

Esther Gould's Book Corner

Are You Interested in books of Fiction, Biography, Travel, or History? For lists write to ESTHER GOULD c/o your local paper.

A BLOW AT MARRIAGE? "VOLONOR"

By Glen B. Winship.
Thomas Seltzer

Newspaper editors all over the country are tearing their hair, editorially speaking, and crying out "A blow has been struck in the new novel 'Volonor,' at marriage the foundation stone of our civilization." They might as well say that a blow has been struck in Robinson Crusoe at not only the foundation stone of civilization but at the structure itself. One book presents a plan as practicable for following out as the other.

In "Volonor," John Wentworth, the richest man in the world, finding it very hard to dispose of his money, buys a large island in the Pacific Ocean, on which all the inhabitants have been killed off, and starts a republic. He introduces a number of inventions, such as an electrical barrage which can be thrown around the island for defence, radio phones for all uses, and he abolishes the marriage law, making children if their mothers are willing or unfit to care for them after a certain age, wards of the state. "Wives" become "consorts." Mr. Winship is not entirely specific as to the state regulations, but on the whole he is probably almost as modern as Plato.

The story itself of the discovery of the island and establishment of the republic, is not bad at times, though at others it descends to the worst kind of melodrama. Moisture always springs to the young girls' eyes at the slightest provocation, and they faint away whenever things grow awkward.

If the end of the chapter approaches and time presses, situations can be handled in a masterly manner, as for example: "She started running toward the scene of the tragedy. Others were running, but none more swiftly. Her heart pounded, she stumbled and fell. Her head struck the curbing. Men in a passing car saw her fall, picked her up and took her to the hospital." And that's that!

MR. HUTCHINSON AGAIN "ONE INCREASING PURPOSE"

By A. S. M. Hutchinson.
Little Brown & Co.

Mr. Hutchinson has after three years, again published a novel. "One Increasing Purpose" is a religious book, in which Simon Paris talks a great deal about the sort of life that Mark Sabre lived. Which makes "If Winter Comes" more of a work of art and "One Increasing Purpose" more of a text book.

There are a great many people to whom this book will appeal as a fine exposition of a man's search for a purpose in life, there are a great many others who will call it much ado about nothing, and wonder why Simon agonized so long to get there. The point depends on whether Mr. Hutchinson can, by his sincerity, carry you through the religious experience of Simon. It is doubtful in the case of the sceptic, it is very possible in the case of the believer.

Of the three Paris brothers to whom we are introduced at the open-

ing of the story, Simon, who has just retired from the army, is the most interesting and the most human. He has, during the World War, been haunted by the question, "Why out of all the numberless ones who are being killed am I saved?" Gradually the conviction has come that it is to further some definite but as yet unrevealed purpose.

Simon has had spiritual revelations, and he now awaits the revelation which will make his purpose clear.

At last after he has gone through trials of his brothers and his own the revelation comes. It is the knowledge that Christ is in everyone "And Niggs, old man, what I am telling you is that Christ is here today, now, always, not in the vague religious sense . . . but in real and actual presence in each separate and individual one of us." And Simon's purpose is to go up and down the length and breadth of England making known his discovery.

Mr. Hutchinson's style is not quite as choppy as in "This Freedom" but he still murders the English language. His aversion to putting the subject first in a sentence is chronic. "Than that he went at first no deeper." Some sentences are inexcusable such as "His journey crawled its dragging way."

As usual with him Mr. Hutchinson concentrates his humor, making of certain characters a burlesque. Here it is B. C. D. Ash—undoubtedly Mr. Hutchinson himself—the popular novelist despised by the critics, adored by the populace. Does Mr. Hutchinson mean this as a justification of his own position? If so he should have been a little less broadly humorous.

Give Talks Regarding Childhood Education

The opening meeting of the Central Council of Childhood Education for the year 1925-26 will be held at 10:30 o'clock Saturday morning, October 3, in the Central Eleanor club rooms, 17 N. State street, Chicago.

Miss Alta Adkins, the newly elected president of the council, will have charge of the program, which will include an address on "The Rules of the Game" by Miss Stella Wood of Minneapolis, and a group of children's songs by Mrs. L. L. Bomberger. Teachers and other friends interested in the education of the child in the kindergarten and elementary grades are cordially invited to attend.

TOASTMASTER AT BANQUET

An annual event fraught with north shore interest was the dinner given Tuesday evening by the Chicago City club for the football teams of Chicago and Northwestern universities. S. J. Duncan-Clark of 228 Wood court, Wilmette, was toastmaster for the occasion.

Just Published
LORD GREY'S MEMOIRS
The Outstanding Book of the Year

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

1892—1916

By Viscount Grey of Fallodon,
K. G.

2 volumes, \$10.00 at all bookshops

Frederick A. Stokes

Pledge North Shore Girls to Illinois Sororities

With rushing days at universities at an end, word gradually seeps in of those freshmen who have been pledged to sororities, and following is a list of several north shore girls who will enter six sororities at the University of Illinois: Dorothy Hall, Margaret McCue, Cecile Gilroy, Wilmette, Pi Beta Phi; Jeanne Pomeroy, Hubbard Woods, Alpha Chi Omega; Agnes Carpenter, Hubbard Woods, Delta Zeta; Kathleen Dean, Glencoe, Gamma Phi Beta; Jessica West, Hubbard Woods, Kappa Sigma Tau; Olga Mangel, Winnetka.

SINCLAIR LEWIS \$2.00
ARROWSMITH

"One of the best novels ever written in America."—H. L. Mencken.
Harcourt, Brace & Co. New York

The Lavarons

A New Novel By

Clara Louise Burnham

\$2.00 at all Booksellers

Houghton Mifflin Co.

JOSEPH C. LINCOLN'S
NEW NOVEL
QUEER JUDSON

By the Author of "Rugged Water."

As cheery and entertaining a book as Lincoln has ever written—the story of a lovable and disarmingly blundering fellow. "Queer" Judson he is called by the townfolk. A treat is in store for you when you read his story. \$2.00 At All Booksellers.
D. APPLETON AND COMPANY
35 West 32nd St., New York.

Are You Passing Up
Something?

And when it's too late, will you want to do what you were too timid to do when you were able?

Read **OLD YOUTH**

At All Bookstores \$2
Cosmopolitan Book Corporation
N. Y.

By **Coningsby DAWSON**

PATTERSON BROTHERS EASY PAYMENT HOUSE RADIO

Pianos and Players
Sonoras, Columbia
Edison Phonographs
Tuning, Adjusting, Repairing.

Singer Sewing Machines
Washing Machines
Hoover and Eureka, Hamilton Beach Vacuum
Cleaners
Repairing and Supplies

OPEN TUES. THURS. and SAT. EVENINGS

816-818 CHURCH STREET, EVANSTON

Between "L" and Post Office
Tel. Univ. 654 Wilmette 526

Chicago Store, 1950 Irving Park Blvd.

Tel. Graceland 4950

THE BLACK MAGICIAN

By R. T. M. SCOTT

Author of "Secret Service Smith," is a thriller of the most enthralling kind.

Magic? Adventure?

Sensation? Oh, READ it!

DUTTON'S

Price \$2.00 New York

Just Published
the first novel in three years by the author of
IF WINTER COMES

ONE INCREASING PURPOSE

by
A.S.M. HUTCHINSON

222 at all Booksellers

LITTLE, BROWN & COMPANY
Publishers, Boston

Two Daily Deliveries

Lord's

Fountain Square
EVANSTON

PIED PIPER JUNIOR



"The World's Greatest Health Shoe"

For Boys and Girls

The model illustrated is available in patent leather, tan, calf and smoked elk at \$3.50. Sizes are 5 1/2 to 8.

First Floor