



Some Looks At Books

By LOCKIE PARKER

TURKEY IN MY TIME by Ahmed Emin Yalman (University of Oklahoma Press \$4.00). This book is a piece of masterly writing from the pen of an experienced journalist. It is written as an autobiography, but in reading one is not conscious of the ego of the author but rather feels as though one were a Turk living the thoughts and emotions of a Turk as the events of history sweep along. The author refers to his country as "the sick man of the world" at the beginning of the twentieth century and now thinks Turkey is a remarkably well man in a sick world.

Yalman, the author, recalls his childhood in Saloniki where he had opportunity to observe differences in custom right in his home; his uncle was old-fashioned in thought and dress, and his father was progressive to the point of being revolutionary. There was spring water in their courtyard and, as water was very scarce, the rich who had it opened their gates for the poor to help themselves, and there was a daily stream of people of many origins to be seen by the child. In school he was obliged to say every day with the others, "Long live the Sultan!" But one day a boy whispered, "Down with the Sultan!" Frightened Ahmed told his father who cautioned him never to repeat that. But it started the boy thinking along new lines, and he saw hypocrisy where he had had unquestioning

faith. In due course the boy finished school and worked on a newspaper. In 1911 he won a scholarship in journalism at Columbia University and spent three years in America absorbing western customs and ideas. He returned home, zealous to spread the ideas of democracy but arrived at the outbreak of World War I. To his horror Turkey was going to fight with Germany against an old friend, England; but he soon realized that it was because Turkey must fight against her perennial enemy, Russia. All through the war he worked as a reporter and came to know Mustafa Kemal.

Kemal, the officer commanding when the British were defeated at the Dardanelles, came out of the war not only as the nation's great hero but as the far-sighted man who recognized that Turkey was not to be free as promised at Versailles. Yalman saw and sometimes travelled with Kemal as the latter went through the interior, educating and training the peasants and working people to form a fighting force and a Republic. From there on Kemal is shown as the genius of the hour, establishing the capital at Ankara to avoid the corruption of the old guard at Istanbul, abolishing the sultanate and later the caliphate, and making the world respect Turkey.

Yalman was offered govern-

ment posts but steadfastly declined because he felt he could mould public opinion better if he had no government connection. He suffered imprisonment by the English before they were completely eliminated and much later suffered an attack by an assassin but, in spite of obstacles, he helped to make Turkey a united nation which he claims it is today.

After Kemal's death there was fear that Turkey could not stand without the force of the great personality, but it has stood and the author believes it will so continue. More heartening still is the fact that in the development of democratic processes, Turkey has gone beyond Kemal. In the last decade they have developed a real two-party system and considerably extended freedom of speech and the press.

Were I planning a course in the study of the Near East, I should put this book at the top of a list of required reading.

—MARY E. DAVIDSON

THE VOICE AT THE BACK DOOR by Elizabeth Spencer (McGraw-Hill \$3.95). As one can guess by the title, this is a novel of race relations, but it is a great deal more than that. It is a well-written, factual account of both races in a small Southern town. Long after finishing the book one remembers the two problems of Duncan Harper who is running for sheriff. One was upholding the law in a dry county, the other was furthering justice for the Negro. There were also the emotional problems of his appealing wife, Tinker, and of his intimate friends. All of the characters are well drawn.

The setting is the Mississippi Delta country that Faulkner and Eudora Welty have made familiar. Miss Spencer seems to strike a happy medium between these two—her characters are less depraved than Faulkner's and perhaps a bit more so than Miss Welty's. It is certainly one of the best novels of the year and should be on the best seller list.

—JANE H. TOWNE

THE GUARDIANS, A Novel by J. L. M. Stewart (Norton \$1.35). This is a witty and light-hearted comedy of manners. It is also a pleasing sample of the new movement among publishers to bring down the high cost of books by publishing new novels in paper covers at a reasonable price. These are distinguished from the 25c reprints by good paper, type that is easy on the eye and individual design. They are indeed a boon to the discriminating reader who likes to have his own book but does not care to pay four or five dollars for a novel whose quality he cannot judge until he has read it.

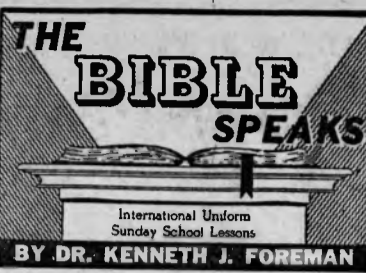
"The Guardians" is civilized entertainment, full of chuckles and skillfully plotted. The scene is contemporary Oxford. The journals of one Arthur Fontenay, a mid-Victorian literary figure, are by the terms of his will about to be released, and there is tension in literary circles over the manner of their disposal. The decision rests with his daughters, two ageing maiden ladies.

We see the situation through the eyes of Willard Quail, a rich American of worldwide business interests and a former Rhodes scholar. Quail, now in his fifties, had once written a scholarly book on Fontenay's early work. He comes back to Oxford to find that he is distinctly remembered by older members of the academic circle as a promising young scholar but that they are uniformly vague as to what he has been doing since he left Oxford. Quail wants Fontenay's papers for an American university but finds that he will have opposition. The moves and counter moves are fascinating, the portrayal of shades of character and conflicting personalities is masterly, and there is some of the best conversation we have met in many a day. Suspense is just what we should expect from this author who is also known as Michael Innes, writer of some of the most literate and lively mystery stories of our time.

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BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Background Scripture: Matthew 3:4-14.
Devotional Reading: Hebrews 3:1-14.

Tempted We Are

Lesson for January 13, 1957

EVERYBODY is a sinner yet not everybody is tempted to the same sins. But being tempted is not a sign of sin. The church believes that the same Jesus who "in every respect has been tempted as we are" (Hebrews 4:15) nevertheless was tempted without sinning. It would be a mistake to suppose that in order to be tempted as we are, Jesus would have to have been tempted to all the sins there are. What this means is simply that the same Jesus who was tempted the way we are tempted.



Dr. Foreman

At Highest Moments

One thing we can learn from Christ's temptations is that it is not possible in this life to be guaranteed freedom from temptation. In the first place, it can be said that only serious-minded high-principled people know what real temptation is. Weak, flabby, frivolous persons feel no pull or push; they drop into sin like a stone into water. You can't feel temptation without resisting. Low-minded people do what they feel like doing without thinking. They aren't even aware they have sinned. They are like dirty little boys who can't see the sense in washing—they feel clean enough! It is the clean person who is conscious of dirt on his hands or clothes. So only the person with real convictions and ideals can feel the tug of temptation. It is only people with consciences who can be tempted to go against their conscience. Now high-minded people, people who really want to please God, often wish they could reach a stage in life where they wouldn't have to struggle to be good and to do right. But the story of Jesus shows that his is a false hope. Jesus had just been baptized when his great temptations came. If ever there was a consecrated, holy person, conscious of God's approval, it was Jesus at that time. If ever there was a person filled with the Holy Spirit, it was he. Yet Matthew tells us that Jesus was led by the Spirit to be tempted! In life's highest and holiest moments one is tempted to say, Now I am safe. But that may be the very moment that the great struggle begins.

Tempted to Do Good

Again, the story of Jesus shows that sin may not always be something evil in itself. The three temptations of Jesus illustrate three levels of temptation, three levels of sin. Falling down and worshipping Satan is obviously the sin of sins. Jumping off a temple roof isn't too wicked as it is foolish, but playing the fool is still sin. (If the President of the United States rolled his Secretary of State down Pennsylvania Avenue in a wheel-barrel, it might not be wicked, but for him it would be very wrong indeed.) But turning stones into bread—? That would be a helpful thing in a country full of poor people. Nothing was said about Jesus using the bread for himself alone. And if he could turn stones into bread he could turn them into medicine, into meat, mansions. Not wicked, but foolish. But still wrong; because Jesus was commissioned to do something more profound, more radical than supplying people with bread. He came to change men from the inside, to feed their souls. So we, like the Master, are sometimes tempted to do what is good, when what is better is possible. "To choose a lesser good," said Prof. W. M. Urban, "in the presence of a greater, is the essence of wrong."

Sword of the Spirit

Another way in which the Christian can learn from Christ's temptations is by observing how he met them. He did not play around with them. He did not say, "Well, there is something in what you say." He did not debate what for him was not debatable. And he met each temptation with a word from God's Word. Each of the quotations he makes, ("It is written") came from the same book of the Old Testament, Deuteronomy. If Jesus could find help, in time of temptation, in his Bible, surely the Christian of today is cutting himself off from a major source of strength if when temptation comes the best he can think of is "I am sure there is a verse in the Bible about this somewhere, but I can't think what it is." The best way to have the Bible ready for daily help is not to have it on a shelf, but to have it as a treasure in the mind.

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John Bennett works in the local bank. Martha, his wife, is president of the P.T.A., and they have three lovely children. Grandmother Bennett has been living with them for the past couple of years, since she broke her hip. She can't always get to church in wintertime and that's why she calls this her window. When she can't be in church, it helps to be able to see it.

To her, the church steeple represents a great many things, and brings back many memories. Her son was married in that church. Her husband was buried from it. Her grandchildren were christened in it.

The Church has helped her to bear grief, in hours of sorrow; and it has seemed to put a benediction upon her happiness, in times of joy. Most important of all, whatever the occasion, whatever the crisis... the Church has always been there.

To Grandmother Bennett, the most comforting thing in the world is knowing that it always will be there.

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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 the sake of his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

Day	Book	Chapter	Verses
Sunday	Psalms	1	1-6
Monday	Psalms	23	1-6
Tuesday	Psalms	91	1-16
Wednesday	Matthew	13	10-23
Thursday	Luke	28	16-28
Friday	Luke	7	18-35
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