



Some Looks At Books

By LOCKIE PARKER

QUEEN MARY, 1867-1953 by James Pope-Hennessy (Knopf \$10.00). The first part of this book is perhaps a bit confusing, due to the variety of German princelings who form the background of Queen Mary's early years.

Her extravagant mother and impetuous father were frequently in debt and wandered about Germany and Florence until recalled to England by Queen Victoria. Mary, a shy girl, studious and intelligent, was finally engaged to the then heir to the throne, the Duke of Clarence, who died shortly before their marriage.

From the time of her marriage to King George, Mary was a dedicated person. She personified anybody's idea of a queen. Her interests in charity were many and varied, especially in Needlework Guilds. She herself was a skilled needlewoman.

She was an avid collector, especially of bibelots. In London a few years ago I went to the Victoria and Albert Museum to an exhibition of Queen Mary's fabulous collection of exquisite enamels. Most of the handles of her ever present parasols were of this material.

Queen Mary was undeviating in her loyalty to the throne and to her husband, even in the matter of her clothes. While the book is long, it is easily written and of interest throughout. Mary's granddaughter, Queen Elizabeth, seems to have many of the same qualities and the same strong idealism.

to be despised." His feeling for high human quality has little to do with the parts his characters play—Communist partisan or British official, Senoi tribesman or old Etonian. The plot is simple. A young English girl is abducted by the guerrillas. The abduction, which occurs in the first chapter, is an odd scene which leaves us wondering at moods and motives. Then follows a long jungle trek in which we see the situation through the mind of a grim Communist.

Next in a throwback we learn more about this girl, Candace, her youthful joy of living, her growing awareness of the bitter struggle in Malaya, her genuine love for people on both sides, her faith in there being a solution. The third character of major importance is an eccentric Australian who has connections on both sides in the struggle but wants to go his own way without being tied to either, a thoroughly romantic buccaneer.

All in all, this is an exhilarating book despite the element of tragedy because the main characters are people of vitality and purpose, of strong emotions, though often conflicting ones, and a genuine respect for each other in their differences. It is a far from depressing view of the last stand of "the British raj."

THROUGH SPAIN WITH DON QUIXOTE by Rupert Croft-Cooke (Knopf \$5.00). This is an enjoyable book on the Spanish character and a sector of the countryside where tourists are scarce. The author is no lover of the modern age and deliberately chose to go by less travelled ways because "the little roads of Spain are still the roads of past centuries" and "not a dead thing of macadam along which people go shut in their metal cases, unseeing and almost unseen." He went in a small car—sometimes by horseback, sometimes by foot—with his own camping equipment and his own practical Sancho Panza, a tough young Spaniard.

With only a passing glance at the many learned arguments as to the exact route followed by Don Quixote, Mr. Croft-Cooke tells us he used his own judgment

Bookmobile Schedule

February 23-25
 Tuesday, February 23, Union Church Route—Mrs. O. C. Blackburn, 9:45-9:55; Howard Gschwind, 10:10-10:15; Mrs. Mattie McRae, 10:15-10:25; Parker's Grocery, 10:30-10:35; Elbert Taylor, 10:40-10:45; M. L. Patterson, 10:50-10:55; Mrs. Ina Bailey, 11:10-11:15; A. C. Bailey, 11:10-11:15; J. M. Briggs, 11:20-11:30; Mrs. Mabel Wood, 11:35-11:40.

Wednesday, February 24
 Schools—Cameron School, 9:45-10:45; Vass-Lakeview School, 11:10-12:10.

Thursday, February 25
 Cameron Route—Sam Taylor, 9:30-9:35; James Hardy, 9:40-9:50; M. M. Routh, 9:55-10; Lloyd Thomas, 10:20-10:30; Mrs. J. A. McPherson, 10:35-10:45; Mrs. H. D. Talley, 10:50-11; J. A. Phillips, Jr., 11:05-11:10; Mrs. Kate H. Phillips, 11:35-11:50; Jesse Maples, 11:55-12:05; Walter McDonald, 12:40-12:50; Wade Collins, 1-1:10; Lewis Marion, 1:15-1:25; Mack Oakley, 1:30-1:35; Lynn Thomas, 1:40-1:50.

Friday, February 26
 Murdockville Route—Ira Garrison, 9:35-9:45; Edwin Black, 9:55-10:05; Finney Black, 10:10-10:20; W. R. Dunlop, 10:25-10:35; Dan Lewis, 10:40-10:50; Miss Margaret McKenzie, 10:55-11; Tom Clayton, 11:05-11:15; Earl Monroe, 11:20-11:25; Mrs. Helen Neff, 12-12:10; Tom Young, 12:15-12:20; J. V. Cole, 12:25-12:35; R. F. Clapp, 12:40-12:45; Art Zenns, 12:50-12:55; Sandy Black, 1:05-1:15; E. F. Whitaker, 1:20-1:30; H. A. Freeman, 1:35-1:40.

Schools Open for Former Navy Men

The U. S. Navy Recruiting Branch Station, Room 219 Grace Pittman Building, 431 Hay St., Fayetteville, announces that former Navy men have an opportunity, during February and March to re-enlist in several Navy Class "A" schools of their choice.

For various reasons, the schools will have vacancies during these two months, the announcement said.

A TWIST OF SAND by Geoffrey Jenkins (Viking \$3.95). This tale of adventure comes to America after an unusual success in England where it headed the best-seller list and was hailed as the finest sea story since "The Cruel Sea." It is a first book by a young South African journalist now on the "Johannesburg Star."

The scene is a stormy, treacherous strip of shore, shoals and small islands off the coast of Southwest Africa known to sailors as the "Skeleton Coast." Aside from its natural barriers it is forbidden territory because of unworked diamond fields. Yet here is where we first meet daring Captain Macdonald, former submarine skipper in the Royal Navy, with an old comrade for mate, a taciturn Scotch engineer and a native crew. Just for a beginning the sea erupts volcanic islands around them, and then things go right on happening—a hard book to put down.

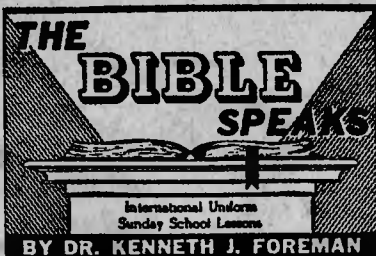
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Bible Material: Acts 20:13 through 21:15
 Devotional Reading: I Thessalonians 2:1-12.

Top Service

Lesson for February 21, 1960

THE MOST over-used and ill-used word in the English language, perhaps, is "service." It's the great American catch-word. Your car dealer, florist, banker, garbage collector and preacher all talk about service. Certain business men's associations are called "service clubs." Innumerable places have the sign over the door: SALES AND SERVICE. When you look into it, often it turns out that what is meant by service is "making something good that should have been good in the first place." It is often something that is bragged about whereas it ought to go without saying. It is often not done well (as in poor restaurants or garages) and sometimes consists in furnishing something not asked for or needed.



Services of the Church

The church in America can't escape it. If the church did not offer service it would be most peculiar, and in fact would hardly be a church at all. For it, almost alone, serves by its very nature. All the institutions of society that do truly render service, were inspired or created by the church in the first place. (Orphanages and savings banks come to mind, and there are many others, notably schools.)

But what are the services of the church? We often use the term "church service" to mean the meeting for public worship and preaching. We cannot quarrel with that use of the word, but that is not what is meant here. What we mean is, when the minister calls on a new family and tells them the services of his church are at their disposal, what does he mean? Certainly something more than to say the worship-meetings of the church are open to them.

Many minor methods of service are used by the church: operating kindergartens, book clubs, employment agencies, loan funds, not to mention more elaborate projects such as educating people on the moral side of public questions, operating hospitals, publishing houses, schools and so on. By calling these "minor" we do not mean they are unimportant or that the church should not undertake them. When Paul wrote: "Let us do good to all men, especially to those who are of the household of faith," he laid down the foundation principle of every service project that deserves the name.

Nevertheless, the question still is: What is the most vital service, the top service the church can render? Surely it must be to give people what they need the most. Suppose a man is dying of a serious disease. He may not want any particular medicine, or any medicine at all. But a doctor, examining him, may know just the specific medicine for his trouble. He ministers to the man's need, not to his immediate appetite.

What human beings need most is, in one word, God. The church is doing the supreme service for us when it shows us the way back to God. (Let us rather say, the way forward to God; he is ahead of us, not the other way around.) The doorway to God has two keys, like a safety deposit box: one key is marked Faith and the other Repentance. God gives us the keys but never forces us to use them.

To Feed and Defend

The church is often thought of as a flock of sheep, its leader as shepherds. In addressing the elders of Ephesus, who remembered well his three years among them, Paul marks out the two things a shepherd does for his sheep: to feed and to defend them against wolves and other beasts. Some people suppose that a church's service is confined simply to proclaiming repentance and faith—in other words, the church's whole and only business is evangelism. This was not Paul's practice. He, and the elders after him, if they followed his example, also fed and defended Christ's people. "Feeding" means all the church does in nourishing and building up Christ-like character, especially teaching, preaching, counseling, training for Christian service at the highest levels. "Defending" means keeping the church strong, despite the attacks of all who would destroy it, from without or within.

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Rounds to Judge Writing Contest

Glen H. Rounds, of Southern Pines, is one of 30 prominent U. S. authors, educators and literary critics who will judge entries in this year's Scholastic Magazine Writing Awards, the nation's largest literary contest for high school students. He has been a judge in the contest for the past eight years.

The annual creative writing event is conducted "to encourage and recognize talented high school writers and provide teaching help in English and literature classes."

Cardy Mare Foals Filly by Nashua

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon G. Cardy of the Alpine Inn Ste. Marguerite Station, Canada, received the news while vacationing in Florida, living aboard their yacht, "Sun Shower," that their mare, Levee, foaled a bay filly by Nashua at Spendthrift Farm, Lexington, Ky.

Levee's first foal was a colt named Royal Levee by Royal Charger and is now 11 months old. Mr. and Mrs. Cardy are former winter residents of Southern Pines.

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Day	Book	Chapter	Verse
Sunday	Matthew	18	1-6
Monday	Psalms	141	1-3
Tuesday	I Peter	4	5-7
Wednesday	I Corinthians	3	9-11
Thursday	Psalms	119	64-66
Friday	Psalms	61	1-4
Saturday	Matthew	6	9-13

A child's faith is beautiful in its simplicity and in the little things it encompasses. Like, for instance, the nightly ritual that comes at the end of prayer. "God bless Mommy and Daddy and Cousin Peter and Kitty Kat and my blue teddy bear."

To a child, there is no reason why God should not bless also a crumpled and slightly soiled teddy bear, and a pet kitty. For God is goodness and love and kindness and tolerance... not perhaps in those words, but in the feeling this child has as she says her prayers.

Prayer, to the child who has been taught to pray, is a natural thing. It should be as much a part of everyday life as eating and sleeping and playing. To pray for what is good... to give thanks for what one has is an all-important step in that all-important, right direction on the road of life.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 Midland Road
 New York Ave. at South Ashe St.
 Maynard Mangum, Minister
 Bible School, 9:45 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Training Union, 6:30 p.m. Evening Worship, 7:30 p.m.
 Youth Fellowship, 8:30 p.m.
 Scout Troop 224, Monday, 7:30 p.m.; mid-week worship, Wednesday 7:30 p.m.; choir practice Wednesday 8:15 p.m.
 Missionary meeting, first and third Tuesdays, 8 p.m. Church and family suppers, second Thursday, 7 p.m.

METHODIST CHURCH
 Midland Road
 Robert C. Mooney, Jr., Minister
 Church School 9:45 A. M.
 Worship Service 11:00 A. M.
 Youth Fellowship 6:30 P. M.
 Men's Club Meetings: 1st & 3rd Fridays 8 p.m.
 W.S.C.S. meets each third Monday at 8 p.m.
 Methodist Men meet each third Thursday at 8:30 P. M.
 Choir Rehearsal each Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.

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 Cor. Bennett and New Hampshire
 Carl E. Wallace, Minister
 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. (First Sundays)
 Worship Service, 11 a.m.
 Sunday, 6:30 p.m., Pilgrim Fellowship (Young People).
 Sunday, 8:00 p.m., The Forum.

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 Sunday School, 11 a.m.
 Wednesday Service, 8 p.m.
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 Men's Club Meetings: 1st & 3rd Fridays 8 p.m.
 Women's Club meetings: 1st Monday, 8 p.m.
 Boy Scout Troop No. 873, Tuesday evening 7:30 p.m.
 Girl Scout Troop No. 118, Monday, 8 p.m.

BROWNSON MEMORIAL CHURCH (Presbyterian)
 Cheves K. Ligon, Minister
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship service, 11 a.m. Women of the Church meeting, 8 p.m. Monday following third Sunday. The Youth Fellowships meet at 7 o'clock each Sunday evening.
 Mid-week service, Wednesday, 7:15 p.m.

MANLY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 Rev. Malcolm Anderson, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11 a.m. Women of the Church meeting, 8 p.m., second Tues. Mid-week service on Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Wednesday 8:15 p.m. Men of the Church meeting, 8 p.m. fourth Wednesday.

EMMANUEL CHURCH (Episcopal)
 East Massachusetts Ave.
 Martin Caldwell, Rector
 Holy Communion, 8 a.m. (First Sundays and Holy Days, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.)
 Family Service, 9:30 a.m.
 Church School, 10 a.m.
 Morning Service, 11 a.m.
 Young Peoples' Service League, 6 p.m.
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 Saturday—6 p.m. Penance.

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