

Two Appointed Members State Board of Pardons

Albert B. George, for six years associate judge of the Municipal court of Chicago, and A. V. Essington, of Rockford, have been appointed by Gov. Louis L. Emmerson to fill two vacancies on the state board of pardons and paroles. Both had strong endorsements from civic groups, political leaders and the press.

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TRUTH ABOUT ALL "WORLD WITHOUT END"

By Helen Thomas

"World Without End" is the love story of Helen Thomas and her husband Edward Thomas, the English poet, who was killed at Gallipoli. It is perhaps one of the simplest human stories that was ever written, certainly one of the most honest. The title "As It Was" which Mrs. Thomas gave to the first part of the volume published first in 1927, might easily stand for all. Without any pretensions or desire to stimulate this woman has told the story of her life. You feel quite certain that no single thing was suppressed nor yet heightened, for the sake of making any effort. It simply has been set down "As It Was."

It is indeed an experience to read such a human document. It is like coming upon an old diary, though even there you would scarcely find such stark honesty. Have you ever read the "Personals" in a small city paper? The cries of anguish, the calls for help, which under the stress of need and the cloak of anonymity, are there. "Willie come home. Mother ill. All is forgiven." The shivers go up and down your spine. Well, this story is something like that. And how, one asks oneself, without that cloak of anonymity, could it have been written? It is not so much under the impulse of the artist, for the artist could never have been so content to stick to the unvarnished truth. Not that artists are liars, but their minds take flight from the bonds of reality after that initial fertilizing germ has been lodged in their brain. No, it is rather as a loving woman, gathering every bit of her husband's life to lay it as a tribute on the altar of her love. In her writing as in her life, she seems scarcely to be conscious of any other reality than his love.

The book begins with the early friendship, and Mrs. Thomas does not hesitate to speak of herself as plain and shy. This friendship ripens slowly into love, the love takes its

course into marriage and the rearing of children. The tragedy of their later years, in fact all their married years in the melancholy to which Thomas was subject. Mrs. Thomas does not attempt to soften the darkness of these times when tormenting himself through her he treated her cruelly. This indeed is a victory of truth over love and pride. But love always held firm through these times, which amounted to illness, almost to insanity, and at last the war came, to take away all these doubts of self which had caused the illnesses, to pour the sensitive poet into the mould of the soldier.

There is something epic in the tragedy of the final parting with which the book closes: "Panic seized me, and I ran through the mist and the snow to the top of the hill, and stood there a moment dumbly, with straining eyes and ears. There was nothing but the mist and the snow and the silence of death."

IN THE JUNGLE OF SIAM "ELEPHANT KING"

By Reginald Campbell,
Richard R. Smith

"Elephant King" by Reginald Campbell is that type of book which might be written for adults or children. It is an animal story, of an elephant in the teak forests of Siam, but it has also an intersprinkling of love story.

Poo Lorn, the King Elephant is a noble beast, having that sagacity and wisdom with which those who know elephants credit them. He wins his freedom, saves the life of a small child who has been his friend, wreaks vengeance on his enemies, puts the whole country of Siam into uproar, and lives a life of adventure in the forest.

The chief charm of this very simply told tale is in the atmosphere of the powerful and secret jungle, the life of the few whites who exist in such outposts of civilization, of the coolies, of the inevitable slit-eyed Chinaman, who, poor things, must always be the villains.

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