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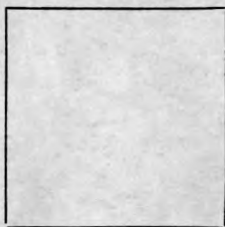
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EDITORIAL

Modern Astrology

I would especially direct the attention of readers to Mr. Cleary-Baker's article in this issue. It is a matter of grief to me that, after thirty-two years in the astrological movement, I have to report that British astrology has not progressed, but has fallen back.

When the Lodge was founded, in 1915, the two best-known astrologers in the world were Englishmen—Leo and "Sephariel." The former never wavered in his high spiritual conception of our science, and the latter was a most brilliant thinker and investigator. We were few in number and it is probable that the general public hardly realised that there still were astrologers in existence, but there was real enthusiasm, and, in addition to the names mentioned above, there were several other fine writers.

Since then there has been a great development of astrology in Germany and France, some of it (but not, of course, all) of a high order. American astrology, too, has made great strides. One astrological body has recently engaged the services of a trained statistician to undertake research work.

But what has happened in the British Isles? Astrology has, of course, become a matter of general interest. It has even been said that the Stock Exchange was visibly influenced by the optimistic predictions (unfortunately incorrect) of an astrological publicist, and, as we noted in September, members of Parliament have been moved to discuss the effects of such people upon our war effort.

But have we the same spirit amongst us, or the same quality of scientific thought? Frankly, we have not. I do not say we have nothing left. There are still serious-minded and able students amongst us, and naturally we must make allowances for the cultural devastation occasioned by a second Great War. But the need for a revival such as Mr. Cleary-Baker has

in mind is very urgent. I would welcome more papers calculated to help bring this about.

Abbreviations

Some of our readers do not seem to understand the abbreviations which we use, partly to save space and partly because it seems a commonsense thing to do.

(T) means "by transit." This seems, in the language of our advertisers, "to have met a long-felt want"—at any rate, it has already taken root vigorously in America.

(S) means "by secondary direction"; it is less necessary, because, if secondary directions are properly written (e.g. \odot p. \triangle \oint r.) they are easily recognised. (S+) means "post-natal secondary," and (S-) "pre-natal secondary." I don't particularly like these, but can think of none better.

(o-d) means "by one-degree direction."

Other abbreviations have been suggested but do not seem to have taken root. Thus, Mr. Alexander Sim suggested "benasp" and "malasp" for those very common and rather cumbersome phrases "in good aspect with" and "in bad aspect with," and I proposed as corresponding glyphs a trine and a square struck through with a horizontal line.

(PNE) suggests itself for pre-natal epoch.

A Life of Bereavement

Mrs. W., born at Southsea, February 23, 1868, at 1 p.m., lost her husband by consumption. She contracted the disease from him and has suffered the amputation of an arm in consequence. Of seven sons and daughters, five died of the same malady and one was killed in the first Great War, the one survivor is consumptive.

It would be hard to find a more afflicted map. The native, who is good-hearted and respectable, is ending her days in an almshouse.

Positions are:

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Blindness and the September Eclipse

A reader has sent us the following interesting but distressing case. Her daughter, born at Llandudno, 3.20 p.m. G.M.T., May 22, 1916, was watching the above phenomenon through a smoked glass, only to find that her sight was so seriously impaired that she became unable to read, write, or recognise

persons except at very close quarters. She had had no previous optical trouble. The specialist could only pronounce that she might get better or she might not; some do, some don't.

This is a good example of the o-d method of directing, for 24 ruling 3rd (the Senses) has progressed to the exact square of 48.

Few people would call this a particularly unfortunate map, although the ruler is conjoined with 12 and both are $\angle 3$; \odot being also $\square 3$. I should certainly expect recovery.

Future Eclipses

Ruby Lake Viets, whose calculation of certain approaching eclipses we ventured to reproduce in our June issue, writes to explain that, since she was not in possession of the lunar positions to the second but only to the nearest minute, these data must not be regarded as precise. Students will no doubt check them as the more exact data become available.

The War Retrospect (from Mid-August to Early November)

Perhaps it would be well to mention why, at a time when our eyes are fixed chiefly upon the future—and very rightly—we devote space to retrospection. Certainly not merely to draw attention to such of my predictions as have been justified, but principally to extract such instruction from the past as we can, for our future guidance, and also to provide data for our successors, who, in happier times, may wish to study these years of conflict astrologically. For we believe that in the future every competent historian will also be an astrologer.

Latter Half of August

Except in South Russia this period was, as expected, a favourable one.

The lunation fell trine our King's ♂ (ruling the 11th—friends and allies) and at the same time he had $\text{♂} \triangle \text{♂}$ r. His ♂ is also of course the natural indicator of the R.A.F. Thus we had the daylight raid on Dieppe and the air victory that accompanied it, and, yet more important, the first offensive action against the Japanese, undertaken by the Americans in the Solomon Islands. These are a British Protectorate and so come under His Majesty's directions, but we mentioned in our last issue that at this time 24 was in transit over the U.S.A. \odot .

Considerable successes were scored by the Chinese, as expected.

Coming next to the total lunar eclipse of the 26th, one of the first and most important results was the Brazilian declara-

tion of war. At Rio ♂ was on the meridian at the time of the phenomenon.

We mentioned Hungary in the same connection.* About this time Stefan Horthy, the Deputy Regent, died in suspicious circumstances, and early in September Hungarian towns were bombed for the first time.

The rising Mars at Moscow indicated the heavy fighting at Stalingrad, the Russians launching offensives further north.

On the 25th the Duke of Kent was killed in a flying accident. We have recently mentioned the need for testing the power of Pluto. In this case ♄ had just passed over the King's Pluto by transit, incurring at the same time a double square. As, in His Majesty's map, Pluto is in the 8th in Gemini this transit is indubitably appropriate. In the Duke's own map ♅ had come to ♂ ascendant, taking with it severe radical afflictions, and asc. was ☐♁, both o.d. A correspondent draws my attention to a forecast printed in *Modern Astrology*, in 1910, to the effect that the Duke's natus "is not favourable for sea-voyages, and strange accidents while travelling are threatened by Mars in square to Neptune." He was in a flying-boat *en route* for Iceland.

Born at 7.35 p.m. G.M.T., December 20, 1902, Sandringham, Norfolk.

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We printed a note on Mussolini's Pluto transits in our last issue. So far as I have been able to observe, the chief correlate was a great purge of the Fascist Party, some sixty-odd thousand members being expelled. *Elimination* is one of the key-words I have applied to Pluto's action.

On the 31st, at dawn, Rommel attacked in force in Egypt, but encountered a costly rebuff. His p. ☉ is ☐♂ r., but as his birth-time is unknown to me, I cannot say when this is exact.

September

Serious outrages in Ireland confirm the view of those who place this country under Pisces, wherein the recent lunar eclipse fell, in square to Uranus.

We come next to two phenomena that marked September 10th. Uranus was stationary exactly on Hitler's Pluto, and, on the same day, there was an eclipse that seemed highly unfavourable to the Axis.

We may well relate the former of these to the carnage of

* See page 62 in our last issue. The glyph of the planet ♄ was, by a printing error, omitted.

Stalingrad and the destruction of German cities by the R.A.F. This last proceeded apace during the quarter and may be considered the chief result of the summer ingress erected for Berlin. Had the conjunction of Mars and Pluto in this figure been exactly on the nadir instead of 4° from it, and had it not been for the two sextiles it received, the results might have been catastrophic for Germany. On the whole the summer ingress (Berlin) perhaps justified itself, despite rich territorial gains in Russia; but it is rather strange that Russia herself suffered so much, for at Moscow the ingress was, apparently, not unfavourable. At all events, the ruler of the 1st was strong. I sometimes doubt whether these figures matter much apart from close aspects to angles, particularly conjunctions. These certainly work, but, in their absence at any capital city, the ingress charts appear of little account.

By the end of the month much had appeared in the Press on the transfer of German favour from Hungary to Rumania, which confirms the Hungarian horoscope (1.17 p.m. L.M.T., March 1, 1920, Budapest) and our note in the last issue, cited above.

October

This began with the collapse of the Japanese attack on Port Moresby, which agreed well with His Majesty's $\text{D } \delta$ p. 24(S) and with the September solar eclipse. The Americans advanced in the Aleutians and the enemy suffered much, both at sea and ashore, from heavy bombing. His air inferiority became fairly manifest.

France suffered from widespread and fierce labour discontent, arising from German demands. This agrees well with the August-September eclipses, which involved $\text{m}\eta$.

Whether I was right in saying that by this time Germany would be "in grave difficulties," time will show. We know now that our forecasts of great danger for the enemy last winter were justified, though at the time their peril was not fully appreciated. Personally, I have no doubt that the position of Germany is already very serious. That, however, whilst it may cheer us on our way, is no reason for complacency, since a wounded animal is notoriously dangerous.

I have referred several times to His Majesty's two good o-d directions; I believe their chief value, nationally, has been to secure immunity from heavy air-raids during most of the period they affect. As regards future attacks I am moderately hopeful, though, as stated in our last issue, the September ingress pointed to an increase in such dangers.

Heavy raids on Italy began with the attack on Genoa on October 22nd-23rd; this agreed with our expectations, based on the September eclipse, which squared the King of Italy's $\delta-h$.

On the night of the 23rd, at 10 p.m., presumably Egyptian standard time, the Eighth Army took the offensive. \gg was in γ opposed to $\varphi-\delta$, whilst $2\downarrow$ squared all three. Hitler's ascendant was involved. The formations indicate lavish expenditure of resources and much destruction of material.

Early November

As we go to press we are able to add a few words about the resplendent victory at El Alamein. It took place exactly under $\varphi \triangle$ asc. r. in our 1801 map—a direction to which we have several times referred. Indeed, φ excited it on the very day which was decisive. Of course many other formations enter into the picture, but space forbids us to discuss the matter at length.

On the night of November 7/8 strong Allied forces landed in North Africa. These and subsequent events will be fresh in our minds and need not be recounted here. I expected some such development under the Christmas ingress. One of the accelerating factors was the station of $2\downarrow$ within $2'$ of the place of \mathbb{H} in the horoscope of the French Republic, the validity of which it would have been rash to assume.

Prospect (to end of February)

December

The lunation on the 8th does not seem to affect our country directly. The most striking map is for Delhi, where φ is exactly rising; this should be excellent for India both in military and political matters.

Moscow, too, has M.C. $\triangle \varphi$, which augurs success.

At Berlin the map has asc. $\ast \varphi$ and this brings us to some interesting considerations. For one thing the same planet culminates in the winter ingress figure for the same capital, and, further, in the map of the German Republic the \gg (S) forms a directional eclipse with the p. \odot during the winter, and from that goes to $\delta \varphi$ p. Meanwhile, though Hitler has some difficult formations ahead, he has $\gg \ast \mathbb{H}$ r. in December.

All this seems to point to some relief for Germany, and possibly a peace-offer or some change of attitude or policy.

Returning to the December lunation, Tokio has M.C. δh , whilst the locus (place of the lunation) afflicts Hirohito's natus, so that, whatever success the Axis may have elsewhere, it does not look good for Japan.

Mussolini, too, has bad transits this month and next, but about the 25th ♄ (T) afflicts our King's natal ♄.

Coming now to the winter ingress we find that, by the ancient rule several times mentioned, the only countries affected, of the principal participants in the conflict, are Britain, France, Italy and China.

The main feature of the map is a "T" formation, the Sun, as it enters Capricorn, being opposed by the Moon, with Neptune in square to both. If ever a horoscope spelt "Chaos" this does, except that Neptune is restrained by several favourable contacts.

Where will this state of confusion mainly arise?

At Paris (and yet more closely at Brussels) the meridian is narrowly involved; and the answer to our query is certainly "France and Belgium," where, in point of fact, there are ample indications of trouble.* This will reach its peak under the lunar eclipse of February—see below.

At London there is some involvement of the meridian, too, but it is less close, and there is a parallel to Venus.

As regards the other countries mentioned, the figure is excellent for China. At Rome Venus is near the M.C., but, as at Berlin, the ruler of the 1st is heavily afflicted.

As for other countries it may be said that, if these are affected at all, the figure is mixed for Germany, indifferent for Japan and U.S.A., and for Russia rather good.

The effects of this momentous map—for such indeed it is—will probably develop as the quarter advances.

January

The lunation appears to favour the Allies. At Washington the locus rises and at Chungking the asc. is $\Delta \♄$, favouring offensive action. However, Moscow has M.C. $\square \♄$.

At Berlin and Rome the M.C. is opposed to Pluto, narrowly, and at the former ♄ sets. At Tokio the same body is on the nadir, so there is small comfort for our enemies here. Note the transits of Υ and ♄ in Hitler's map to ♄ and Ψ respectively. He responds well to transits.

At Rangoon Pluto rises opposed to ♄, which points to heavy air-fighting in that region.

February

Early in the month His Majesty has $\Upsilon \♄ \Upsilon$ r., and from this some advantage should come, though his $\odot \♄ \Upsilon$ r. is still well within effective orbs.

* Written before our landing in French North Africa.

The February lunation is a total eclipse, visible as such in Japan and Alaska and falling in $15^{\circ} 17' \approx$.

The map itself is not of primary importance, though Pluto is near the M.C. at London, indicating aggressive action, of a cautious kind since the planet is sextile Saturn. The same body sets at Rangoon and at Cairo Uranus is setting, so that warlike activities may affect both capitals. Uranus, however, is not severely afflicted.

Transitually the map is very encouraging to us, for it falls in conjunction with or opposition to an area prominent in our enemies' maps. It opposes Hitler's Saturn and also the same planet in the Japanese horoscope, as well as Mars in that of the Prince of Piedmont. The Axis will encounter gloomy days under this powerful influence, which will cover several months, at least, ahead. At the same time Hitler's p. \varnothing will form semi-squares with p. h on one side and r. g on the other. It seems very probable that some of his "friends" will either encounter misfortunes of a crippling character, or will desert him.

The eclipse squares King Boris's p .

Omitting discussion of two important stations (h and p) through lack of data in these days when "Raphael" perforce appears later than in the punctual days of peace, we come to a partial eclipse of the Moon in the first degree of Virgo.

Recently we have had a series of eclipses in Virgo-Pisces and they have all tended to affect labour, and, in particular, French labour. In this case Uranus, which squares the opposed Lights, is right on the nadir at Paris, and it may be surmised that there will be violent happenings in France, already foreshadowed in the winter ingress, and, for that matter, already actually beginning.

The eclipse squares Hitler's Ψ , which fits in with the above picture.

In sum, the quarter under review yields the prospect of big changes. It is disappointing that Hitler's $\text{h} \square \text{g}$ r. has not brought final disaster to him, but its effects will be powerfully revived by subsequent formations, such as the eclipse of February 4, and in any case it has certainly already blunted his powers. Moreover, the directions that brought him his great victories are now past.

THE EDITOR

Final Recension: November 14, 1942.

MEDICAL ASTROLOGY

By H. B. PILKINGTON

As might be expected there are several methods by which the horoscope may be analysed in the interests of astro-diagnosis. Quite often a system of analysis will not only reveal data relating to the disease itself, but make, in addition, valuable suggestions as to prescription. This is frequently so if charts are examined in the light of the information found in C. E. O. Carter's *Encyclopaedia of Psychological Astrology*, or the *Encyclopaedia* of H. H. Cornell, M.D., LL.D. The Medical Astrology Lessons issued by Zain for the Church of Light, California, take a somewhat different line, the emphasis being, perhaps, more on the planetary reasons for something being wrong. At any rate with Zain it is planetary aspects and planetary patterns in relation to sickness that make up the factor of interest. These tabulated aspects and patterns are very reliable in their relation to about 120 of the more common ills of mankind. This is particularly so where rallying planetary patterns exist alongside a primary indicative grouping. An example of this would be one pattern showing pre-disposition to skin affection and another a leaning towards constipation.

The virtue of a horoscopic evaluation of a diseased condition does not end with its collection of data as to what is wrong; it goes further and deeper through its revelation of the predisposing temperamental activations towards just the particular sickness that the native presents for question. This side of the issue has to be attended to if a succession of varied forms symptomatic of the same trouble is to be avoided.

I have in mind at the moment a highly successful business man who in his natus has Mercury conjunction Saturn in Virgo, 3rd house; Pluto conjunction Neptune in Gemini, 11th house; Mars in Sagittarius, 5th house; completing the design of a "T" square. He has been almost to death's door with pneumonia, suffered much through a duodenal ulcer, and been in numerous motor accidents. He can supply an explanation for all of these experiences, outside his own economy, blaming our changeable climate for his pneumonia, having to hurry over his meals for his bowel trouble, and the vile behaviour of road hogs for his motor accidents.

Yet all the while he has colleagues in his own business who go about the same activities as himself with half the expenditure of energy and without that depletion of forces which is itself

an invitation to infection. Paracelsus practised a method of diagnosis whereby he could relate disease to its appropriate concomitant of errors in feeling, thinking, or willing; by this process the psychological issue accompanying the diseased condition was kept in view. The modern medical astrologer has in his charts the means at his disposal which enable him to perceive the patient's temperamental habits as these are related to feeling and the autonomic nerve system, to thinking and the gland system, to the will and the brain spine system. Time and time again it will look as though there is no known drug to deal with a particular sickness, but this does not of necessity make the trouble incurable. The securing of a new line of mental expression, with appropriate attention to diet and hygiene, will many times work wonders where drugs fail. Socrates tells us in the *Charmides* that "the wise physician will not consider diseases as an end in themselves, but all in relation to the soul," and the day will come when our healers will deal with the whole of their patients and not parts of them.

Data No. 1 sets up the chart of a lady who in the autumn of 1940 was beside herself with anxiety because of a lump in her left breast. Two doctors were of the opinion that it was a case for a surgeon; and when I consulted a third physician he was in favour of the knife, too. When the horoscope was subjected to astro-medical-diagnosis it yielded 22 reasons for suspecting carcinoma. However, astrologically speaking the ambient was not without its bright spots and a nature cure practitioner was very optimistic. It was decided to give nature cure a chance for at least a month. To-day our native is unmarked by the surgeon's work, the breast is whole and her general health quite good, for her.

The removal of lumps by medicinal and dietetic measures does take place more often than the general public realises. These cures are not always easy of accomplishment, except where matters are taken in hand early on. They call for great skill on the part of the physician and vast funds of patience on the part of the patient. The end-result is well worth while as all parts of the being seem to get an overhaul that brings an all-round upliftment and re-orientation.

Data No. 1. 20th Nov., 1893, 8.45 a.m. G.M.T. Lat. $52^{\circ} 42' N$.
Long. $2^{\circ} 44' W$.

Mr. Pilkington very kindly states that he will gladly answer questions from enquirers. His address is: "Glendale," Derwent Way, Neston, Cheshire.

"Q" No. 4

By GEORGE H. BAILEY

The Map for the Royal Accession and the War

One of the greatest trials students of mundane astrology have to face in times like the present is the multitude of horoscopes that must be studied before any predictions can be ventured, for quite apart from lunations, ingresses and other figures, many of the countries involved in the present conflict have several "foundation" maps available for consideration, in addition to the horoscopes of their rulers.

For our own country, for example, we have the three maps given in the Quarterly of June 1940, and there might well be others, such as the horoscope of the Restoration or the figure for the Statute of Westminster. It seems to me, however, that even if all these maps really have some sort of correspondence with the nation's affairs, their general remoteness or breadth of application is such that they are of little help in arriving at an accurate prognosis of current events. A horoscope more directly related to our own times must surely be of greater value, and although some astrologers take the birthmap of His Majesty the King as fulfilling this condition, I consider the figure for the commencement of the present reign to be a better guide, especially as it is not likely to be confused with the purely personal affairs which cannot be excluded from the King's natus.

The stirring events of the past few years offer adequate means for testing the validity of the Accession horoscope (which appeared in the Quarterly for March 1937—1.52 p.m., December 11, 1936, London), and indeed, quite apart from progressions, the present war seems to be clearly foreshadowed in the map, for the prominence of international affairs of a contentious nature indicated by the Moon in the 7th house in Scorpio is enhanced by Mars in the 7th sign (ruler of the 7th house and not far below its cusp), in close square with the M.C., these two bodies being both debilitated by sign, although fortunately well-aspected. Then, too, the rising Uranus is in bad aspect with the ruler in the 11th, a sure sign of estrangements and the breaking-off of diplomatic relations, and further, Uranus also afflicts the Moon, for the south latitude of both brings them very close to the horizon, and therefore in mundane opposition.

As the Moon is the significator of the common people, their ordeals due to the explosive propensities of Uranus find full confirmation in this chart. The acid test, however, lies in the

progressions, and it is to these we must turn for further corroboration, bearing in mind that the salient factors are the three bodies disposed about the horizon, the Moon, Mars and Uranus.

Readers will remember the state of tension in the country just before the declaration of war, the lunation of August 15, 1939, being closely squared by an elevated Uranus, *very near its first station in opposition to the Moon in the Accession horoscope*, war being declared a day or two after Uranus turned retrograde in 21 8 58. Events moved slowly for the first six months, however, and it was not until after Mars at the ingress for March 1940 came to the opposition of the radical Moon (being at the same time in conjunction with Uranus and afflicting the Moon) that the torrent of war broke loose, its pent-up force being released a day or two after the eclipse of April 7, 1940, which fell in opposition to the radical Mars, for then the Germans invaded Norway and Denmark. Other astrological indications at that time were the aspects of the converse Moon, which was in conjunction with Mars and square the M.C. (both converse).

The New Moon of May 7, 1940, fell close to Uranus on the M.C. in opposition to the radical Moon, Saturn transiting the radical Uranus. A few days later Holland and Belgium were invaded and Mr. Chamberlain resigned. Uranus crossed the exact lunar opposition degree on May 28th-29th, when the Belgian King surrendered and the evacuation from Dunkirk began.

At the following New Moon, Saturn was on the radical ascendant and Mars close to the opposition of the radical M.C. When Mars reached the square of its radical place Italy declared war on us, and France capitulated when Mars passed the opposition to the progressed M.C.

The fateful figure for the June ingress contained further stimuli to the radical afflictions, for the degree rising was that held by Mars, and again Uranus was opposing the radical Moon (from the cusp of the 8th) while the ingress Moon fell on the progressed M.C., in opposition to the culminating Mars. The effects of that figure, spread over the following three months and even longer, must have impressed themselves to such an extent on most of us that they need no recounting.

At the beginning of July 1940 the progressed Moon trined Uranus from the 9th cusp, when Jupiter was transiting the ascendant, and at that time the immobilisation of part of the French Fleet was made known. From that aspect the Moon moved to the conjunction of the progressed Mercury, midway between the trine of Uranus and the ascendant, in mid-August, when our remarkable successes in the air were achieved.

Uranus was once more close to the meridian at the New Moon of September 2, 1940, again about to turn retrograde in opposition to the radical Moon, and it was during that month the bombing of London was intensified. The ingress figure for September offered little respite, for Mars was close to the ascendant, and Mercury the ruler of the map was close to the degree held by the radical Mars.

The destruction of buildings by fire was only to be expected from the position of Mars in the 4th at the lunation of October 30, 1940, but when it is realised that Mars then occupied its radical degree, the severity of enemy attacks during November is not surprising, especially as the lunation fell in opposition to the radical Uranus and ascendant, and it is perhaps significant that Coventry was so heavily bombed at the time of the Full Moon, which was again associated with Uranus and which fell across the radical lunar degree. Further, the heavy incendiary raid on London on December 29, 1940, was clearly foreshadowed by the opposition between Mars and Uranus on the 24th, which fell on the radical Moon and was precipitated by the lunation of the 28th, when the same opposition lay across the meridian, Mars being close to the cusp of the 4th.

Mars was on the western horizon at the Full Moon of March 13, 1941, while transiting the radical M.C. and progressed Moon, and Uranus was in exact opposition with the radical Moon. At that time the heavy raids on Merseyside and the Clyde occurred, followed by further severe raids on London and other centres.

At the vernal ingress Mars was in good aspect with Venus, Jupiter, Uranus and Neptune, and was in transit over the progressed M.C. in sextile with the radical Moon, and when it reached the exact trine with Neptune on March 28, 1941, the great naval victory over the Italians in the eastern Mediterranean occurred.

In April the radical Mars was squared by the Moon from her progressed position close to the M.C., and on the 6th (when the Sun opposed the radical Mars by transit) Germany invaded Yugoslavia and Greece. Night raids on this country were still severe. The New Moon of the 26th fell on the radical Uranus, with Uranus and Jupiter near the M.C. of the lunation opposing the radical Moon, and coincided with the withdrawal of our troops from Greece. The progressed Moon was at that time in sextile with the radical Saturn, ruler of the 11th, aptly indicating the help received from America by the commencement of her naval patrol system.

The early part of May brought a renewal of heavy bombing

as Mars squared the bodies opposing the radical Moon, the effects of which culminated at the famous Full Moon of the 11th, when extensive damage was done in London and the Houses of Parliament received direct hits. It was then that Hess landed in Scotland—and the Moon was crossing the radical M.C. Towards the end of the month came the naval engagement between the *Hood* and the *Bismarck*, together with the Battle of Crete, as the Moon moved midway between the square of Mars radical and progressed. The latter aspect was nearly exact as Saturn transited the opposition of the radical Moon in June, when Germany attacked Russia.

During all these trials the benefic effect of the radical Mercury conjunction Jupiter on the cusp of the 9th, trine Uranus, showed itself in the wonderful achievements of the R.A.F., which need no recounting here. Our own attacks on the enemy can be found to coincide with astral indications, too, as, for example, our Libyan offensive in November 1941, when the progressed Moon came to the sextile of its radical place in separating from conjunction M.C. progressed.

Mars by transit had been retrograding in Aries in the autumn, and when it crossed the exact opposition to its radical degree on December 8, 1941, war with Japan was declared, Saturn at the same time being close to the opposition of the radical Moon. Two days later the *Prince of Wales* and the *Repulse* were sunk, and not long after came the fall of Hong Kong. Singapore fell at the time of the New Moon of February 15, 1942, when the Moon's radical degree was setting, opposed by Mars, Saturn, and Uranus, all squaring the lunation.

Sufficient has been said to demonstrate the potency of the Accession Horoscope, and students of mundane astrology would be well advised to examine its implications. It is certainly reassuring to note that the heavy planets have at last passed out of Taurus and can raise up no more dread forces from the Scorpionic Moon, while as Mars is now approaching sextile Sun, and Venus (by converse motion) sextile Moon, the future looks very much more promising.

Postscript to the above

Since the foregoing article was written the march of events has brought further evidence of the Accession Horoscope's importance, the last occurrence of note coinciding with the Full Moon of October 24th, when the Eighth Army launched its attack on Rommel's corps in North Africa, thus releasing the forces indicated by the previous New Moon, which fell in conjunction with Mars on the radical position of that planet,

and which was exactly rising at El Alamein. Significantly enough the Prime Minister's radical Mars is in the same degree, and as it is now trined by his progressed Sun and Saturn, more events of consequence may perhaps be expected than would normally be foreshadowed by such a lunation.

During 1943 the progressed ascendant opposes the degree held by the radical Moon, and as owing to its south latitude, the luminary had actually reached the western horizon just before war broke out, the setting of its zodiacal degree in the coming year might well coincide with the termination of hostilities, especially as the progressed M.C. sextiles the Moon in the New Year. Let us hope that when the rays of this tragic Moon at last sink below the horizon, so baleful an influence will never emanate from the 7th house again!

The Gross Measure

Mr. Little's letter in the last issue came as a welcome stimulant, for it is indeed encouraging to know that others are engaged on investigations parallel with one's own. The measure he cites certainly yields some interesting results, although he errs in relating the direction by the Gross measure of M.C. $\delta \odot$ in the specimen horoscope to the events which occurred at 21 yrs. 8 mths., for, as stated in the December Quarterly, they were of a $\text{♀} - \text{♂}$ nature. More directions than $\text{♄} \square \text{♅}$ occurred in 1922, also, for the Gross measure gives a dozen contacts by major aspect between the planets during that "very active" year. In the previous year, moreover, no less than 21 major aspects were formed, and in the following year 13, but with no startling events to correspond. The measure is, in fact, so swift and the factors (aspects and planets) so many, that the average number of directions by major aspect that may be formed in any year is over 13, this quantity being doubled if the minor aspects are also used. Directions formed so rapidly are not likely to be prolonged in their effects, and from an examination of their application personally they appear to have but little, if any, value. Notwithstanding these conclusions, Mr. Little merits the gratitude of all research workers for giving publicity to this measure.

ASTROLOGY—WAYS AND MEANS

By JOHN CLEARY-BAKER

The most self-satisfied astrologer can hardly be happy or complacent about the present state of astrology in civilised

Europe. It is scorned and barely tolerated by Church and State and its practitioners are branded from pulpit and rostrum as quacks or cranks.

No doubt this state of things is due in large part to the crass materialism of the society in which we live. Yet it would appear that many astrologers have become imbued with that blind and hopeless Fatalism with which their opponents credit them, or, alternatively, that they have little knowledge or appreciation of the dignity of their science.

Among the ancients the status of astrology was very different. "Astrology was the mistress of the world," says Maspero. "It was taught secretly in the temples and its adepts became almost a distinct class or society." If this article has any purpose it is to prove that astrology should be, and what is more to the point, can be, restored to its former eminence.

Astrologers ought to bear in mind the adage that a house divided against itself must fall and sink their personal feuds and grievances for the common good of their cause and, ultimately, themselves. It will be time enough to squabble about such problems as house-division, the pre-natal epoch and so on when the victory over materialism is won. Until that is accomplished these petty bickerings assume the proportions of a tragedy.

We have spoken of astrology as a science. It should be made clear that we have employed this word in the sense in which it was understood by the ancients. Astrology is not merely to be equated with astronomy, chemistry and physics. It is the Divine or Royal Science which correlates the windings of Human Destiny with the greater cycles of the stars in their courses.

Bearing this in mind the religious implications of astrology are obvious. We suggest that these implications are the foundation on which astrology's case must rest. The Law may descend in all its rigour—quite justifiably so far as the writer is concerned—upon such as profess or pretend to tell fortunes with intent to deceive His Majesty's subjects. The point which must be stressed is that astrologers are not fortune-telling quacks but in their own right the most ancient priesthood in the world. Taking their stand on religious conviction they have nothing to apprehend from the Law save only if they abuse their mighty heritage.

The above is not to say that astrology is to be regarded in the light of a religious system at rivalry with countless others. It is rather the kernel of all religions, as Dupuis indicated in a work (unfortunately little known to astrologers in general) which appeared in 1843. Nobody—bishops of the Church of

England please note—need fear to be robbed of his religion by a study of the science of astrology. On the contrary, astrology strengthens the hand of religion in that it is incompatible with materialism and demands a spiritual outlook on nature.

The social and political implications of astrology are also worthy of notice. The astrologer of ancient or mediaeval days was consulted by kings and rulers, but if there is one thing which emerges beyond all others in the history of astrology it is the cosmopolitan bias of its followers. Welded inseparably to the social conception of hierarchy—for where in the cosmos do anarchy and chaos reign?—they have represented in the past and may represent again in the future the embryonic germ of a universal brotherhood of humanity.

The immediate tasks of astrologers are to set about removing the barriers to good will and mutual understanding which exist within the movement and to prepare the ground for a campaign on behalf of astrology as soon as the difficulties created by the present world conflict are at an end. Misunderstandings on the part of critics must be smoothed out by argument and explanation whenever possible. The frenzied and irrational opposition which is sometimes encountered must be combated with all our literary and other resources, which would not be inconsiderable if something in the way of unity could be attained within our ranks.

Finally we would tentatively suggest the formation of an inner body of astrologers, admission to which would be only by way of the pronao of exoteric societies and organisations or as a reward for outstanding services to the cause. There are depths in astrology which cannot be sounded by the novice and which can only involve misunderstanding and hostility if discussed before laymen.

If this exposition has served its purpose it has brought home to readers the lofty nature of astrological science. We shall be satisfied if it inspires one or two of them to act in such manner as this circumstance dictates.

THE PLANET VENUS

By THE EDITOR

Except for the Sun and Moon, Venus is the brightest inhabitant of our solar system—brightest and most beautiful,

shining with a soft glowing light, as Phosphorus in the morning or as Hesperus in the evening—

Hesper, whom the poet call'd the bringer home of all good things. as Tennyson wrote in *Locksley Hall Sixty Years After*.

Were it not that, being between us and the Sun, its dark side is turned towards the earth when it is nearest to it, the light of Venus would at its perigee be far brighter than actually it ever appears to us.

In size Venus is but slightly smaller than the earth; it has no moon; and its surface is covered with such dense clouds that no telescope can tell us anything about it. Whether life exists or will in the future exist on it we do not know. The climate would be extremely hot and damp.

Beautiful as it is to the eye, Venus has also always enjoyed a pleasant reputation as the symbol of beauty, love and happiness. We call it the Lesser Benefic, but many astrologers are inclined to prefer its helpful influence to that of Jupiter, especially in illness. We British have a good reason to be profoundly grateful to Venus, for, exactly rising at London in the figure for the first conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn on August 8, 1940, she presaged the glorious Battle of Britain which saved us, and perhaps the whole world, from the German menace. Indeed she seems, in wartime, to be as much a planet of victory as of peace, and her exact culmination at Tokio in the figure for the winter ingress of 1941 preceded the astounding successes that Japan won during the next three or four months. Relying on the ancient belief that Venus was the planet of peace I hoped that the autumn of 1940 might show a cessation of the war with Germany, and that the winter of 1941 might bring Japan to a less aggressive frame of mind. This was a complete misjudgment; thus we all live and learn!

I remember reading an article that appeared before the war in a German periodical in which the writer argued that Venus was in fact the planet of war rather than peace, and it is a fact that the 7th house is not only concerned with alliances and partnerships, but, under affliction, is the zodiacal sector ruling open enemies, and many famous soldiers have had Sun in Libra, as well as well-known controversialists and public debaters.

Venus is, in fact, the planet of *relationship*, both friendly and hostile.

And, as such, one might make a good case for arguing that it is the most important body, after the Sun, in our system.

For harmonious relationships are essential to life in any form.

Adaptation, that is the key-word. Neither plant, animal nor human can persist unless the organism can establish some degree of harmonious affinity with its environment: that is self-evident.

All such adjustment, in every sphere of our lives, is under Venus.

Hence it is not at all surprising that horoscopes of very long-lived people commonly exhibit a favourable Venus-element, in some form or another. Here is a life that has persisted for eighty or ninety years or more because friction between the body and its surroundings—and between the soul and its surroundings too—was reduced to a minimum. Perhaps the native was mentally philosophical (in the popular sense) and emotionally adaptable and easily pleased, whilst in bodily matters he probably followed the golden mean and was neither very lazy nor yet one who ran the risk of overstrain. Do not read more into this than is intended or suppose that your terrestrial sojourn will necessarily be short if you have nothing in Libra and your Venus is badly situated; but it does seem that a good Venus and bodies in Libra are helpful, and that is what one would expect.

However, a person may be long-lived through sheer toughness and in spite of being constantly at variance with his or her entourage. Or, again, through excessive prudence. The Venus kind of longevity is founded on the Italian principle: "*Chi va lento va lontano.*"

Why is it that Venus cannot be well configured with the Sun? Even the conjunction is not entirely desirable, for Sol is debilitated in Libra and therefore the two are not altogether congenial. The answer is, I think, that the Sun is essentially robust and self-reliant, and the very nature of Venus, as we have said, is interdependence and mutuality. The Sun is Life, and, as it were, insists upon itself, whereas Venus rather prefers what that ancient and attractive philosopher Lao-Tze meant by his doctrine of *Wu-wei*, "not striving." Paradoxically your Venus man or woman likes to get his or her way by giving way, or seeming to give way. They seem to be in retreat, yet, when the enemy has exhausted himself, they are still there and comparatively fresh!

But a conjunction of the Sun and Venus seems to make for a happy life and even a successful one, though there will probably be a good deal of struggle in it.

With Mercury Venus is very helpful. The nature is commonly artistic and literary and much pleasure results from these interests.

With the Moon the affections are happily directed, especially in regard to things signified, in the particular horoscope, by that luminary. So with the other planets; in each case a well-configured Venus shows harmony between the native and whatever the planet, in each case, indicates.

On the other hand, Venus in affliction with Mars shows a rough side to the affectional nature, unless, of course, there is strong counter-indication. If the horoscope points to a refined person, then it is he who will suffer from the crudeness of others. This contact often denotes unhappy conditions in childhood. It is separative; and when operating in terms of circumstance rather than character, the native will be parted by distance, sickness or death from the object of the affections.

In every planetary contact there is, of course, a dual action, and in this case we are chiefly considering the action of an afflictive Mars upon a relatively passive Venus. But Mars will also suffer a loss of its usual energy and courage from the Venus-contact, though actually it will probably gain a certain kindliness.

It is not necessary to stress the need for a most careful consideration of the signs involved, especially if a planetary dignity or debility is concerned.

Venus in affliction with Jupiter tends to a general restlessness. Sometimes there is vanity and laziness; sometimes the Jupiter element predominates in the character and leads to rebelliousness. He is the planet of law and respectability, and the Venus affliction makes it difficult for the native to conform to the social habits of his environment. This, of course, becomes much exaggerated, even to the point of danger, if Mars and Uranus lend a hand, yet even so I think the presence of Venus will tend to diminish the tendency to violence.

Venus with Saturn is by no means an indication of happiness, for the affections will seldom flow easily and naturally, though there may be much devotion to a small number of objects, especially within the family circle. But it tends to discontent and disappointment in the affectional sphere, and even to eventual separation and estrangement. Some have called Venus square Saturn the saddest aspect, in itself, of all. It can be self-righteous and, as the Scotch say, unco' guid, but it is likely at least to be constant and consistent in its likes and dislikes.

The late Maud Margesson, in her series *Aspects in Verse*, gives under this heading:

Steep me in poverty to the very lips.—Shakespeare.

The long pedigree of toil.—Longfellow.

The unconquerable pang of despised love.—Wordsworth.

There is no pleasure without a tincture of bitterness.—Hafiz.

So it is evident that this careful observer of planetary action thought this contact a sorrowful one. Those with it have as a rule little of the gay or playful about them; they are prone to take things very seriously.

Very different, at least in many cases, are those with Venus in contact with Uranus.

Often this bestows a good deal of charm and allure, but even when the aspects are technically harmonious, there is often difficulty in conforming the emotional life to that of the world in which one lives. I do not wish to refer to the graver forms of sexual peculiarity that may occur when there are heavy afflictions of this nature; but these positions do indicate an eccentricity which will distort the emotional expression from a normal course. If this does not appear, then perhaps the native will be wilful and capricious, despotic in attitude towards the lover, and far too independent. Your true Venus man understands that we are a gregarious race and that a too independent ideal is really contrary to human nature; Diogenes was a freak—a remarkable freak, if you like, but a freak nevertheless. Uranus warps this understanding.

Certainly independence in love is a contradiction in terms. It is, however, something that Venus afflicted by Uranus may seek to realise.

Apart from this, it may show accidents and nervous troubles befalling not only the native but also perhaps the object of the affections, according to the houses implicated.

It is often indicative of artistic tastes, but they will rarely be exactly those of the times. Your Uranian will either hark back to the remote past for his inspirations or else will be an ultra-modernist. In no sense will he be usual.

Venus and Neptune in a sense blend well, both having some affinity with Pisces. Aphrodite, the Greek Venus, sprang from the sea according to Grecian mythology, and here the ocean doubtless symbolises the emotions, of which Venus represents the very flower, the aspiration of the soul after Beauty.

I have never found much difference, in point of pleasantness or unpleasantness, between the so-called "good" and "bad" aspects of Neptune, and this is particularly true of those he may form with Venus. In any case there is likely to be much sensitiveness, an inner restlessness or dissatisfaction with mundane existence and, of course, always that unhappy tendency to deceive (even unwittingly) and to be deceived that any contact of Neptune, even the trines and sextiles, may bring. This last tends to enter into two spheres—money and love.

We may be a little apt to forget the unquestionable relationship between our gracious goddess of love and pounds, shillings

and pence—but there it is! In order to live properly on this earth emotional adjustment is not enough. It is true man cannot live on bread alone, but neither can he live without bread, or some form of substantial nourishment, and Venus is not quite the planet to find its ideal in the poet starving in a garret or in *Love on the Dole*. The old Latin proverb said that Venus will not come unless Bacchus and Ceres—drink and food—are there also, and there is good astrological backing for this unromantic opinion.

Therefore whenever we have spoken of the action of Venus aspects in the emotional sphere, you can apply our remarks, with such changes of language as may be necessary, to the financial field. If Venus square Saturn is often emotionally starved, so also is it often indicative of empty pockets.

To return: I have a notion that Venus-Neptune is the key to something very wonderful—the key to unlock the casements that open on faery seas. But it may call for bitter renunciations and sacrifice: Neptune often seems to give so much, and then to spoil it by withholding just the one thing more that would have made all the difference. And very often the sufferer has to endure in silence and solitude a tragedy that none can share or understand.

It is an indication of one who dreams beautiful dreams, and this, of course, may lead to failure in the life of action. But the most careful study of house-positions is necessary in order to understand individual cases.

Venus itself I do not regard as an elusive planet or one hard to understand, as Neptune is. It is, I think, above all an *honest and sincere planet*, and, as such, it dislikes complications and uncertain intangible things. Taurus is admittedly a sign often heavily occupied in criminal maps; but it is rarely connected with crimes of dishonesty. It has a natural probity and respect for property. It is more frequently involved in crimes of hot blood, for its anger, when roused, is proverbial amongst us. It has strong prejudices and cherished habits of thinking and feeling; it is hard to convince, except by the evidence of hard facts. You won't find many Taurean astrologers; our science is too elusive and inexact by their rule-and-thumb ways of reckoning. Those who do come to us are generally interested in some practical aspect of astrology, such as the healing side. But even in healing they like methods in which physical or quasi-physical touch is used, as in massage or magnetic work; Sun in Taurus is often extremely magnetic. They are very near to Mother Nature. It does not express itself easily, as does Libra, and its words are few and to the point. It is a sign that

produces people you must accept as they are, or avoid; you will not alter them. Progress means nothing to them or definitely alarms them.

Taurus represents the principle of stability, which tends to make things, even in the worlds of transiency, remain as long as they can unchanged. From an abuse of this principle arise such things as stubbornness, stupid conservatism and rigid despotism.

A consideration of some of these points has caused misgivings as to whether Venus really does rule Taurus. Some of them—for example, the tendency to prejudice—suggest the Moon, its exaltation-ruler, and others—for instance, its inflexibility and obstinacy—are reminiscent of Saturn. However, it would not be wise to throw aside the practical experience of many centuries without very good reasons indeed for doing so. At least, so it strikes me—but, then I have the Moon in Taurus!

If you take the bodies of the solar system from the Sun outwards, ascribing them to the signs in due order, you will get some valuable hints of affinity. The Moon, in this way, corresponds with Taurus, with which it is connected in any case by exaltation, but Venus corresponds with Cancer, and that is interesting, for there is little doubt but that she is very well placed in this sign, as Mars is assuredly strong in Leo. The names of three of the first four Planetoids all suggest kinship with Virgo—Ceres the goddess of corn, Pallas and Vesta, both maiden-goddesses. Be that as it may, Venus is strong in Cancer, and, unless badly afflicted, there is much love of and joy in the home, and a simple affectionate nature.

That Venus rules Libra nearly all astrologers are agreed, and, indeed, the planet is usually interpreted in terms of this amiable and complaisant sign rather than of Taurus.

In the opinion of some, Libra has been overpraised and it has been stated, on behalf of the prosecution, that Librans are pleasant and harmless, but superficial in thought and emotion, and, above all, prone to promise things they do not fulfil.

Certainly Librans do often say yes and regret it afterwards; but whether they actually default on their engagements I do not know. That they are not as a rule intense in their emotions must be admitted; all three air-signs are very associative and like company, but none of them forms violent attachments in the sense that, say, Leo or Scorpio would do. Aquarius is a firm and loyal friend—but it is friendship, not love. The wind, after all, bloweth whithersoever it listeth. However, Libra is the exaltation of Saturn, and I consider it is a loyal associate. That Libra finds it difficult to say no is only too true and leads

to many of her troubles, which are rarely of her own making but most often arise through relationships with others. Indeed, if she sometimes let others down, so too is she not infrequently betrayed by others.

That is her main fault, very unlike anything we find in Taurus.

More like Taurus is her physical indolence, which tends to increase with the years.

That (again very unlike Taurus) she lacks backbone and self-reliance is due to her essential nature, as being the sign of mutuality, reciprocity and interdependence; but of course natives of the sign can manifest these and still exhibit some degree of individual strength—we are none of us *all* Libra or “all” anything else. And it would be a grave error to suppose that all who have Libra rising are likeable nonentities. Remember, for instance, Nurse Cavell.

It is also said that Libra dislikes dirty work and leaves it to others. Well, I don't see anything virtuous in *liking* dirty work; but Libra has a keen sense of justice and I question whether she is often found to be a deliberate shirker.

Still, unquestionably the typical Libran job is either some sort of brokerage, where the capacity to bring parties together is valuable, or arbitration, where the same ability comes into play, as also the sense of fair play and justice, or an occupation that has to do with “nice” things, such as fine wines, pretty dresses, jewellery, and so forth. Again, they have a natural sense of proportion and are good architects and designers; they are fond of books, and are often found in libraries and bookshops; and accountancy may appeal to them, with its precision and need for exact balances.

They are not a very musical people; in fact, for a sign of Venus, they are not outstandingly artistic. Perhaps sculpture is their strongest tendency in this field, next to architecture.

But perhaps none of their qualities is so pronounced as their powers of *lucid exposition*. Words, whether spoken or written, come easily, and the confused and incoherent is abhorrent to them. Their style is not ornate or florid, but plain, balanced and to the point. They love making things clear to others. Thus, they are born teachers, but of adults rather than children, and it is ideas they seek to impart with the greatest pleasure rather than facts. Put them on a platform before a sympathetic audience, and they are at their happiest.

Their impartiality, which necessarily follows from their relation to the principles mentioned above, is a source of frequent weakness in mundane affairs, for, seeing both sides, they seem

to others to wobble, or to lack conviction or even sincerity, unless the cause they advocate is something about which, in their minds, there can be no possible doubt. Failing this, they do not find it possible to be a "red-hot Tory," a "red-hot Socialist," or anything else red-hot.

This may degenerate into the fault of Indifferentism, the attitude that all is much of a muchness, nothing matters a lot, and live and let live is all there is to it. To this condition their natural indolence also tends, and it probably represents the greatest danger to this sign, especially if Mars is weak.

Please bear in mind that I speak throughout of *Libra rising*; *Sun in Libra* is another matter, but it scarcely falls within the scope of this paper. Suffice it to point out here that it is, for one thing, a very energetic position, witness such examples as Lord Roberts, Hindenburg and Annie Besant. There are many more but these come first to my mind.

Before we leave *Libra rising*, however, it might be well to mention a problem that must have occurred in recent years to many of us. How comes it that Hitler, of all men, was born under this usually amiable and easy-going sign?

Some of course have flatly rejected the fact and declared that Hitler is a native of *Scorpio*, but this I cannot allow. It would involve too great a departure from the stated time, and we must not refashion horoscopes according to our own preconceived notions.

I would rather say that it is difficult for us to judge how far Hitler is, as an individual, responsible for the horrors of these years. We have the evidence of his speeches, and know from them that he is a wild, distraught man, and one, alas! who has consistently appealed to the worst instincts of his hearers. But I cannot be blind to the distinctly *Libran* features of his nature. His love, for instance, of planning, especially architecturally. The very phrase "New Order" seems to me just like *Uranus rising in Libra*.

I would add that certain areas in *Libra* are markedly violent in character; and there is also the question of his prenatal epoch. In any case he has *Venus* afflicted by *Mars* and *Saturn*, both in debility, and he has *Mercury* opposed to *Uranus*, an aspect very indicative of mental peculiarity and, in my experience, often really dangerous. In his case it has, I believe, very literally, "upset the balance."

Be this as it may, *Venus* and *Libra* present a pleasant picture. They are very seldom anyone's enemies and rarely harm anyone, and generally speaking it is not the fault of either of them that the world is in the state it is in to-day.

AN ASTROLOGICAL QUATERNION

AND SOME POSSIBLE TRIOS

By (Miss) LOUMEL SKAIFE

The use of Fortuna has been claiming my attention for some time past and the more it is observed the more important it appears to be. The remarks here made will possibly induce other students of the science to give it more attention than they have previously accorded it.

The Point of Fortune, or Fortuna, is the chief of the Arabic Points and is found by adding the zodiacal position of the ascendant to that of the Moon and subtracting therefrom the position of the Sun. The resulting sensitive point has the same relation to the ascendant as the Moon has to the Sun, viz.

Fortuna : Ascendant : : Moon : Sun.

It is also true that

Moon : Fortuna : : Sun : Ascendant.

Here then is an astrological quaternion, the Moon and Fortuna; the Sun and ascendant. It is true that every part of the horoscope is "coloured" by the point ascending, but after studying this matter somewhat it appears to me the ascendant is primarily the point of expression in the material world of the Sun, and it further appears that Fortuna should be considered the point of expression in the material world of the Moon. A human being is admittedly composed of many parts and the above are only mentioned as four of the most important points in the birth-chart and other charts.

Having decided mentally its importance I started to concentrate upon Fortuna for further service. The usual monthly figure of a personal nature is the Lunar Return. I wondered if a Fortuna Return would show anything and how it would compare with the Lunar Return. The only way to find out was by experiment. So much minute detail was needed for testing that it was necessary at first to concentrate on my own charts and those of people I knew intimately. It is necessary to have birth data with no doubt about time and to know the times and details of events. Many of the examples I have studied are not suitable for publication and it is suggested the reader test the Fortuna Returns for himself or herself. I can, however, give a few examples.

The monthly return of Fortuna is the return to the same elongation or delongation as at birth. Fortuna is the same dis-

tance behind or in front of the ascendant as the Moon is behind or in front of the Sun. If the Moon is increasing in light its distance from the Sun is its elongation. If the Moon is decreasing in light its distance from the Sun is its delongation. Likewise Fortuna to the ascendant. So if the Moon is increasing in light at birth, subtract the Sun from the Moon and the result will be the elongation. If the Moon is decreasing in light at birth, subtract the Moon from the Sun and the result will be the delongation. This monthly Fortuna Return has great zodiacal flexibility, as the zodiacal position of each of the four members of the Quaternion continually vary. I will here give two examples from my own life.

For reference I give birth data. I was born in Liverpool on June 10, 1898, at 2.0 p.m., G.M.T. The map is as under. Ascendant Libra 11.0; M.C. Cancer 15.0; Sun Gemini 19.39; Moon Pisces 11.18; Mercury Taurus 29.26; Venus Cancer 18.29; Mars Taurus 2.23; Jupiter Libra 0.38; Saturn Sagittarius 8.11 R; Uranus Sagittarius 0.48 R; Neptune Gemini 22.9; Fortuna Cancer 2.39; Delongation 3 signs 8 degrees 21 minutes.

The first example is my mother's decease. My mother did not know the time of her birth, which occurred on 20.3.1862 at the Wordsworth Lodgings at Hawkshead. On account of this uncertainty the horoscope was not so familiar to me as others were, and I had not foreseen the happening from my own chart. The cause was heart-failure. She had been a little sick for two days and she passed in her sleep at 11.0 p.m., G.M.T., in Liverpool on 16.10.1939.

My own Lunar Return covering this period occurred on 26.9.39 at 3.50 p.m., G.M.T. The map is: Ascendant Capricorn 25.40; M.C. Sagittarius 1.0; Sun Libra 2.39; Moon Pisces 11.18; Mercury Libra 5.58; Venus Libra 8.15; Mars 0.59 Aquarius; Jupiter Aries 3.55 R; Saturn Aries 29.43 R; Uranus Taurus 21.38 R; Neptune Virgo 23.26; Pluto Leo 2.36; Fortuna Cancer 4.19.

The eclipse of October 12th was Libra 18°, this sign being intercepted in the 8th house. Mercury, ruler of the 8th cusp, was conjunct the return Venus on October 16th. Moon sesquare Saturn, Saturn being in 2nd house.

The Fortuna Return to 3 S 8° 21' Del. covering the event occurred on 5.10.1939 at 1.41 p.m., G.M.T. Map as under. Ascendant Sagittarius 29.51; M.C. Scorpio 8.0; Sun Libra 11.25; Moon Cancer 3.4; Mercury Libra 21.1; Venus Libra 19.21; Mars Aquarius 4.44; Jupiter Aries 2.44 R; Saturn Aries 29.6 R; Uranus Taurus 21.24 R; Neptune Virgo 23.46; Pluto Leo 2.44; Fortuna Virgo 21.30.

Here Leo, ruling the heart, is on the 8th cusp. Fortuna conjunct Neptune in Virgo, this sign being intercepted in the 8th house (passing in sleep). Uranus in 4th trine Neptune and Fortuna; unexpected and easy end. Sun, ruler of 8th cusp, was seven days from eclipse. This would appear more significant than the Lunar Return, but it is also nearer to the event, which may partly account for that.

Next let us consider evacuation to another residential area. This occurred on 18.9.1940. The change was sudden and unpremeditated except from the previous night and the destination undecided until we arrived. I travelled with the family on the afternoon of the 18th.

The Lunar Return for this occurred on 15.9.40 at 1.59 p.m., G.M.T. The map is: Ascendant Sagittarius 17.40; M.C. Libra 23.0; Sun Virgo 22.34; Moon Pisces 11.18; Mercury Libra 1.54; Venus Leo 6.57; Mars Virgo 17.10; Jupiter Taurus 15.29 R; Saturn Taurus 14.27 R; Uranus Taurus 26.4 R; Neptune Virgo 25.9; Pluto Leo 3.51; Fortuna Gemini 6.24.

Here the Moon reached the nadir on the 19th; Mars, ruler of the 4th, had passed the 9th cusp; Mercury, disposer of Mars, was sextile the return Venus, trine return Fortuna.

The Fortuna Return to 3 S 8° 21' Del. was on 25.8.40 at 9.46 a.m., G.M.T. The map is: Ascendant Libra 18.30; M.C. Cancer 25.0; Sun Virgo 2.2; Moon Taurus 23.41; Mercury Leo 22.2; Venus Cancer 16.40; Mars Virgo 3.39; Jupiter Taurus 15.31; Saturn Taurus 14.47; Uranus Taurus 26.8; Neptune Virgo 24.23; Pluto Leo 3.20; Fortuna Cancer 10.9.

Here Moon, ruler of 10th cusp, was transiting 7th cusp; Sun conjunct Neptune sextile M.C., Leo, ruled by the Sun, being intercepted in 10th house. All planets are above the horizon. These two maps appear fairly equal but the Lunar return is much nearer the event.

Next let us take Mussolini and the entry of Italy into the war on 10.6.1940. The horoscope is quoted from V. E. Robson's *Beginner's Guide* and is included for reference. He was born 29.7.1883, 2 p.m., Dovia. The map is: Ascendant Scorpio 20.55; M.C. Virgo 5.0; Sun Leo, 6.1; Moon Gemini, 9.13; Mercury Leo 5.33; Venus Cancer 21.34; Mars Gemini 13.9; Jupiter Cancer 18.34; Saturn Gemini 7.34; Uranus Virgo 20.52; Neptune Taurus 20.55; Fortuna Virgo 24.7.

The Lunar Return to Gemini 9.13 was on 5.6.40 at 2.3 p.m., G.M.T. Map for Rome as under: Ascendant Libra 1.43; M.C. Cancer 2.0; Sun Gemini 14.44; Moon Gemini 9.13; Mercury Cancer 1.14; Venus Cancer 13.18 St. R; Mars Cancer 12.13; Jupiter Taurus 4.28; Saturn Taurus 9.30; Uranus Taurus 23.21;

Neptune Virgo 22.44; Pluto Leo 1.13; Fortuna Sagittarius 11.1.

Here Venus had retrogressed to within a degree of the return Mars, and Moon, their disposer, was square Saturn. The 10th house is concerned.

Fortuna returned to 1 S 26° 48' Del. on 1.6.1940, at 1.54 a.m., G.M.T. The map for Rome is: Ascendant Pisces 21.45; M.C. Sagittarius 25.45; Sun Gemini 10.25; Moon Aries 13.37; Mercury Gemini 22.30; Venus Cancer 12.57; Mars Cancer 9.20; Jupiter Taurus 3.32; Saturn Taurus 9.1; Uranus Taurus 23.7; Neptune Virgo 24.44 R; Pluto Leo 1.7; Fortuna Capricorn 24.57. Here Neptune is on the 7th cusp trine Fortuna in the house of wishes. Venus and Mars are conjunct in the 4th house. By the 10th, having advanced and then turned retrograde, Venus has reached its Return position, Cancer 12.57. Mars is separating from the sextile Saturn. Saturn and Uranus are in the 2nd house, and the Moon was square Saturn on the 10th. Time will tell the more significant of these two figures.

Next an example from the war map of 3.9.39 at 10.0 a.m., G.M.T. The map is too familiar for me to quote it here. Germany signed an Armistice with France on 22.6.1940.

The Moon returned to Aries 29.36 on 2.6.1940 at 9.54 a.m., G.M.T. The map for London is: Ascendant Leo 24.26; M.C. Taurus 11.45; Sun Gemini 11.42; Moon Aries 29.36; Mercury Gemini 25.10; Venus Cancer 13.9; Mars Cancer 10.11; Jupiter Taurus 3.48; Saturn Taurus 9.10; Uranus Taurus 23.11; Neptune Virgo 22.44 St. Dir.; Pluto Leo 1.8; Fortuna Cancer 12.20.

Here a 9th house Moon is applying to square Pluto and then to occultation Jupiter and Saturn. In the recast for Berlin the ascendant is Virgo 4.5 and Fortuna is Cancer 21.59. In between London and Berlin Fortuna transited Venus. At Paris Fortuna was Cancer 12.46, so the same applies between Paris and Berlin.

The Fortuna Return to 4 S 10° 24' Del. was on 25.5.1940 at 11.27 a.m., G.M.T. The map for London is: Ascendant Virgo 5.11; M.C. Taurus 27.0; Sun Gemini 4.5; Moon Capricorn 23.41; Mercury Gemini 8.33; Venus Cancer 11.10; Mars Cancer 5.6; Jupiter Taurus 2.4; Saturn Taurus 8.13; Uranus Taurus 22.44; Neptune Virgo 22.45 R; Pluto Leo 1.0; Fortuna 24.47 Aries.

In the Berlin recast ascendant is Virgo 14.56 and M.C. Gemini 10.0. Fortuna is Taurus 4.32. Mercury conjunct Sun, Mercury ruling ascendant at London and Berlin, in between the two maps has passed the M.C. Fortuna has transited Jupiter and applies to Saturn. I will refrain from further comment upon this example except to point to its great interest.

So much for the monthly return of Fortuna. There is also a daily, or quotidian (to use a term popularised by Cyril Fagan) return. The passage of Fortuna is swifter than the Moon: swifter too than the ascendant. The quotidian return is to the same zodiacal position as it occupied at birth. This happens in less than 24 hours, so that one solar day will sometimes contain two such returns. The map requires careful adjustment but it is worth the trouble to examine the possibilities or significance of special days. The formula: ascendant equals Fortuna plus Sun minus Moon will be found useful in erecting the map. Note also that the ascendant in the successive quotidian return charts passes in a clockwise direction through the zodiac as the radical position of Fortuna in its relation to the return ascendant follows the elongation and delongation of the Moon. I give here the Quotidian Fortuna Returns for the two personal examples given above.

First, for mother's decease. Fortuna returned to Cancer 2.39 at 5 hr. 51 min. 52 sec. p.m., G.M.T., Liverpool, 16.10.39. The map is: Ascendant Taurus 12.9; M.C. Capricorn 17.45; Sun Libra 22.28; Moon Sagittarius 12.58; Mercury Scorpio 8.26; Venus Scorpio 3.18; Mars Aquarius 10.12; Jupiter Aries 1.21 R; Saturn Aries 28.14 R; Uranus Taurus 21.2 R; Neptune Virgo 24.8; Pluto Leo 2.51; Fortuna Cancer 2.39.

Moon, ruling 4th house and disposer of Fortuna, is here in the 8th house, applying sesquare Saturn 6.18 p.m., then sesquare Pluto at 2.46 a.m. of the 17th, Pluto being in the 4th house. Uranus, the significator of the unexpected, was rising.

Next for the evacuation. The Fortuna return to $3\text{ S }2^{\circ}39'$ on 18.9.1940 occurred at 1.16 p.m., G.M.T., Liverpool. The map is: Ascendant Sagittarius 11.36; M.C. Libra 14.30; Sun Virgo 25.27; Moon Aries 16.30; Mercury Libra 6.55; Venus Leo 10.2; Mars Virgo 19.4; Jupiter Taurus 15.21 R; Saturn Taurus 14.21 R; Uranus Taurus 26.1 R; Neptune Virgo 25.16; Pluto Leo 3.52; Fortuna Cancer 2.39; North Node Libra 11.42.

Here the Moon, which is conjunct the Home cusp, is separating from opposition Mercury and the North Node. Jupiter, ruling the ascendant, is separating from conjunct Saturn and applying trine Mars the ruler of the home. The North Node was elevated and exactly sextile the ascendant and within orbs conjunct the M.C.

The matter is still *sub judice*. It is too soon to consider the value of these maps proven. It is still in the experimental stage. Many more maps need to be studied but results to date are sufficient to justify such research and it will be interesting to know of any other evidence from fellow astrologers. Moreover, if Fortuna be so important, Arabian astrology becomes more

important than present-day practice appears to recognise. The list of sensitive points and parts given in *A Student's Text-book of Astrology*, by V. E. Robson, are all worked from the ascendant. What about the vertical axis and the series calculated from the M.C.? It is too soon to do more than hint at their possible value. The point corresponding to the Moon but calculated from the M.C. might be called Cosluna (the vertical axis being the cosmic axis) and symbolised as a circle bisected vertically. Did Arabian astrology include this series? Can anyone tell me?

The inclusion of these produces a series of trios: with the Sun we have ascendant, M.C., and Sun; with the Moon we have Fortuna, Cosluna, and the Moon.

In conclusion, to return to the Quaternion: the Sun is the planetary individual, the ascendant being the point of expression: the Moon is the planetary person, Fortuna is her point of expression. Personality will last as long as the Moon lasts and it is not to be thrown overboard at this time of world evolution. The personality is built up from the past and is to be utilised in its proper relation; but the individuality should take primary place. The spark of deity is rooted in the Sun, expressing through the ascendant. Seeking contact with the spirit centre first, all else finds its true place. Fortuna derives its importance from the fact that the Sun is here identified with the ascendant and the Moon is then expressing to the world in true relation. Fortuna is the sign of developed personality under the control of the spirit.

LONGEVITY

By "SENEX"

In Volume VI of the Quarterly appeared an interesting article on the above topic. I believe, however, that no mention was made in it of the 4th house. Nevertheless I consider that this sector, often said to refer to the End of Life, is of much importance from the point of view of old age.

Regard must be had to planets in the 4th, aspects to its cusp, and the condition of its ruler.

Two eminent Frenchmen exemplify the first point (I give their ages in brackets). These are Clemenceau (88) and his inglorious successor Pétain (84, still alive). Both had Venus on the 4th cusp. In the former case it was trine Saturn, the natural ruler of age.

Swedenborg (84) had Moon conjunction Uranus on the 4th cusp, both planets and the cusp itself being trine Jupiter in Capricorn.

Aspects to the cusps are of course difficult data to deal with, unless (which is rare) the time of birth is known very nearly. The birth-times of royalty are, however, pretty reliable and we have a good example of longevity in King Gustav of Sweden (84, still alive). Here the cusp of the 4th is exactly trine Saturn. Queen Victoria (82) had Sun, ruling 4th, in exact sextile to the cusp of that house, and Saturn was in good aspect to both.

Aspects to the ruler are not so elusive. Here we commonly find either that Saturn rules the 4th and is well aspected, or that the ruler, not being Saturn, is in good aspect with that planet.

Thus Lord Brougham (90) had Aquarius on the 4th, being in close sextile to Jupiter.

Alfred Russel Wallace (90) also had Aquarius on the 4th, and Saturn, though square Mars, was trine Uranus and Neptune in Capricorn.

Edison (84) likewise had Aquarius on the 4th and his Saturn had two sextiles from Capricorn.

Gladstone (89) had Venus as ruler of the 4th, and it was in close sextile to Mars in Aquarius.

Annie Besant (86) had Moon in the 4th and ruling the 4th; it had afflictions but was trine Saturn.

Rockefeller (98) had Jupiter ruling the 4th trine Neptune in Aquarius, 1° orb. In none of these cases do I take any notice of wide aspects, which must necessarily be common to many thousands of persons.

Hahnemann (88) had the Sun on the cusp of the 4th in Aries square Saturn in Capricorn. The square was operative in his life, which was a long struggle against bigotry and envy, but the fact that both bodies were in dignity brought him success in the end, and a long life, active to the last. Mars, lord of 4th, is conjunction Venus.

Of course it might be argued that a very afflicted 4th house might show, not early death, but a prolonged and wretched old age. That is probably true. But I think the converse is also true—a well-configured 4th shows a long and happy old age, especially if (as in so many of the above instances) Saturn is favourably involved by sign or aspect.

On the whole the 4th seems a rather neglected house. One often hears it dismissed as "occult" or "mysterious" and the matter is left at that. The description is perfectly true; but we have tried to show that it has also a quite definite value in terms of longevity—one that could be stated, I believe, in such a way as to impress the hardest-headed statistician.

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