Colossal Fake on Chinese Life **Now Confessed**

"Memoirs of Li Hung Chang" Reissued With Preface Explaining That It Is Only Fiction.

ing it is rare that a publisher is reicts is a "colossal forgery." During Houghton-Mifflin company brought out "Memoirs of Li Hung Chang," by W. F. Mannix. In a reprint of the book by the same publishers the following explanation is of-"This book has now been reissued for what it is-a work of the Ralph D. Paine, sketching the strange career of its actual author."

Mr. Paine knew Mannix during a Cuba and in China. His 78-page "Story of a Literary Forgery," which losing fight to make an "intelligent hope that some day a college would done their best to kill him. precedes the reissue of the "Memoirs," is in itself a document of absorbing tal motivating force behind all highinterest. Mannix possessed a spark er education that it should be. of genius plus a streak of obliquity. He was uncommonly intelligent, urbane and unabashed. "He was always was a gifted man gone wrong for had been inscrutably denied him.

pany accepted the "Memoirs" in 1911 jail at Honolulu, on a charge of forgery, he obtained books, a typewriter known as Calvin Coolidge. and a desk, and employed an amazing

had changed the texture of material sees the glory of God.

ead in the Oahu jail. Mannix adMeikleichn, perhaps even some of ead in the Oahu jail. Mannix ad-

E. B. Drew of Boston, who served 20 years with the Chinese government signed by the publishers to the task of determining the truth of the Manyears to the work and what he writes in hs "Story of a Literary Forgery," markable career of Mannix, beginning in 1895 when Mannix was a correspondent during the Cuban revolution. During that hectic period in Cuba, Mannix, according to Paine, wrote a and Philadelphia newspapers, purporting that he was riding with the flying colors of Gomez and Maceo, while in fact "He had agreeably assed the time in the cafe of the ably sprawled at a table, where he concocted all these thrilling, persua-sive narratives of battles and forages and marches." For which reason, Mannix was deported by the Spanish captain-general of Cuba to the United department and his case was even discussed in congress.

This may be accepted: Houghton-Mifflin company has turned a literary forgery to a fine advantage by reissuing it with Mr. Paine's splendid

Plays by Nebraska Shew Genuine Merit

"THE LURE," by Caroline Renfew, Moffat, Yard and Co., New York, 1923. In these two plays, especially in the first, Miss Carolyn Renfew has outstripped the promise of her "Songs of Hope" and proven herself a much more effective dramatic poet than she

"The Last of the Strozzi" rings with the true Elizabethan organ-tones, and abounds in the fertility and felicity of wording which belongs to that period. It is long, even for a five-act Shakespearlan drama, and it is very uneven. But at its best, it is the genuine article, both as poetry and as tragic drama.

Miss Renfew has succeeded in keep-

ing the love scenes between the ned Francesco and Maria, and the lighter passages between the ardent Cassio and the teasing Viola, in a moonlit midsummer madness which is worthy of her originals. Again, in the last terrible scene where the in-nocent Maria is forced to drink poison and writhes in agony at the eet of her bound and helpless lover, Miss Renfew attains to an intensity of pity and horror which inevitably

recalls Webster and Marlowe.

Too often Miss Rentew's blank verse halts, and sometimes it stumbles. A few random quotations, however, will suggest its imaginative power at its best.

"Viola, such sweet dreams do woo my That all my waking thoughts are turned to most
Harmonious action; so, methinks, the Hath had of late, its happy dreams, it

so glad a mien."
Strozzi.
"The a rongest men are but as quivering "The scrongest men are but as quivering aspens.
When from the hillsides of a lonely age. The winds of memory sweep over them."
"The early dawn is but a chill companion. Night with her hidden face is not more cold.
"Twas here the black-browed spirits of my dreams.
Did bear me with malevolent delight. To gaze in anguish on my murdered love."
The second play in the book, "The Lure," tells of a young artist, who leaves his country sweetheart to be

leaves his country sweetheart to be driven to the verge of madness by & heartless beauty, but finally returns and is nursed to health by his first love. It is a much lighter and less ambitious piece of work, but it con-tains some delightful passages, notably the charming "Song and Dance of the Goblins," with its outdoor

freshness and witchery.

The book, by a Nebraska poet, is one which Nebraskans can well be

Meiklejohn Writes Book on Clash **Between Freedom and Education**

By PROFESSOR LEWIS L. Me-KIBBEN. UNIVERSITY OF OMAHA reedom and the College," by Alexander Meikeljohn, The Century Co., 1923.

the slightest hesitancy in recommending very highly to any intelligent American citizen interested in underof progress of American higher edusays and addresses written by the apparent on every page. quired to admit that one of his prod- late president of Amherst college. All

president's chair.pursuit of freedom" the truly vi-

The "Amherst scandal" of last June should perhaps be recalled here, for the benefit of those of us who have conveying the impression that here forgotten it-even as all have now ceased to remember the Japanese ack of some moral ingredient that earthquake. Now, one need hold no brief for all of the administrative ac Before the Houghton-Mifflin com- tivities-including blunders, of course -of President Melklejohn, to say for publication, the manuscript was with truth that the "scribes and approved by scholars, statesmen and Pharisees" in his case were certain sinologues. Mannix had no other con- trustees who opposed him. These innection with China than as a private cluded such men as Dwight Morrow. in the Ninth U. S. Infantry during class of 1895, a lawyer connected with the Boxer campaign in 1900. While the firm of J. P. Morgan and comserving a year in the Oahu county pany; and a recent mushroom growth

This may, on the face of it, seem imagination in the preparation of his a sufficient reason to favor the resig-"Memoirs of Lii Hung Chang." "A nation "by request" of the president piece of counferfeit interpretation so of one of America's greatest colleges —at least the college has become so to mhore the mind of the great states—within the last 11 years. My point, man of the orient and faithfully to re- however, is that most of those trusflect his moods, motives and actions in his own words. There was some knew a great deal less about educathing heroic in his diligence and the tion than did he-a man who has magnitude and audacity of his con- given his life to higher education. ception, sweating day after day in Some of them would probably perish the tropic jail." Mr. Paine adds that if they could once see his vision he extraordinary talent of Mannix as one is reputed to perish when he

roitly expanded a mere suggestion; he his enemies would admit, has been, would berrow a fact here and there during the last eight or 10 years, and clothe it in the language of Li about the most significant college Hung Chang; all with infinite pain president in the country. Until the ax fell last June upon the newly blossoming college life of Amherst he was making that college one and was with Li Hung Chang during his travels in the United States, raised a large question mark when he read "Memoirs." Mr. Paine was assigned by the publishers to the task signed by the publishers to the task assigned by the publishers to the task signed by the publis dependent thinking and courageous nix book. Mr. Paine devoted several utterance, a place in which "freedom of inquiry" was welcomed—as it by no means always is in institutions of offers interesting sidelights on the re- higher learning in America! / Many of his utterances, seemingly radical

Books for Children

Mannix, according to York "THE IRIQNOIS SCOUT." By Roy D. Lange. Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Co. Indian stories will never cease to appeal to the youth of America. D. Lange writes stories about Indians for boys, and his books are of the Hotel Mascotte in Havana, comfort- better type of juvenile fiction. This particular book has, aside from its interesting plot, an exceptional historical value.

FOUR COUSINS." By Diken Zwilgmeyer. Translated by Emile Poulsson. Loth-rope, Lee & Shepard Co. Four little girls, from widely sep-States. Mannix appealed to the State arated places in Europe, go to Norway to spend a year with their grandmother, who had been finding life lonely and dull. They succeed in livening things up considerably, and

at the time he made them, have since become academic commonplaces, because now so universally accepted.

One striking passage seems norant life, offers himself for sacri- smoothly. When Alexander Meiklejohn writes fice, so may the college do. A death on the subject of "the teaching and like that would be a noble ending, the learning of Freedom" (p. ix), espec- sort of ending from which many who snivel and cry for more "conially as it bears on American colle- splendid enterprises have sprung." giate education, he writes "as one (p. 227.) Melklejohn has, in a sense, this book will not altogether disaphaving authority, and not as the scribes and Pharisees." He writes man now reclines comfortably in the constructive force in Amherst college, period of years in the United States, with authority because he bears in president's chair. Things run on as and his writings will continue to bear his own personality the scars of a usual. We can only hope against fruit, even though the Pharisees have

of truth than to try to kill the liberal vision of a large-minded administrator -not mentioning college students every year who are expelled for making honest statements of their own opinions. Witness, for example, the University of Michigan. Surely the

In speaking of college athletics, he says-and it requires unusual cour-In this book he discusses such age, strangely effough!-what every cogent problems as: "What Are Col-lege Games For?" "The Theory of true, but what few college administhe Liberal Coflege," "The Unity of trators will admit: "Our athletic sitthe Curriculum," "Reorganizing the uation is fundamentally dishonest." Curriculum." His line of reasoning (p. 75.) By this he means that while, standing and in keeping in the van is always clear and lucid, simple and on the one hand, athletics is supcompelling. The tolerance, scholar- posed to be an "outside activity," carend, but in the annals of book print- cation. It is a collection of nine es ship, and large vision of the man are ried on for the pure joy of competition, it is in reality a very highly commercialized and often profession except one of them was written be-tween the time of the United States "As Socrates in Plato's Euthydemus, usually fostered by administrations entering into the great war and the when told that in the process of be- because winning teams make the adtime when he was retired from the coming wise a man must lose his ig- ministrative machinery run more

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