

WHAT TO READ

"When the Company Goes Home," by Edward G. Lowry in the New Republic for last week, is an account of just how the conference is being handled by the press, especially a few British writers.

The Nobel prize for literature in 1921 has been awarded to Anatole France. France's works are available in a number of good English translations.

The Dall prize of \$2000 which is given each year to the one making the most outstanding contribution to American literature, has been awarded to Sherwood Anderson.

"The Camp of the Come-Backers," by Myron E. Adams, in the Survey, December 31, is the story of a recreation camp at Fort Sheridan in Illinois. It is for disabled

veterans of the World war. The thrilling account of the baseball game between the "Bum-bangers" and the "Clubs" in the final of the place play has in the final winning back to health of these men. The camp is maintained by the Federal Board for Vocational Education.

A historical sketch of the Menomonee or Huterich people is told in the Survey for December 31. The author, Bertha Clark, has traveled much over South Dakota where so many communities of this religious sect reside along the valley of the James river. Their beginnings in Europe and their trials for what they hold as their beliefs is interestingly told.

"Main Street," according to the Bookman's table of "most called for books" still holds first rank in the United States as a whole. Other books in the order of their popularity are "Helen of the Old House," "Her Father's Daughter," "The Brimming Cup," "If Winter Comes" and "The Pride of Palomar."

"The Outlines of History" still holds first place in popularity, according to the Bookman, in the matter of general reading. The others in the order in which they are called for are "Queen Victoria," "Mirrors of Washington," "Mirrors of Downing Street," "The Americanization of Edward Bok," and "Margot Asquith, an Autobiography."

A pen picture of Joseph Jefferson is given by Gamaliel Bradford in the Atlantic for January. The expression "the church around the corner" is given as being original by Jefferson and used first by him in a way to show his kindness and love. The actor's rare friend-

ship with the Grover Cleveland family is spoken of interestingly.

Edna Ferber is chosen as the one to shine this month in the "Literary Spotlight" of the Bookman. The sketch is written by William Groper. The varying interests, knowledge and views of this rising author are set forth in an appreciative way by the writer. He says that in her latest book, "The Girls," Miss Ferber has shown to what lengths she can advance in 10 years and it remains to be seen how much farther she will go.

"The Girls" has been called a historical novel of Chicago. It begins at-time of the Civil war and goes through the World war. Three generations of one family are the chief characters in this half century and more of happenings in the windy city by the lake. The social standards of Chicago and how the register of the social elect is regulated by the district in which you live, is shown. Women of today and women of the years gone by are cleverly contrasted.

What do the men working on the streets read? Charles E. Walker, Jr., who has spent two years in varying places—steel mills, rubber factory and a few other industries, tells of some things he found out while there of what the workmen reads. He ends, however, by saying:

"The average workman, like the average man, still reads his pay check number and the expression on his neighbor's face, a little more, but not much."

He tells of his embarrassment sometimes when in answer to his question of what he read, the workman sometimes went beyond his, Walker's, depth, to a certain extent. He says that just as he has known of learned men who spent their few leisure hours in reading "Snappy Stories" so many workmen reading the best literature has to offer.

Portions of "Enter Madam," which will be reproduced by Gay MacLaren in Salem this month, may be found in Current Opinion for February, 1920. The magazine is available at the Salem public library for those who desire to become familiar with the plot.

The Literary Digest for January 7 was devoted to Japan. The past, the present, and the future are discussed by various writers.

CLUBS AND WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES

The Salem Women's club met for the regular January meeting yesterday. In the absence of Mrs. William Everett Anderson, president of the club, Mrs. C. C. Clark presided. The educational committee was in charge of the program.

Salem Grange held installation of officers yesterday. Mrs. Mary Dowd, who was to have been installed as chaplain, died recently, which caused a feeling of sadness among the members. Mrs. Dowd was a pioneer in Oregon and had done much work for the grange.

WHAT CHERRIANS THINK ABOUT

What does a Cherrian think about?

At the monthly meeting held recently at the Commercial club, King Bing McElchrist asked each Cherrian to arise, state his name and occupation, and what he thought the Cherrians should do this year for the benefit of Salem and community.

In the order called upon as seated around the banquet table, the following brief opinions were expressed:

Carle Abrams—We should visit the small towns and communities near Salem and get acquainted.

Frank G. Myers—We should hold a cherry fair, by all means.

Dr. O. A. Olson—The Cherrians should have a cherry fair and then boost to have a full attendance at the state fair.

Elmer Dage—The automobile camp in Salem is of the utmost importance and we should keep it going.

Lee L. Gilbert—The Cherrians should buy the camp grounds. Something must be done to provide right accommodations for the tourist travel through the valley which will be larger than ever this season.

Varnum E. Kuhn—We should keep up the camp ground and take an interest in it by visiting campers and telling them of our town and country.

Harry T. Love—I'm sorry we didn't have a chance to vote on buying the camp grounds. The state fair is too big a thing to lay down on. By getting more people in Oregon we can reduce taxes.

W. H. Parker—We should get behind our organization. We need more men who will get out and work when called upon.

Carl B. Webb—The Cherrians in uniform should visit the near by towns. There are a lot of good people with whom we should get acquainted.

R. O. Snelling—I'm willing to do anything for the Cherrians. Of course something must be done to maintain the automobile camp.

W. J. Keath—Let us work for Blossom day. It is one of the greatest advertisements we have. There must be a fair to visit surrounding towns and get acquainted with our next door neighbors. We should have music on Blossom day.

Alfred N. Pierce—We should boost for Blossom day and then make it a point to see that the camp grounds are ready for the big tourist travel. Then we should visit surrounding towns.

C. E. Knowland—I'm not especially in favor of a cherry fair. The big thing for the Cherrians to do is to get acquainted by visiting surrounding communities. Then we must all work for Blossom day.

William J. Busick—We should place a high value on our membership in the Cherrians. I favor a cherry fair. We should make our annual Blossom day a big event for this part of the valley.

Hal D. Patton—Let's have a community sing once a month. Let's take a steamboat trip once a year or more. Let's go to Spong's landing and take a swim in the river. The cherry fair idea is dead. Let's have a big Fourth of July celebration.

Lee Canfield—We should stand shoulder to shoulder behind our King Bing and his plans. Then we should make it a point to visit and talk with tourists at the automobile camp.

Dr. H. E. Morris—Let us all go to Silverton and other towns and cities in the county and make official visits as Cherrians, going in uniform.

E. A. Kurtz—Every time we meet a stranger, we should boost for Salem and this part of the Willamette valley. We should tell about our wonderful scenery and our mountain resorts. We should not fail to visit the camp grounds.

E. Cooke Patton—Let's have a big Cherrian fair, or Cherringo. I'll raise \$3000 and put it over if the Cherrians just say so. I believe in the 1925 exposition and keeping the camp grounds going.

Oliver J. Myers—We should take every opportunity to show strangers our own town. We should boost for Salem and the Willamette valley every chance we have. The big thing is not only to tell about Salem and vicinity, but to show people about and prove it.

Fred E. Mangis—If we entertain strangers at every opportunity, we will be working for Salem. We should maintain the auto camp ground and visit there, tell-

ing tourists of Salem and the Willamette valley.

U. G. Shipley—Let us all get back of the 1925 exposition. It will mean great things for this part of Oregon. We should have an honorary retired list of Cherrians for those who cannot take an active part in the work. Let's have good will for all.

Harley O. White—Don't knock. Boost. Just a short time ago a stranger was here ready to buy. He met a lot of people and every one knocked. It hurts. If every Cherrian boosts and suppress the knockers, we will be helping the community.

Milton L. Meyers—I'm not in favor of going to Portland to attend the Rose carnival. I believe a community sing would improve the general friendly feeling in this part of the valley.

J. C. Perry—I hope we will have a chance to vote for a gasoline tax for the state exposition. The fair would be of great benefit to this part of Oregon.

W. M. Hamilton—We should attend the Portland Rose carnival in a body in uniform. It is a great advertisement for Salem. The eastern people who see us learn that Salem is on the map. Advertise and boost Salem. Attending the Rose carnival is one of the ways.

C. S. Hamilton—Let's change our method of parking cars. Let us advocate parking with head in against the curb. I will volunteer to demonstrate to the city council that we save time and space by parking head first.

Bert Macy—The Portland Rose carnival is all right and we should attend. The 1925 exposition will do Salem no more good than any event since the Lewis & Clark fair. We want only boosters in the Cherrian organization.

Frank Spears—We should feed people on Blossom day. Cherrians should make an effort to be friendly with new comers to the city and vicinity. We should make them feel at home.

Curtis B. Cross—We should help the social service. There is great work to be done in helping those in need, and I didn't realize this until I took part in the work of the Associated Charities just before Christmas.

L. W. Gleason—The Cherrians should have a fine drill team. This attracts attention to the organization and Salem also.

A. H. Gilie—The crying need of

Salem is a community center or auditorium. We need a public auditorium for many events such as conventions and community sings.

C. B. Clancy—Cherrians should visit surrounding towns. We should become better acquainted with our neighbors. The Cherrians should work for the camp grounds and Blossom day.

George G. Brown—The illuminating of the Cherrians Christmas tree should be continued each year. It attracts attention of travelers. Then we should get behind the auto camp grounds and Blossom day.

Zadoc J. Riggs—In June, many Shermers will auto through Salem on their way to the conclave at San Francisco. We should entertain them while in the city, and even go to Portland and bring them as far as Salem. We might arrange to have special trains stop an hour.

A. A. Gueffroy—Keep the camp grounds going. Then we should arrange to visit surrounding towns and communities and get acquainted with our neighbors.

Dr. H. H. Olinger—We should buy the automobile camp grounds. I will be one to take stock in a company that will buy the grounds. The Cherrians could hold and manage the grounds just as an investment. I'll take \$200 worth of stock right now.

Arthur R. Wilson—When I go around the world again, I will carry Willamette valley literature with me.

T. E. McCroskey—The Cherrians should buy the camp grounds and it will be a paying investment. All camp grounds in the northwest will charge tourists 50 cents a night for accommodations. Free camp grounds with accommodations are now a thing of the past. If an individual does not take over the grounds, the Cherrians should. Under the management of the Cherrians, the auto camp grounds would be its greatest advertisement.

LIVESTOCK MAN IS HERE FROM MEXICO

C. K. Valiton Declares Opportunity Plentiful South of Rio Grande

C. K. Valiton, of Guadalajara, Mexico, is visiting in Salem, having been called by the critical illness of his mother, Mrs. Ann Valiton. She is recovering rapidly, however, and he expects to take her back with him to his family in the country south of the Rio Grande.

Mr. Valiton says that the new government of Mexico is performing a really wonderful work in developing Mexican industries. Agricultural agents familiar with every cultural resource of Mexico, have been named by the government to come to a number of United States cities and serve as immigration agents for the right sort of citizenry. The minister of agriculture is a personal acquaintance of Mr. Valiton, as is also President Obregon. He says they represent a splendid type of progressive citizenship for any country. They are rapidly bringing industry and peace out of chaos that has for so long a time harassed their country.

"Mexico is the land of opportunity for the young, active man," says Mr. Valiton. "There are so many lines of industry open, where one can get a running start with very little capital. Guadalajara is a really modern city, with 200,000 people, electric

lights, car service, everything that any city of the size can boast. Lands suitable for agriculture can be had for almost any price—down to practically nothing at all. The elevation at Guadalajara is 5000 feet, giving a delightful climate. This is not to be confused with the seacoast, where a genuine tropical climate is enjoyed.

"I have been raising hogs, having gone there with a fine strain of Duroc-Jerseys. The farmers fairly beseege me for animals to improve their herds. Just before coming up here, I had to put a price of 2500 pesos, or \$1250 cash on one of my herd, to keep an insistent buyer from taking him away by main force. I have a nursery also, and the demand for fruit stock is almost to the hysterical stage. They know they can raise the crops, and are ready to buy and plant.

"The government agents, one of whom Senor Samuel Vasquez, is at the Realty Board, South Spring street, Los Angeles, make it their business to inform all prospective immigrants or investors in every particular that the inquiry might wish to know. They are reliable, backed by the government, and they will go to almost any length to get the inquirer the data on climate, products, people, that he may wish. A very simple, understandable system of land titles is used there, and these agents will investigate titles for prospective colonists.

There have been a good many questionable stunts pulled off by irresponsible agents, for whom neither the government nor the people should be held responsible. These federal agents can be depended upon to give reliable information to any one interested in Mexico."

Mr. Valiton has been there three years, going direct from California, though he was for some years in business at Booth, northern Idaho. He is thoroughly in love with his new country, which he believes offers splendid opportunity for capable, industrious Americans, with or without big capital.

Good Basketball Played By Teams at Stayton

Stayton is one of the busiest little basketball burgs in this part of the state, according to reports that trickle in from that section. Friday night, the boys' team from the high school went down to Albany and lost with a score of 26 to 12 against there. They beat Turner, however, on Tuesday night, with a score of 29 to 24; and the Stayton girls also

took a victory over the Turner girls, 29 to 5. The Stayton girls' team won from Silverton Friday night, 19 to 9. The two Stayton teams meet corresponding teams from Lebanon on the Stayton floor next Friday night. The Stayton people are supporting their games in a financial way. They have been turning out in crowds that make about a \$25 house for all the games played at home—whereas the game at Albany, when the Albany team paid the visitors \$25 for expenses, brought in only a \$9 house.

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