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EDITORIAL

The Winter Ingress

Obviously there are (for us) some good points in this.

One cannot altogether deplore a map which, at London, shows Venus rising and Jupiter culminating.

Moreover, the Sun, though sesquiquadrate Uranus, is sextile Neptune and trine Pluto. It leaves the conjunction of Saturn.

Two positions call for special comment:

Jupiter, 22 Scorpio, is in a degree which seems to have a special value for this country, probably because it is exactly opposed to Neptune in the 1066 map.

Saturn in 28 Sagittarius is on Uranus in the same figure; and this position is not good.

It is the close conjunction of Moon-Mars, in square to Uranus, that spoils this map; but does this menace us so much as others?

Astrology has a wide circulation and I would wish to include, if not every country, at least the principal ones, in my little surveys, but frankly this is too much to attempt.

I must again draw attention, however, to the transit of Uranus through 14 Leo and thereabouts, which is twice repeated next year.

As I have said, it affects the U.S.S.R. and also Colonel Nasser, and Mao-tse-tung, who is said to have the Moon in that degree. Mr. Khruschev apparently has Mars in 14 Aquarius, square Uranus.

This remarkable man was born on April 17, 1894, new style, at Kursk, and it is said that when interviewed by a German astrologer he observed "jovially" that it must have been about 12.30 around midday. According to my reckoning this makes his ascendant 14 Leo.

The latest Formosa crisis began when Uranus had just

reached 14 Leo. Also, in the tertiary map (U.S.S.R.) for the same time the Sun had caught up with progressed Mars, a most appropriate direction.

In our 1801 may Mars had reached radical Jupiter, and I have on more than one occasion mentioned the Mars-Jupiter-Uranus complex in this figure.

Whilst paying our tribute to tertiaries, we should not forget that the classic methods have not failed, either.

As I write, the last Winter Ingress map has not yet lapsed,* and I have to say that it has caused me anxiety on behalf of our Queen, especially as Neptune approaches Prince Philip's radical Venus by transit.

Fortunately nothing more serious has occurred up to the time of writing than an attack of sinusitis, and, since neither Sun, Moon nor ascendant is natally afflicted, her health should not be a cause of serious concern.

Why Dr. Troinski should say that Princess Margaret's map is even more "miserable" than the Queen's, I cannot say. A natus in which Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus and Saturn are in their own signs, and Jupiter exalted, hardly strikes me as unfortunate. True, Saturn in Capricorn can be a stern master, especially when in the M.C. But it is trine Sun and Neptune and such "bad aspects" as it has, are wide and separating.

Mercury square Mars is hardly evil, the former being in its own sign.

Venus opposed to Uranus is not easy, but even this is partly redeemed by the strength of the former in her own sign and house.

Mundane astrology is not a happy subject nowadays, as I have remarked before, but if there were nothing worse to worry about than this interesting nativity, I for one would have a very distinct feeling of relief.

Generally I regard 1959 as a year of crisis, and have said so long ago, giving my principal reasons. Whether it will be, as others think, *the* year of crisis of the century, only time will show. We have had so many crises since 1914 that it might well be difficult to decide on their respective qualifications for this unpleasant distinction.

I cannot help thinking that some widely-read writers tend to the gloomy point of view, drawing depressing conclusions, for example, from aspects so wide that I for one would almost ignore them, while turning a blind eye to the brighter side of the mundane maps.

* It is an open question when this class of map is no longer significant. There is a good deal of overlap in astrology.

For example, the New Year Map for 1959 shows Moon trine Venus and sextile Jupiter, the former being very close indeed. But Mr. Lyndoe (*Prediction Annual*, page 6) seems more concerned with Mars opposition Jupiter and Moon square Saturn. Bad, certainly, but the former is 7° and the latter 8° from exactitude.

I cannot take these too seriously.

I do not like Saturn in the Winter Ingress on Mr. Macmillan's Mars. But his progressed Sun has now passed opposition Saturn and goes to trine radical Mars, from a natal sextile. It is not strange that his popularity has greatly increased.

Compare our remarks in the March 1957 Editorial.

Have Houses Horoscopes?

An old member of the Lodge writes to me: "My landlady was born on September 11. Two people who lived in the quarters I now occupy were born on September 12th and 13th. My own birthday is the 12th. Do you think there is a Virgo-attracting magnet in this house? It looks like it!"

Have other readers like experiences?

It would seem that a house has a horoscope and those inhabiting it would have some horoscopic connection with this. In the above case the peculiar thing is, that this connection has centred on the Sun.

Lunar Bombardment

I wonder what readers think of these attempts to mar the beauty of the silvery Moon of the poets with atomic explosions?

It seems to me there is something symbolic about it all and that it is not entirely fortuitous that at about the same time problems relating to the coloured immigrants into Britain have arisen, and also the Little Rock controversy, to say nothing of the ever-increasing importance of China (a Cancer country if ever there was one) in the modern world.

But if the Moon is actually struck by a terrestrial missile, how are we to erect a map for this event? We can erect maps for its leaving the earth but a figure for the place and time at which it reaches the Moon . . .?

Shall we have tables of houses for the Moon?

Then again, supposing human beings do finally establish themselves there, will their earthly nativities follow them, to say nothing of their directions?

Some people assert that solar revolutions must be calculated for the place at which you are on your birthday anniversary: how calculate one for somewhere on the Moon with the place of

birth almost a quarter of a million miles away and staring at you from the sky? The earth, instead of providing the mundane basis for the chart, will become another factor to insert in the chart.

Correspondents?

Mr. S. S. Kumara, Medagama School, Kekirawa, Ceylon, would be happy to hear from any readers who would like to write to him.

Jupiter Conjunction Neptune

The most striking correlate in our country was the sudden expansion of banking facilities.

These seem to take many forms that I have not followed. I recall when opening a banking account was a quite solemn event, almost an initiation!

Falling close to President Eisenhower's radical Moon, it relates to the Formosa crisis but may also have some reference to the astonishing performances of U.S.A. submarines.

The Death of the Pope Foreseen

We must congratulate Herr Willy Bischoff, who forecast this event *within* 20 *hours*. His prediction received wide publicity in Germany and was based on "scientific and classic astrology."

THE HOROSCOPE OF "PROSPER"

By Jean Overton Fuller

If "Prosper" is dead before the book* opens, yet the manner of his betrayal as well as its consequences haunts the whole of the narrative. Born in a suburb of Lille on March 17, 1910, at 5.30 a.m. (as registered at the *Marie* to the nearest half-hour), of an English father and French mother, Francis Suttill was educated with a foot in either country and qualified first in French law at the University of Lille and subsequently in British at the University of London. He intended practising as an international barrister and was in Chambers when the war broke out; this advent cutting across his career, he put his dual

* *Double Webs* by Jean Overton Fuller, Putnam & Co., September 1958, 13s. 6d.

background to a different use and joined the "French Section" of S.O.E. (Special Operations Executive), the British organisation responsible for the infiltration of agents into German Occupied Territories. In October 1942 he was parachuted, with the rank of Major and the code-name "Prosper," to assume control of the network destined to bear his name and to become the largest and most important of all the British-directed networks in France. It covered Paris itself and ran the length of the Loire valley with a good area on either side, taking in Blois, Tours, Le Mans, Angers and Poitiers, to mention only a few of its centres. It should be mentioned that its object was not intelligence proper but sabotage and the reception and storage of consignments of arms parachuted from London at each full moon to be held for the use of a secret army when eventually the invasion was mounted.

How the great "Prosper" network came to be penetrated by the German counter intelligence has occupied the author's researches now for more than nine years. It was in the late Spring of 1943 that "Prosper" himself began to confide to his closest associates that he feared their operations were regularly known to the enemy and on one occasion he named an individual, one of their colleagues, whom he believed to be in contact with the Germans. Yet, if his intimations became more insistent and more sombre, he appears to have done nothing in a practical sense to put the matter to a test, or to avert the disaster which, according to some, he seemed to fear to be inevitable. It was on the morning of June 24, 1943, that the blow fell. In the small hours "Archambault," his wireless operator and "Denise," his girl courier, were arrested at their lodgings and at 9 a.m. (or 8.0, G.M.T.), precisely or minus only a minute or two (if the witness of a highly controversial personage be accepted, as in this case I think it may) "Prosper" himself was seized.

At 84 Avenue Foch, H.Q. of the *Sicherheitsdienst*, S.S. Sturmbannführer Kieffer proposed him a bargain. If "Prosper" would give complete information concerning the location of the stores of arms in his territory, enabling Kieffer's men to collect them without difficulty, the lives and good treatment of all the men and women who had served under "Prosper's" direction would be guaranteed. As most of the arms were stored in small piles on private premises this would mean compromising more people. "Prosper" asked Kieffer what authority he had to issue such a guarantee. Kieffer sent to Berlin and obtained an officially drawn up form of agreement stamped with the seal of the *Reichssicherheitshauptamt*. "Prosper" read through the paragraphs carefully and signed.

After that he vanishes practically from human knowledge.

The arrests in the "Prosper" network spread in the ensuing fortnight to about 500, though not all these could be said to have derived from the pact, since the German services had in truth prior sources of intelligence. The pact was maintained on the German side for so long as the prisoners remained in Kieffer's hands, that is until well into the summer of 1944 when the Allied invasion caused the *Sicherheitsdienst* to withdraw from Paris and the prisoners were sent ahead to Germany. There the pact was lost sight of, or perhaps those into whose hands they passed did not even know of it; some of those whom it should have protected, including "Archambault," "Denise," and "Madeleine" were executed—and so, probably, though his fate is lost in obscurity, was "Prosper" himself.

"Prosper" was removed from Av. Foch immediately after signing the pact. He was not seen by any of the other prisoners at Fresnes, the prison near Paris where they were kept until their eventual transport to Germany, nor at Buchenwald or Mauthausen where most of them were held in the later stages. He was however seen briefly at Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp on March 18, 1945, and is assumed to have died or been killed between then and the end of the war (May 8th).

The pact which "Prosper" concluded with the Germans after his capture has been discussed in France as much as the betrayal which led to it. Those who knew him personally liked him and held him in high regard and remain convinced, in present knowledge of the facts, that his only thought could have been to save the lives of the men and women who served under him and who, as plain clothes agents working in German occupied territory, might have been shot as spies. Others felt that an enemy guarantee should not have been accepted.

It would in my opinion be an abuse of astrology were one to use it in an attempt to pass moral judgment in such a case as this. Nevertheless it is interesting to look at the constituents of the character as shown in the map. If the birth-time registered be taken as exact, then allowing for the fact that in 1910 French time was G.M.T. + 9 min., we get Pisces on the ascendant; since however this time may be wide of the true by up to 15 minutes either way, it may be that he had an ♒ ascendant. In any case, we have Mercury rising in 8 Pisces squared by Mars and Moon in 2 and 14 Gemini, and Sun in 26 Pisces squared by Pluto in 24¾ Gemini, not a very good combination for stability or soundness of judgment. One could say that the compassion and sympathetic tuning into atmospheres characteristic of Pisces found itself at right angles to clear intellectual judgment of Gemini. Perhaps his earlier hesitation to take action on his suspicions proceeded from the fear

that he might be doing an injustice. The grand trine in Air—Venus in 18 Aquarius, Jupiter in 11½ Libra and Moon in 14 Gemini—might have helped him in his intended career at the bar, but whilst the Sun is sextile Uranus in 24½ Capricorn, the latter is square to Saturn in 22½ Aries, and I am inclined to regard this as the fatal aspect of the map.

By secondary progression (using Mr. Davison's solar arc method) the M.C. would come in 1943 to 20 Capricorn if it was in 18 Sagittarius at birth; two more degrees would bring it to 22 Capricorn and the square of Saturn radical which would seem appropriate. Four degrees added to the radical M.C. would give 20 Sagittarius and therefore 4 Pisces at the Ascendant and this seems a plausible rectification. Converse secondary Uranus is at the same time in 22 Capricorn, conjoint progressed M.C., if this rectification is right, and again square Saturn radical. Given the affliction between these two planets at birth, these directions would be consonant with the catastrophe which occurred. Mars progressed was in 22 Gemini, trine Saturn radical which perhaps gave the courage necessary for underground work, but at the same time it was coming up to the square of the Sun and the conjunction of Pluto.

The Solar Revolution for the year was not helpful. The ascendant was as at birth, and Uranus was in 1 Gemini, conjoint Mars radical, and Saturn was in 6 Gemini: altogether an aggravation of the Pisces-Gemini tensions at birth. Mercury rising in 10 Pisces increases the likeness to the radical map.

In the progressed secondary map for 1945 the M.C. comes to 22 Capricorn conjunct Uranus radical and by the same token quincunx Pluto radical ruler of the 8th house radical, which would lend further support to the rectification suggested.

Returning to the radical, one's overall surprise may be that a man with this natus should have come to such a position of command. Even rectification in the reverse direction would not solve the problem since it would bring Venus towards the ascendant, and Venus in Aquarius may seem to answer no better than Mercury in Pisces to the type of a dominant leader of men. In fact, "Prosper's" authority was never questioned by those who worked with him; he was felt to be decisive and just. One or two men however reacted against his apparent desire to annex them to his command, whereas they felt their positions to be autonomous; here the square between Uranus and Saturn may have been at work. One man remarked on the other hand a vein of poetry in his make-up and recalled an occasion when he and another were slightly disconcerted by "Prosper's" use of a highly poetic and somewhat melancholy simile, or metaphoric prophecy, concerning the end of the world and the

birth of truth as a small blue flower, following upon the destruction of all that we knew; they considered that such a fantasy could be dangerous to a man who needed to be hard-headed in order to take practical decisions. On the whole, I am inclined to give my voice for the Pisces Ascendant: the vastness of the Pisces imagination could find scope and inspiration in the idea of the parachute jump in the dark to the leadership of an unseen army and one need not question the idealistic principles which animated his mind, even though his decision, after he was captured, to throw his organisation open to the mercy of the enemy may be considered without uncharity to show some deficiency in realistic appreciation or at least, in retrospect, an error of judgment. There is one other curious point; his photograph shows the two sides of his face markedly different.

Horoscopic Data

Asc. 1½ ♓, ☉ 26 ♓, ☽ 14 ♊, ☿ 8½ ♓, ♀ 18 ♒, ♂ 2 ♊, ♃ 11½ ♎, ♄ 22½ ♈, ♅ 24½ ♑ ♆ 16½ ♐, PL 24¾ ♊.

NOTES FOR BEGINNERS

In every astrological judgment we have to bear in mind two factors, namely, the planets that seek to express their natures and the medium through which this expression in each particular instance is to take place.

Thus many births must take place among primitive races (not to mention animals) under configurations that can hardly express themselves at all in such circumstances. At any rate, their expression must be very different from what it would be were the native an educated European. And even in this last category, it must be conceded that some are not very responsive to planetary "influences," if such they may be called.

Astrology remains true of the usual events and conditions of human life, according to race and country, but it is doubtful if we can tell much about what may be considered as the higher life, intellectual and spiritual. Many people must have been born with nativities almost identical with that of a genius.

This is not to say that much more may not be learned about such matters, or even that some astrologers do not possess clues not yet generally known.

But geniuses have their share of the common life—they may

marry, get ill, have accidents, make or lose money, have families, and so forth. Thus far they should respond like anyone else to transits and directions.

For practical purposes an astrologer who undertakes a delineation is entitled to have a general idea of the sort of person with whom he is dealing.

The same principle is true of other branches of Astrology, for example, astro-meteorology. One cannot successfully forecast the weather without having some notion of the climate with which one is dealing, and one must also take the time of year into consideration.

At the time of writing these words we are having thunderstorms and torrential rain, following on Venus par. Uranus.* Probably it is as dry as may be in the Sahara where such an aspect would have to be quite differently interpreted. What causes mists and rain here (perhaps Venus X Neptune contacts) would perhaps cause sand-storms there. I cannot say, never having lived there, or studied their conditions.

Of course weather may vary a good deal within a fairly restricted area and that may be sometimes ascribed to mundane (domal or house) positions. Sometimes it may be diagnosed as due to local rulership (astro-topography).

All this really boils down to using one's commonsense in conjunction with Astrology and is analogous to a wise physician, who takes into consideration environment, heredity and similar factors as well as his patient's physical body.

"Minor Aspects"

Most beginners will be content to learn to recognize the major aspects (conjunction, opposition, square, trine and sextile) and then they will pass on to the easily detected 30° and 150° contacts, of which the 150° is regarded with considerable respect by modern students. It corresponds to the 6th and 8th houses and is often present when illness occurs

The 30° does seem weak and neither this nor the 150° aspects should be allowed wide orbs. Perhaps only 1° either side.

Then they will come to the 45° and 135° which are usually allowed a somewhat wider orb. They are irritative and annoying rather than dangerous, taken by themselves.

There not only the beginner but a good many other astrologers appear to stop.

However, there is the "quintile" series—36°, 72°, 108° and 144°; and although it may be wise to require a very close orb

* As regards weather, aspects usually come into action about a day late.

(not more than 1°) in their case, it is quite certain that they are effective and also, in a general sense, helpful. Some think their values are largely intellectual.

If they are neglected, it is because they are not so easy to find, nevertheless a little practice overcomes this. Most of us will probably think that it is worth while taking a little trouble to add one or two "benefic" aspects to our list of astrological assets!

FIFTY YEARS CONQUEST OF SPACE

By Alexander Marr (Dublin)

Rockets and artificial satellites are at present of very immediate interest and all kinds of astrological journals are dealing with them.

There are some significant aspects of course in the horoscopes of Sputnik I and II and also "The Failure of the first American Carrier-Rocket." On the other hand, the Radix of the "Explorer," launched on January 31st does not show us very much except that Ascendant, Sun, Moon and Venus are located in Air Signs. The opposition of Sun conj. Venus to Uranus and the opposition Moon-Saturn seems to indicate that we may expect some more failures or, at least, delays in U.S.A. missile and satellite development.

Some similarities in horoscopes of powered flight and rockets gave me the idea of making an astrological analysis of this matter which in the event shed more light on this subject than I had ever expected.

The first impressive powered flight took place on August 8, 1908. Then Wilbur Wright showed the world by a controlled, sustained flight that it was only a matter of time before practical use could be made of flying-machines.

"The remarkable performance caused a great stir in Europe and acted as a tremendous incentive to further effort. A rapid progress began."

The most significant constellation of this world-historic day is: Sun conj. Mars conj. Jupiter in Leo, in addition to this, trines of Moon and Saturn and a sextile of Pluto.

These indicate extremely rapid development and (Sun conj. Jupiter) success.

The military character of this constellation is clearly shown by the conjunction of three fire Planets (Sun, Mars and Jupiter) in the fire sign Leo.

In comparison, the Wright brothers' first flight attempts, on December 17, 1903, were, I maintain, of no practical use at all. Sun platic square Jupiter: no assistance from the authorities, no success. Mars conj./Venus square Saturn/: a long delay (five years).

With regard to the events to which I shall now refer and which assisted the development of aviation, I point out the following always returning aspects:

Sun in approach to Jupiter, largest distance sextile, additional Mars, Saturn and Uranus in friendly aspects or neutral positions.

June 14, 1919.—Newfoundland–Ireland, Alcock and Brown. (☉ 23° ♊; ♂ 14° ♊; ♃ 19° ♒; ♄ 23° ♌).
May 20, 1927.—Long Island–Paris, Lindbergh (☉ ✶ ♂ and ♃).
April 12, 1928.—Ireland–Labrador, Köhl/Hühnefeld/Fitzmourice (☉ ☌ ♃; △ ♄).
June 24, 1930.—Dublin–Newfoundland (☉ ☌ ♃).
September 1, 1930.—Paris–New York, Costes and Bellonte (☉ ✶ ♃; ☉ △ ♄).
August 18, 1932.—Dublin–New Brunswick, Mollison (☉ ☌ ♃; △ ♂).

The first successful launching of a long distance rocket was made on October 3, 1942 on the German Baltic coast, when an A-4 rocket covered 120 miles in 5 minutes.

The military implication of this invention is again symbolised by: Sun conj. Mars. The Nazi regime had no final results with it as Sun and Mars received a platic square from Jupiter.

The next great step to conquer space followed in launching Sputnik I by Soviet Russia. Its remarkable astrological relation to the A-4 rocket (the same position of the Sun) and "the first important attempt at flying" is obviously not a mere matter of chance.

1908, 1942, 1957.—☉ ☌ ♂ △ resp. ✶ ♄ and ♁.
1908, 1957.—☉ ☌ ♂ ☌ ♃ △ resp. ✶ ♄ and ♁.
1942, 1957.—☉ ☌ ♂ in Libra.

The astrological conclusion can be drawn that satellites will be of great importance in war technique and as there is a conjunction of Sun, Mars and Jupiter this might happen very soon.

Comment of the Author:

From the knowledge of centuries, we know today that the sign Libra is in a direct relation to aviation and space travel: Libra = air sign, balance.

I extend this to include the overcoming of the force of gravity. As Venus rules in Taurus her presence in Libra can only be a complementary one, as for instance, Jupiter in Pisces. The main ruler of Libra has not yet been discovered by the astronomers, It is true that Uranus often appears in aspects of air-crashes, but it cannot be regarded as the planet of aviation and space travel.

Authorities: Davy, *Interpretive History of Flight*; Gibbs and Smith, *A History of Flying*; Dornberger, V/2, *der Schuss in's Weltall.*

Relevant Data

Plane crash, Isle of Wight. November 15, 1957 10 h. 41 m., p.m.

☉ = 23° 19′ ♏ ☿ = 10° 27′ ♑ ♄ = 14° 06′ ♐
☽ = 6° 52′ ♍ ♂ = 4° 44′ ♏ ♅ = 11° 38′ ♌ ST
☿ = 6° 23′ ♐ ♃ = 20° 50′ ♎ ♆ = 3° 07′ ♏

PL = 2° 07′ ♍ M.C. = 6° ♉
M.C. ☌ .. ♂ and ♆ ☌ IV Asc. = 20° ♌

Train crash, Dagenham. January 30, 1958. 7 h. 52 m., p.m.

☉ = 10° 26′ ♒ ♂ = 27° 11′ ♐ ♆ = 4° 47′ ♏
☽ = 11° 50 ♊ ♃ = 1° 17 ♏ PL = 1° 28′ ♍
☿ = 20° 02′ ♑ ♄ = 22° 32′ ♐
♀ = 7° 12′ ♒ R ♅ = 9° 35′ ♌

M.C. = 9½° ♊
Asc. = 14½ ♍

♆ ☌ III. ex [♆ = fog] ☉ ☍ ♂

Sputnik I. October 4, 57. First discovered by California Institute. 7 h. 38 m., a.m., Pacific Coast Time.

Sputnik II. November 3, 57. 2 h. 30 m., a.m. East Eur. Time (real start). Archangelsk.

"Explorer." January 31, 58. 10 h. 48 m., p.m. Central Time. Cape Canaveral.

☉ = 11° 47′ ♒ ♃ = 1° 20′ ♏ PL = 1° 26′ ♍
☽ = 29° 34′ ♊ ♄ = 22° 40′ ♐
☿ = 21° 56′ ♑ ♅ = 9° 31′ ♌ R
♀ = 6° 23′ ♒ ♆ = 4° 47′ ♏

M.C. = 18° ♋
Asc. = 17° ♎

ROYAL DIRECTIONS AND MUNDANE EVENTS

A Lecture given at the Astrological Lodge on March 10, 1958, by the Editor.

It will be remembered that not long ago Brigadier Firebrace gave an important but rather disturbing lecture here in which he appeared to demonstrate pretty conclusively that ordinary predictive methods applied to the three national maps which have been suggested for Britain, viz. those of 1066, 1707 and 1801, gave negative results. He used, if I remember rightly, about a dozen important events in our nineteenth-century history, and he showed that a totally arbitrary measure yielded, if anything, rather better results than the one-degree and secondary systems.

It was pretty plain, then, that either the three maps were of no validity, or else the directional systems, or indeed, both.

This was a difficult dose to swallow.

Almost every astrologer believes in the "day for a year" method. He may not ascribe all-sufficiency to it—in fact, most of us certainly would not do so. But he knows that within its limits it works.

As for the three proposed maps for our country, it is difficult to see why the 1066 figure should be taken for England, still less for Great Britain, but it is a fact that some of the points stressed in it are significant in our history; they keep cropping up, as it were. For example, Neptune in 22 Taurus on cusp 2: you will find the 22 Taurus-Scorpio axis is often prominent. Then again, Uranus in 28 Sagittarius: that is another extremely sensitive point for us as we shall experience when Saturn reaches it at the next winter ingress, or soon after.

The 1707 and 1801 maps have several points in common. For example, the former has Mars in 20 Cancer and the latter has the Moon there.

In sum, I would not throw these maps on the dust-heap as useless, and I don't suppose Brigadier Firebrace would do so either. Neither do I propose to abandon secondary directions or one-degree increments. But I feel that fresh investigations are called for.

Perhaps there is a fourth map which would be entirely trustworthy, but if so, I hardly know where to look for it.

Meanwhile we have other techniques.

There are, for example, the usual quarterly figures, and in particular the Winter Ingress.

However, I wish this evening to experiment with the nativities of the reigning monarchs. These have always been held to

have a close relation to the general fortunes of the nation. One is not unaware of the obvious criticism that royalty, like others, have their private lives, so far as the Press permits them to have them; and in any case they have personal relationships that do not affect the nation as a whole. Granting all this, the correspondence between monarchic directions and transits and national events is far from being a mere fable. What is in doubt, is how far it extends and therefore to what extent we may rely upon it.

Allowing that Brigadier Firebrace has administered an almost fatal blow to the "three national maps" and/or to the usual predictive systems, can we find anything better in the Royal nativities? Or must we go yet further afield?

I propose to examine certain events of the last 150 years or so in the light of (*a*) transits, (*b*) the proceeding Winter Ingress positions, (*c*) secondaries, (*d*) one-degree directions.

At the same time, I do not intend to take every event in the utmost detail because that would be insufferably tedious for you, my audience, and would probably end by completely befuddling those who tried conscientiously to follow me and sending the rest to sleep.

I shall limit myself by trying to find in each case two or three genuinely appropriate indications. Above all, no monkey-tricks with orbs! I shall limit mine to half a degree in respect of one degree directions and the corresponding period of six months for secondaries.

As for the Winter Ingress figures, I think these come into operation a short while before December 22nd of each year and they last throughout the year that follows until the next one begins to usurp its forerunner's place. But there are no hard-and-fast lines; *Natura non agit per saltum*; Nature doth not leap from one thing to another with no intervening common ground.

Lastly, I don't suppose I shall be able altogether to refrain from references to the three national figures, because one cannot forget old sweethearts entirely, even though the Brigadier may have demonstrated that they are minxes!

The first event one would wish to consider is *Trafalgar*, using the map of the Regent since his unfortunate father was no longer in effective control. But I cannot work out the Regent's secondaries. for he was born in 1762 and I have no ephemeris.

I can therefore only use transits, the Winter Ingress and one-degree directions.

Now for a naval victory one would look to Mars and Neptune, and we find these conjoined in Scorpio 25 and 26¾ respectively,

in sextile to "Prinny's" ascendant in 25½ Virgo. Further, Uranus was in 22 Libra in exact sextile to his radical Neptune.

By "exact" I mean within one degree.

I consider this entirely satisfactory and award 5 marks.

For the Winter Ingress 1804 I have only Hugh MacCraig's condensed ephemeris. But when I find Jupiter in 25 Scorpio conjunction Neptune, sextile the Regent's ascendant and radical Venus, I feel I need trouble no further, and give 5 marks.

The one degree measure yields Uranus conjunction M.C., and as the planet is fairly strong in the natus, I regard this as in order, but am disappointed not to find Mars in action. However, this planet is so weak that it could hardly confer a satisfactory indication in any circumstances. I award 3 marks here.

Waterloo, June 18, 1815

Transits are not very good: Neptune trine Sun, Jupiter sextile ruler, Mars opposition Venus.

Of course, Waterloo, unlike Trafalgar, was not simply a military or naval success; it was the end of the Napoleonic wars and ushered in peace. To that extent Jupiter in Libra sextile ruler is appropriate but hardly strong enough. I feel I can only give 2½ marks here.

The Winter Ingress shows only one transit to the Regent's map and that an inappropriate one, so that I feel I can award no marks.

Not that the figure is not interesting. It is very much so, in relation to the 1066 map. Jupiter, in 8: 27 Libra, is almost in precise trine to the 1066 Mars in 8: 24 Aquarius, which is as significant as anything could be. But it is outside our present terms of reference. We are dealing with Royal maps.

As regards one-degree directions, Mercury, ruler, is conjunction Venus, Sun opposition Uranus from radical trine.

I award 4 marks here.

We pass to Queen Victoria's reign.

Note that we are obliged to use only events that took place on a definite day, else we cannot tabulate transits. Hence the advantage of wars and battles.

The Crimean War, March 28, 1854

Transits

Saturn quincunx Uranus.
Mars quincunx Saturn.
Mercury exactly on Saturn.

The emphasis on Saturn and Uranus is interesting, since Russia is traditionally placed under Aquarius. These seem worth 4 marks.

Winter Ingress

One powerful close conjunction, Uranus on the ruler Mercury.

Fairly good, but would anyone suggest war from this?

2 marks.

Secondaries

Neptune retrogrades to square Pluto.
Mars semisquare radical Saturn.

Quite good; 5 marks.

One-Degree

Mars is quincunx Uranus, but there are other directions not obviously typical of war and presumably referring to other contemporaneous matters. Jupiter square Uranus would be excellent but is not quite within the orbs we have prescribed. Hence only 2 marks.

Let us glance at a quite different event but one of outstanding importance—the publication of Darwin's *Origin of Species*. We cannot test it properly because we only know that it appeared in November, 1859. It cannot have interested Victoria though it may have irritated her because of the man-from-monkey talk with which it was greeted by ignorant and prejudiced ecclesiastics.

Transits

Since the day is not on record, we can only take the slower planets. But they suffice.

Uranus is right on her Gemini ascendant and Jupiter is stationary close to her cusp 3 (C). Full marks!

Since we are close to the 1859 Winter Ingress we will take that and we find Venus opposition Jupiter in the heavens right along her cusps 3–9 (C). Full marks.

Secondaries

Mars is square radical Jupiter in Aquarius, which seems a good indication of the era of strife between established religious ideas and science.

Note that Uranus, in 21¾ Sagittarius, is trine the supposed ascendant of the 1066 horoscope.

I think we can give 3 marks.

One Degree

Here we have almost too many directions, some of which doubtless refer to other events, such as the beginning of the Volunteer movement. Uranus trine Sun-Moon in Gemini seems entirely appropriate. Full marks.

We take next something which certainly affected the Queen personally, to wit, her being proclaimed Empress of India, on May 1, 1876.

Transits

Jupiter trine Saturn, the ruler of India, also Venus is sextile its own place. Full marks.

Note Mercury, the Queen's ruler, in 22 Taurus, which comes up again and again, as we have said.

Winter Ingress

Ruler conjunction Neptune seems inappropriate.

Jupiter is in 22 Scorpio, once again introducing this axis. It is sextile Venus exactly on cusp 9 (C), opposed to Pluto.

In fact we have an extraordinarily strong complex here: Pluto 22 Taurus, Saturn 22 Aquarius, Jupiter 22 Scorpio, Venus 22 Capricorn. But I cannot link them closely with Victoria's natus except through 15° contacts with her ascending degree, though they do most certainly touch the 1066 horoscope, as you will remember.

Perhaps the 1066 map stands for the Royal Line and an event such as the proclamation of the Empire of India, which affected not only the Queen, but also her son, grandson and great-grandson, would be more fittingly referred to the 1066 map than to the natus of the particular sovereign who first bore the imperial title.

However, we must stick to our terms of reference.

The 1876 *Spring* Ingress really fits better here, for we find Jupiter, the planet of pomp and circumstance, stationary in opposition to the Queen's Sun and Moon.

But so far as the Winter Ingress goes, I can award no marks.

Secondaries

Sun is trine Pluto, square a well-placed Venus, applying trine Saturn.

Mars is sextile Saturn; M.C. is conjunction this planet.
Mercury goes from opposition Jupiter to trine Mars.
These seem good and merit full marks.

One-Degree

Sun is trine Saturn, a position it has by no means reached by secondary direction, since the Queen's progressions fall in the summer when the Sun's apparent motion is less than 1° a day.

Nothing could be more congenial to the event, and we give full marks.

South African War, October 11, 1899

Transits

These are satisfactory—Sun opposition Mars, Uranus opposition the ascendant. Full marks.

Winter Ingress

Moon conjunction Mars. Full marks.

Secondaries

Here I can find nothing satisfactory except that progressed Saturn is in 0:0 Aries. This is interesting. Such a position means, of course, that at every quarterly Ingress the Sun is in square, conjunction or opposition to this progressed Saturn, and to that extent the life is likely to be heavily oppressed by Saturnian "influence"; and that was certainly the case during the early part of the Boer War, both the Queen's and the national.

I recall that when my progressed Mars was in 0 Aries the ensuing period was characterised by much Mars in the life. And Mars moves away much faster than does Saturn and is to that extent less important.

I award full marks.

One-Degree

These are unsatisfactory. Except for Venus quincunx Jupiter (and we may have noticed that in previous cases the quincunx is quite prominent where war is concerned) the directions are good, and this scarcely seems correct, even though the war did eventually end in victory for us.

I can give no marks.

The First World War

We come now to the reign of George V.

Transits

Saturn conjunction Uranus, only 6 days out.
Mars square Jupiter, only 3 days out.
Pluto is close to the I.C., square Moon and ascendant.

Full marks indeed.

Winter Ingress

Uranus almost precisely opposition Mars.
Saturn conjunction Sun.
Mercury opposition Sun.

Note Mars in 20 Cancer, its own place in the 1707 map and the place of the Moon in the 1801 map.

Full marks.

Secondaries

Uranus has reached radical I.C.

Saturn retrograde has gone direct and returned to its radical place.

Full marks.

One-Degree

The arc is 49: 10.

We have Venus conjunction Uranus 49: 00, Saturn quincunx Pluto, 49: 15. Also Pluto conj. I.C., as by transit. Full marks.

But the prize must go to the radix measure, for this shows Saturn opposition Sun, only about 3′ of arc out. By one-degree this would fall too soon.

After a good deal of experience of late years I am inclined to think that the radix measure, on the whole, hits harder than the one-degree, but so far as I can see, they both "work." Sometimes the earlier leads to the second. In 1913, when the King was under Saturn opposition Sun 0-d, there was a Balkan War in full spate, as a sort of forerunner of the 1914 war.

At all events, our four methods emerge as brilliantly successful so far as King George V and the First Great War are concerned.

War of 1939

Transits

Uranus opposition its radical place, 12′ out.

Winter Ingress

Mars exactly on King's Venus.
Venus on Uranus.
Uranus opposition to King's Saturn.
Pluto trine his Mars.
Mercury opposition Pluto.

Both these merit full marks. Indeed the Winter Ingresses of the 1939 War in relation to the natus of George VI are a good argument in favour of the value of this method of judgment. The 1945 Ingress, covering 1946—the first year of *peace*—are:

Venus exactly on King's Sun.
Mars exactly trine his Mars.
Jupiter on his Ascendant.
Saturn trine Uranus-Moon.
Moon conjunction Jupiter.
A complete contrast to those that preceded it!

Secondaries

This is the first time that we might find occasion to criticise our results by this system. But let us see.

We have:

Sun square radical Venus, in Scorpio.
Moon conjunction Neptune and opposition radical Mercury.
Mercury square radical Moon, in Scorpio.

In such an afflicted natus these are sufficient, I think, to show the opening of the most devastating war in history. In particular, we must bear in mind that the war did not really begin, for us, until the fall of the next year, 1940.

Broadly, the course of events is shown quite simply by the progressed Sun, which goes from square radical Venus, to opposition radical M.C., to opposition Jupiter, to square Saturn.

One-Degree

The arc is 43° 43′ and we get an exact aspect, Moon quincunx Jupiter. Again, the quincunx. Generally, one would call this a feeble but appropriate indication. Sun square Venus is 43° 51′, and ascendant opposition progressed Pluto, 43° 36′ is quite near, especially as one can never be sure of the exact Ascendant. The generally accepted Ascendant in 27° 14′ Libra and this to the opposition of *radical* Pluto = 44° 14′ which dates to the opening of Hitler's spring offensive against the West and is very conformable to that event.

Both secondaries and one-degree seem deserving of full marks.

For my ninth and last example I take our withdrawal from the Indian subcontinent in the middle of August 1947.

Transits

On the 15th (the Moon and arc Mercury conjunction Neptune in 8: 51 Libra, only 15′ from the King's radical Jupiter in 10th. It would be difficult to find anything more fitted to the event; but also on the 12th Venus is conjunction Saturn in square to radical Saturn, though this is not so close.

Full marks.

Winter Ingress

Saturn exactly on the King's Jupiter. Quite sufficient, but Venus is also on his Uranus, and Jupiter on his progressed Saturn.

Again full marks.

Indeed, both these almost call for a bonus!

King George VI seems to have been one of those who respond keenly to transits.

Secondaries

The Sun is square radical Saturn, and nothing could be more to the point.

This royal direction covered much of the post-war conditions, including the Palestine troubles, for the Jews are said to be under Saturn, like the Indians.

Full marks.

One-Degree

The arc is 51° 42′ and we have an appropriate direction, Moon quincunx Neptune, at 51° 38′.

An even better one, and much stronger, is Neptune conjunction Jupiter, 52° 06′, which is within our prescribed six months' orb.

So we can give full marks here.

In sum, Secondaries come out of the investigation with almost full marks.

Transits score 41½ out of a possible 45.

One Degree gets full marks in five out of the nine cases; and the Winter Ingress method, which, however, fails badly twice, has 6 cases of full marks.

Probably most of you will view this result with satisfaction, all the more so because I have not, so to say, "scraped the platter

clean." For instance, I have not used converse secondaries, chiefly because we have done so well without them. Nor have I "summoned my declining powers" to introduce those troublesome factors, parallels of declination, or even transits to progressed planets, though these undoubtedly may be significant. Further, intermediate cusps have only been mentioned once or twice, for interest's sake rather than to fill gaps. An "all-out effort" would probably have added a few marks to the weaker pair of methods.

I believe this work has shown, of course only in a very tentative way, that:

(*a*) There is a fairly constant correspondence between national events and the motions of the nativity of the reigning sovereign;

(*b*) As systems of prediction, transits and secondaries yield good results, and to a less extent so do one-degree and Winter Ingress indications;

(*c*) There is not much in our study to justify the validity of the 1707 and 1801 horoscopes, but that there may be evidence in support of that of 1066. However, these were not the subject of our research and this observation is only by the way.

This much may however be added: transits by Neptune, and to the place of Neptune in the 1066 map, seem prominent in the nine cases we have used, or at least in most of them. We may therefore be relieved that Neptune will not form any strong aspects to this horoscope in the near future. Less happy is the exact opposition of Jupiter at the time of the next Winter Ingress to Neptune's place—22 Taurus. And Jupiter is stationary in 22 Scorpio in July 1959.

It is hardly necessary to remind you that 22 Taurus is closely involved in the Queen's map and is, indeed, in exact square to her Neptune.

	Tr.	WI	Sec.	o–d
1. Trafalgar	5	5	.	3
2. Waterloo	2½	0	.	4
3. Crimea	4	2	5	2
4. "Origin of Species" ..	5	5	3	5
5. "Empress of India" ..	5	0	5	5
6. Boer War	5	5	5	0
7. War of 1914–1918 ..	5	5	5	5
8. War of 1939–1945 ..	5	5	5	5
9. Withdrawal from India	5	5	5	5

AT THE LODGE

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SUMMER SESSION (CONTINUED)

ON June 16th, Mrs. Joan Rodgers gave a lecture, finely illustrated with a large number of pictures on the epidiascope, on "Astrology in the Art of the Past." It is quite impossible to do justice to a lecture of this kind in print as a very great deal of the appeal of such a presentation depends upon the visual stimulus afforded by the illustrations. In this case, the pictures were all taken from a chapel in the palace of Agostino Chigi, born on December 1, 1466 (O.S.) in Italy. The chapel was dedicated to astrology and it was possible to link the various paintings taken from the panels of the walls and ceiling of the chapel with the horoscopical features of Chigi's own chart. He was, for instance, born when ♃ was just entering ♉. The figure of Jupiter is depicted with a bull in the foreground and a ram in the background, cleverly symbolising the change of sign. It was interesting to note that the sign positions used as a basis for the various symbolic paintings were taken from the fixed zodiac.

At 8.20, Mr. David Freedman led a discussion on "Beautiful Women." The writer was unfortunately unable to be present.

Another lecture illustrated by the use of the epidiascope was given on June 23rd by Brigadier R. C. Firebrace who spoke on "Solar Returns and the 1801 Map." As in a previous lecture he had cast some doubt as to the effectiveness of the 1801 map for Great Britain, the lecturer conducted an experiment to see if suitable indications were given by solar revolutions based on that horoscope and a number of the resultant figures were displayed for the inspection of the audience. Brigadier Firebrace reminded them that the important factors on these figures were the planets placed close to angles and those planets, not necessarily angular, which were in very close aspect with each other. Squares between benefics were regarded as helpful; good aspects between malefics as harmful. Aspects from Solar Revolution planets to the 1801 Map were important also and transits of this kind occurring some considerable time after 1801 appeared to be more effective when an allowance was made for the amount of precession that had taken place since that date. Capricorn Ingress figures were also compared with the national horoscope with quite effective results. Lunar Ingress figures, based on the Moon's monthly transit of 0° ♑ also appeared to be worthy of special study. American astrologers

apparently refer to such figures as Capsolars and Caplunars. It is to be hoped that these terms are not widely adopted on this side of the Atlantic! The impact of the Solar Revolution and Ingress figures upon the 1801 horoscope provided enough suitable indications for the seven or eight events of British history examined to restore a good deal of confidence in the validity of this map for the Union of Great Britain and Ireland. It appeared that the Capricorn Ingress horoscopes gave more effective indications than did the ordinary Solar Returns.

After the interval Mrs. Marian Davison presented some original thoughts on the rainbow, linking the colours of the spectrum with the planets. She suggested that the rainbow was a glimpse of the fourth dimensional bodies of the planets and by aligning the zodiac with the arc of the rainbow, placing the signs ♋ and ♌ at the base of the figure and ♑ and ♒ at the head, with the earth on the centre, she was able to show how the diagram thus arranged confirmed the traditional allocation of planets to signs. The blue arc of ♄ cut the signs ♑ and ♒, the yellow arc of ♃ cut the signs ♓ and ♐, and the red arc of ♂ cut the signs ♏ and ♈. Between the earth and the Sun, not included in the coloured bow, came ♀, ☿ and the ☽. The arc of ♀ cut the signs ♉ and ♎. That of ☿ the signs ♊ and ♍, leaving the Moon to share the rulership of the two signs at the base, ♋ and ♌, with the Sun. The sequential building up of the coloured diagram was an essential feature of the presentation, consequently it is scarcely possible adequately to do justice to what was an extremely effective presentation of an old astrological idea. It is possible, however, to call attention to one technical point which seems to represent a departure from the usual approach to the problem of colour and the planets. Mrs. Davison only considered the three primary colours, red, yellow and blue, aligning them with ♂, ♃ and ♄. She also suggested that the double rainbow, composed of the long bodies of the outer planets gave as the colours of ♅, ♆ and PL, blue, yellow and red respectively.

"Charts of Celebrities," on June 30th, was the title of yet another lecture accompanied by illustrative horoscopes on the epidiascope. Mr. John Naylor was the speaker. Unfortunately, the exact time of birth was not known in every case, but even so, the speaker demonstrated that it was possible to extract a good deal of interesting information even from a sunrise horoscope. Teddy Tinling, dress designer to many of the Wimbledon stars, was born on June 23, 1910, London (M.C. 8° ♋). Krushchev, born on April 17, 1894, was given an Ascendant of 7° ♉ and a Midheaven of 16° ♑. Jack Comer (Jack Spot), born on April 12, 1912, was shown with an Ascen-

dant of 4° ♋ and a Midheaven of 0° ♓. Other celebrities presented were Norman Wisdom, February 4, 1920, and Benny Hill, January 21, 1925.

The last lecture of the Summer session was given by Dr. Wilhelm Unger on July 7th. His subject was "Cosmic Psychology." He spoke about the dialogical principle in astrology, whereby the individual sought all the time to be an answer to the Universe. The twelve voices of the Universe speak to us through the signs. The houses represent our own individual answer to the universe. The two circles of life are interwoven. The zodiac and the planets represent, on the one hand the collective unconscious; the horizon of mind, symbolised by the Ascendant, is our own little world with which we identify ourselves. The houses of the horoscope are the divisions based upon the horizon of mind, the environment which we build up around ourselves. The awakened individual is more aware of his responsibilities. The very word responsibility emphasises the whole idea of "response." By studying astrology we may learn more about the way we respond to the Universe and by striving to respond ever more perfectly we may bring about changes in ourselves and in our whole way of living.

At 8.20 Mrs. Hilda Jaffa gave "Some Notes on Astrology and Palmistry." She said that she had originally taken up the study of astrology in order to be able to time accurately the occurrence of some of the events indicated by her study of palmistry. Appropriately enough, she undertook the study of astrology under the progression ☉ △ ♅. Each of the five fingers was allocated to the rulership of a particular planet. ♂ ruled the thumb, ♃ the index finger, ♄ the middle finger, ☉ the third finger and ☿ the little finger. A sound knowledge of palmistry could provide useful indications of the rising sign in the nativity when this was not known or could indicate which planets were likely to be strongly placed at birth. Members showed much interest in the material presented and were frequently to be observed scrutinising their own palms with unusual care! If the mount at the base of a finger was raised or unduly large, the planet ruling that finger would be prominent in the nativity. A strong emphasis on mutable signs was often shown by the top phalange of each finger being proportionately longer then the other two phalanges. A long second phalange was the indicator of organising ability and the presence of a strong ♄. If the third finger was strong, the individual tended to come before the public. In judging the indications given by the various parts of the hand it was necessary to judge the hand as a whole, just as it was necessary to synthesise all the factors present in the horoscope.

Autumn Session

The session opened on September 22nd with the customary Social Evening, which was not too well attended. A good assortment of refreshments was provided by the members themselves and some excellent examples of home cooking were much appreciated. In a competition in which members were invited to state what happened under certain directions in a given nativity, the prize-winning entries were contributed by Mrs. French, Mrs. Parkes and Mr. Carruthers.

On September 29th, the President spoke on "The Extra Zodiacal Constellations." His object was to draw attention to some of the less publicized writings of Elbert Benjamine on that subject. Claudius Ptolemy lists 48 constellations of which 12 are the constellations lying along the zodiacal belt. The remaining 36 may be divided equally amongst the twelve divisions of the zodiac, giving three to a sign. As there are also three decans to a sign, there is some reason for believing that the extra-zodiacal constellations may have a connection with the decans. Elbert Benjamine states that the constellations arranged according to the order in which they make their appearance upon the eastern horizon, may be taken as the rulers of the 36 decans, classified according to the Hindu system, by which each sign is divided into three parts, each ruled by the cardinal, fixed and mutable signs of the same element as the sign itself. According to this scheme we find Auriga, the charioteer, allocated to the third, or ♑ decanate of ♉. Auriga is depicted with a goat, the creature of ♑, in his chariot and holding two young goats in his arms, a reminder that the latter end of ♉ is touching the sign of the twins. The cardinal decanate of each sign is related to the spiritual expression of the qualities represented by the sign. The fixed decanate is related to the physical expression of the sign qualities; the mutable, to their mental expression. Mr. Davison then presented some of the ideas and myths associated with the constellation ♈ and the constellations Triangulum, Eridanus and Perseus, which ruled the three decanates of the sign ♈. Triangulum is the symbol of the Trinity manifest in all creation. The river of Eridanus represents the streams of life-giving energy flowing through the Universe, while Perseus represents the individual soul striving for release from the bondage of materiality. Jason and the Golden Fleece is an Arian legend, and the power of the Golden Fleece is the power of the Sun, exalted in Aries.

At 8.20, Mr. P. J. Carruthers led a discussion on the horoscope of a woman born on March 12, 1903, London (M.C. 1° ♒;

Asc. 26° ♊). Special features in the nativity were the rising ♅ squared by the ☉ and opposed by PL; the ☽ opposed by ☿ and ♃; and ♂ in sextile to ☿ but opposed to and in mutual reception with ♀. Gradually there was built up the picture of a rather erratic, restless and sometimes turbulent woman, somewhat inhibited and awkward, who followed no career but spent the latter part of her life looking after her invalid mother. In appearance she was tall, dark and very slender. She took an interest in the local dramatic society and enjoyed a fair reputation as a singer. She did not marry and ultimately died of a growth.

Mr. C. E. O. Carter, the President Emeritus, was the speaker on October 6th and his subject was "The Sign Cancer." It is hoped to reproduce the text of this lecture in a future number of the Quarterly. In the discussion that followed the lecture, mention was made of the recent attempt to fire a rocket at the Moon. Mrs. Jaffa saw in this type of lunar bombardment a connection with another modern experiment also related to the lunar influence, that of artificial insemination. These two manifestations of human ingenuity were both symptomatic of an unfortunately materialistic trend in modern thinking. Mr. Carruthers drew attention to the fact that ☉ ☌ ♄ was a factor often to be found in the horoscopes of those living well into old age. Mr. Gauntlett suggested that the fearfulness of which Cancer natives were often accused was confined solely to dangers that could be seen. The invisible held little fear for them and they would be quite happy if called upon to spend a night in a haunted house!

After the interval, Mrs. Hilda Jaffa spoke on "Horary Figures," using as an example a horoscope cast for the exact moment she began her talk. The most important thing to remember when reading a horary chart was that it must not be judged as if it were a nativity. It was necessary to forget the technique used to delineate a nativity and to concentrate on the special significators relating to the question asked. For this reason it was necessary that the questioner should have a perfectly clear question in his mind before posing it, otherwise the horoscope cast for the moment of the question would only reflect a muddled state of mind and would provide very little help in reaching a satisfactory solution to the questioner's problems. When the first or last three degrees of a sign appeared on the Ascendant of the horary figure it was a warning that a judgment on the matter had best be deferred, in the former instance because the matter was not yet far enough advanced for judgment to be attempted, in the latter, because the time for decisive action had probably passed. When the Ascendant

and 7th cusp of the figure were afflicted it was a sign that the practitioner's judgment on the matter would not be reliable. In the example horoscope ♄ was exactly setting, a condition which would normally suggest the impossibility of making a sound judgment. Members suggested that in this instance, it reflected the small attendance and the purpose of serious study (♄ ♐) for which the class was met. ♅ on the cusp of the 4th house was an indication of a sudden and unexpected end to the matter in hand. On this occasion, it hinted at the purpose of the gathering, which was to study astrological technique. Several hypothetical questions were then asked and Mrs. Jaffa indicated the method by which a horary practitioner would attempt to answer them if the chart displayed were the one drawn up for the question. In all matters under query the position and aspects of the Moon and the Part of Fortune were extremely important.

On the following Monday there was no meeting at Queen Square as the Lodge Dinner was taking place. A report on this function occurs elsewhere in this issue.

"Human Frailty in Distress" was the title of a lecture delivered on October 20th by Dr. C. S. Nicholson. She dealt with the subject of alcoholism and chronic addiction to drugs and was able to speak with considerable authority as a result of her own contacts in her professional work with the unfortunates suffering from this affliction. The whole tempo of modern living imposed a strain upon the physical organism that it was never intended to bear, with the result that some over-sensitive types, lacking in resilience and stamina, found that their nerves were strained almost to breaking point and sought refuge in the solace afforded by drink or drugs. The sensations induced by alcohol and drugs produced an escape from the feelings of frustration and insufficiency encountered by those with inadequate personality who attempted to battle against the stern necessities of life. Under the influence of certain drugs the addict is allowed to enter a state of blissful ecstasy and the yearning to return to and to prolong indefinitely this ecstatic state causes the addict to be possessed by an overwhelming craving for the drug which brings him such delights. As examples, the lecturer cited the case of "A Drunkard" (*N.N.* 296) and a horoscope from her own private case book, with the ☉ ♏ squared by ♆ ☊ and ☽ ♎ ☌ ♂ ♐. In the discussion that followed members commented on the connection between ♆ and drugs. Alcohol and drugs offered an avenue of escape; in a subtle way they expanded or distorted the consciousness; they filled the native with an insidious craving which was extremely difficult to eradicate. Alcoholics

were usually found to have a strong emphasis on fire and water signs in their horoscopes, rarely were the air and earth signs much in evidence.

At 8.20, in the unavoidable absence of Mr. H. R. Huggard the President put on the blackboard the horoscope of a woman born on June 27, 1894, Manchester, 9.39 p.m., G.M.T., and invited members to say something about the circumstances of the life. The ☉ on the cusp of the 6th house, squared by ♂ in ♈ had resulted in an illness which finally necessitated permanent residence in a nursing home. The first onset of the disease had occurred when the progressed ascendant reached the conjunction of ♂ r. Later on, increasingly severe attacks of disseminated sclerosis had forced the native to relinquish her job as a schoolteacher. Her profession was shown by the Midheaven in ♐ in trine to ☿, itself in trine to ♂. She had been fond of study and was even now, under great physical handicaps, contemplating a further course of study which would enable her to become a Doctor of Philosophy. On March 15, 1957, she had been dropped by her nurses, when being assisted to her wheelchair with the result that her legs were now so contracted that they could not be straightened. The Part of Fortune in the 9th house in conjunction with ♅ suggested trouble involving the bodily mobility. The Charubel symbol for the degree occupied by the Part of Fortune, "A fox, sitting on its haunches" was cruelly accurate, for not only was the native compelled to spend her life in a sitting position but her surname was Fox!

On October 27th, Dr. C. E. Last lectured on "The Universe as a Non-Mechanical Reality." Leaders of scientific thought had, in the present century, tended more and more to the idea that the Universe was a great Thought rather than a great Machine. Orthodox scientists had manifested an extreme reluctance to follow this lead and preferred to take refuge in formulating laws and principles, which according to Fred Hoyle, were no more than a subterfuge allowing them to make statements that were not capable of being challenged. A case in point was Sir Isaac Newton's theory of gravity. Matter, drawing other matter to itself, was said to exert a gravitational attraction over that matter. The force of gravitational attraction was said to be the explanation. When, however, the root meaning of "the force of gravitational attraction" was examined it appeared that the term was quite useless as an explanation of the phenomenon it described as it signified simply, "the force by which the stone pulls to itself." Matter pulled other matter to itself by "the force by which the stone pulls to itself." Nothing was explained and ignorance was conveniently cloaked

and uselessly perpetuated in high sounding technical terminology derived from the Latin and Greek.

Sir Oliver Lodge had spoken of "the apprehensible modification of ether we call 'Matter'." An intangible and unknown force operating in the intangible "not anywhere" manifested as matter, which was found ultimately to radiate back into the intangible "not anywhere." In a previous lecture delivered to the Lodge, Dr. Last had spoken of the vortical motion in ether which preceded the appearance of matter. Behind the phenomenal world lay the energy of which it was a manifestation. Mind was the energy behind phenomena and was that form of energy which created in the ether the vortical motion which partook of the nature of electrons and protons.

Enlightened modern scientific thought was beginning to postulate that matter was unstable and that mind was indestructible. This represented a complete reversal of all previous standards. Modern science had also put forward the idea of an expanding Universe. If the hypothesis of Universal Mind as the energy behind the material Universe were true then an expanding Universe could only be the reflection of an expanding mind. To postulate the expansion of matter as a result of properties resident in that matter was beyond the bounds of reason.

Universal Mind might be regarded as containing all the minds (of varying levels in the Universe). This placed a responsibility on each individual to direct his consciousness aright, for each could make or mar the total structure according to the nature of his contribution to the whole. No evil could exist unless there were those who created it and, just as there could be no counterfeit coins unless there were real ones, so there could be no evil unless also there was good. Man's consciousness feeds upon inspiration and inspiration comes only from Universal Mind. It was impossible to imagine anything that was not!

In the discussion that followed, Mr. Freedman mentioned that astrology was the pattern of the Universal Mind in operation. Some speakers found it difficult to accept the idea of evil only existing as a perversion of the good. The President mentioned that the biblical Satan was usually identified with Saturn, the Tester, and Mrs. Davison added that evil was a necessary factor in human evolution, otherwise no conscious choice of self-alignment could be made.

After the interval, Mr. P. S. Beecroft, making his first appearance on the Lodge platform, presented the horoscope of a "Little Uranian Miss," born at Southend, October 5, 1949, 3.20 a.m. B.S.T., ♄ in ♏ was rising in opposition to the ☽ in ♓, but in sextile to ♀ and in trine to ♃. The ☉ was in conjunc-

tion with ♆, and ♅, elevated above all the other planets, was in square to the ♒ satellitium and in sextile to the Ascendant. The little girl had exhibited a lively personality and appeared to be allowed a good deal of freedom at home. In her mother's nativity the ☽ was also opposed by ♄ and additionally in trine to ♂. This ☽ ♄ opposition fell across the daughter's M.C.-I.C. axis, with ♄ falling on the daughter's ♀. This configuration led some members to suggest that the mother might at some time interfere in her daughter's love affairs to the detriment of their relationships. As the majority of difficult configurations were situated in the eastern hemisphere and the benefics were placed in the western hemisphere it appeared likely that when she attempted to assert herself, her experiences would probably be less pleasant than when she allowed herself to fall in with the plans of others.

Experiments to find a perfect system of directing the horoscope have long engaged the earnest attention of astrologers. Mr. Arthur Gauntlett presented a system of his own devising in a lecture entitled "Directional Astrology" delivered on November 3rd. His aim was to build up a simple system that would give accurate indications of the nature and timing of events. Accordingly, he proposed to ignore converse directions which he described as "a shadow chasing a shadow in a mist." He progressed each planet by a yearly increment equivalent to its own mean daily motion. By this method all directions formed throughout the lifetime were astronomically possible. One cycle of ♅ was equated to the whole lifetime, theoretically regarded as 84 years. One year of life was therefore regarded as being represented by an increment of 4¼° and this increment was added each year to the Midheaven in order to obtain the progressed position. The lecturer used Equal House division from the Midheaven regarding the centres of houses as cusps. He demonstrated his system in action by showing a number of horoscopes, together with the appropriate progressions for given events, on the epidiascope. In each case, four or five directions were formed, although not always by major aspect, and the great majority of these appeared to fit the event.

A discussion on "Occupations" followed after the interval. Mr. Freedman introduced the topic. Those with ♈ strong needed to find an occupation with an outlet for their initiative. ♉ natives often worked in banks, took up farming, or became chefs. Geminians were noted for their versatility and so were Cancerians, often to be found in the catering trades or undertaking welfare work. The strong point of the ♌ native was organising ability. Virgonians excelled in precision work. All occupations came easily to the Libran, who tended to prefer

the Law or politics. Engineers, builders and medical practitioners were found under ♏. Sagittarians liked occupations with plenty of change and variety. The ♑ native made an excellent manager. ♒ was concerned with the humanities, while ♓ was to be found in a variety of occupations.

The Lodge Dinner

The third Annual Lodge Dinner took place, as usual, at the Overseas Club, St. James's Street, S.W.1. A fair number of members and friends attended this most enjoyable function and heard speeches from the two guests of honour, Mr. H. D. G. Murton, the Editor of *Prediction*, and Mr. Douglas Hunt, as well as from the President, who replied to the toast of "The Lodge," Mrs. Hilda Jaffa and Mr. David Freedman, who respectively proposed and replied to the toast of "Astrology," and Miss Jean Overton Fuller, who proposed the health of the guests. During the course of the evening the President mentioned that the Dinner Committee had decided against holding the function during May and June, because a series of Moon-Saturn afflictions was formed on the Mondays during this period. This decision appeared to be well justified in view of the fact that the London bus strike occurred at that time. Unfortunately Mr. and Mrs. Carter were not able to be present and Mr. J. M. Addey was prevented by illness from attending. These and others who had not been able to come along were remembered in the toast of "Absent Friends."

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