



## Some Looks At Books

By LOCKIE PARKER

**FAITH HEALING AND THE CHRISTIAN FAITH** by Wade H. Boggs, Jr. (John Knox \$3.50). Reviewed by Dr. Wofford C. Timmons. It is not often that a book so sharply focused makes an appeal to such a variety of readers. The whole point of the author is to canvass the present-day interest in "faith healing," but his challenge goes away beyond those who may be seeking help or those who are proposing to offer it, to the wider fields of medicine and religion, and even the basic philosophies of the nature of human life in the scheme of things. Not only the sick longing to get well, and the many who are capitalizing on their troubles, but reputable doctors and ministers and social workers all pause thoughtfully as they are challenged by these carefully prepared pages.

One thing that will impress the reader at once, and will be confirmed as he progresses from chapter to chapter on to the end, is the unique ability of Dr. Boggs to handle this theme with his historic perspective, breadth of understanding and depth of insight. He is definitely the Christian theologian and philosopher, and especially proficient in Biblical history, as his place in the Presbyterian ministry and on the faculty of the Union Theological Seminary would show; but he is as fair minded as a man could be, carefully equating all the factors involved, sifting out the false from the true on the authority of tested testimony and authentic experience. The book is so well balanced and so completely documented that even the most rabid supporter of Oral Roberts would be tempered in his extreme prejudice!

I do not imply that Dr. Boggs has left us with an ambiguity, but only that he has shown great skill in presenting a total picture, and because of this he has made a very valuable contribution to us all, those who need to be warned against the ungrounded assumptions and promises of the charlatans, and those who need to see beyond the material to the spiritual possibilities that "faith" can bring to pass.

Courageously the author arranges the "faith-healers" before us, not only those modern radio claimants with their fantastic promises to unfortunate sufferers, but many of the world renowned of other years and far-off places. It is quite revealing to see this long line of concern for what, historically it really is, a priestly type of "medicine-man" proclaiming supernatural power over human ills. This book does

not discredit all of the claims, but it does show up the pseudo-religious faith when it slumps to sheer magic, distorting the meaning of God in human experience and setting aside the laws of both mind and body. Dr. Boggs certainly knows all the antecedents to our fabulous "healers" of today; and most of all he knows the great strides that have taken place in all phases of medical science, more especially psychiatry and psycho-somatics. And he traces the Biblical references that shed the needed light on all these human limitations, revealing the divine purpose of the Almighty in the marvelous provisions that we mortals have been taking a long time to discover. These provisions are not only in the realm of "faith" and "prayer," but also medicines and surgical skills and humanitarian concern—all equally within the redemptive purpose and provision of the Eternal.

Of course, Dr. Boggs does not leave us hung up on the points of a controversy; the faith, the fact, the action; the laws, the remedy, the attitude, the environment—these are all intermeshed and will fit perfectly into what he believes to be "a Christian philosophy of health." And that's what he is headed for in every chapter.

He has some mighty comforting words for sick folks! He dispels completely that all sickness is the result of sin, even though sin often results in sickness. And he assures us that in no sense is the hand of the Lord against us, even though His hand may be upon us in discipline and character-making. The closing chapters are as fine a description of the mission of the Church to the whole man as I have ever read. I would give a lot to be able to sit around a table with a doctor, a minister, a school teacher, a nurse, and a few understanding parents and young people, with Dr. Boggs at the head of the table, and hear him explain how the resources of both religion and medicine may be combined in a ministry to the complete well-being of us all. Not having that chance, I suggest we read the book. (Dr. Timmons will have this book for further discussion during the "book interpretation hour" at the Church of Wide Fellowship, 4:30 p. m., Sunday, November 25.

**STATE OF SIEGE** by Eric Ambler (Knopf \$3.50). Even the occasional reader of suspense novels knows Ambler's books as

something special. "Journey into Fear" and "A Coffin for Dimitrios" are tales you do not forget. Ambler is at his best when he plunges his protagonist, an intelligent and civilized young man, into an exotic atmosphere with overtones of evil—or call them different standards of conduct—which he finds piling up around him to nightmarish proportions and with no limit in sight.

This time the background is the South Seas, an Indonesian state called Sunda which has recently attained independence and is faced with the problem of employing Revolutionary heroes, i. e. army officers, in peace time. Job Fraser, a young engineer, has just completed his contract for building a dam and is happily on his way out, waiting for a boat at the port city when he gets involved in a situation of counter revolution and devious treachery that for mounting tension and fantastic evil is first-rate Ambler. An enigmatic girl of Eurasian blood adds to his emotional problems.

**THE WARRIOR, a Novel of Osceola and the Seminole War of 1835** by Frank G. Slaughter (Doubleday \$3.50). A beautiful woman, a brave man and a Lost Cause. It is an old formula for romance but none better, and Mr. Slaughter has mixed these ingredients with a skillful hand in this tale of the Seminole War in Florida. So far as the Indians go, it is a too familiar tale of injustice, the red man steadily pushed back by the white man who makes treaties and breaks them as he pleases and excuses his treachery by saying that the Indians are only savages. An added element of interest in this case is the proportion of Negroes among the Seminoles, escaped slaves or the descendants of escaped slaves, whom the chiefs of the tribes steadily refuse to yield up in order to get better terms for themselves.

Charles Paige, the hero, has close friends among the Seminoles and champions their cause fearlessly as a hero should; so does the beautiful Marie, the "book-woman," who writes dispatches for the Northern papers telling the Indians' side of the story. The two villains, of course, are on the other side in the conflict, one a ruffian, the other a dashing gentleman, but both quite ruthless.

**FIFTEEN** by Beverly Cleary (Morrow \$2.75). Someone has remarked that we read novels in order to understand ourselves, and leading psychologists have often quoted novelists. Certainly the average teen-age girl will recognize a comrade in Beverly Cleary's little Jane Purdy—not too noble, not too brainy, not too beautiful but very eager to have "a definite personality."

Told with sparkling humor and real understanding, the story of Jane's trials as a baby-sitter, her dealings with her parents and most poignant of all the ups and downs of her friendship with Stan Crandall make a drama that holds the interest from start to finish.

This is an encouraging sort of book whose main point is that it is best to be yourself rather than try to assume a role that you think will make you more popular. But the point is not overstressed. Mainly this is just very enjoyable reading and so well written that we think mothers of teen-agers may enjoy it quite as much as their daughters or, for that matter, any woman who wants to refresh her memory on what it is like to be fifteen.

There are some pleasing illustrations by Joe and Beth Krush.

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### The Paths of God

Lesson for October 28, 1956

WITH a poem, the best thing to do is not to listen to a professor analyzing it. This may be of some help if the poem is an obscure one. But where the words are simple, you don't need a professor. What you need to do is to listen to someone read it who knows how to read and who loves poetry, or to read it aloud to yourself, for poetry is not intended for the eye but for the ear. Let the poem itself speak to you. If it is not too long, let it literally become a part of you.



That is to say, commit it to memory, file it in your little grey cells so that you will always be able to find it. Millions of people have done just this with what is perhaps the most widely loved poem in the world, the 23rd Psalm.

**God the Shepherd**  
No commentary can improve on it, and this column does not pretend to do anything but set down a foot-note or two to an inspired masterpiece. The first footnote is on this picture of God as a Shepherd. One thing this brings out is the vast difference between God and ourselves. The shepherd can get along by himself; the sheep cannot. The sheep knows only what is just a few feet in front of him. He has a poor memory and very poor judgment. The Shepherd has to think ahead all the time. There are notions of religion that speak of God as the "man upstairs" and similar familiar expressions. There are notions about God that put him down on a sort of buddy-buddy basis with ourselves. How silly! Some people even think that if they just pray hard enough, that is, if they want something enough and keep nagging God long enough, he is bound to see it their way and let them have what they ask.

**God Cares for Me**  
It has been found that one good way to read this Psalm is to read it aloud, emphasizing the personal pronouns. The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. . . I shall fear no evil, for Thou art with me. . . Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me. . . Religion has to be in the first person singular or it isn't real. You can go all your life knowing this Shepherd Psalm by heart, and thinking what a lovely picture this is, of God the Shepherd of his people. But then one day you make the psalm your own, not in mind only but in heart—the Lord is MY Shepherd!—and then it simply comes alive. It helps, too, to remember the difference between a shepherd in David's time (and still, in that country) and a sheep-herder today. A farmer, in Kentucky for instance, who raises sheep just has them in a big pasture well fenced in. He has to keep his eye on them, all right, but then he can go to town or do other things. In a big green pasture a sheep can't do itself too much damage. But in Palestine, with no big green pasture, only little narrow strips of green along creek beds in rocky ravines, with jackals and other animals always on the prowl on the wild unfenced hillsides, the shepherd simply has to be there protecting and guiding each sheep personally or they will be ruined. So God the Shepherd cares for me, individually, he protects me, fights for me, he does not intend that I should be lost.

**The Paths of God**  
Some kinds of religion, even some kinds of the Christian religion, think of God as living in some sublime heaven, watching man as he toils along his low and winding trail. The picture in this beloved Psalm is quite different. The Shepherd travels with his sheep, from one pasture to another. When one stream or water hole dries up, the Shepherd knows where another is, and leads the flock there. So the Bible reveals to us a God who, hard as this may be to believe, actually shares our afflictions, is close beside us at every step. So the paths the flock of God follow are his paths, not because he laid them out but because they are the paths where he goes. They are not easy. The peace of God is not freedom from danger. The paths of God go by cliffs where falling rocks threaten; they lead to springs and streams that will die in summer's heat, they descend among the shadows of death, they are within sight of God's enemies and ours. But since they are God's paths, we walk secure, knowing His choice is always best.

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Thursday—Westmore School, 10; Roland Nall, 11:45; Charles Stutts, 12; Arthur Baldwin, 12:30; C. C. Cole, 12:45; Davis School, 1:15; Enloe's Grill, 1:45; Carthage, 2:30.  
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ward Black, 11:30; Earl Monroe, 12; Mrs. Helen Neff, 12:30; Coy McKenzie, 12:45; R. E. Lea, 1:15; J. V. Cole, 1:30; Ed Smith, 1:45; H. E. Blue, 2; Ira Garrison, 2:15; M. L. McGuirt, 2:45.

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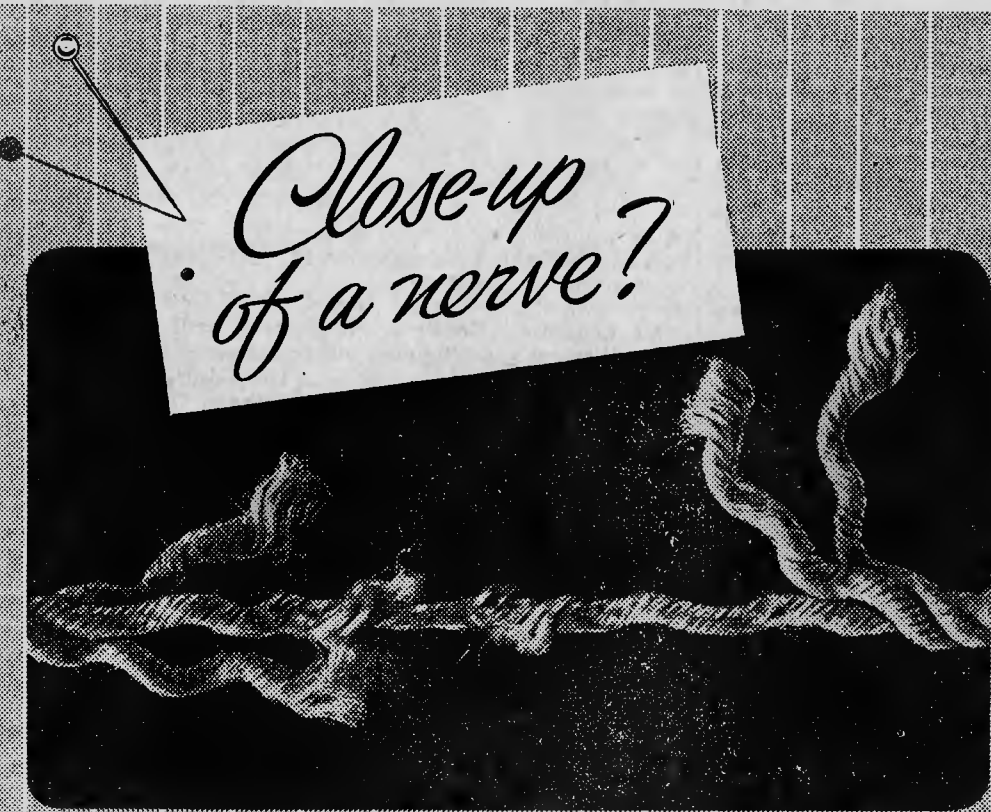
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Day	Book	Chapter	Verses
Sunday	Proverbs	4	1-27
Monday	Jeremiah	17	9-17
Tuesday	Proverbs	6	6-19
Wednesday	I Corinthians	15	20-34
Thursday	I Corinthians	16	1-14
Friday	I Corinthians	16	1-14
Saturday	Philippians	1	1-21

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