

Remember! It's only 3 weeks till Christmas, but don't despair because you haven't a clue

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New Books at the Library

IT'S NOTHING SERIOUS
by Hamilton Grieve
This is a novel whose style and humour are reminiscent of the early P. G. Wodehouse and his immortal Jeeves. Two young ladies just out of finishing school are determined to have business careers before set-

ting down to their manifest destiny as the spouses of dull and respectable husbands already selected for them. Their parents attempt to humour the girls by setting them up as proprietors of Ye Olde Tea Shoppe with three formidable spinsterly relatives as chaperones. The parents in fact do everything possible to ensure that the business will fold quietly and quickly. The advent of two New Zealand Air Force types precipitates a series of hilarious incidents and misunderstandings that bring the tea shop venture to a speedy but sensational ending.

BITTER HARVEST

by Sarah M. Collins

This is the second instalment of the autobiography of an English Science mistress who married a Viennese doctor in 1938 and became an Austrian citizen. The first volume dealt with her experiences as an enemy alien in Germany during the war years. The present volume continues the story from the race of the American and Russian armies to occupy southern Germany until the day in July, 1948, when she received permission for herself and her small boy to proceed home to England. The author tells us in quiet and simple language something of the confusion and bitter distress the occupying authorities coped with in the early days after the breakdown of all civil authority. She and her husband purchased a small Bavarian hill farm uncomfortably close to the Russian and Czech zones. Here they saw and tried to help some of the thousands of displaced persons: East Germans turned out of their homes by the Russians; Russian prisoners of war who had no desire to be returned to their native land and countless others torn from their homes by war. It is not often that we have the opportunity of reading an honest account of the other side but the author has achieved that difficult task.

THE TENTMAKER

by Julius Berstl

This novel is based on the early life of St. Paul. It tells very vividly the story of Saul's student days in the Jerusalem of Jesus and of his fanatical persecution of Christians. The book closes with the journey to Damascus and his conversion. It has been made a Book of the Month Choice.

THE TWO GRAPHS

by John Rhode

The latest story by this well-known writer of mystery thrillers while not one of his best still contrives to be above the general level. We meet those old familiar sleuths Inspector Jimmy Waghorne and Dr. Priestly unwinding the tangled transactions of a stolen goods racket that

leads to murder in an eminently respectable private nursing home.

ART & DESIGN IN THE BRITISH FILM

by Edward Carrick (133 pp.)

This book is described as "a pictorial directory of British Art Directors and their work." The author himself is a director of note and has produced such well-known pictures as the Blue Lagoon, Accused, Captain Boycott and others. The book consists of 32 brief biographical sketches and several examples in line and colour of the art work of each of these directors. Canadian readers will recognize many sets from such pictures as Henry V, Hamlet, Great Expectations, The Red Shoes and others. In one or two cases the artist's sketch is placed beside a photographed still from the film itself. The book should be particularly interesting to all who are interested in either Art or the Movies.

SUSSEX

by R. Turner, 80 pp. illus.

SOMERSET
by Sylvia Townsend, 88 pp. illus.

DERBYSHIRE
by Nellie Kirkham, 80 pp. illus.

THE SCILLY ISLES

by G. Grigson, 84 pp. illustrated

The above books are all in the Vision of England series, published by Paul Elek, of London, who are noted for the production of fine editions. Each book is furnished with a large map. The books are intimate and personal in style and the illustrations and photographs can only be described as lavishly superb. These are books to pick up at any dull moment and may be relied on to please and can be just as easily laid aside.

COLLECTED POEMS

Arthur S. Bourinot, 222 pp

The author is a prominent lawyer and the present editor of the Canadian Poetry Magazine. In this volume appear all the poems written between 1914 and 1947. While the quality is necessarily uneven they make an impressive contribution to the growing body of worthwhile Canadian writing that is beginning to win recognition outside our own country. The following lines taken from "Green" will illustrate his style which has self-imposed limitations. The lake shines green as a cat's eye;

If leaves of trees could liquefy
And slowly spill
Great vats of molten chlorophyll,
It would not greener show
Than the slow
Green shadows creeping o'er the lake.

The book, published by Ryerson's, suffers somewhat from undetected errors of proof reading.

THE ORDEAL OF WILLIE BROWN

by Arthur Marx

This breezy American novel chronicles the misadventures of Willie Brown, twenty first ranking U.S.A. amateur tennis player in his attempt to win the national lawn tennis singles. When Willie's backhand was on, his forehand was off and vice-versa. His girl friend Miriam, was tenth-ranking woman's player and no great help to Willie except when she needed money—which was frequently. Willie's unquenchable optimism, his penchant for finding trouble, and his complicated love-life will provide an evening's laughs to anyone who has a slight familiarity with tennis terms.

(Reviewed by J. L. Lambert)

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL

This is a book of great beauty, in the series "The Glories of the English Cathedrals". The author is Raymond Birt, whose description of this great and ancient church is reverent and understanding, as well as being entirely readable. The profuse illustrations shows the amazing skill of the old artificers in wood and stone, impressing the reader with the sincerity of the ancient cathedral builders. There are thirty-nine pages of beautiful letterpress, and seventy-one pages of lovely photographs. Cathedrals on this site date as early as 648. St. Swithun's bones lie there, and William of Wykeham, and many kings and bishops of ancient times. (Reviewed by W. G. O. Thompson)

SUNDAY SERVICES AT ST. JOHN'S

Regular morning worship was conducted in St. John's on Sunday by the Rev. J. M. Smith who spoke on the subject "Obstacles Confronting the Christian Life", the second in a series of meditations upon the Christian life. In the absence of N. Laird, Mrs. J. Evans was at the organ and the choir sang the anthem "Incline Thine Ear". The flowers decorating the church were

placed to the memory of the late George Dobson by Mrs. Dobson and family.

The evening meditation was held in Memorial Hall and Betty King accompanied the congregational singing. Pictures depicting the post-war efforts of missionaries in Japan were shown and comments made on the theme "Re-Entering Japan."

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I wish to take this opportunity to thank all my workers and the electors of Halton for their support in the Provincial Election on November 22nd.

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Stanley L. Hall



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