏ 25	♑ 20	19 ♈ 53	25 ♉ 29	13 ♈ 5	9 ♓ 6	21 ♓ 40	25 ♊ 44	24 ♉ 27	20 ♍ 8 ℞	17 ♉ 27	28 ♉ 47	12 ♏ 41	13
No.	Sex	M.C.	Asc.	☉	☾	☿	♀	♂	♃	♄	♅	♆	PL	☊	No.

Horoscopic data of twelve fat people and one thin man, a brother of one of the others.
Readers are invited to state which is the thin person and which his brother.
Solution and birth data will appear in the next issue. See p. 78.

NATIVITY OF DR. GEORGE CAREY

BELOW we give the nativity of a man whose work for humanity was of an outstanding nature. Although those of us who have benefited greatly from the use of the well-known twelve tissue-salts should direct our chief gratitude to Schuessler, their discoverer—or rather, the discoverer of their unique value and the



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(*Campanus Cusps*)

correct way to employ them—still as astrologers we must also recognise in a pre-eminent manner the work of George Carey, who first studied the system astrologically and arrived at the allocation of the remedies to the twelve signs of the zodiac—an allocation with which few who have really studied the question will be inclined to quarrel.

Carey's horoscope is that of a scientist, inasmuch as three planets rise in ♒; and the distinctive medical or chemico-medical aspect of his work is shown by the positions of the two Lights in signs particularly connected with healing and with chemistry (20 ♉ ♏ is specially related to chemistry and is here occupied by ☊ in the 9th). I am inclined to think that 15 ♍-♓ is also a healing area.

On the whole the map is not superficially striking, but the note that raises it above the ordinary is *the rather near conjunction of Pars with Pluto, sextile Mars-Neptune.* Here is that distinctive factor always to be found in the horoscopes of unusual persons, sometimes at a glance, sometimes not so readily. Without this Carey would have been a patient, careful, and intelligent worker in his own field, but he would not have left a name behind him to be regarded with gratitude and respect by many.

THE EDITOR

RESULT OF COMPETITION

By "LEO B"

The *Professional Activities Competition* called forth some excellent attempts, six in all. The standard, on the whole, was good, as vocation is a subtle matter to definitely fix in a horoscope. It needs much balancing of the essential characteristics checked by the opportunities offered—also opportunities offered as the life progresses, particularly during the late teens. Undoubtedly it is all in the radical map, but it is difficult to find the key. It is, however, an essential point to uncover in any life, for astrologers, both professional and amateur, are frequently asked advice as to this very important step. It is advice which should not be undertaken too casually.

Mr. H. M. White sent in by far the best attempt, and very ably gave details leading to his decisions.

No. 1.—He alone of all the competitors gave correctly the profession of No. 1 (soldier), and also men-

tioned the rank of officer, which was good. He brings forward the degrees of forethought and routine, both qualities strongly stressed in the character and work of the native, who is a general and whose most successful periods and appointments are connected with India.

No. 2.—Mrs. V. Churchill alone gave this correctly as clergyman. Though he is a man of many parts and two or three of the competitors saw the author and speaker in him, which is quite correct and gains half a mark.

The gentleman is a well-known lecturer and psychologist, having written many books on the subject which he also practises. He seems to combine these activities with that of minister very successfully.

No. 3 was decidedly difficult and came under "Natural Qualifications." He is a clairvoyant with most genuine and decided gifts in this direction, is of humble parentage, and has never travelled. Three of the competitors suggested actor, dramatist, and even dancer. It is possible that all clairvoyants must have some sense of the dramatic, for crystal-gazing and palmistry seem to require a setting, and that quality probably also helps in the presentation of facts.

No. 4 is the most correctly sensed profession, on the whole. The lady teaches at a secretarial college, and has been secretary to authors and dramatists as well as others. It will be seen her ruler and ☉ are in ♍. Though no one gave secretary, many stated literary connections and so gained half a mark.

No. 5, on the whole, was not good, one competitor suggesting grand opera singer and two suggesting doctor. The lady is a violinist well known at home and abroad.

No. 6.—This again is difficult, as being unusual, and it conforms to "Natural Qualifications." The lady is a dowser or diviner of water, oil, and minerals, her main work being amongst geologists in oil and minerals. Her sensitivity is so developed that she frequently divines from a map and confirms it at the spot. She held an official post abroad under the Government, and so has definitely made a profession of it. Mr. White alone

mentions the degree of *touch*; the lady is so super-sensitive in this respect that she frequently has to wear gloves when meeting many people, as it has been known to make her physically sick.

The prize is awarded to Mr. H. M. White, who gives one completely correct solution and partly correct indications in the other five.

NOTE BY EDITOR.—Since the above was written and the competition closed, an excellent attempt has been received from K. H. (Bombay), which the propounder of the competition has generously recognized by paying for her a year's subscription to the Quarterly.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

STALIN'S BIRTH-DATE

From W. J. TUCKER.

May I be permitted to correct the mental confusion of your correspondent, M. Matthews?

In changing over from the Julian Calendar to the Gregorian, one does *not* have to correct the old-style date of December 20, 1880, to suit the new-style date of December 20, 1936! The correction has to be made for the year 1880 only. That being the case, Stalin's birth-date would be January 1, 1880 (new style)—if December 20, 1880 (old style) is his correct date. Only if he were born December 21, 1880 (old style) would it be January 2, 1880 (new style).

The important thing to remember in transposing calendars is that it *must be effected for the year under consideration*, and not for the year in which we happen to be living. We cannot make Stalin's birth-date to be January 1st for the nineteenth century and January 2nd for the twentieth century. It will remain January 1 of the Gregorian Calendar for all centuries to come. That is, January 1, 1880.

HOROSCOPES WRONGLY CALCULATED?

From CYRIL FAGAN.

The correct positions for Shakespeare's birth-date will be found in McNaughton's *More Notable Nativities*, so I need not reproduce the figure here. You may, however, wish to see the correct positions for Joan of Arc's date of birth. Here they are:

☉ 24 ♑ 24;	☽ 12 ♎ 48;	☿ 0 ♑ 12;	♀ 17 ♑ 36
♂ 7 ♍ 54;	♃ 12 ♎ 36;	♄ 18 ♉ 36;	♅ 8 ♒ 12
♆ 2 ♋ 18;	PL 6 ♊ 48;	☊ 6 ♓ 54	

Note ☽ ☌ ♃ ♎ (Sepharial has ☽ in ♌!).

Date, January 5, 1412 (old style) or January 14 (new style).

As further examples of the utter disregard for accuracy displayed by the old-time astrologers, let me point to the horoscope of the notorious Borgia—Pope Alexander VI—the most infamous pope in history. His map, calculated by Gauricus and copied by Junctinus, is given in *N.N.*448. But here are the true positions as I calculate them:

☉ 19 ♑ 42; ☽ 20 ♌ 12; ☿ 5 ♑ 6 ℞; ♀ 25 ♐ 18
♂ 19 ♎ 6; ♃ 0 ♉ 42; ♄ 18 ♑ 30; ♅ 20 ♈ 58
♆ 14 ♌ 48; PL 8 ♋ 36; ☊ 19 ♏ 36

Note ☽ ☌ ♆ ♌. ☉ ☌ ♄ □ ♂ □ ♅ ☍ PL!!!

His birth is given in *N.N.* as 31.12.1430 (Astron.) or 1.1.1431 (Civil), which agrees with the recorded date. This is, of course, old style.

Compare the following positions for the birth of Regiomontanus as calculated by me, with those shown in *N.N.* 449.

☉ 24 ♊ 18; ☽ 23 ♓ 18; ☿ 4 ♊ 48; ♀ 27 ♋ 48
♂ 22 ♋ 6; ♃ 11 ♎ 42; ♄ 25 ♓ 24; ♅ 17 ♉ 42
♆ 25 ♌ 6; PL 15 ♋ 18

Note ☽ ☌ ♄ ♓ ✶ ♅. ☉ □ ☽ ♄.

As our final example compare the following positions of the planets at the birth of Lorenzo the Magnificent with those published in *N.N.* 455.

Date 6.8.1448 (old style).

☉ 22 ♌ 18; ☽ 2 ♏ 30; ☿ 0 ♍ 42; ♀ 28 ♋ 54
♂ 4 ♐ 0; ♃ 21 ♎ 0; ♄ 29 ♌ 42; ♅ 10 ♋ 42
♆ 22 ♍ 12; PL 3 ♌ 12; ☊ 19 ♓ 24

Note the erroneous positions of ☿ and ♀.

As to erroneous dates, they are legion. Thus Pope Julius II's date is given as 22.6.1445 *N.N.*, whereas the authorities give 5.12.1443. Pope Leo X—*N.N.* 19.12.1475; authorities 11.12.1475; and so on.

If you should care to publish the above recalculated positions in the pages of *Astrology* you are at full liberty to do so. I'm sure the majority of your readers would like to be advised on the danger of taking these old maps on trust.

Here are some positions that may be of interest:

Hakim Omar Khayyám

Born at Naishápúr, Province of Khorassán, Persia, at 5.40 a.m. on July 25, 1050 (old style or Julian Calendar), or July 31, 1050 (new style or Gregorian Calendar).

X	XI	XII	I	II	III
5 ♉ 30	13 ♊	16 ♋	13 ♌	7 ♍	3 ♎

☉ 6 ♌ 48; ☽ 15 ♍ 0; ☿ 3 ♍ 30; ♀ 26 ♌ 54; ♂ 4 ♋ 6
♃ 19 ♈ 48; ♄ 8 ♒ 18; ♅ 12 ♎ 18; ♆ 18 ♈ 48; PL 17 ♒ 12
☊ 8 ♌ 0

SYMBOLIC DIRECTIONS

From S. L. MACBEAN.

The December issue is excellent as usual. "De Profundis" is well written. Too bad Mrs. Rhodes is wrong in many of her predictions. She appears to deal with transits exclusively. If you care to take the very careful rectification of King George VI's map, into which I put much work, you will find the M.C. is 9° 12′ Leo, ascendant is 28° 45′ Libra. Second cusp is 25° 44′ Scorpio. I cannot see that it is a hopeful map. The map of Edward VIII certainly worked out too well according to those "utterly worthless" symbolic directions.

As you know, transits over the radical positions in any map are often disappointing, particularly when one is trying to make a rectification and needs to locate the Moon or the Angles. But I have discovered quite a different state of affairs when it comes to the progressed positions for any important event. So far as my experiments have gone transits seem to favour such progressed positions, and I have frequently found these transits to be remarkably consistent and often very close. Furthermore, I have found that transiting bodies are sometimes a distance apart from themselves equal to the arc, or arcs for the event involved. I am referring to the usual symbolic arcs. If this discovery (?) can be confirmed it should be important in more ways than one. Mr. Frankland's 70° plus 4/7° arc also gives gratifying results in this connection. Often by doubling the arc one gets a startling result.

I wish to protest that Mr. G. H. Bailey, in his article, "Per Ardua ad Astra," has not accomplished what he set out to do. The original problem remains exactly where it was. Mr. Bailey succeeds only in showing that certain fixed stars, with their usual "said to be" qualities, were afflicting the progressed angles at the time of death. Since he mentions some 275 fixed stars, and as there are only 360 degrees in the zodiac, there should be no trouble in finding some accommodating star to fit any occasion. I am not unmindful of his skill in associating the afflicting stars with both the radical and progressed positions. But this does *not* solve the fundamental problem.

He has yet to show why the severe radical afflictions were not stirred to action by the many powerful aspects to them produced by the direct and converse directions—long before the fatal accident. If his thesis is right then directions of all sorts, primary, secondary, and symbolic, are utterly unreliable unless associated with some appropriate fixed-star influence. Furthermore, his explanation of this case is meaningless unless he can prove that at *no* earlier date was there any appropriate fixed-star force in effect. And even if he could prove this he has still to explain away the whole body of directional teaching from Ptolemy to Carter. Moreover he has invoked a boomerang. Since he has appealed to the fixed stars it will be necessary for him to correlate *all* of the relevant fixed stars with

the natus to begin with, and with *all* of the relevant fixed stars to end with in the progressed map.

The crux of the problem is the phenomenon of recurrent or repetitive experiences so prevalent in nature and which are so well explained by symbolic directions. The Bible is full of allusions to this principle, e.g. "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the days of the Son of Man." Then there is the frequent reference to types and anti-types, such as to Adam and Jesus. Students of Bible prophecy constantly refer to ancient events as being symbolic of events to come. "History repeats itself" is an old and true maxim.

Is it to be wondered at, then, that this cycle-accident case shows in a remarkable manner this recurrent tendency? The mean arc to death is just under 19°, and the 4/7° arc is 11°. Multiples and sub-multiples of these figures occur time and again throughout the map in the most striking manner. The fact that these recurrent arcs do exist is no argument against the principle of symbolic directions. On the contrary they prove that death would take place on one of the recurrent dates, as it did. Each recurrent date added to the violence of the afflictions by the piling up of the slower measures. *The problem is to determine how much bombardment the radical structure will withstand without collapsing.*

From the astrological point of view a fatal accident is no more an unforeseen contingency than is a normal death. It follows therefore that no evil directions will cause a fatal accident until the moment arrives when such will take effect according to the radical time-indications. We are not told how many narrow escapes from injury or death this native had—he himself may not have known. But because he escaped injury is no proof that death was not very close at times. Finally, death did take place under the strongest possible symbolic directions. If this is not true, then two and two do not make four!

With the exception of Neptune there are no malefics in the quadrant from the ascendant to the midheaven, so that death in early boyhood was unlikely. The 4th house (end of life) has the worst afflictions, and is ruled by Saturn, which is not the planet of youth, so that death in early youth was ruled out. It follows, therefore, that no early afflictions were likely to cause death. If this principle is not sound, then all directional astrology becomes a farce!

The transitual influences at death were remarkable, and I consider the mundane parallel place of Mars at 19° 46′ ♐ to be important. At the hour of death Saturn was transiting at 0° 42′ ♐. Adding the main arc, say 19° in round numbers, we get to the parallel place of Mars; adding the arc again we reach Uranus! Deducting the arc from Saturn we have 11° 42′ ♏, which is semi-square Sun and the Saturn-Venus midpoint. Venus was transiting 20° 8′ ♐, which is 19° 26′ from the transiting Saturn and therefore close to the mean arc from the radical Uranus. Pluto was transiting 15° 24′ ♋; deducting 19°, we reach the square of the Saturn-Venus midpoint almost exactly. Adding the arc we have 4° 24′ ♌, which is square

the transiting Mars at 4° 32′ ♉. Uranus was transiting 25° 32′ ♓, conjunction the Sun-Saturn midpoint. Adding the arc, we reach the square of Neptune.

The 2½° arc to death is 48° 2′. Adding this to the transiting Saturn, we reach Mars radical. Subtracting this arc from the transiting Jupiter at 22° 5′ ♒ we reach the nadir almost exactly! There are many more of these remarkable transitual relationships. Who will say that such special influences as these are not to be taken into account in such cases as this one?

SOME QUERIES TO ADVOCATES OF ASTROLOGY

From R. J. GOKHALE
(Poona, Bombay Presidency).

I shall feel highly obliged if you will kindly publish the following queries in your valuable journal and also the replies thereto, either by yourself or other advocates of astrology, in the same or subsequent numbers of your magazine.

I. *Relation between Stars and Earthly Events*

(1) Conjoint twins have necessarily the same birthtime and consequently identical horoscopes. Their lives in the conjoint condition, are almost identical (though not entirely so). However, after the separation of their bodies by a surgical operation, such twins are found to have different careers and fates (*vide* such cases given in *Faith and Science in Surgery*, by Bland Sutton, M.D.).

(2) Also, Mr. E. H. Bailey, in his book, *Pre-natal Epoch*, says: "It is admitted that there are numerous cases of two people born at the same time whose lives and career have been totally different."

(3) In Volume IX, No. 4, of *Astrology*, "Rigel" shows that though his twin brother's horoscope does not differ much from his own, yet their characters, careers, and fates are entirely different.

Do not these instances show that human fates are, in some cases at least, independent of the stars?

If the above cases are regarded out of court on any ground, please consider the following experiences:

(4) If a speculator enters into two or more transactions, by 'phone or through a broker, at one and the same time, do all such transactions prove equally profitable or unprofitable? If such a person were to make only one transaction and find it profitable, the astrological explanation of it would be that his stars were favourable. Proceeding by the same line of reasoning, it follows that if the same person makes several transactions nearly simultaneously, the results of such simultaneous transactions must prove exactly similar? Do they so prove? If they do not, what is the explanation?

If it be argued, that the difference of a minute or so in the times of the transactions causes the difference in the results, then the question arises as to whether the current methods in astrology, which have no different interpretations for differences of seconds in the positions of planets, can be depended upon for giving correct answers.

(5) In any country there occur calamities like drought or epidemics of disease. Take any such calamity (e.g. the last drought in England or the last influenza epidemic in India) and find the aspects of stars that indicate this calamity. Let it then be shown that the same calamities have occurred whenever there were the same aspects of stars. If it be contended that for a similar event exactly the same aspects of all the heavenly bodies are necessary, then it will be seen that this condition will make the observation of any connection between events and positions of stars at that time perfectly futile, since exactly similar aspects rarely recur. Also, this plea is inconsistent with the usual practice of astrologers, according to which results are based on a limited number of aspects only.

In this state of things, how can it be maintained that stars indicate definite events with certainty? One proof in support of astrology would be the following:

(6) In cities with over two millions of inhabitants, there must take place a very large number of births every day. Now unless all births happen at equal intervals (which, however, is not possible) there must occur several pairs of nearly simultaneous births, or at least pairs of births separated by two or three minutes from each other. In such cities, if municipal corporations make it compulsory for every parent, and nurse or doctor, attending the birth of a child, to record the exact time of birth and to supply the information to the Birth Registration Office, it will be possible to find in the Birth Register several pairs of births within a few minutes of each other. Now, if such children in each pair are found to have entirely parallel careers, the principle of astrology will find confirmation. Is such a proof available?

II. *Uncertainty of Results Owing to the Modifying Influence of Environment*

(1) From statistics we learn that in highly civilised countries of one hundred children born, about fourteen die in the first year, and that about four die in the second year, and that about two die in the third year.

If death is due to very bad aspects of the stars, how is it that, whatever the year of birth of children, aspects of stars are always most unfavourable only to children born in that year, while they are not so to those born in the previous year, much less to those born two years back? If deaths in the first year be due to particular transits, can it be shown that deaths occur to the same extent when such transits occur in other cases?

(2) In uncivilised countries (e.g. India) the percentage of mortality among children during the first three years of life is nearly double that in civilised countries. Does this mean that the number of children in uncivilised countries having bad aspects in the early years of life is always double of that in civilised countries?

(3) The monthly income of persons in the employ of government

or big concerns is almost fixed, during long periods, while that of persons doing business often varies not only from month to month, but even from day to day. Are these changes due to stars only? Do not such comparisons show that in all events on this earth, environment is a very powerful factor over-ruling the stars? If so, even granting that stars are an essential factor, does it not follow that as events are the joint result of stars and environment, the equation showing the relation between stars and events would be somewhat as follows:

$$S + E = R,$$

where S stands for stars, E for environment, and R for results, i.e. resulting event.

Now, since exact numerical values cannot be found for S and E, the value of R must remain a subject of speculation.

III. *Do Stars show Favourable or Unfavourable Times?*

As to the claim of astrologers that stars show favourable or unfavourable times, my query is: Can astrologers foretell these invariably, i.e. can they show that ventures begun in times pronounced favourable by them always turn out successful, and those undertaken in times pronounced unfavourable, prove unsuccessful? Can it be shown that players who play in periods most favourable to them and most unfavourable to their opponents are invariably successful? Also, can astrologers show that the efforts for starting astrological associations or journals fare better than the efforts of other people on account of their knowledge of favourable and unfavourable times? Where is the evidence for this?

EDITORIAL NOTE.—We hope to deal with this very ably and clearly set forth interrogatory in our next issue, and trust that any correspondent who cares to do so will also submit his views, as far as possible dealing with the points *seriatim*, and with the same conciseness with which they are stated. We may at this stage only anticipate so far as to say that in many cases the chief difficulty appears to be the lack of precise data, e.g. Siamese twins do not always have a common circulatory system, and, if not, then presumably they might not inhale their first breaths at the same moment.

REVIEWS

Astro-Nativity: An Astronomical Compendium for Astrologers, by L. NARAYANA RAO, M.A. The Norman Printing Bureau, Calicut. Price Rs. 5.

The main purpose of this work is to show how planetary positions may be calculated independently of any ephemeris. Interspersed with Sanscrit characters throughout, it begins with expositions on plane and spherical trigonometry before proceeding to the celestial

and terrestrial co-ordinates necessary to locate the positions of the heavenly bodies relative to any place on the earth, thence to the computations required to determine their positions in point of time.

The epoch used in Hindu astronomy is the Kaliyuga, which commenced in February of the year 3102 B.C., but for convenience the author adopts January 1, A.D. 1800, and gives the mean heliocentric positions of the planets for that date before detailing the lengthy and intricate calculations involved in the Hindu and more modern methods of arriving at their geocentric longitudes and latitudes. House division is not forgotten, and, of interest to prenatalists, the author also demonstrates the rectification of the birth time from the dwadasamsas occupied by the Moon at birth and at conception, based on a sloka from the ancient Brihatjataka.

Although a glance through a work of this kind may evoke paeans of thankfulness from divers astrological students for their present-day ephemerides, they should bear in mind that calculations of the sort exemplified form the foundations on which ephemerides are based. Students of a more mathematical turn of mind are therefore likely to find this book a fruitful field in which to browse.

G. ♑.

Foretold by the Stars, by C. EVERARD MITCHELL. Published by the author at Delph Street, Halifax, England. Price 3s. 6d. net.

A delightfully refreshing book by a Lodge member whose name is known to many readers. Mr. Mitchell sets out to prove the value of astrology as a scientific method of prediction, and right well he does it. Much of his material is based on forecasts made by himself, some of which appeared in public newspapers before the events concerned took place. These predictions range from personal matters to such general events as election forecasts (illustrated by maps), the Great Strike of 1926, the Derby, and even world affairs, in the sphere of which the author makes further predictions of events yet to come.

Mr. Mitchell's horoscope and photograph are included with a short review of his life, which should prove both interesting and helpful to students, as also will the chapter on progressions, which unobtrusively but quite definitely quashes the measure of one degree per annum so much in vogue to-day. Further chapters deal with tissue salts, numerology, predestination, and other matters amongst which several novel theories are naïvely propounded.

Judging from letters received, and appreciations which have appeared in the columns of the *Halifax Courier and Guardian*, Mr. Mitchell has done much for the cause of astrology, especially in his native town of Halifax, and we have every reason to be proud of him. He continues with the good work in this book, which deserves a ready and wide sale, not only from the standpoint of propaganda, but also from that of general astrological interest.

G. ♑.

Astrology in Mesopotamian Culture, an essay by A. E. THIERENS. Published by E. J. Brill, Ltd., Leiden, Holland. Price 2.50 guilders.

Books confined to the history of astrology are rare, and if only for that reason (although well able to stand on its own merits) this work should find a place in our astrological libraries. So erudite a treatise, obviously the result of many years of labour and patient research, is more than an "essay," and is worthy of a term much more comprehensive. It deals with the spread of astrological lore amongst the Babylonians and Assyrians, offshoots from which passed into China and India before the main stem descended to the Greeks and Romans; and although it takes us back to the other side of 3000 B.C., through periods long before the days of the Chaldeans, yet the beginnings of that teaching still remain hidden.

In those days astrology was truly a religion, whose priests were marvellously efficient astronomers, as apparent from texts that still exist, although, as may be expected, the methods in present-day use had not then been developed, a more primitive yet more cosmic symbolism taking their place. The fundamental idea of cyclic recurrence was well established, as also was that of the triadic principles, extending through the Babylonic hierarchies of gods into the worlds of manifestation in which the planets played their parts, if only in a symbolic way. This cosmogony maintained a close correspondence with human activities, so much so that it is now even possible to identify the principles of the three outer planets discovered in modern times with one of the primary divine triads (even to the rulership of the 11th sign by Uranus!), although the ancients could not have observed those bodies visually with the instruments at their command.

Dr. Thierens has compressed so much material into this book that it is a difficult matter to do justice to it in a short review. It is not the kind that can be read or assimilated quickly, but one that should form an excellent basis for study.

G. ♈.

The Universe in Space and Time, by Professor G. VAN DEN BERGH, translated by JOAN C. H. MARSHALL and TH. DE VRIJER. Cassell & Co., Ltd. Price 12s. 6d. net.

Every astrological student should know something about the physical counterparts of the symbolic entities employed in horoscopic divination, indeed, some general knowledge of the solar system and the stellar universe is essential to the proper understanding of the factors involved. It is manifestly impossible to form a mental picture of the heavens when reading a map without being able to recognize their salient parts by actual observation, for a map drawn on paper cannot be anything but a very imperfect representation of the celestial scheme, yet this point is so resolutely ignored in most

textbooks that the spherical nature of the horoscope is apt to be overlooked, with the result that coming generations of students are in grave danger of degenerating into mere paper astrologers and astrology into a shallow astromancy.

As a corrective to this tendency, a move towards astronomy is indicated, not perhaps so far as to frequent observatories or to delve into astronomical mathematics, but just far enough to acquire a nicely balanced idea of the relationships between the heavenly bodies. Here is the ideal book for the purpose. Clearly and simply written, it is eminently readable, and as a popular exposition of astronomy brought right up to date would be hard to beat.

Separate chapters are devoted to the earth, the moon, the sun, the planets, and the stars, considerations arising out of their interrelationship being developed in later chapters. Although every page of the book makes interesting reading, the attention of astrologers is most likely to be attracted by such features as the equation of time, the calendar, the obliquity of the ecliptic, the precession of the equinoxes, the course of the moon and her nodes, eclipses and eclipse-cycles, the periodicity of sun-spots, the retrogradation of the planets, the asteroids, the discovery of the outermost planets, comets—not to mention the fascinating possibilities that lie amongst the stars, a field still awaiting extensive exploration in modern astrology.

The description of the earth as seen from the other planets is very illuminating in its revelation of our globe's relative insignificance, even from an astrological point of view. To an observer on Venus, Mercury, or Mars, it would appear more or less as Venus does to us, but as seen from Jupiter it never moves more than 12° from the Sun, that is, less than half Mercury's greatest elongation as viewed from the earth. Seen from Saturn the earth's maximum elongation is only 6°, so that its very existence would only be known there from its transit across the face of the Sun, while to the other planets and the rest of the universe it does not exist at all!

Our own activities are confined to an extremely thin film on the surface of this puny globe, but lest such thoughts should evoke dismay it is reassuring to learn that the size of man is about halfway between the atom and the average star, the human body containing about 10^{27} atoms and the star the equivalent of 10^{28} men. To us dwellers on the earth, too, light always appears to travel at the maximum speed at which energy of any kind can move, no matter from what source or in what direction, just as though all things were centred on us, although where dimensions are concerned there are no absolute measures of length and time; everything is purely relative.

Astronomers are undoubtedly tearing away the veil from more fundamentally universal truths than perhaps they realize, and in their theories of an expanding and contracting universe they but give modern expression to the ancient Hindu teachings concerning the out-breathing and in-breathing of Brahma. The work involved

in their investigations nowadays is of a nature apt to blind them to deeper issues, and although Professor Van den Bergh essays a little philosophy, it does not take him deep enough to avoid making the usual stupid remarks on astrology found in some of the older astronomical works. That one blemish and the somewhat childish accounts of visits to the Moon and Mars are the only unattractive features in the book, but will readily be forgiven by those who know better, if only for the delightful presentation of a subject so closely akin to that enshrined in the hearts of many readers of these pages.

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Preliminary Announcement

We have pleasure in announcing that

AN ASTROLOGICAL CONVENTION

Will be held in London on the

24th, 25th & 26th SEPTEMBER next

at the

BESANT HALL

just off Baker Street, W.1.

It will be organised by the Astrological Lodge, but every endeavour will be made to obtain well-known and representative speakers from all parts of the country.

Opening Meeting at 7 p.m. on Sept. 24th (Friday)

Full particulars will appear in our next issue.

The help of all serious students is hoped for, so that this occasion may be an outstanding success and a landmark in the progress towards the public rehabilitation of Astrology.

Ample opportunity will be afforded for questions and general debate.