

## BOOK REVIEWS

By LEO A. DONOVAN  
**THE WOMAN OF ANDROS**, by Thornton Wilder. Albert and Charles Boni, publishers.  
 Contemporary literature, suffering an overdose of realism, forced comedy fiction, bathos, biographies and countless presentations of sex problems, was revived for a short time several months ago by the work of a "fresh" school initiated in the effects past. His soothing medicine was an elegantly simple story about the collapse of a bridge. His characters in the novel were real—people of flesh and blood, brain and spirit. They differed from the characters in current fiction who are composed largely of glands and complexes.

Upon the completion of his work this young artist visited the old world and walked of its dusty roads with Gene Tunney, the acolyte turned gladiator. What the effect of this trip had upon his latest tragic novel, we do not know, but while the expression of Thornton Wilder

retained its poetry, its languid legato, and while he continues to write in the "old-fashioned" colorful tragedy, he has accomplished nothing in the portrayal of "The Woman of Andros" to attain the beauties of "The Bridge of San Luis Rey."

Perhaps you will agree that a comparison between the two is obviously the thing to do in view of the success of "The Bridge" and the report of enormous sales of this, his latest work. There is still that studied, easygoing rhythm in his writing, as the introduction: "The earth sighed as it turned in its course; the shadow of night crept gradually along the Mediterranean, and Asia was left in darkness. . . and you will find other lovely expressions, but not so many as in "The Bridge."

His characters, Chrysis, daughter of Archias of Andros; Pamphilus, "the anxious, the stupid," the priest; Philomena, innocence betrayed; Cimo and Chremes, provincial philosophers, are an-

imated, classic statues, none of them suffering from the plot of a play by Terence, the theme of the tale is classic Greek tragedy.

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It is amusing to learn from the lips of Chrysis, who is an hetaira, Plato's theory of the true philosophers are the young men of the age. Not because they do it very well, but because they rush upon ideas with their whole soul. Later, one philosopher for praise, or for apology, or because it is a complicated intellectual game.

Then, when Cimo goes to his son, Pamphilus, to discuss the tragedy that is unfolding, urging him in his paternal concern to look upon the great problems of life, Pamphilus conveniently gives to sleep! The story certainly is worth the reading. It is brief, printed not too carefully, and while less attractive than was expected, it still an artistic job.

SCOOP, by James S. Hart and Garrett D. Byrnes; Little, Brown and Co., publishers.

"Scoop" is a fast-moving newspaper story, its style and subject matter chosen to portray the hectic life of a star reporter on a metropolitan daily. It can and should be read in an afternoon, despite its 300 pages. If the reader wishes to become infected with its "rush and go" spirit, commonly supposed to be characteristic of America.

Lacking profundity, and originality; as well, Scoop rounds out its picture of metropolitan life by showing us a cross section of the village jail, the underworld, the Jewish quarter, and political corruption. Nothing new is revealed about any of these—the authors do not pretend to reveal anything about any of them; they are merely interested in showing us how a bright, young Irish reporter reacts to them, and there is no doubt about the fact of his reaction. What we might call the unobtrusiveness of the plot is offset somewhat by the language—terse, clear, vigorous, and plain.

An Irish war veteran, reporter for a Massachusetts daily, gets very drunk celebrating the completion of a big story and the day's work. He is arrested for driving while drunk and sent up for 10 days in the county jail. Even in jail, however, he does not allow his "newspaper mind" to stagnate, but carefully observes conditions around him. He gets wind that the judge who sentenced him is receiving money to use his influence in securing pardons. On his release, he informs his managing editor of his suspicions, and is given a free rein to so make investigations. These require several weeks. In pursuance of his duties he be-

## FAITH STANDS A TEST

The International Uniform Sunday School Lesson For March 22.  
 Faith Tested and Triumphant. Matt. 15:21-31.

THE story of the Canaanite woman, "The Syrophenician" as St. Mark calls her, which is the basis of this lesson, has been for many years one of the most puzzling and difficult passages of scripture.

On a basis of any harsh literal interpretation, it would almost seem to suggest that Jesus encouraged and practiced, race prejudice, which among men, is contrary to all the letter and spirit of his teaching, and that he shared something of the attitude of the Jewish Pharisees toward gentiles.

Are we then to interpret an incident such as this in any harsh and literal way, or should we read it in connection with the whole story of Jesus and in relation to the fullness of his teaching? First of all let us notice the story. This woman had a daughter who was " grievously vexed with a demon."

Just what that implied we do not know. It may have been some ordinary sickness, for the age was one of superstition in which many diseases were ascribed to the influence of evil spirits. At any rate the affliction evidently was real, and the mother came only crying, "Lord, help me," he replied, "It is not meet to take the child's bread and cast it to the dogs." It seemed not only that Jesus was unwilling to help her but that he was subjecting her to needless insult.

The woman's answer, "Truth, Lord, yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from the master's table," would seem to help us to understand the real spirit and meaning of the incident. In various places in the New Testament we have evidence that Jesus possessed and expressed a sense of humor.

Would Jesus have healed this woman's daughter if he had had any real prejudice in his heart against her? Or have used words in intentional harshness that he filled his loving purpose? It seems inconceivable. Surely it must have been a tremendous climax to the story after the way in which Jesus had led up to it to have these disciples in their narrowness and prejudice and lack of faith stand by while Jesus commended the woman for her great faith.

comes involved in a love affair with a beautiful Jewish, sister to one of the pardoned criminals. In the end, his suspicions are confirmed, and he secures the proofs of the judge's dishonesty. He then "breaks" the story, to the astonishment of the other papers of the state. Imprisonment proceedings against the judge are begun in the legislature. Our hero manages once more to scoop the other papers by listening through the ventilator to a party committee meeting in secret session. He wins at every point—and then—his beautiful sweetheart is killed by the judge's henchmen. The world turns black for our hero, who, sickened at heart, and discouraged, takes ship for Capetown, which means to him, another world and a new start.

"Scoop" is not a book for the ages, because it is based, not on the changeless attributes of human nature, but on an institution, and an institution so characteristic of this century that it can never be the expression of another. Its value, then, will be purely historical, and here it will be limited. Even as an expression of the Twentieth Century, it lacks greatness, because its conception is small. The authors apparently strove to write a good story, which would sell. "Scoop" is good entertainment, and it is selling.

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## LIBRARY NOTES

By MRS. NANCY B. THOMAS

The University of Michigan has distributed through its Office of Alumni Relations a pamphlet which contains three reading lists, one on Modern Literature, one on Foreign Affairs, and one on Foreign Languages. These lists of ten books, each have been prepared by Prof. Louis Strass and Prof. J. S. Reeves. The Baldwin Public Library has more than a third of the books listed and will borrow, or buy others if there is any demand.

In this project the University is attempting to give to its alumni and other interested people, some help in home study. It is a commonly accepted fact now-days that education is a continuing process and there is no such person as an educated one—in the sense of a finished product. Most of this continuing process has to be done through reading, as travel, lectures and formal study are impossible for the majority of busy people. Even reading hours are limited and naturally the desire is to read the best. A professor, whose entire time is devoted to some one subject is able to separate the good from the poor and inaccurate in his reading and give lines of books that are worthwhile. Should this idea be

received with sufficient interest the University promises to issue more lists and suggestions. The Baldwin Public Library has the lists already published and they are available for those interested.

Horses!  
 "What you got in that little black box?"  
 "Them my instruments, I'm a veterinarian."  
 "Quik' yo' kiddin', man! You ain't never been in no war!"  
 Gold Star for Tommy Teacher—Tommy can give me an example of the paradox. Tommy—Yes, sir. A man walking a mile and only moving two feet—Scarboro, Post.

List of Mistakes  
 See Picture on Page Three of This Section

TWO NEGROES—ONE PLAYING BANJO  
 1—Negro does not have straight hair  
 2—Nourishes on banjo  
 3—Legs in stool do not match  
 4—Boy's suspenders are wrong side up  
 5—Glasses should not have comb  
 6—Glasses should not have hooked  
 7—Boy has only one shoe  
 8—Mountain peaks do not occur in the South

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