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## COMMENT on BOOKS and AUTHORS

**In Pamphlet Form**  
**IS THERE A CASE FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS?** By Pearl S. Buck. The John Day company.

**GANDHIISM VERSUS SOCIALISM.** By Richard B. Gregg. The John Day company.

Two more pamphlets have been added recently by the John Day company to its growing list. One, "Is there a case for Foreign Missions?" by Pearl S. Buck is an address that Mrs. Buck delivered before a large audience of Presbyterian women at New York City early in December. The address contains sharp criticism of Christian missions and calls for a higher type of missionary—a "higher type of person than the average American, even though he be above the average Christian." Mrs. Buck states that the basic reason for the lack of success in spreading the spirit of Christianity has been because neither the messenger nor the message has been suited to the needs of the people. "The truth is we have never considered the people," Mrs. Buck says. In answer to the question as to why Christian nations do not practice what they preach Mrs. Buck pleads for the manifestation of Christ in the mode of life. She concludes with these words that many Chinese have said to her: "Come to us no more in arrogance of spirit. Come to us as brothers and fellowmen. Let us see in you how your religion works. Preach to us no more, but share with us that better and more abundant life which your Christ lived. Give us your best, or nothing." This same address is appearing in the January issue of Harper's magazine.

The other pamphlet, "Gandhiism Versus Socialism" Richard B. Gregg is much more in favor of the system fostered by Gandhi than he is of socialism. Gandhi's program tends strongly to weaken the five chief devices by which the "ruling classes have been able to govern, restrain, and thwart the masses, namely: money, physical violence, social divisions and barriers, parliamentarism, and large scale production." Mr. Gregg believes that Gandhi is the chosen person to create a new and durable set of values, and that Gandhiism is psychologically wiser and more effective than socialism, not only as a new means of revolution, but also as a long-time mode of life and social organization."—*Vera M. Dermid.*

**LIGHT IN AUGUST.** By William Faulkner. (Smith-Haas.)

**SONS.** By Pearl S. Buck. (John Day.)

**BLOODY YEARS.** By F. Yeats-Brown. (Viking.)

**THE LETTERS OF D. H. LAWRENCE.** Edited with an introduction by Aldous Huxley. (Viking.)

**Love Story**  
**PROLOGUE TO LOVE.** By Martha Ostenso. (Dodd, Mead.)

**Detective Story**  
**KEEPER OF THE KEYS.** By Earl Derr Biggers. (Bobbs-Merrill.)

**Poetry**  
**NICODEMUS.** By Edwin Arlington Robinson. (Macmillan.)

### BOOK BY DR. SAUER

"Nursery Guide," a vade-mecum on infant and child care, written by Dr. Louis W. Sauer of Winnetka, has just been published by the C. V. Mosby company of St. Louis. Dr. Sauer's book tells all essential details in the care and feeding of infants and children, and how to care for them in health and disease.

### Story Book Girl



Little "Ginny" Banning, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Banning of Evanston, has realized an ambition that few children achieve. She has become a character in fiction, and has been made the heroine of the "Bertram" stories which have been running in *Child Life* and which are shortly to be published in book form.

Ginny will make her debut as a story book girl in one of the forthcoming numbers of *Child Life* when she will find herself unexpectedly in possession of an art bear. Paul T. Gilbert of Kenilworth, author of the Bertram series, has introduced her into several of the other adventures, in one of which she will enact the role of a circus queen and ride an elephant in the parade—an experience she is eagerly looking forward to. A somewhat less pleasant experience, however, is in store for her in the adventure of the gnu who goes to school. Some of the Bertram stories already published have been used in radio programs, and hundreds of children in all parts of the world have written to Miss Marjorie Barrows of Evanston, editor of *Child Life*, asking for more.

### Ida M. Tarbell Writes Series for Cosmopolitan

"The American Plan" is discussed by Ida M. Tarbell in the December issue of *Cosmopolitan*. Miss Tarbell, "America's most famous woman journalist," has written a series of articles for *Cosmopolitan* in which she discusses the present economic conditions.

Born in Erie County, Pennsylvania, Miss Tarbell recently celebrated her seventy-fifth birthday with her regular eight hours in the office. She received her M.A. degree at Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa., one of five women admitted. Even now Miss Tarbell doubts the advisability of co-education, fearing that it detracts the attention of the student and divides his interests.

After ten years on American magazines, Miss Tarbell went to France. "I wanted to learn the French method of gathering material and presenting it either in history or biography," she said. "Their clarity of form and expression, their straight thinking and precise words attracted me."

### By Local Minister

**JESUS AFTER NINETEEN CENTURIES.** By Ernest Fremont Tittle. The Abingdon Press.

There is a Methodist minister in Evanston, who for ten years has been heard by 1,500 persons each Sunday and whose career has placed him among America's intelligent and courageous thinkers. He is Ernest F. Tittle.

Dr. Tittle's selection to give the 1932 Yale lectures on preaching was inevitable. The eight addresses comprise this book. Like his others, it contains penetrating observations and analyses of world problems from the religious viewpoint. His conclusion on the central theme is: "although Jesus offers no specific solution of any of our problems. He does point out the way in which alone we may hope to find a worldwide solution for our crucial problem."

### NEW MASEFIELD BOOK

Macmillan recently announced that a new volume of John Masefield's English poet laureate will be published in January under the title *Recent Poems*. It will include essays on Shakespeare, Blake, Yeats and other great writers. During the same month a new biography of the poet laureate and a critical study of his work by Gilbert Thomas will appear under the same imprint. Mr. Masefield arrived in this country on January 3 for a lecture tour. He will probably stay until the end of March, according to reports by his publishers.

### FOR BOYS

Imagine a four-volume library for boys telling about 4000 worth-while things to make and do. Such are the Boy Mechanic books of Popular Mechanics Press, Chicago. Laura M. Olsen, chairman of the Wisconsin Reading Circle Board, says: "I couldn't help wishing I had had half a dozen youngsters with me when I paged through each one of them. I can imagine how delighted they would have been. Such books should be available for all boys. They will help solve the problem of what they can do during their leisure time."

### SHAKESPEARE, BEST SELLER

Shakespeare and Gibbons are still the most popular authors, even out-topping such perennial best sellers as Dickens and Stevenson, it was revealed at Kroch's bookstore today where a sale of the classics is now under way. The immortal bard and the great old historian can give such moderns as Maugham, Galsworthy and Van Loon competition for position on the best-seller list.

### BY INDIAN

A popular book in the southwest is *Wah-Kon-Tah*, (University of Oklahoma Press) written by John Joseph Matthews, who is an Indian, in spite of skepticism of reviewers and critics. His great-grandmother was a full-blooded Osage, giving Mr. Matthews one-eighth Indian blood. Steady sales also are being reported in other parts of the country.

### GREEN WRITES AGAIN

Julian Green, Paris born American, whose introspective novels have gained him a reputation in France and America, has written another book, *The Strange River*, which may prove as popular as his *Closed Garden* and *Dark Journey*.