



# Some Looks At Books

By LOCKIE PARKER

**OF CATS AND MEN**, compiled by Frances E. Clarke (Macmillan \$3.95). Admirers of cats will be gratified to find in this handsome volume that they are in excellent company. Walter De La Mare, W. B. Yeats, Pierre Loti, Hilaire Belloc, Elmer Davis are only a few of the literary figures who here pay tribute to the charm and character of cats, and the artists range from ancient Egypt and Japan to such modern geniuses as Manet.

In fact, Elmer Davis, who leads the symposium, points out that the cat "seems to be widely preferred (to the docile dog) by artists and writers, a tribe which with rare exceptions is almost farcically individualistic and values individualism and independence in its friends, human or animal." Of course, he is also aware that the beauty of some and the grace of all cats have something to do with this preference.

Mr. Davis' most entertaining thesis, however, is that suggested by the title of his essay, "On Being Kept by a Cat." He proves to us that by all the rules of logic and economics, he is more the property of his cat than the cat is his property.

When it comes to the mysterious side of the cat's character—what goes on at night when he walks in the wet, wild woods by his wild lone—there is a little masterpiece, "Eroomsicks," by Walter De La Mare, which mingles the homely commonplaces of everyday life with startling glimpses into the supernatural as

can judge how small when you read that when Lucy Norton, Sarah's devoted friend, arranges the chairs for the funeral, she puts out only thirteen.

I doubt if there is anyone writing now in America that knows the Maine fisher people as Miss Chase does. We understand the title when at the end of the book Lucy's husband, Joel, says, "I've always noticed on this coast just on the edge of darkness, the sky often holds a long, steady glow of light."

—JANE H. TOWNE

**DEEP WATER, A Novel of Suspense** by Patricia Highsmith (Harper \$2.95). This is as horrid a tale as you are likely to meet, but I kept right on reading so skillfully is it constructed. The suspense hangs on a duel to the death between husband and wife. He is a quiet man of scholarly tastes, courteous, self-controlled, conventional; she is flamboyant, beautiful, impulsive, unscrupulous. Melinda's affairs with other men are the talk of the New England town, and all sympathies are with her husband, Victor Van Allen.

Even when Melinda's lovers take to disappearing—some by violence, some mysteriously—only an unpopular few even suspect Vic. Detectives hired by his wife get replies such as this from the garbage man, "I know Mr. Van Allen six years, I sez, and you don't find a nicer guy in town. I heard of punks like you, I sez. You know where you belong? On my truck along with the rest of the muck."

By carefully building up her characters and background, Patricia Highsmith makes a fantastic situation credible and one awaits with keen curiosity the outcome.

**DAUGHTER OF WOLF** House by Margaret E. Bell (Morrow \$2.95). Here is a fine, dramatic novel for teen-age girls. The background is unusual, a little Alaskan Indian village, dominated by the totems of two clans, the wolf and the killer whale. Nakatla, who belonged to Wolf House, was the granddaughter of its chief, but her father had been a young sea captain rescued by her people when his ship was wrecked on the rocky coast. And now, when she was on the verge of womanhood, another foreigner had come—a trader who built a store and a home for his family.

This is first of all the story of Nakatla and the trader's son, but it is also the story of how the challenge of the newcomers was met. To the shaman of Killer-whale House, who hated them, their coming meant disaster. To the wise old chief of Wolf House, it pointed the way to a better life. The resulting conflict, which deeply affected the lives of the two young people, forms the climax of a romantic novel with a rare blend of outward and inward excitement.

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Lesson for November 24, 1957

**PREACHERS** talk too much about money, some people complain. It is very seldom that this complaint has good reason behind it. If you don't like a religion that talks about money a good deal, you'd better hunt up some other religion besides Christianity. Read the parables of Jesus and see for yourself what a large number of them have to do with money.

The Christian religion is a religion of love. Now love always involves giving. Selfish, tight-fisted "love" is a contradiction. Everybody would agree to that. The arguments or the misunderstandings begin at this point: What is giving?

**Substitutes for Giving**

There is really no substitute for giving, but people do try to run substitutes under that name. When time comes for a missionary offering, in almost any church you can hear some one sourly speaking: "Why should we give to people who never give to us? Why must it all go one way?" As a matter of fact, missionary gifts don't all go one way; but let that pass. The objection just quoted shows that the objector doesn't want to give, all he wants is exchange. But exchange is not giving. Here we are nearly at Christmas time, and all around us are people who talk about Christmas "gifts" when what they really mean is a Christmas exchange.

Another substitute something like this is investment. People talk about dividends from the mission field, they like to feel that by upping their contribution ten dollars they will get a dividend in the shape of one more soul saved. But the work, the true work of the Christian church, is not like that of a business. A railway can cut off a train that is not making money; but a church has no right to cut down a missionary's salary because he can't show as many conversions as the next missionary down the river. An old cripple who can never be cured, is just as worthy an object of Christian giving as a crippled child who can be cured.

**Prying It Loose**

Parting with your money isn't giving it. If you are being held up and are relieved of your wallet, you don't take credit for being generous with bandits. If you sit down and write the government a large check about the middle of next April, nobody can be fooled into thinking you are giving the United States anything; you are merely paying your tax. And maybe you wouldn't even do that if you didn't know it was a case of pay—or else . . . And yet people in the church will take credit for being generous when they are only parting with money they'd nudge rather not part with. This is not to say that the church ever robs any one. But sometimes a church will assess its members so much a member. It will be known who pays and who doesn't, so the man pays; but he's really being held up, he is paying only because he can't help it. What has to be pried out of a man is never a gift!

**True Giving**

"Let all that you do be done in love," Paul said. This holds for giving as for anything else. In I Corinthians 13 Paul had already said that if a man actually gave away every single thing he owned, even if he presented his own body as a sacrifice to be burned on a great altar, but did this without love, it would amount to nothing at all. The love of which Paul speaks is not a natural thing, that is to say, without the Spirit of God this love cannot exist. Ordinary love is so different from this that the New Testament uses a different word for it.

There is an ocean of difference between "love" that demands some kind of return, some reward, some dividend, and love that pours itself out without even asking for return. Such love is a rare sight, you say? To be sure it is; and that is why true Christian giving is so rare. This is not to say that a church should run each of its contributors through a third-degree examination—"What was your motive?"—before it will accept a cent. But every church ought to be working to educate its people out of being exchangers, investors, prestige-grabbers, quota-fillers, Lady Bountifuls, into the joy of giving from pure Christ-like love.

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## County Goes Over Quota On Annual Savings Bond Sale

Moore County has exceeded its annual goal in the sale of savings bonds, it was announced this week by W. H. Andrews, Jr., state volunteer savings bond chairman.

Sales of E and H Bonds in the county during October were \$40,605, and for the ten-month period through October, \$353,979, Andrews said. The annual quota was \$342,720.

Moore is one of ten counties in the state which has exceeded the goal. Others are Dare, Gates, Macon, Onslow, Alleghany, Northampton, Stanly, Chowan and Cherokee. The quota in this county was, incidentally, higher than in any of the other nine counties.

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If our Puritan maid, Priscilla, looks a bit skeptical, it is only because she is wondering if tom turkey will be big enough to satisfy all the hungry guests.

They will be coming with vigorous appetites, whetted by the walk through snow covered fields from Church, where they have given thanks for their good fortune.

And on all Thanksgivings since that first one, thankful people have knelt in prayer. Thanksgiving is our own American holiday, unlike any other. It is deeply religious in nature. We can only observe it if, like the Pilgrims, we go to church to give our thanks. And never have a people had cause to be so thankful for so much.

**THE CHURCH FOR ALL . . . ALL FOR THE CHURCH**

The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake, (2) For his children's sake, (3) For the sake of his community and nation, (4) which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

Day	Book	Chapter	Verses
Sunday	Deuteronomy	5	1-21
Monday	Psalms	19	1-14
Tuesday	Psalms	27	1-14
Wednesday	Psalms	46	1-11
Thursday	Psalms	103	1-22
Friday	Psalms	121	1-8
Saturday	Psalms	145	1-21

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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
New York Ave. at South Ashe  
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Saturday—6 p.m. Penance.  
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Holy Day Masses: 7:00 & 9:00 a.m. Confessions: Saturday: 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.; 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. Men's Club Meetings: 1st & 3rd Fridays 8:00 p.m. Women's Club Meetings: 1st Monday, 8:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop No. 873, Tuesday evening 7:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop No. 118, Monday 3:00 p.m.

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**BROWNSON MEMORIAL CHURCH (Presbyterian)**  
Cheves K. Ligon, Minister  
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