



ABOUT BOOKS AND THE PEOPLE WHO WRITE THEM

A Novel of Syria and Palestine "QUEST" Author: Rosita Forbes

Quest is more than a novel. It is an interesting discussion in the popular manner of the whole involved question of politics and religion in Syria, Palestine and the surrounding country as it affects the inhabitants of these countries and their relations with the European powers.

The author has apparently drawn on personal experiences and first hand information although she says specifically in her introduction that the travels of the heroine are not a record of her own wanderings.

Anne Cloveden, the heroine, is an English girl brought up in the best of society who is suddenly thrown into the horrors of war and overwhelmed with grief at the death of her husband of a few months. She seeks solace by going to France as an ambulance driver, but after the war is over she cannot stand the mad seeking for forgetfulness which pervades all England.

She goes to the East where gradually she begins to find a real interest in life again in the troubles of Arabia and Syria. Through introductions to influential local officers both English and French, she is permitted to mix freely with the native inhabitants and soon becomes to sympathize with their opposition to a French mandate and their desire for a mandate from either England or America.

Many of the characters mentioned are well-known officials while others are evidently disguised for obvious reasons. Many of Anne's adventures and her entire point of view are shared by Gervase Stuart, an Englishman, who has been long in the country and this friendship forms the love interest in the story.

While whole pages of political discussion are interspersed throughout the book, these do not materially interfere with the progress of the narrative which can be judged for itself. Those who are especially interested in the politics of Syria and the Holy Land will have an added reason for reading this excellent work.

R. T. Huntington.

By Author of "The Sky Pilot"

"THE GASPARDS OF PINE CROFT"

By Ralph Connor

In this strong, vigorous novel, Ralph Connor exhibits all the powers of dramatic narration that made "Black Rock," "The Sky Pilot," and "The Man from Glengarry," so popular. The scene is laid in the Canadian north west yet it has nothing to do with the mounted police. It is a romance of life and character and its people are so clearly drawn that they stand out like living friends and foes to the reader.

The hero of the tale is Paul Gaspard, in whose veins flow the blood of Scotland and France. His mother brought him up on the Westminster Shorter Catechism which is famous for putting a fine combination of iron and faith in the soul. Paul's passionate loyalty is the great central feature of his character. His father and mother die while he is

still in his teens. The holding and rehabilitation of the magnificent Pine Croft ranch is put upon his young shoulders. Vicious enemies and various disasters try his young soul as a fiery furnace. Like all strong and peaceable men he is a perfect terror when he does fight and those in which he did engage are recounted by the author with a thrilling vividness that is fascinating. He wins through, not only in all physical battles but in his mental and moral conflicts and especially in the beautiful love romance which involves the sweetheart of his childhood days, pretty Peggy Pelham. The book contains no better drawn or more attractive pictures than those of the Indians, especially the old chief, his daughter Onawata and the little blind girl "Singing Water." This is a powerful, gripping and satisfying tale.

James Walter Doughty.

Another Terhune Dog Story

"THE AMATEUR INN"

By Albert Payson Terhune

Mystery in the Berkshires—a villainous impersonation—robbery, murder, and a man found frozen on a sun-baked walk, all on a summer's day. There's thrill enough for anybody in this new Terhune book, and fun, too, and just enough romance to keep things going. And of course Macduff, the collie—you'd know something was wrong when he didn't greet his adored master with rapture on his return from the war. Macduff's time for joy came later, and with it the unfolding of the mystery before the eager eyes of the reader.

It's too late for the hammock. We suggest the friendly gas-grate, the more friendly nicotine, and an uninterrupted evening. Especially the last, because it will be dreadfully trying to be interrupted at a crucial point; and there's a crucial point on every page.

Jane M. Cassidy.

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N. U. TANKERS SEEK SOME NEW RECORDS

The swimming exhibition by the Northwestern university team announced for a previous date at the Sovereign hotel, Granville and Kenmore, will be held this Saturday night. The team will attempt to break present records, said Coach Tom Robinson. The Sovereign hotel is dedicating its new swimming pool which is wider than that of Northwestern and the same length. The exhibition will be open to the public.

The women's inter-class swimming meets of Northwestern will start January 10 and other swimming meets between the women of the classes will be held on January 15 and January 17, all starting at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Coach Robinson stated that all the swimming exhibitions are open to the women of Evanston. They will be held in the Patten gymnasium swimming pool.

About 70 from all the classes will be entered in the swimming meets. Swimming is a popular sport with the co-eds. There are a total of 325 taking tank work. Of that number 144 are beginners, 131 advance swimming students and 50 are interested generally in the sport.

EDUCATION SESSION

Washington, D. C., has been chosen for the summer meeting of the National Education association. The meeting will be held June 29 to July 5.

Quinlan & Tyson Now Have Winnetka Office

Quinlan and Tyson, realtors, who, from their offices in Evanston, have handled north shore real estate for forty years, have just recently opened an office in the Prouty building on Elm street, Winnetka.

The firm has been incorporated with Charles S. Quinlan as president, Howell N. Tyson, vice-president; Clyde D. Foster, treasurer, and Howell N. Tyson, Jr., assistant secretary.

A new home for the concern is now in course of construction at 1571 Sherman avenue, and is expected to be ready for occupancy on May 1. The Chicago offices are located at 40 N. Dearborn street.

5-Year Old Girl Claims She's Walking Champion

Miss Martha O'Connor, who is just about 5 years of age, and who resides with her mother, Mrs. John O'Connor, at 149 Kenilworth avenue, Kenilworth, is seeking competition.

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