

Brief reviews of ---

New and interesting books available at the library

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"Inside Asia" by John Gunther is similar to "Inside Europe." Like the earlier title this book is built on a thread of personality. Outstanding persons who receive a full chapter are the emperor of Japan, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, the Soong Sisters (the chapter is called the Song of Soongs), Manuel Quezon, Mr. Gandhi, Jawaharal Nehru, the Shah of Persia, King Ibn Saud, and Dr. Weizmann. Politics and intrigue on the continent of Asia are enlivened by bits of local color and anecdotes. Social and economic conditions receive considerable attention. About half of the book is concerned with Japanese policy and the undeclared war against China.

"Thoreau" by Henry Sidel Canby is one of the most important biographies of the fall publishing season. Mr. Canby has unearthed new facts and given a fresh interpretation to known material. His treatment modifies the conventional idea of Thoreau as a hermit and misanthrope. The book is divided into two parts, the first tracing the growth of the uncompromising individualist until his early 30s. The second part deals with his last 12 years which were devoted largely to the study of nature. Thoreau's native town of Concord, Mass. and his circle of friends make an interesting and human background for the man who believed in doing what he wanted to do.

"Autobiography" by A. A. Milne is written with the wit one expects of a humorist. Some will think of the author as the man who wrote the famous children's books "When We Were Very Young" and "Winnie-the-Pooh." Others will remember him for "The Red House Mystery," for his plays or for "Peace With Honour." Those with memories extending back to the days before World War I, as Time puts it, will think of him as the assistant editor of Punch. All will be interested, I think, in this happily written biography of a happy man. More than half of the book concerns his childhood and early youth. As he says, "heredity and environment make the child, the child makes the man and the man makes the writer."

"Forces in American Criticism" by Bernard Smith is a study in the history of American literary thought. More than eight years ago the author became interested in finding out to what degree one could relate the history of American literature to the history of American life. To him criticism seemed to be more closely related

Pre-meds must take physical test

"It is imperative that all students intending to enter medical college next fall should take the medical aptitude test this month," Prof. O. Wade, adviser to pre-med students stated yesterday.

He added that the test is a normal admission requirement of all members the Association of American Medical Colleges. This year the test will be given at 2 p. m. Nov. 28. There will be no chance to "make up" the test.

Dr. Wade recommends to students who still have another year of pre-med training that they too take the test this year, in case that they should be unable to take it on the prescribed date next fall.

All students who intend to take the medical aptitude test should notify Professor Wade immediately in order that he may order a sufficiently large number of forms for the test. A payment of one dollar must be paid Nov. 28.

to social history than are poetry and fiction. Consequently this study of American literary criticism resulted. Mr. Smith is an editor at Alfred A. Knopf, Inc.

"Your City" by E. L. Thorndike is the result of a three year study of 310 American cities. Dr. Thorndike draws conclusions as to what qualities make some cities better than others for good people to live in. Almost a million separate facts were treated by modern quantitative methods. Some of the surprising factors which were considered were the ratio of dentists to lawyers, the excess of physicians, nurses and teachers over male domestic servants and the deaths from appendicitis. Lincoln is among the cities scored for "General Goodness."

Musicians plan recital

Faculty series opens with program today

First music recital of the faculty series will be presented at the Union, Sunday afternoon, Nov. 12, at 3 o'clock.

Members of the faculty appearing on this program are Miss Marian Wolfe, cellist; Mr. Frank Cunkle, organist; Mr. Hermann Decker, vocalist; and Mr. Earnest Harrison, accompanist.

The program will consist of the following numbers:

- Three Chorale Preludes.....Bach
- In Thee Is Joy
- O Sacred Head Now Wounded
- Rejoice Christians
- Mr. Cunkle
- Three Salt-Water Ballads.....Kiel
- Port of Many Ships
- Trade Winds
- Mother Carey
- Mr. Decker
- Vocalise.....Rachmaninoff
- Hungarian Rhapsodie.....Popper
- Miss Wolfe
- A Caravan From China Comes, Barlett
- Pilgrim's Song.....Tchaikowsky
- Mr. Decker
- Toccata—Thou Art the Rock.....Mulet
- Mr. Cunkle

This first recital is sponsored by Mu Gamma chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon, national music sorority. The second recital of the series will be held on Nov. 19 and the third on Nov. 26.

Barb bulletin discontinued

Denied sale advertising space; plan election rally

The Barb Bulletin, official publication of the Barb Council, has discontinued publication because of lack of finances. The student publications board denied permission to the barbs to finance their paper by selling advertising space.

Two amendments have been made to the constitution of the Barb A. W. S. One provides for the filling of vacancies by the board and the other insures the filing of some member of the Ag College A. W. S. board, so the Ag campus will have a representative. Helen Klatt, president of the Ag group, is filling the position left open by Jean McAllister.

A barb election rally will be held Monday night at 8:30, starting at the Union and proceeding around the campus district. There will be a band and torchlights.

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Jascha Heifetz, renowned violin virtuoso, plays to an international radio audience as guest soloist on "Ford Sunday Evening Hour" at 8 p. m... His solos

include Saint-Saens' "Havanaise" (Op. 83), Kreislers' transcription of the perennial favorite, "London-derry Air," the Irish folk-song, and a Scherzo Tarantelle by Wieniawski...

At 11:30 the Salt Lake City Tabernacle choir and organ program will be broadcast... 1:30 will bring the "So You Think You Know Music" program... Leonard Lieblich, music editor of Radio Guide, reports on the response of musiquiz listeners and Guide readers to the question asked on the program three weeks ago: "Which of the living composers will be immortalized 100 years from now?"...

Paul Robeson, America's most

famous negro baritone, heading a large Lyn Murray mixed chorus of white and colored voices, is to sing Earl Robinson's inspired folk-oratorio, "Ballad for Americans," in its first radio presentation on the "Pursuit of Happiness" broadcast at 3:30 p. m... This presentation of young Robinson's ballad opens up an entirely new concept of American music with its freshness of spirit...

Tomorrow's music is highlighted with Daniel Ericourt as the week's "Concert Hall" piano recitalist with Howard Barlow's orchestra... Curtis Institute artists perform instrumental and song compositions by Brahms, Wolf and Debussy at 9:30.

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