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EDITORIAL

Political

By the time this is in print the results of the General Election will be known.

One of the most striking elements in the astrology of this event appears to be the prominence of Mars.

In the map for the Labour Party (noon, February 27, 1900, Central London) the ascendant has come, by one degree progression, almost precisely to the opposition of Mars in 28: 52 Aquarius. The ascendant, at London, of the eclipse of March 18 is 28: 46 Leo. And Mr. Attlee's progressed Mars is in almost the same point—how closely one cannot say, since his birth-hour is unknown. In the Labour Party map progressed M.C. is 28: 52 Aries, *exactly* sextile Mars in the same figure and the progressed Sun is going to the sextile of Mars, though this is still a year or so ahead.

I question whether Martian afflictions (and the above are not all afflictive contacts) necessarily show defeat, as Saturnian ones would do; but it looks like a very severe struggle.

My forecast that the conjunction of Mars and Saturn in Virgo would be followed by Labour defeats was quickly justified in New Zealand and Australia.

Loss of H.M. Submarine "Truculent"

This was a tragic example of the value of the 1801 United Kingdom map. The ship was lost on January 12th and on the 10th Venus was stationary in 18: 44 Aquarius: as will be seen on page 4 below, Neptune, in the U.K. map, is in 18: 43 Scorpio, so that we have an almost precise square between the stationary planet, ruler of the horoscope, and Neptune in the death-sign Scorpio. On the 18th Neptune was stationary on cusp 3 (Placidus) at London, opposed to cusp 9, traditionally related to shipping.

The Indonesian Republic

This was inaugurated on December 27, 1949, at Amsterdam The horoscope cannot be good. We do not know the hour of the actual transfer of power to the new government; but the Sun is opposed to Uranus and the Moon to Mars, making up a grand square in cardinal signs. It is dangerous to say too much when only the day is known; but one would hardly be surprised if bloodshed and dissension ensue at no distant future. It is difficult to see how the establishment of a Communist regime in China can fail to have the most disastrous consequences for European interests in the Far East.

Twin Horoscopes

Nothing is more interesting than to meet someone whose nativity resembles one's own and it has been my good fortune to be able, occasionally, to introduce "astrological twins" to each other. Now the proposal has been made by a Hindu member of the Lodge, Mr. Shivaji, that the *Quarterly* should institute a card-index register of birth-times for the purpose of facilitating such introductions. Registration would cost a nominal sum of 2s. 6d., and the obligation accepted would be to inform any registrates whose birth-times were within, should we say? a week of one another, of each other's address. Changes of address would have to be notified, naturally. Parents could register their children, and it might sometimes happen that a birth-time registered would correspond more or less closely with that of some celebrity. This would also be notified, provided it were noticed.

The success of such a scheme would depend upon getting a really large registration; but I am prepared to put it into operation at once. Date and place of birth, hour as close as possible, and address.

Of course the fact of foreign birth would make no difference, in general, to the utility of the scheme: a person born on the same day as myself in Peru might have a natus more like mine than one born on the same day in my native town.

A Formation-Problem

I was asked at the Lodge to venture an opinion on the basic meaning of a sextile-square formation (say, X in 0 Aries, Y in 0 Gemini, Z in 0 Cancer) and a square-trine (say, X in 0 Aries, Y in 0 Cancer, Z in 0 Leo).

It would seem that in each case the square would indicate disharmonious conditions, both interior and exterior and either disruptive or obstructive in nature according to the bodies concerned, whilst in the first case there should be alleviation

through 3rd–11th house principles, such as mental adjustments and one's close associates and kith and kin, and in the second case the trine would operate rather in 5th–9th house ways to mitigate the difficulty shown by the quadrature. Perhaps readers can throw light on the matter from their own experiences?

The Data of Napoleon I—and Shakespeare

It is curious how, despite the availability of a fair number of reasonably authentic maps, some astrologers persist in trying to perpetuate the most dubious genitures.

Thus it is constantly asserted, as if the time were known almost to the minute, that Napoleon was born under Libra 17. Yet this matter was carefully examined by that most learned of astrologers, Dr. Garnett, in two articles in a now long-extinct periodical called *The Horoscope*, and the writer showed that, whilst the story that Napoleon was really born on the day usually assigned to his elder brother Joseph* might be dismissed both for astrological and less technical reasons, the evidence for the Libran birth-time is flimsy in the extreme. It is based solely on an unsupported statement by Worsdale that Napoleon himself gave 9.41 a.m. to a "Corsican astrologer"! On the other hand, there is, wrote Garnett, a universal belief that Madame Mère gave birth to her famous son immediately on her return from church, whilst one historian gives 11 a.m. as the time of birth and another says "midi sonnait." Both these times would yield a Scorpio ascendant.

Really it passes my comprehension how any astrologer could hesitate as between Libra and Scorpio in this case. Libra, however primitive, seldom entirely lacks charm, and—we think of Eva Braun in those last nightmare days in the Berlin bunker—it seldom fails to win the devotion of some woman. But Napoleon, though his magnetic powers were enormous, had no charm, and his manners with women were those of a coarse soldier. His wife refused to follow him to Elba, Josephine was unfaithful to him. One mistress did go to Elba—to get a settlement for her son. She stayed two days! Napoleon's soldiers, fed on the legend of a quite mythical figure, worshipped Napoleon, but not so those who knew him intimately: rather they feared and disliked him. As H. G. Wells wrote (*Outline of History*) "It would be difficult to find a human being less likely to arouse affection." And, "He was, as few men are or dare to be, a scoundrel, bright and complete."

* It is alleged that the birth certificates were falsified so as to give Napoleon French nationality and thus enable him to enter the academy at Brienne. Corsica did not become French territory till January 1768; Joseph was born January 7, 1768.

It is true that, bearing Hitler in mind, one must not claim too much for a Libra ascendant. But I believe it is recognised that Hitler was a psychopathic case in a degree that could not be affirmed of Napoleon, and certainly *some* Libran traits appear very clearly in the Führer's temperament.

Napoleon stands as the type of the utter egotist, entirely self-centred and self-regarding. This agrees well enough with Jupiter rising in Scorpio, opposed to Uranus and in sextile to Mars on the one hand and Pluto on the other. The striking feature, to me, is the absence of any solar contacts save a semisquare to Venus. There may have been parallels; I have no ephemeris for 1769.

Another case that has had too much publicity is that of Shakespeare, given in "One Thousand and One." As Maurice Wemyss points out in "More Notable Nativities," it is erroneously cast for New Style. In any case Shakespeare's birthday is not known. He was baptised on April 26th, and there is a *tradition* that he was born on the 23rd, but nothing more.

A far more critical attitude towards uncertain birth-times is called for. It is not that no reference should be made to the maps of persons whose t.o.b. is doubtful, but it is essential that in each and every case the trustworthiness or otherwise of the time should be as far as possible made plain.

British Horoscopes

Some new readers have asked that these maps, to which reference is often made in *Astrology*, should be given in order that they may better follow observations made upon them. These three were actually printed, in map form, in our issue of June, 1940, but we subjoin the data:

Coronation of William I, Christmas Day, 1066

Asc. 22 ♈, M.C. 9 ♑, ☉ 9:48 ♑, ☽ 29:0 ♐, ☿ 16:30 ♑, ☿ 29:55 ♑, ♂ 8:2 ♒, ♃ 8:12 ♏ R, ♄ 17:12 ♏ R, ♅ 28:30 ♐, ♆ 22:12 ♉, PL?

Union of England and Scotland, 1707

Asc. 16 ♑, M.C. 21 ♏, ☉ 20:29 ♉, ☽ 28:10 ♏, ☿ 11:4 ♉ R, ☿ 6:49 ♈, ♂ 20:1 ♌, ♃ 21:51 ♎, ♄ 5:6 ♊, ♅ 9:24 ♎, ♆ 22:6 ♈, PL 23 ♎.

Union of Great Britain and Ireland, 0 hr. 0 min. January 1, 1801

Asc. 7:10 ♎, M.C. 9:21 ♌, ☉ 10:11 ♑, ☽ 19:29 ♌, ☿ 17:36 ♐, ☿ 16:32 ♒, ♂ 11:47 ♉, ♃ 1:58 ♎ R, ♄ 23:17 ♎ R, ♅ 2:16 ♎ R, ♆ 18:43 ♏, PL 5 ♐.

I regard the first and third of these as the most important, but it will be seen how many common factors there are to all three.

ERRATA

Mr. J. Martin Harvey writes as follows:

Charles the Martyr

Cyril Fagan has kindly drawn my attention to a careless lapse in my Schoch and Foelsch calculations for the natus of Charles I. Unhappily, when computing Sun I forgot to add the 42 minutes of a degree, for zero years, after taking out the value for 1600 centuries. Thus almost all bodies except Moon were thrown slightly out, as was domification, since this depends on R.A. Sol at birth plus apparent time from noon.

All positions have been recalculated and the corrected nativity is appended, together with latitudes which may be useful to those who wish to work R.A. values. Please accept my sincere apologies for this irritating slip.

☉	☽	☿	♀	♂
8 ♐ 10	5 ♎ 12	9 ♐ 23	23 ♐ 27	25 ♐ 17
♃	♄	♅ R	♆ R	PL R
20 ♏ 12	5 ♏ 31	1 ♉ 54	0 ♏ 14	23 ♈ 0

Campanus Houses

M.C.			Asc.		
♉ 25	♊ 25	♋ 29	♏ 7	♎ 9	♏ 4

Latitudes

☽	☿	♀	♂	♃
5 S 12	1 S 17	0 S 5	0 S 4	1 N 6
♄	♅	♆	PL	
2 N 10	0 S 29	0 N 37	16 S 39	

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It is also regretted that a mistake was made in Mr. Fagan's letter, published in our last issue, page 66. The dates should be April 14 throughout, *not* as printed 1914–April 13, 1918–April 13, 1929–April 13. Will readers please amend their copies?

Mrs. Hone's Article

P. 40. "What had Miss Cummins and her friend *thought* it meant." Instead of "had got," as printed.

P. 42. "Sport was emphasised as *she* played hockey for Ireland."

P. 43. "Are we to call these personifications? Or entities, able to function through this human being."

THE PERPETUAL REGISTER

Under the above title I propose to publish, year by year, a Register, as complete as possible, of all important events that occurred during the preceding twelve months. To make this as valuable as it should be, the co-operation of readers is requested, including, in particular, those resident abroad. Above all, the source of information must be stated and the nature of the "time" used, i.e. whether local mean time, local standard time (and if so, what standard time, if there is any possibility of doubt), summer-time, and so forth. These matters are easily settled at the time of the event, but they may become very difficult of determination in years to come. Planetary positions will not be printed, but it is suggested that the midheaven *be given in each instance, as an additional check on the time.*

Readers can also help greatly by immediately correcting any erroneous data.

TO DECEMBER 31, 1949.

November 14 Prince Charles of Edinburgh, first child of the Duke of Edinburgh and Princess Elizabeth, born at Buckingham Palace, at 9.14 p.m., G.M.T., M.C. Aries 13–27.

December 11 Signing of the Confederation agreement between Canada and Newfoundland. According to information received from the C.B.C. signing began at 12.05 p.m. and ended at 12.11, at Ottawa.

January 26 Australian Nationality Citizenship Act came into force, presumably at midnight 25th–26th, Canberra standard time.

April 4 Mr. Dean Acheson signed the North Atlantic Pact for U.S.A. at Washington, at 4.51 p.m., E.S.T. (from *Life*, April 18, 1949).

April 18 Independent Irish Republic came into being, at one minute after midnight, presumably British 1 hr. summer-time.

May 5 — At about 3.0 p.m., British 1 hr. summer time, at St. James's Palace, London, signing of the Statute of the Council of Europe.

May 24 — German Federal Republic created at Bonn-am-Rhein, 0 h. 0 m. German Daylight Saving Time; the Foundation Law was accepted May 8, 1949, 23 h. 55 m., German D.S.T. From A.F.A. Bulletin, Vol. II, No. 7.

August 10 — Inauguration of the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe, some time in the afternoon, at Strasbourg.

August 18 — Devaluation of the £ announced on wireless by Sir Stafford Cripps, 8.15 p.m., G.M.T.

September 21 — Mao-tse-tung announced the establishment of the People's Republic of China, at Pekin, at opening session of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Assembly. Hour unknown.

October 1 — Mao-tse-tung proclaimed the People's Republic of China, apparently in morning, at Pekin. Either ♍ or ♐ ascending. (See *Times*, October 3.)

October 7 — Government of Eastern Germany formed.

December 27 — At Amsterdam, transfer of power to the United States of Indonesia.

December 28 — Princess Yasmin—daughter of Prince and Princess Ali Khan—born 8.45 a.m. L.S.T., Lausanne, Switzerland. (7.45 a.m. G.M.T.: 8.13 a.m. L.M.T.).

BULLETIN OF THE FACULTY OF ASTROLOGICAL STUDIES

As a result of the December 1949 examination the Diploma was granted to the following: J. Schubach, J. Filbey, Colin Evans, B.A., and Arthur Gauntlett, and the Certificate to Mrs. A. Smoker. Of these Mr. Filbey and Mrs. Smoker are internal students. Other candidates passed in some papers but not in all.

The 1950 session started with some twenty students, a most encouraging beginning.

"REGULUS,"
Hon. Secretary and Registrar.

AT HOME AND ABROAD

By Joan Rodgers

The Times of December 28 reports a new theory by Professor Einstein to be published in February, as one of the chapters in the new edition of his "Meaning of Relativity," by the Princeton University Press. In a report on the new theory, Mr. William Lawrence, of *The New York Times*, says that it "attempts to inter-relate all known physical phenomena and forces in which the material universe manifests itself to man. . . . Einstein's latest work promises to bridge the gap that now separates the infinite universe of the stars and galaxies and the equally infinite universe of the atom. These at present are widely separated. . . ."

To astrologers there is no doubt that a correspondence exists between the macrocosm and the microcosm, though proof has hitherto been lacking. Perhaps the scientists will have to consider our ancient art more seriously in the years to come, and in the end even accept some of our theories.

Some interesting maps, from various sources, have been received this quarter. The *Astrologisches Monatsheft* for October 1949 gives the following:—

Dr. Conrad Adenauer, Chancellor of Western Germany:—January 5, 1876, 10.30 a.m., Cologne.

Ascendant 11 ♐, M.C. 22½ ♐. ☉ 14 ♑ 30, ☽ 24 ♈ 15, ☿ 20 ♑ 32, ♀ 9 ♒ 56, ♂ 21 ♐ 49, ♃ 24 ♏ 47, ♄ 23 ♒ 36, ♅ 19 ♌ 19 ℞, ♆ 0 ♉ 16, PL 21 ♉ 45.

He was elected Chancellor on September 15, 1949.

Two more charts from the same source are for the explosions of the two atom bombs. The date for the first is July 18, 1945, 5.30 a.m., M.W.S.T., 33° N., 106° W. Ascendant 14 ♋ 54, M.C. 0 ♈ ½. ☉ 23 ♋ 33, ☽ 14 ♎ 39, ☿ 19 ♌ 21, ♀ 9 ♊ 13, ♂ 25 ♉ 13, ♃ 22 ♏ 49, ♄ 15 ♋ 37, ♅ 15 ♊ 35, ♆ 3 ♎ 55, PL 9 ♌ 22; and the second, which was the famous Hiroshima explosion, took place on August 6, 1945, 9.15 a.m. (Guam Time) 32° N 29, 132° E 28. Ascendant 17 ♏ 17, M.C. 16 ♊ 30, ☉ 13 ♌ 7, ☽ 17 ♋ 59, ☿ 4 ♏ 46, ♀ 1 ♋ 42, ♂ 9 ♊ 11, ♃ 26 ♏ 17, ♄ 18 ♋ 13, ♅ 16 ♊ 30, ♆ 4 ♎ 19, PL 9 ♌ 58.

It is interesting to note that ♊ 10° is tenanted in both instances, and at the first explosion the Sun is opposing its position at the eclipse of the previous January (24 Capricorn); while Saturn in both charts and the Moon in the second are within orbs of the eclipse of July 9th of that year (Cancer 17).

American Astrology for December 1949 gives the data for the birth of Hans Christian Andersen, the writer of the famous

Fairy Tales. It was taken from the records at the Church of Saint Hans, Odense, Denmark, and originally appeared in the Danish magazine *Okkultisten* in an article by Carl V. Hansen. Andersen was born on April 2, 1805, at Odense, at 0.42 a.m., L.M.T. Ascendant 14 ♐, M.C. 22 ♎, ☉ 11 ♈ 48, ☽ 9 ♉ 07, ☿ 13 ♈ 35, ♀ 27 ♓ 12, ♂ 2 ♌ 38, ♃ 6 ♐ 09 R, ♄ 12 ♎ 53 R, ♅ 19 ♎ 13 R, ♆ 27 ♏ R, ☊ 21 ♑ 40.

The writer of the article (which is translated in *American Astrology*) attributes Andersen's "amazing creativity" to the grand trine in fire. Perhaps another indication that he was a person of exceptional ability lies in the fact that no less than five planets are in dignity of one kind or another. Thus the Sun is in his exaltation in Aries, the Moon in Taurus, Venus in Pisces, Saturn in Libra, while Jupiter is in his own sign Sagittarius; and by the house division given in the article, Mercury is in his own house, the third; the Moon in hers, the fourth; and Jupiter in the twelfth. No one could deny that, astrologically speaking, this is a good start!

A few events of his life are given. He left home to seek his fortune in Copenhagen at the age of 14½ (September 14, 1819) and went through a period of poverty at this time. (Mercury opposition Saturn.)

His mother died in poverty on October 7, 1833.

He was made an honorary citizen of Odense (his native town) on December 6, 1867, as a tribute to his success. This he regarded as the most important day in his life.

His own death, from cancer of the liver, occurred on August 4, 1875.

Of his personal characteristics, the author says that he was honest and straightforward in his manner, and careless of the opinion of others. He was forever travelling and writing and he never had a place he could call his home. He had a morbid fear of death and of disease and was given to violent fits of temper. He did not marry, though he had several platonic connections, the most noteworthy being with the "Swedish Nightingale," Jenny Lind.

In an article in *The Astrological Magazine* for December, published in Bangalore, an anonymous contributor describes his first attempts at prediction, and it is likely that they are typical of most beginners in astrology. He began by prophesying the death of the father of one of his teachers at school, which came about within the time he said; continued by predicting the failure of a certain student in his examinations, which also came true, and finally told another man that he would never marry because he had Venus conjunct Saturn in his birth chart. The third shot was not, however, as lucky as

the first two since the young man was already married, and the astrologer suffered some loss of reputation in consequence. All of which, the writer of the article says, illustrates how dangerous it is to make predictions on insufficient astrological knowledge. He does, indeed, seem to have had "beginners' luck" at first.

Mr. Richard Delano, writing in the A.F.A. Bulletin for October advances a theory for the determination of sex in a horoscope. He says he has found it of use in the rectification of birth charts and in twenty-five charts that are, in his opinion, accurate, he has found the rule valid.

After rectifying the chart by the lunar epoch in the ordinary way, he works out what he calls the Part of Sex, thus: Ascendant plus M.C. minus Moon, and says "If the Moon is brought to the Ascendant, the Part of Sex is on the new position of the Midheaven; if the Moon is brought to the Midheaven the Part of Sex is on the new position of the Ascendant." His rule that he applies to the Part of Sex is that if it falls on an odd degree the sex is male, and if it falls on an even degree, the sex is female. He adds: "By odd degree, say, Aries 1°, we mean the interval from Aries 0° 30 to Aries 1° 30, etc."

Readers may like to experiment with this idea and see if they find it of use in their astrological calculations.

A bi-annual publication, which is of interest to all of us who like to know what is going on in our own and other branches of occult study is *La Bibliographie et L'Annuaire International des Sciences Psycho-Physiques et Occultes*. This magazine gives lists of books published during the last two years on occult subjects, including astrology, psychic research, psychology, and so on, and a comprehensive list by countries and cities of the many societies in existence that study these subjects. Further, it gives reports on the progress made in these subjects as well as in philosophy, graphology and dowsing.

In short, it is a very useful summary of all that has been done to forward knowledge of the occult sciences during the last two years. In this, the first number, the editor appeals to authors to send in details of their publications and to societies for particulars of their aims and work in order to make the next issue even more comprehensive than the first. The address is 11 rue Rousselet, Paris VII^{e}.

Chiang Kai-Shek

Miss Corcos obtained the birth date for this chart from S. I. Hsuing's *Life of Chiang Kai-Shek*, in which it is described as "In the thirteenth year of the Emperor Kuang Hsu, in the ninth moon, on the fifteenth day and at the hour of ram,"

which he translates as "about two o'clock in the afternoon on the 31st October, 1887." The place is given as "Feng Hua, a small town 100 miles south of Shanghai." 29° N 42. 121° E 27. The positions are: Ascendant 28 ♒, M.C. 9 ♐, ☉ 7 ♏ 30, ☽ 0 ♉ 26, ☿ 0 ♐ 50, ♀ 26 ♏, ♂ 9 ♏ 54, ♃ 14 ♏ 26 R, ♄ 6 ♌ 15, ♅ 14 ♎ 24, ♆ 29 ♉ 15 R, PL 4 ♊ 19. ☊ 14 ♌ 3.

Among the important directions which Miss Corcos gave in her talk are the following: At the age of 8 his father died, Mercury conjunct the M.C. Oblique ascendant opposition Mars. His first marriage, which was arranged by his mother, took place at the age of 14. Oblique ascendant was 18 Pisces which is opposition the mid-point between Mars and Venus in the seventh house. At the age of 34, when the progressed M.C. came to the square of Uranus (by 1°), his mother died, and he divorced his wife (1921).

In 1925, at the death of Dr. Sun Yat-Sen, he became the virtual head of China (progressed Ascendant trine Saturn, ruler of the chart).

In 1934, he founded the New Life Movement. Progressed ascendant opposition Uranus, trine Caput.

At 40, he married Soong Mei-Ling, sister of Madame Sun Yat-Sen, when the progressed ascendant came to the trine of the M.C. and the oblique ascendant conjoined his Moon. At the same time the progressed M.C. came to 18 Capricorn which is trine the mid-point of Mars and Venus in the 7th house, which agrees with the direction for his first marriage. Also at this time, by 1° Venus came to the square of Saturn and to the conjunction of the Sun, ruler of the 7th house. The transits for this, perhaps the most important event of his life were, Saturn in the M.C., Neptune on the 7th cusp and Jupiter opposition Venus.

In 1936, Chiang Kai-Shek was captured by the Communists and rescued through the devotion of his wife. By 1° the M.C. was trine Neptune and conjunct the twelfth house cusp by Equal House Division. By transit Uranus opposed the radical Sun.

In 1943, says his biographer, Chiang Kai-Shek's star rose high. He attended the Cairo conference, where he met Churchill and Roosevelt and was hailed as one of the leading statesmen of his time. By 1° Mercury came to the trine of Venus, Jupiter to the trine of Mars, and Neptune to the sextile of Venus. Transiting Neptune was trine Pluto, transiting Uranus sextile Saturn, and Jupiter was on his descendant. And now his fortunes seem to be waning. By 1° Pluto conjoins Saturn, while Neptune transits Uranus in his 8th house, and in four years' time, the oblique ascendant will come to the conjunction of Pluto.

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AT THE LODGE

THE lecture on October 17th was given by Regulus on "A Sure Basis of Astrology." His main theme was that there are certain facts that can always be cited in defence of astrology by which the subject stands or falls. He then enumerated the main tenets of the western system of astrology, such as that the qualities and elements are true guides to the meaning of a chart: that the influence of the planets in the signs have been coded for many years and their position at the time and place of birth have a special influence on the individual. He mentioned the aspects and gave key words for the qualities and for the fire signs. He drew a parallel between the rules of composition in a picture and the planets; thus, an upright pattern such as a tower he compared with the Sun; a horizontal composition with the Moon, a circular one with Mercury, and so on. Finally, he referred to the question of the houses, and said that some astrologers considered the four angles were enough and divided the chart as follows:—1st to the 3rd houses, the start of things; 4th to 7th, the end of things; 7th to 10th, the beginning of external matters, and relationships, and 10th to the 1st, the ambitions and the inner life.

The 8.20 was taken by Miss Corcos, the Assistant Librarian, and her subject was "The Horoscope of Chiang Kai-Shek," of which details are given on page 10.

Mr. Carter gave the lecture on October 24th on the subject of "Mundane Astrology." This was printed in full in the December number of the Quarterly.

The 8.20 which followed was taken by Mr. Carruthers, whose subject was "The Correspondence between Planets and Numbers." He put up on the board the Kabalistic and the ordinary systems of linking planets and numbers, and then tried to trace a further correspondence between the atomic numbers, from which the basic elements are constituted, and the planetary numbers. Thus, he said, Hydrogen corresponds to the number 1, or the Sun; helium, which is a light gas but is dead and inert in itself, corresponds to the number 2, or the Moon. Not all the correspondences worked out as convincingly as these two and a lively discussion followed in which several members voiced their disagreement with his theories. Dr. Tomashek ended it by saying that the Kabalistic system of numbers is the only logical one, and the higher the philosophy the higher the number. Atomic numbers, he thought, were not related to the earth at all.

"Sport" was the subject of the lecture on October 31st by Mr. Ronald Davison, the Secretary of the Lodge. His first step was to analyse the qualities necessary for a good sportsman and

to relate them to the planets. Muscular energy and combative skill seemed to be the first requisite, which would be shown by Mars. The Moon in Scorpio, which often has the effect of making the native refuse "to be put upon" is also good. Secondly Jupiter, with his love of law, would give chivalry and a desire to play according to the rules. Thus the expansion of energy which would be the characteristic of Mars and Jupiter contacts when worked out on the physical level would be good for sport, and indeed persons with these contacts often feel the need to work out their energy in this way. The difference between the technically "good" and "bad" contacts did not seem great, so long as the contact was there. Since the index of personal taste is the Moon, he said, if possible it should be configured with Mars and Jupiter.

Sports which require bodily strength, rapidity and quick changes of plan or direction need a contact between Mars and Uranus. The tension of Uranus helps to develop the muscles. Where a sport needs endurance and self-discipline, there should be a contact between Saturn and Mars. For agility, Mercury should be added to Mars, and Pluto often plays a special rôle, since, as a higher octave of Mercury, its action takes on the qualities of the planet it aspects. Thus, a combination of Mars, Uranus and Pluto might be very helpful to a boxer.

Mr. Davison ended by giving several examples of the charts of sportsmen, including that of Tom Finney the Association Football player for Preston North End. The data was:

Preston, April 5, 1922. 7.30 a.m. Asc. Aries 1, M.C. Capricorn 0, ☉ ♈ 15, ☽ ♋ 14, ☿ ♓ 26, ♀ ♈ 28, ♂ ♐ 19, ♃ ♎ 14 R, ♄ ♎ 3, ♅ ♓ 12, ♆ ♌ 13 R, PL ♋ 8.

At 8.20 Mr. Carter spoke on the subject of "Rectification." He put a chart on the blackboard with zodiacal positions but without houses and asked the Lodge to guess the rising degree. The true time was known from the family Bible and a photograph was passed round. The positions were as follows:—

♈ ♂ 2, ♆ 4 R; ♊ ♀ 10, ♅ 18½; ♋ ☿ 8 R, ☉ 18; ♏ ♄ 18, ♃ 22; ♑ ☽ 0°.

Mr. Carter then gave particulars of the native's life, house by house. 1st house: He was a quiet, unassuming man with a friendly manner. Height, 5 ft. 9 ins., average weight and well set up. 2nd: He was well-to-do, having inherited a ceramics business from his father which he ran in partnership with his brother. 3rd: One brother died young. 4th: He was very fond of his home. His mother died between the ages of 40 and 50. 5th: He had no children and very little social life because of

his wife's restraining influence. He was good at games and painted in water-colour. He owned a motor car in the days when it was an unusual thing to do. 6th: His health was good until middle age, when he had an operation for appendicitis. He died at the age of 57. One of his work-people said: "He never forgets if you do something wrong." 7th: He married a woman 8 years older than himself who was jealous of him and would not allow him to spend even one night away from home. They were fond of each other. 8th: He inherited the family business. 9th: He was a member of the Society of Friends. He went out of England only once or twice in his life. 10th and 11th: He took no part in local affairs or in anything outside his business and his immediate circle. 12th: His wife's health and their lack of children was a very great sorrow to them both.

In spite of this full description of the native's life and circumstances, the Lodge was not very successful in guessing the rising sign. Dr. Rosenthal came nearest when he said he thought the native had the Sun in the 12th house. Mr. Carter then gave the rising degree, which was Leo 10.

As a second example of rectification, Mr. Carter gave the chart of a woman who broke her hip at the age of 73 years and one month. The natal positions were:—

Asc. ♒ 14, M.C. ♐ 10, ☉ ♌ 28, ☽ ♏ 14½, ☿ ♏ 12½, ♀ ♋ 18, ♂ ♌ 25½, ♃ ♍ 22, ♄ ♌ 5 R, ♅ ♌ 21, ♆ ♉ 5 R, ♇ ♉ 24.

If the angles are progressed at the rate of 4 minutes a year, or 1° of right ascension to the M.C., an arc of 73° 5′ is obtained and the progressed M.C. becomes Aquarius 19 which brings Neptune to the 12th cusp, suggesting a long time in hospital.

Dr. Rosenthal's lecture on November 7th was called "The Story of the Houses." The houses, he said, are supposed to be the prototypes of the signs, but the correspondence is not always complete. For instance, the 12th house and Pisces do not seem to be exactly the same. The signs, however, can be considered in terms of planetary concepts. Thus the Sun corresponds to Fire, the Moon to Water; Mercury, Air; Saturn, Earth; Venus, fixity; Mars, cardinality; and Jupiter, mutability. Using these concepts, the sign Aries can be represented by Mars plus the Sun—cardinal fire. The same symbolism can be used for the houses. Thus, the second house represents fixed earth or Venus and Saturn with the Moon in her exaltation, giving material form.

After considering the signs and the houses from this angle, he went on to say that the nature of the houses can be seen through the polarities in the same way as the signs. Thus, an Aries person shows Libran characteristics unconsciously, so

that the principal characteristics of the houses and signs can really be reduced to six basic types.

Finally, he said we should consider the houses in relation to each other. For instance, the 1st house is the 2nd house of the 12th and the 12th house of the 2nd! That is, they can be interpreted together by this means, and he considered the chart of Napoleon in relation to this theory.

Mrs. Hone took the 8.20 in which she explained a new form for the progressed chart which she has invented and has had printed. It enables the astrologer to put in the directions of the Sun in a table for ten years at a time. She then gave the birth data for the first baby to be born in an aeroplane. This she obtained by writing to the doctor in charge of the case, care of the Airline. It was as follows: October 17, 1949. 5.34 a.m. G.M.T. 54 N 10, 19 W 20. Boy.

☉ ♎ 23° 31, ☽ ♌ 19° 30, ☿ ♎ 5° 29, ♀ ♐ 7° 47, ♂ ♌ 24° 24, ♃ ♓ 23° 38, ♄ ♍ 14° 58, ♅ ♋ 5° R, ♆ ♎ 15° 15, ♇ ♌ 17° 50.

Mrs. Hone stressed the fact that the chart would be unique in its way since no other baby was born within 400 miles of the aeroplane. She gave a copy of the chart to the Airline on condition that her information was treated seriously, and some publicity of a dignified kind came as a result of her efforts.

The Annual General Meeting was held on November 14th, at which the reports of the various Officers of the Lodge were read. The following members became Officers of the Lodge for the following year: President, Mr. Carter; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Churchill, Regulus, Mrs. Hone; Secretary, Mr. R. C. Davison; Committee, Mr. Becker, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Gauntlett, Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Rodgers and Dr. Rosenthal.

Several suggestions were made for increasing the membership of the Lodge and for getting more pupils at the Faculty of Astrological Studies. Among them, Brigadier Firebrace suggested that members of the Committee should give lectures on astrology to other bodies in order to spread interest in astrology and to get new members.

It was also agreed that notice of impending elections should in future be published in the September number of the Quarterly with the date by which nominations must be received.

The meeting on November 21st took the form of a Brains Trust in which all members were free to send in questions and anyone present was liable to be called upon for an answer.

Among the questions dealt with were:—

What orbs should be allowed for parallels of declination? The general opinion was that the orb should be up to 1° though Mr. Gauntlett said he did not allow more than $\frac{1}{2}$°.

Ought an attempt to be made to standardise astrology in this country? The Lodge seemed to think that such a task would be very difficult.

What are the astrological indications of earthquakes? One member said eclipses in fixed signs with Scorpio rising at the time and place of the earthquake, while Mrs. Churchill said that ♉ 16° was nearly always involved. Mr. Davison said that the Ingress maps and the Great Conjunction maps preceding the event usually showed 4th house afflictions.

Should Lily's rule of the aspects of the Moon be considered in horary astrology? Some members said they always used it, while Mrs. Parkes said she did not think it worked. Mrs. Jaffa said that in her experience she had found that a very difficult situation is indicated when the Moon is void of course, unless it is in Cancer or Taurus.

What is the Zodiac? Why are there twelve portions in the belt? Mrs. Hone said that no one has ever given a satisfactory answer to this question. She had read a theory in an encyclopaedia in the British Museum that the first men to study the stars had no measuring instruments and therefore judged the position of the stars by their appearance at dusk and at dawn in their relation to the Sun. Similarly, the planets near the Sun could not be seen at this time and an orb of roughly 15° on each side of the Sun was allowed for their positions at this period.

Is the age of iron passing to be replaced by the age of plastics? If so, under which sign would they come? Dr. Rosenthal said that in his view plastics come under Neptune and Pisces, since they can be made to assume many shapes and are seldom composed of what they appear to be.

Mrs. Churchill, at the 8.20, spoke of the Arabic Parts. She said she judged their result by the aspects they formed in the chart. For instance, in the case of a woman who had made an unhappy marriage, the Part of Marriage (Ascendant plus 7th cusp minus Venus) fell square to Venus. A member of the Lodge cited the chart of Sir David Wilkie whose Part of Fatality (Ascendant plus Saturn minus Sun) fell in the 3rd house and in square to the Sun in Scorpio in the 6th. He died at sea on a journey. Mrs. Churchill asked the Lodge to study the Parts for themselves and tell her of any outstanding results.

Mrs. Dorothy Ryan lectured on the horoscope of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle at the meeting of November 28th. The data are May 22, 1859; 4.58.53 G.M.T., at Edinburgh.

Asc. 20 ♊ 43. M.C. 8 Aquarius 24 (rectified by Mrs. Ryan).

☉ ♊ 0° 33, ☽ ♒ 0° 41, ☿ ♉ 5° 25, ♀ ♈ 27° 7, ♂ ♊ 18° 28, ♃ ♊ 25° 9, ♄ ♌ 7° 10, ♅ ♊ 3° 22, ♆ ♓ 26° 45. Pl. ♉ 7½. ☊ ♒ 25.

Mrs. Ryan said that Sir Arthur was very Jupiterian in his appearance and did not look like Gemini rising at all. In his life he had many dual experiences—he wrote two different kinds of book (Sherlock Holmes stories and historical novels), he had two separate careers, having started life as a doctor and taken to journalism to pay his bills; he married twice and had two families. Further, he had more than one religion during his life since he started as a Roman Catholic, became an agnostic and finally a Spiritualist. The square between Jupiter and Neptune showed the struggle between the mystical and the sceptical side of his nature. Jupiter rising made him very generous and a good sportsman. His elevated Moon showed his talent for publicity and his popularity and also the very strong influence of his mother in his life. Six planets in the 12th house (by Placidus) would have held him back in early life. Mrs. Ryan then traced the events of his life, which she related to radix directions, until his death at the age of 71 in 1930.

The 8.20 was taken by Mr. Davison who put up a chart of a woman and asked the Lodge to diagnose the details of her life.

The lecture on December 5th was by Mrs. H. B. Jaffa and her subject was "Physical Appearances." She started her lecture with descriptions of the physical appearances associated with the twelve signs of the Zodiac and the point that she emphasised particularly was that in trying to decide under which sign a person was born we should observe them as a whole, paying special attention to their physique, walk and gestures. Their first remark when you meet them for the first time is often very revealing, she said. She illustrated her talk with slides of famous people who were known to have a satellitium in a particular sign, and said she had chosen pictures which showed more than just the face, so that the Lodge could judge their appearance by their build and their hands. A very lively and interesting discussion followed.

The subject of the 8.20, which was given by Mrs. Parkes, was "Uranus in Cancer." She said that Cancer is not a congenial sign for Uranus and particularly not at the present time since it is approaching the square of Neptune in Libra. The last time Uranus transited Cancer, Neptune was in Aries, which is also in square, and the Reform Act and the Elementary Education Act were passed. She gave a list of distinguished people who were born with Uranus in Cancer, including Mr. Gandhi and Lenin, and she mentioned the countries ruled by Cancer. She then discussed the possible effect of the transit on the forthcoming election and pointed out that Uranus will be trine to the M.C. of the chart of the Labour Party next autumn. She ended by discussing its effect in individual birth charts and said that, when well placed, Uranus in Cancer intensifies the

imagination and gives originality; on the other hand, it is likely to bring difficult domestic situations and possibly nervous indigestion.

Mr. Rupert Gleadow, who had intended to lecture to the Lodge on "Proof" on December 12th, changed his subject to "Astrology and the Poets" because he had not received certain material from America in time. In discussing poets, Mr. Gleadow said that it is difficult to arrive at their rising sign because all poetry comes under Venus and all poets speak of the beauties of nature. A better indication of their probable rising signs can be found in their philosophy or religion. He then considered the most likely rising signs of many poets and illustrated his theories with examples of their work, beautifully read.

Instead of a discussion at 8.20 the Lodge Ritual was performed as is customary at the end of the autumn session.

J. R.

ASTROLOGY FOR BEGINNERS

THIS quarter we print some interesting questions from Mr. C. A. James, of "Ship & Anchor," High Street, Fishguard, Pembrokeshire. We have done our best to give helpful answers, but it must be remembered that it is impossible to reply definitively to some of these moot-points. One cannot test the intensity of an astrological factor as a chemist might test some reaction by means of delicate instruments. The instrument which registers astrological values is the human body, emotions, thoughts and conditions of life. And there is no conceivable manner in which one particular feature in a horoscope can be isolated from all the others. One can but judge such a thing as (say) the meaning of retrogression by logical reasoning from principles and from one's general experience. Therefore replies to questions of this nature are necessarily tentative.

"As a beginner may I ask you the following questions:—

(1) What in detail constitutes 'A strong Planet'?

(2) You state a 'Cadent House' is weak and tends to obscurity in affairs. What then is the strength of, say, ☿ in ♊ (its Sign of Rulership) in 3rd house, its natural house, which is Cadent?

(3) What difference of power is there between a retrograde Planet in its sign of Rulership or Exalted, and retrograde and also in its sign of detriment or fall? If it has no aspects—if it has strong aspects in either case?

(4) If one does not know one's birth-time, it is advised to draw a sunrise chart. What value has this, if it should so happen

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that the sunrise chart so drawn, is actually the exact opposite to what it should be, or even four hours out, say? The Houses would be hopeless for prediction.

(5) Most beginners study a little astronomy. They soon realise that the 'First Point of Aries' is a point in space where the Sun crosses the equator when passing from South to North declination. And that in the year 1949 the Sun is no longer in that point which at one time constituted the constellation Aries.

They read delineations for ☉ in ♈ in ♉ in ♊ and so on, and in March–April 21st it is supposed to be in ♈. Yes in ♈ of the Zodiac agreed, but the delineations must have had some origin and it is only natural to assume, their origin was interpreted by the position with reference to the Constellations. Consequently, the beginner asks himself how can one say that during 21st March–21st April the Sun is in ♈ when it is really in ♓? The delineations in the beginning must have been based on the Constellations, when the so-called 'First Point of Aries' coincided with a point in the constellation Aries. The Zodiac is a man-made idea, it appears to have no foundation in fact, but only in fiction. But, *there are constellations* ♈. ♉. ♊ ♋ and so on.

It is like saying that, if a train was late at Crewe, we will call 'Crewe' that place where the train is when it should have been at Crewe!

Hence the beginner wonders if for a person born in the first week of April, he should read the delinations for the ☉ in ♓ from the modern text-books, and so on."

(1) Bodies are mundanely strong, that is to say prominent in the life, if they are close to an angle, within the angular house. If in their diurnal motion they have just passed the angle, they rapidly lose mundane strength as they pass into the cadent house. But a body may be very important though not prominent; a cadent planet may operate strongly *from within*.

Bodies are strong zodiacally if they are in a congenial sign. That does not necessarily mean that they are predisposed to harmonious action. Saturn is very strong in Capricorn, but it is not normally an agreeable influence, using that adjective as most people would understand it. A very strong planet may be like a very mettlesome horse, a fine animal providing its rider can master it.

A body is aspectually strong if it has numerous close aspects, whether these be harmonious or difficult.

"Strong" is often used in the double sense of "prominent and beneficent," but it seems very desirable to distinguish these two sides. I should use "strong" in the sense of "prominent" and say "well placed" if I desire to imply that it is not only

prominent but also inclined to constructive and harmonious operation.

(2) Such a Mercury as you mention would be harmonious in operation and the congenial character of planet, house and sign would do much to overcome the cadency of the house, especially if there were also helpful aspects. But it would never dominate the active life in the way that it would if on an angle.

(3) This raises some moot-points, for there is no general agreement as to the value of retrogression, though many suppose that it tends to inner rather than outer manifestation, or, as some would say, to introversion. It would be stronger if in its own sign or exaltation because, when in detriment or fall, there is a greater mixture of values; it is like mixing a lot of colours and getting a nondescript sort of result. The stronger and more numerous the aspects, the wider would be its extensions into the life-pattern.

(4) I have never used such maps. They can only have a sort of analogical value, the Sun's place being taken as the starting-point instead of the ascendant. No serious astrologer would employ such a figure if he could help it.

(5) Unfortunately the constellations are as much "man-made" as the First Point of Aries. True, the stars are existences, but their grouping into constellations must not lead one to suppose that these really *are* groups. For instance, Castor and Pollux appear fairly near to one another but actually they are merely in something near the same line of vision, but one is many millions of miles behind the other.

It must be agreed that *probably* the first astrologers used the constellations, but it does not by any means follow that they were correct in doing so. The Vernal Point is not merely arbitrary, as, for example, the meridian of Greenwich may be thought to be; it corresponds to the point where the sun's pathway—the ecliptic—cuts the earth's equator. A circle can, of course, be taken as beginning anywhere, but the vernal point seems the appropriate point from which to start the zodiacal circle, for the northern hemisphere. When we consider the southern hemisphere we encounter a real problem, which I will not try to solve here. From either point of view, however, there are four natural points in the sun's annual journey—when it is highest in the heavens, when lowest, and when it rises and sets due east-west at the equinoxes. There is nothing imaginary about these, any more than there is in their mundane analogues—the rising, southing, setting and midnight positions of the sun.

Experience has demonstrated to the satisfaction of thousands of astrologers that the signs are "real." It is true that most Hindu and some European astrologers use the zodiac of the

constellations and it must not be denied that there may be justification for this *up to a point*. For example, the fixed stars appear to operate in terms of their constellations rather than the signs in which they are. But whatever validity the sidereal zodiac may also possess, the zodiac of signs is assuredly valid.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From a GERMAN CORRESPONDENT

SOME MUNDANE NOTES

I quite agree with your observation "that there is too much of Neptune about" in the map of the North Atlantic Pact. In fact, it is surprising how persistently Neptune plays a prominent part in nearly all mundane maps of the last years. There seems to be a very strong Neptunian trend in the world history since the end of the first world war and we are perhaps just now beginning to feel the influence of this planet on the international level.

Contrary to the current opinion, I think this planet is responsible for a lot of mischief in mundane affairs but as it pretends very high and at present unattainable ideals, its real significance is not easily recognised. Like the other invisible planets, Neptune doesn't act directly but uses the power of the visible planets, mostly Mars and Saturn, as "agents terrestres" as a French astrologer expresses it. That is probably the reason why the conjunctions of Pluto, Neptune and Uranus with Saturn are usually so powerful in mundane affairs.

For a long time, I thought Neptune represented the Soviets, as the Russian revolution broke out under Neptune conj. Saturn in 1917. However, in my present opinion, under Stalin's government Russia has changed from a Neptunian to a Uranian power and Neptune is an international factor. I would even say that Neptune is the planet of totalitarianism. It is remarkable that in the map of the German Reich (18.1.1871) the direction M.C. progr. conj. Neptune indicates the rise of the National Socialists to power in 1933.

Further, Neptune is in the 10th house, both in the declaration of the war (3.9.1939) and in the declaration of the Allies which ended it (5.6.1945). In both cases, Neptune is not exactly on the M.C., leaving this too conspicuous place to Mercury square Uranus (no reconciliation) in the first map and to Jupiter square Sun–Uranus (no true peace) in the second map. Neptune kept in the background, pulling the wires.

World War II was the result of the grand trine between Neptune, Uranus and Mars which took place first in the earthy signs, thus indicating the imperialistic phase, the war of the have-nots against the haves. In 1943, the grand trine was uplifted into the airy signs, indicating the ideological phase, marked by the entry of the United States.

Coinciding with the grand trine at the outbreak of the war was

Pluto square Saturn. This is a very belligerent aspect, as can be seen from previous conjunctions, e.g. in 1914. (The conjunction of 1947 brought about the separation of India. If a map I have seen of May 1, 1876, when Queen Victoria seems to have been crowned Empress of India is reliable, the conjunction of 1947 is in transit to Uranus–Moon square Sun in this map. At any rate, the new India is under the law of Pluto–Saturn and it seems that the Hindu astrologers have had no say in the matter at all.) The square of 1939 operated in Hitler's map, Pluto transiting his radical M.C. and Saturn his radical Sun. For him, the temptation was irresistible. He saw "all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them." But he had to pay the price for it. He committed suicide under the direction:—

Asc. progr. Opposition Pluto, Semisquare Uranus
and M.C. progr. Semisquare Saturn.

The German Reich which he had destroyed surrendered under:—

Asc. progr. square Pluto in the map of the Empire of 1871
and M.C. progr. oppos. Pluto in the map of the Republic of 1918.

The grand trine of 1939 was not connected with Hitler's map but it involved Mussolini in a remarkable way by

Uranus tr. Neptune rad.
Neptune tr. Uranus rad.
Mars tr. Opposition Venus–Jupiter rad.

Pierre Laval was also drawn into the whirlpool of the grand trine, having nearly identical positions as Mussolini—and the same fate.

The outcome of the war was clearly indicated by the radical square Saturn–Mars–Venus in Hitler's map. But like everybody else I wanted to know how long the war would continue. The transits over the map of the war didn't show very much, nor did the directions. It was only after a few years that I found the working forces in the grand trine and the square. Then I guessed that the war would end with the dissolution of these aspects. Since autumn 1944, the square Pluto–Saturn had changed to a semisextile and in March 1945, Uranus left the orb of the trine to Neptune and Mars could no longer connect them.

Are these just hallucinations? I don't think so. The important dates of the war were usually linked up with these configurations. For instance, the German attack on Western Europe was started under Sun conj. Uranus trine Neptune, Mars square Neptune, on May 10, 1940. France capitulated under Mars sextile Uranus sextile Neptune. Hitler ordered "Operation Barbarossa," the attack on Russia, on May 10, 1941, under the singular configuration:—

Saturn, Sun, Venus, Mercury, Uranus, Jupiter trine Neptune square Mars opposition Moon.

The attack was launched on June 21, 1941, under Neptune opposition Mars, cut by sextile Saturn.—The war ended on May 8, 1945, under Neptune Opposition Mars square Saturn.

The remarkable thing is that it is impossible to distinguish between good or bad aspects. Probably the essential character of the planets in a combination is more important than the nature of the aspect. Such a combination may be advantageous for one person or matter and disastrous for another, according to the nativity. We are too much inclined to judge things by the "Lust-Unlust" principle, as Freud calls it, that is, whether we feel the effects as pleasant or unpleasant.

A revolution may erupt under harmonious and end under disharmonious aspects, as was the case with the French revolution in 1789, Jupiter being in conj. with Uranus sextile Mars and Neptune trine Pluto. At the end of the Terror (Robespierre's decapitation in July 1794) Neptune was semisquare Pluto and Uranus opposition Pluto square Saturn.

I don't want to deal only with mundane astrology but in the course of my studies I found that many problems of personal astrology can only be solved on a higher level. We have to consider "Gruppenschicksale" or group destinies. Neptune may be a benefic in a personal map but as a rule it is a malefic on the mundane plane, just as an individual acts differently in a mass of people. A politician may be very lucky and become a minister but this can be disastrous for his country. A country may win a war but, nevertheless, lose its future. Spain discovered America but the gold of the New World was its curse. We are usually too much influenced by national or social or other prejudices to grasp the real meaning of an event.

These considerations make me inclined to think that the invisible planets do not continue the planetary chain. They are probably the higher octaves of the visible planets, Mercury, Venus and Mars. I have found no proof of their ruling Aquarius, Pisces and Aries, but there is little doubt that they link the individual with larger groups. The esoteric tradition says that two more planets will be discovered, Vulcan and Chaos, the octaves of Jupiter and Saturn.

The maps of the discovery of the invisibles give an indication that they are no true benefics:—

Uranus (13.3.1781) was opposition Mars–Saturn square Sun
Neptune (23.9.1846) was conj. Saturn
Pluto (21.1.1930) was opposition Mars.

This initial configuration is to be found in a number of group horoscopes; in German political maps it is quite an hereditary factor:—

Foundation of the German Reich	18.1.1871	Sun opposition Uranus
German November Republic	9.11.1918	Sun square Uranus square Neptune
Declaration of the Allies	5.6.1945	Sun conj. Uranus square Jupiter
German currency reform	18.6.1948	Sun conj. Uranus opposition Jupiter Neptune conj. M.C.!

As to Neptune, this planet is tyrannical with Saturn and cruel with Mars. I was surprised to find Sun conj. Neptune square Mars in two contemporary maps: President Truman and the late President Beneš, both born on May 8, 1884.* I know too little of their life to make a comparative study, though this would certainly be worth while but both came to power in May 1945 and both had to fight the totalitarian Neptune. One of them lost the fight already; the other intended to fight when signing the North Atlantic Pact under a reversal of the natal combination (Sun–Mars opposition Neptune in the pact). But in the meantime, he has changed his mind. The pact was put in force on August 24, 1949, 16 hr. 30 G.T. This is a very weak chart. At the signature, Sun and Mars were very strong as regards sign and house, and Venus was weak. Now there is a different atmosphere. Mercury and Venus are strong and Mars is weak and in opposition to Jupiter. Does this mean a more conciliatory attitude? I don't think so. Sun, Moon and Saturn are in conj. in the 10th house. The forces which supported the pact originally are in full dissolution. The common front of the Atlantic Powers exists no longer. At the same time when the pact was signed in Washington, Neptune was culminating in Moscow. Beneš also thought he could handle Neptune. But in his life, all was personal effort, having no planet in the 10th house to help him, and when he made his mistake in 1945, nothing could keep him in power. Perhaps President Truman will be protected by Jupiter in his 10th house.

I have often pondered over the intertwining of the human factor and the sidereal factor. To make my meaning clear, let us take a very rare conjunction, e.g. of Neptune and Pluto, which occurs only every 500 years, the last time in 1891–92. This conj. had some immediate effects but it is also contained in a large number of personal maps, and as the "children" of this conj. grow up they are exerting their influence in arts, science and contemporary history. That must give us some sort of delayed action of the conj. during the life-time of these persons. But as they are living only 60 or 80 years whilst the conj. has more lasting effects, something of duration must be created by these persons under the stimulus of their radical conj. What is it? The atomic bomb or some other discovery? Perhaps these rocket projectiles to the Moon? We can only find out by studying a sufficient number of horoscopes.

It seems to have been a rather destructive conj. so far, occurring in the maps of many young people who died in the first world war. The politicians of this conj. were mostly ill-fated, some of them died under mysterious circumstances, e.g. Goering poisoned himself, Boris III of Bulgaria is said to have been poisoned during the war, Chancellor Dollfuss of Austria was assassinated, Ribbentrop was hanged, etc. Some others are still living a very precarious existence: General Franco, King George II of Greece, King Carol of Roumania.

I would not be surprised if something in connection with the conj. Pluto–Neptune should happen during the next years. Both are beginning to form a sextile and this is transmitted to us by Saturn,

* According to my data, Beneš was born at Koslau, May 28, 1884, at 5.08 a.m.

entering in conj. with Neptune in 1952. Perhaps the next conj. Neptune–Saturn is closing a chaotic phase as Saturn is strong in the Balance and tends to strengthen the conservative elements everywhere. In the 1917 conj. between Neptune and Saturn in Leo, Saturn was unable to do so, being in exile, but perhaps there will be some similarity with the conj. of 1847 in Aquarius, when the subsequent revolutionary period was of short duration.

But before we can settle down to some quietness after 1953 we shall have to pass through a revolutionary period. Uranus has entered Cancer and is vitalised four times a year in the solar ingresses by conjunction, square and opposition to the Sun. Pluto has also a finger in the pie, being halfway between Cancer and Libra and forming semisquares and sesquisquares to the Sun. Mars is also excited.

On 23.12.1949, Mars is square Sun and Uranus
On 21.3.1950, Mars is opposition Sun, square Uranus
On 21.6.1950, Mars is square Sun–Uranus.

In December 1950, Saturn is entering the Balance and takes over as trouble-maker. Really, it is very seldom that the solar ingresses are so animated, to put it mildly.

From (Mr.) H. Morris

I cannot help thinking it a pity that a dissertation on Haigh's horoscope has appeared in the current Quarterly. I have seen *three* dates for his birth published, namely 3rd, 24th, and 29th of July, 1909. Of these, only the 24th makes any sense at all, as ☿ and ☽ are then taken into the cardinal afflictions; ♃ is exactly ☌ ♅, which would give that fatal twist, thus spoiling a personality that was in many ways superior.

I was very pleased to read Mr. Friedjung's letter and a defence—a timely defence—of both Placidus and Primary Directions. Of the former I would say that his method has always yielded more satisfactory results in such cases as I have investigated than any other, and that the only serious argument against it—that it collapses in high latitudes—does not seem to me to be a self-evident refutation. As to Primary Directions, they are a weary toil indeed and, as you have said, they provide a formidable-looking string of directions that remain formidable only on paper; but I do most urgently contend that one must except the Sun's directions, formed by the Semi-arc system, both mundane and zodiacal, direct and converse (though the two latter are really the same, being both formed by the earth's axial rotation). These solar primary directions are, I think, prominent among directions; they symbolise the events and states that *cannot* be avoided; they show the raw material of individual fate, on which influences shown by other methods show an emphasis or a mitigation. I ignore all mutual directions, do not bother too much with those of the Moon, and concentrate on those of the Sun and Ascendant. I really think that, if a student can possibly spare the time, he will be amply rewarded if he computes the principal primary arcs of the Sun. I have nothing to say against

other methods, of course, certainly not against the Solar secondaries, which are almost as potent.

I find the study of National Astrology even more fascinating. I have, for one thing, been re-perusing the three maps of England that you published in the Quarterly of June 1940, and I think there is no doubt that the third one (1801), combined with the ♃ – ♄ conjunction of February 1941, goes a long way towards rendering explicable the present, extraordinary state of the country.

As a radical map it is very interesting, and, from a psychological point of view, when considered in conjunction with the two earlier maps, a pretty faithful reflection of that complex synthesis called the British Character. Assuming there is such a synthesis as a National Character (and I think there is), there can be little doubt that the British (or perhaps English) one is more complex than most others, or, perhaps, any other.

It is not a clean-cut schizophrenia, as is the German character, but a jumble of multifarious tendencies, apparently incompatible but somehow managing to fit into each other. It is unnecessary, and would require more paper than I possess, to analyse these; but in a very general way, it can, I think, be said that map (3) does reflect the softer, more illusive, side of the complex: that very active ♆, afflicting ♀, the ruler (a beautiful contact that), plus ☽ △ ♆, indicates the baffling sentimentality of a hard-boiled race, a sentimentality so often muddled and misdirected. *And* this tendency has developed very largely since the beginning of the nineteenth century.

Map (2), by far the hardest of the three, very well represents the eighteenth century.

But common to all three is the dominance of cardinality, stressing the principle of Action, and the particular predominance of Capricorn; even in (3) are both these factors stressed. You expressed yourself as dubious about the ♎ ascendant in (3) (and it was a bit of a facer to me at first), but after all it is *cardinal*, and what of English imperturbability and coolness in the presence of danger? Is there so imperturbable a sign as ♎? I do not know of one. Now, I do not possess an ephemeris for 1801, so I only know roughly the progression and regression of the Sun, plus what I have learnt from your remarks at different times. Sun must now have reached about ♊ 8, and thus would be passing the square of ♄ ℞ in those servile years before the war. Regressed Sun will be about ♌ 12, and I understand you to say that ♄ was at about the same point, giving ☉ ☌ ♄ about this time.

This clashes with the ♃ ♄ ☌ (fairly close) of that most unpleasant map of February 15, 1941; ♀ of the latter being also drawn in. I contend that, by virtue of the aforesaid, plus ♅ in ♉ 22, afflicting ♄ in ♌ 23 of (3), the heartless, soulless map of 1941 affects us in particular; and one must also take into consideration the fact that ♑ rose at London in the conjunction map. In addition, I understand you to say that ♆ in (3) had progressed to the exact square of ♄, or thereabouts.

Only in view of this evil conglomeration can one begin to account

for the appalling moral condition of the country today. It is unique in all history; there is literally nothing right: but you must be as well aware of all this as I am.

But three trends in particular obtrude themselves: the ever-growing tyrannical tendencies of the government, combined with the slavish apathy of the masses, who care nothing for freedom so long as they have money to spend on senseless mass-diversions, symbolised by ♄ activities; the wave of violent, unchecked crime, symbolised by the applying ☽ reg. □ ♂ (it is useless to blame the war for this; nothing comparable manifested itself after the 1914 war); and the dash of muddled sentimentality, directed entirely towards the violent lawbreaker, which is, I take it, symbolised by the □ of ♆ to ♄. It is the latter phenomenon which is so grotesque; the individual is in a general sense disregarded—all *except* the individual criminal. There is no attempt made to crush the thug and the gunman, for the simple reason that Authority seems to be pre-occupied with solicitude simply for *their* future and interests. The victims just do not count.

A short time ago there was an article in a Sunday paper by an ex-Inspector of Scotland Yard advocating sterner measures against the violent criminal. The next week a letter appeared from a correspondent agreeing with every word the inspector had said; but, underneath, appeared the words: "Name and address supplied"! Was not that significant? he was afraid of his name appearing.

It is all very disquieting, and I should be interested to know whether you agree with the aforesaid astro-diagnosis. It would be a little more hopeful if one could regard these unprecedented evils as due to a coincidence of evil national directions, stirred into unusual activity by the last important mundane map (1941). If so, as they are transient, there is a chance the evils may be also.

You, yourself, were worried about our ☽ □ ♂ (exact next year), but you seem to look upon all these things internationally. I think it may very well denote a culmination in the spate of violent crime; so serious that Authority will be able to ignore it no longer.

From GEORGE H. BAILEY

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MOON'S NODES

It is indeed unfortunate that Mr. Friedjung's original thesis ever found its way into print. Admittedly, such mistaken notions may do no more than irritate those well-grounded in the subject, but on the other hand the implanting of false ideas in the minds of those who are still seeking their way in astrology is a much more serious affair, and therefore no apologies are needed for controverting such specious nonsense, even if one should be termed "rude" in doing so.

One could define (and then denominate) the transit of the Moon over the meridian when midway between the zenith and the horizon, but the establishment of such a point *by definition* would not necessarily give it any significance. So too with Mr. Friedjung's false definition of the Nodes—false in that he introduces the term "mean," whereas the correct definition states them to be the point at which

the orbit of the Moon intersects the plane of the ecliptic. Now, no matter where the Moon may be in the heavens at any time, that place must be a certain point in her orbit, and to determine where that orbit intersects the ecliptic it is only necessary to calculate the Moon's longitude when she has no latitude. These nodical positions may at times differ by nearly two degrees from the mean places given in the ephemeris, but the latter places merely form part of an *artificial* structure used by astronomers to help locate the true path of the Moon, and why they should be given in an *astrological* ephemeris is indeed a mystery. The compilers are not astrologers and so it is useless to ask them!

However, if Mr. Friedjung wishes to base his astrology on mean places he should not stop at the Nodes but should use the mean solar motion when computing his "sun-arcs," in addition to which he should shun every planetary position given in the ephemeris in favour of those which show no divergence from mean orbits. Here indeed is the *reductio ad absurdum* which may help to reveal the truth to those able to receive it.

The birth-time of the Emperor Francis Joseph was given in *Modern Astrology* for July 1910 as 8.23 a.m., and it would be interesting to know from what "official records" Mr. Friedjung obtained the time of 9.15 a.m., especially as the planetary positions he gives are the same as those for the earlier time (except in the case of the Moon, which, moreover, as stated in my previous letter, is wrongly computed).

The mathematical excursions of Mr. Friedjung are indeed amazing. He first stated that the suicide of the Crown Prince took place when the Node by direct motion reached the square of the radical Venus in the Emperor's chart, when moved by "exactly one-quarter of the sun-arc," adding that "this is also an argument for the use of the 'fractional system.'" As he gave the positions of the Node and Venus as 10° ♏ 52′ and 23° ♊ 50′ respectively, obviously 23° ♎ 50′ was the square concerned, that is, about 43° away from the radical Node, and as one-quarter of the "sun-arc" is approximately ¼°, it is clear that the time taken to complete the aspect would be about 172 years! But Mr. Friedjung now speaks of a "second square," or in other words, 23° ♈ 50′ (42° 58′ away from Cauda), and he requires Caput to move 222° 58′ in 59 years. At one-quarter of the "sun-arc" the time taken would be about 892 years, so Mr. Friedjung naïvely divides *the distance* by four and then covers it at the *whole* "sun-arc" rate, which incidentally gives less than 58 years! This roughly corresponds to the 4° "symbolic" measure (which appears to have died the death it was supposed to signify), and *not* to the ¼° "fractional" referred to in Mr. Friedjung's original article.

Such goings-on cannot be taken seriously, especially as in endeavouring to stretch a fanciful direction to fit an event, Mr. Friedjung entirely omits to account for the ordinary "sun-arc" timing of the direction Caput square Venus at 42° 58′ (and Cauda too, by "second square"!) which by that measure would eventuate at about 44½ years—indeed, "sun-arc" progressions of the Nodes in this map yield so many directions that Mr. Friedjung's neglect to make use of them assumes its own significance. But why invoke the serious student?

Like Mr. Friedjung he has more important things to do and is not likely to waste time on this nodical nonsense.

From FRANCIS W. JUMP

ERRATA UPON J. G. HAIGH

In the December issue a short article on the murderer, John George Haigh, appeared written by myself. Following its publication I learnt that the *Daily Express* was not alone in offering birth dates for the notorious criminal, and 24th and 26th were as likely as 29th July, 1909. I therefore wrote to the *Daily Express* and enquired of them their source of information, which they replied was through official channels. Not satisfied and to find out definitely, I applied for a birth certificate from Somerset House; this showed July 24, 1909, as the correct date and of my original particulars, only the place of birth was confirmed—namely the sub-district of Stamford, Lincs.

I therefore request all readers of *Astrology* to delete the previous article based on the incorrect date, as there is no object in retaining it. I intend to carry out more research upon the correct date, but until I have fully satisfied myself after gaining the observations and criticisms of more experienced astrologers, including, of course, the editor of *Astrology*, I will not offer it for publication.

Readers will appreciate Mr. Jump's assiduity and candour in obtaining and communicating the correct day. It illustrates how easy it sometimes is to obtain a plausible rectification even for the wrong day.—EDITOR.

From (MISS) M. MATTHEWS

THE BIRTH-TIME OF JOHN GEORGE HAIGH

With regard to observations on Haigh's map, published in your last issue, I did the map and epochs in August and sent them to you. I notice that Mr. Jump gives the birth-day as July 29. I took July 24 from the *Sunday Dispatch* and *News of the World*.

I certainly think the 24th fits much better. At marriage, p. ☉ close to ☌ ♀, ✶ ☽. Murder of Mrs. Durand Deacon, p. ☽ ♈ 12, ☍ p. ♀ ♎ 12: (Note, I make her asc. ♎). At trial, transit ☽ 3rd decan of ♈, with his p. ☽ about 18½ ♈, □ r. ♅ in M.C. Execution, ☽ □ ☿r.

He seemed the self-assured Aries type. His charm and love of music and poetry would be shown by the Libran ☽ ✶ ♀. His very strange mind, PL in 3rd, ruler of 3rd ☿ ☌ Ψ, ☿ ♅, □ ♄—☽, all these from angles.

His narrow home-life shown by ♄ ☍ ☽; his devotion to his mother, ♄ △ ♀. A legal death, Cauda in 8th, □ ♃ ruler of 8th. I found epochs for this ascendant and think it can't be far out, owing to the p. ☽, as I said, being in Aries, close □ to ♅ and ☿, at trial and execution.

From HABIB NISSEIM, D.Sc., PH.D.
(The Astrological League, Victoria, Australia)

This terrible war had cut us off from you and, in fact, from all outside contacts. And it is a pleasure indeed that once again we have joined your happy subscribers.

We notice some new names in *Astrology* pages but are delighted that great warrior Mr. G. H. Bailey is still going strong!

It is a great surprise to us that "scientific Astrologers" are still battling over the progression and house-division problem as hard as ever.

We consider that these "scientific Astrologers" aren't logical. On one hand they admit mundane Astrology and alongside it claim actual daily planetary movements as transits! We have only to look back to the 1st Jupiter–Saturn conjunction 1842 to the last Jupiter–Saturn conjunction in Taurus to explain our problems of yesterday and today. There is a curse on Astrology, and has been for many years, the curse of THEORY. If all would combine and work to establish FACTS much of our problems would disappear overnight. This theory vogue unfortunately beset many brilliant students in the past, and in the present gives lead to the majority, as, e.g., Wilson wasting paper and ink and abusing masters of the past, Zadkiel II filling nearly the whole of his book quoting others, from ancient to Zadkiel I. Green attacking Pavitt's book because of colours of stones, and so on.

Then we have the silly squabble of Raphael in our early century; 1949—we find the position the same. Astrologers have got into a habit of hurling stones at each other and then wonder why our science is not recognised! How many of those "Scientific Astrologers" who anxiously seek to demolish your wonderful addition to our knowledge in symbolic progressions—yes, how many of them have spent even twelve months in investigation with their own charts with open minds? They won't. Ideas come forward and at first glance appear to them as wrong and that seems to them sufficient ground to attack them.

Myself and many others are sick of this argument over the house-division problem. Our views are:—whenever anyone criticises a house system or progressions, I would like to know if they have experimented for a number of years with an open mind without setting out to demolish it from the beginning.

Both problems, the houses and progressions, can be answered in direct reply to those "astrologically mathematically" intoxicated. I have travelled across the oceans thousands of miles, lived under numerous climates and even in the Arabian desert and in each case my astrological investigation accompanied me. Now can those battlers over house divisions and directions tell us why as we all agree on the natural dispositions of signs and planets and aspects—yet from actual experience from watching on the spot the weather with the same aspects in the same signs and degrees bring about diverse conditions? This theory of house division and using Greenland as an example (looking at it from London) looks like giving the imagination overtime!

If a group of astrologers are conscientiously interested in house division in relation to Greenland—the only fair approach is to set aside all other astrological work for a set period and concentrate on investigation—covering data, say, of five-year periods. Using just one or two arguments is no proof; it can just fall into "accident."

Mr. Carter, your valuable work for modern astrology is appreciated by thousands of students. And I think it is timely to begin a campaign of education among astrologers to interest them in *Practice and Theory*.

From BM/MANCUNIUS, W.C.1.

THE CORRECTION OF MANCUNIUS

Those of our contemporaries who have been privileged to observe the unfolding of a life whose birth-time was accurately recorded have been struck with the coincidence that the environment changes at times which suggest that the natal map should have been cast for eight minutes before the moment of the first extrusion. That is to say, the M.C. of the effective map is two degrees earlier than the historical map. This phenomenon may be accounted for by realising that the ephemerides published in Great Britain disclose the sidereal time at which the sun *appears* to reach the astronomical zenith each noontide. But astronomical appearances are notoriously misleading, and astrologers may find themselves mathematically obliged to take into account the fact that the light of the sun takes eight minutes to reach our planet. Hence the sun has declined to the west through two degrees of celestial longitude before the visible culmination.

By applying the Correction of Mancunius to the natal chart of King Edward VII, the Midheaven moves back from ♏ 2° to ♏ 0°. This chart when rectified by the Lunar Pre-Natal Epoch has ♒ 29° on the Midheaven, a degree which accords much more closely with the life than the published map based on bulletin time of birth, i.e. 10.48 hours, November 9, 1841.

Advanced students of Rectification who studied the article "History of a Baby" contributed by "Felix Pater" to No. 1 of Vol. 22 of *Astrology* in the Spring of 1948, may have been puzzled by the discovery that there is no regular epoch deducible from the Natal data: 13.57 hours Universal Time; Longitude 2¼° West; August 2, 1947; Female. This gives a Natal Midheaven of ♐ 6½°. If the Correction of Mancunius be applied, the Midheaven is retracted to ♐ 4½°. Rectification by an epoch drawn for 11.50 hours True Local Time, November 10, 1946 (Moon in Gemini 4¼°) adjusts this by only one quarter of a degree, viz. ♐ 4¼°, as the Natal Midheaven. Students unfamiliar with the Mancunian system of House Division should note that the place of the Moon at Epoch falls at right angles (East or West) of the Corrected Midheaven at Birth.

From (MR.) A. K. WILSON

A FRESH APPROACH TO HOUSE DIVISION

Could you find room for the following letter in your publication *Astrology*? This may be a case of "Fools rush in——" but I should be most interested to hear what your readers think of the idea.

May I say once again how much I appreciate your excellent contributions. The article "Astrology and Esotericism" was the best I have read for a considerable time.

It may be of interest to those who read Margaret Hone's article on equal house division to learn that some months back I carried out a series of direct observation experiments on a home-constructed instrument similar to a theodolite.

My object was to measure the visual angle of the Sun or Moon on a prepared scale corresponding to equal house divisions (30° to each house). With the position of the Sun or Moon fixed on this scale for any given time charts may be erected to compare the true position with that given under the various systems.

To overcome the objection that the 90° quadrant on the instrument scale (from Ascendant to Meridian, or Meridian to Descendant) might measure, say 123° in the chart, a proportional fraction of the excess degrees (33) is arrived at and allowed for. The body in question can then be correctly related to the nearest cusp and the accuracy of the house system tested.

True, the correction is imperfect because the degrees are unequally distributed between the three houses, but this can also be allowed for.

The direct observation approach is surely the most logical. When the Moon is conjunct M.C. I expect to measure it directly overhead (with due allowance for loss of elevation by declination) or if it is sextile the M.C., I expect to measure it at 60° from that point—but only if a I am using the right system!

Research on these lines forces one to the conclusion that there is no such thing as the perfect method of house division—merely that some are worse than others. I am convinced, however, that the Placidean System does give reasonably reliable results—especially if an orb of 5° either way is allowed when delineating a horoscope.

From (Mr.) Maurice Wemyss

The birth-data of Ellen Wilkinson given on page 52 are of interest in respect of her suffering from asthma as she had Mercury in Libra 1 afflicting the Ascendant Scorpio 19½, thus forming the blend of Mercury with the significant double-cross referred to in the *Wheel of Life*, vol. 4, page 47. She also had Saturn in Virgo 23½ in conjunction with Mars–Virgo 21½ and at the age of 55 Saturn p. Virgo 29 square Venus p. Sagittarius 29, Mercury p. Sagittarius 28½, afflicting the significant region Taurus–Scorpio 11–12.

The planetary positions given by R.M.T. for Catherine the Great do not appear to be quite accurate. ☽ ♊ 23½, ♄ ♐ 7, ♆ ♍ 25½ are more nearly correct for these bodies. The calculator does not say what elements he used for Pluto–Lowell, but the elements originally deduced by Dr. Crommelin, from which the heliocentric position in *M.A.* 1930, p. 375, were derived, yield approximately Libra 17. The period given by Crommelin was 250·75 years, whereas the most recent value is 247·70, a difference which is not sufficient to account for a discrepancy of 25°; and there is not much difference in the values for the eccentricity.

As regards the new planet mentioned on page 67 it is really an asteroid with a very eccentric orbit, and only during a small part of its revolution is it nearer to the Sun than Mercury. Like all the other asteroids I consider that it has a share in the rulership of Pisces, while Virgo is ruled by Lowell–Pluto and a number of other relatively small (hypothetical) planets in the outer series of major planets.

It is rather surprising to find W. Friedjung stating (page 69) that the Egyptian temple astrologers of about A.D. 200 used the equal system of house-division "in abundance." The total number of horoscopes extant from that period is not large. There is a horoscope of December 3rd, A.D. 137, on a Greek papyrus giving M.C. Virgo [2] 8 and Ascendant Sagittarius 15, which obviously does not point to the use of the equal method.

From BRIAN AUGARDE

In view of the worthy aspirations set out in your latest Editorial under the heading "A New Co-adjutrix," it seems to me particularly unfortunate that you should have given space and attention to "A New Measure."

Using the system as set out, the fatal directions given for age 74 must already have appeared precisely 28 and 56 years earlier, and very similar directions will be found every seven years previous.

Such a fast measure, however, only highlights objections which sooner or later apply to all fixed-increment methods. For example, how can any country or institution be expected to survive the ninetieth anniversary of its foundation, since by 1 degree measure, all progressed points and planets are square their radical positions, and all the more so, if there are squares, or oppositions, in the radix?

May I suggest, finally, that none of these new hypotheses should be put forward, either in the columns of your Quarterly, *or* at the Lodge, unless the propounder declares that it has been applied to 50 or 100 horoscopes *at random* and exhibits the results. At the same time, a previous idea of mine might well be adopted, and that is, that their own maps should be submitted, in order that we might form our own judgment as to the intellectual coherence and other relevant characteristics of our mentors.

MRS. M. E. HONE REPLIES

May I combine in one letter my answers to three correspondents in your last issue, who all impute that my lectures appear to have been given without due study, or that I have perpetrated "inaccuracies"?

Firstly, in the cause of Astrological truth, I am always only too glad to have any mistakes discussed.

Secondly, I have never yet given a lecture to the Lodge which has not been the result of long research and study.

To Mr. Conan Shaw: I would say that, unlike many modern researchers into psychic matters, I hold the testimony of expert investigators as more valuable than practical experience of my own.

I began to study this exactly forty years ago, when I read all that I could from Myers and Lodge, so I am not without some knowledge on the subject.

If he will read the report of my lecture again, he will see that I did *not* "mix controls with fantasies." The final paragraph asks the question, "Are we to call these personifications? Or entities, able to function through this human being, so made that she could provide the 'vehicle' when the added spiritual qualities came to her?"

I thank him for his information that Madame Blavatsky had Gemini on her 12th cusp (duality) as this is added testimony to my theory.

I have never tried to investigate the verity of what he alludes to as her "alleged Mahatmas" but I am told that he can find a record of such an investigation in the *Proceedings* of the S.P.R.

To Mr. Jump: I would say that I spent many months of research in the effort to ensure correctness for every statement made in my lecture on House Division. It is therefore regrettable that its only effect on him is to "bring home to him the many gross misconceptions prevalent upon this matter"!

Discussion of his letter is impossible as he neither names nor makes clear by description, what system he means by "these houses" which are all visible from the North Pole.

He says there is nothing absurd in putting the Sun (for midnight in high Northern latitudes) near cusp 4 of a chart, when it is clearly visible above the horizon all day. The users of the "quadrant" systems, and of the chart-forms divided into ready-made houses, say that the centre line across *denotes the horizon*. How then can it be anything but absurd to chart the Sun where it is *not*?

To Mr. Friedjung: I would say that, having re-read my lecture, I cannot see that I said anything to the effect that the Equal House System was not "old," as he imputes. Perhaps he would write to me c/o The Editor, and enumerate the "other historical inaccuracies" which it is supposed to contain?

As for my "mistaken notion" of the Placidean system (which was necessarily extremely brief for the purpose of the lecture) it was reworded by Mr. Carter, so I do not feel disposed to question it.

I did *not* say that "it is astronomically *incorrect* to subdivide the arcs between Asc. (or Des.) and Meridian." I said "Of course, one can subdivide *anything*," and further, "there is no astronomical *justification* for so doing." Had there been, it surely would have made itself apparent in the last 250 years!

Whatever "aesthetic delight" he may find in the Placidean system, the stark fact remains that *it is unusable* in the extreme North, where lie those countries, practically unknown to such as Placidus, but modernly coming more into prominence every year, owing to their geographical position in the line of flight between N. America and N. Russia.

Again, I did *not* "assume Iceland to be North of the Arctic Circle." A place does not have to be within that circle before the extreme distortions of Placidus, Campanus, etc., are obvious.

He quotes me as saying that the Midnight Sun is visible in Iceland for 24 hours in Midsummer, and categorically remarks "It is not"

Visitors from Iceland have sent me a delightful book with coloured pictures showing this in actuality, and a conversation with Icelandic people, after reading his letter, confirms that in the north of the country *the whole orb* of the sun may be seen at midsummer, all the 24 hours; while at Rekjavik, the rays are seen.

I hope I am not discourteous in suggesting that truth would be better served if writers would check their own statements, before imputing inaccuracy to others.

From (Mr.) Alexander Ruperti

THE NUMBER 9 IN ASTROLOGICAL ASPECTS

(See Vol. 21, No. 1, pages 20–31)

Mr. G. H. Bailey's remarks on this subject are very pertinent and in his letter he shows the progression in numbers which undoubtedly is at the root of the principle controlling aspects. However, there are certain interesting points which Rudhyar developed around 1938–1939 in *American Astrology*, which show very clearly how the aspects got their astrological meanings. First of all, if you wish to divide the whole circle by progressively larger numbers, you will have to begin with the number two which yields the opposition (rather than 12 as Mr. Bailey suggests for this aspect). Then progressively, the 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, will give you the trine, the square, the quintile, the sextile, the septile (51½ degrees), the octile or semi-square, the novile or nonagen (of which Mr. Owen speaks). On the other hand, if you start with the conjunction and take successive 30-degree steps you have the progression of aspects such as they exist in the tradition thus: semi-sextile (30 degrees), sextile, square, trine, quincunx, opposition.

Rudhyar showed that there was reason to believe that this last method of defining aspects was based on the monthly pattern provided by the phases of the Moon. He also showed that the series of aspects in this 30 degree progression is an *involutionary* series corresponding to the descending harmonic series in music; that it has analogies with the old mythological story of the Creative God taking one step, then two, then three, and so on, at the beginning of creation.

On the other hand, the series of aspects derived from the progressive division of the circle by ever larger numbers, is an *evolutionary* series corresponding to the harmonic ascending scales in use since the time of Pythagoras in Greece and of the Buddha in India.

Rudhyar pointed out that it was interesting to find ordinary astrology—which seems to pertain mostly to predicting future events—using mainly the involutionary series of aspects which refer to the instinctual and emotional patterns in human life and to the problems of good or ill fortune, marriage, speculation, professional achievement, ordinary health, etc., which they generate. Whereas, apart from the semi-square—not seen as an aspect in its own right but rather as a weak square—the sesquiquadrate and occasionally the quintile, the evolutionary series which refers to the development of consciousness and mind, is not in current use.

The reader may here exclaim that both series contain the usual major aspects, so where is the value of this distinction? The value lies in this: a trine or a square, for example, will mean one thing if it is the result of a progression from the conjunction in 30-degree steps, and quite another thing if it is a trine or a square past the opposition point. In other words, a "waxing" square or trine has quite a different meaning from a "waning" square or trine. The first is involutionary and refers to outer activity based upon instincts and racial emotions, whereas the second is evolutionary and its meaning is primarily conditioned by problems of consciousness and the reality of mind.

Some of the principles involved in this deeper understanding of aspects are contained in Rudhyar's book on the Moon which Mrs. Hone gave to the Lodge library.

As a final point, I would like to inform Mr. Bailey that the septile aspect based on the sevenfold division of the circle and the novile based on the ninefold division, have both a very definite significance in any deep psychological analysis of a birth-chart, though less value of course in the current practice of prediction of events—for the simple reason that they belong to the category of aspects which do not deal with outer events but with problems of consciousness and crises of inner growth. However, there is no need, I imagine, to bring the reader's attention to the importance of the number 7 in occult literature and religious books. The 9 is also significant and we read of the 40-year wandering of the Israelites in the desert and of Jesus' 40-day fast in the desert. There is also the patent link of 40 and 9 in the 40 weeks of gestation corresponding to 9 solar months.

DATA OF EVA BRAUN

I am informed that in the issue of *Life* for July 21, 1947, there is a reproduction of a document giving the birth-time of the above woman, Hitler's "wife for a day," as February 6, 1912, 12.30 a.m., Munich. This would doubtless be C.E.T. The relation of the square of the Sun and Saturn to Hitler's map is highly interesting. Her Venus is exactly on his Jupiter and her Mars, close to cusp 8 (Placidus) falls on his Neptune-Pluto, in his 8th. At the time of death Moon was in square to Uranus, one degree.

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