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BOOKS and REVIEWS

The Azure Coast
By Charles Graves, 266pp. New York, G. P. Putnam's Sons. \$5.00.
Reviewed by FRED MALLENDER

On the theory that nothing in literature is new, it can be assumed that "The Azure Coast" must have had forebears, but it is devoutly to be hoped that it has few progeny. Bewildered at why a publisher would waste print on such trivia is the only real feeling inspired by the book.

In one respect "The Azure Coast" deserves some sort of dubious award. More names are dropped in less space than, before this book, was considered possible. Some of the owners of these names are no longer with us, they can do nothing to protect them from such base misuse.

ALL OF THE ACTION (?) takes place, in rather haphazard fashion, between Cannes, Nice and Monaco. None of these places is mentioned in a direct service by the book, although the author at one time served as publicity agent for the posh Hotel de Paris in Monte Carlo.

In fact, the general result of reading "The Azure Coast" is an intense desire to avoid these places at all cost.

If, as claimed, the purpose of writing the book was to tell "the

story of the French Riviera, old and new," of the French, hardly worth fulfilling.

AFTER A FEW PAGES the reader becomes surfeited with who spent what season where, who lived in what villa or hotel, who gave what party, who the favorite bartender or lady of the night was, and similar facts of great importance.

The style of the book is that of stringing together a gross of gossip or society columns. The reader feels that he is hopelessly caught in a dialogue in which Lucile Parsons, Dorothy Kilgallen and the like are the only speaking parties.

It can only be assumed that the publishers believed that the American public would either believe "The Azure Coast" was a travel book with tips for the American tourist, or would be instantly interested in the low life of the "haute monde," past and present. However, if the book gets the recognition it deserves, it will be unobtainable in the book stores by the time this review appears in print.

By Ruth Russell Davis. 42pps. Denver, Colorado. Big Mountain Press. \$2.00.
Reviewed by ANN JACOBS

Chiara is a local poet living in Bloomfield Hills, has just published her fourth volume of verse—Chiara. This narrative poem in unrhymed, varied meter tells the story of Chiara and Francis from her decision to become a nun to the consummation of that decision.

The young daughter of a wealthy and powerful Italian nobleman left her mother and father to become a nun. She took her vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

It is here she has joined Francis who persuaded her in his "meek but conspiring way" with "wizardry of words" to consecrate her life to Our Lady of Poverty.

THE FINAL SCENE, one of both sadness and triumph, shows Chiara with a new strength and dignity which she has gained through her life of prayer and sacrifice.

Chiara, a Saint in beginning, will be followed by a Second volume to complete the story of this saint who followed St. Francis of Assisi. Mrs. Davis has published three and a half books of verse: "The Questioning Self," "South of Market and Other Poems," and "Auction in Massachusetts."

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What We Want of Our Schools
By Irving Adler
The John Day Company. \$3.75. 256pps. New York.
Reviewed by JACK JACOBS

The shortcomings of our schools have always been a matter of concern to a small segment of the American people. The majority, engrossed in their search for more tangible, immediate and personal gains, has been willing to leave education to the "professionals."

Scenery Inspires Local Writer
By ROBIN BAHR

If scenery affords inspiration to the writer, then Ruth Russell Davis is handsomely provided. Her beautiful Bloomfield Hills home overlooks small, quiet Lake Jane—once the property of the Briggs estate.

Perhaps it is the peace, quiet, and beauty of this scene which enabled Mrs. Davis to write the moving story of Saint Chiara who, as a young girl, forsook her wealthy home and Italian family to follow Francis of Assisi into the service of the Catholic church.

With time pressure and no rigid discipline, Mrs. Davis writes leisurely—"when she feels like it," ready she is at work on the sequel to "Chiara"—the story of Saint Clare's life in the convent which she founded.

you'll be glad to know; and before you're through he'll be your friend.

THE BURB is true. LaComte is a man whose acquaintance you are happy to make and whose story is not so much about polo as it is about the character and spirit of a man who, though stricken with a dread disease, poses neither as a martyr nor a hero.

It is also the story of the people he encounters during his stay in the polo world, and he writes of them with rare, good humor.

LaComte's attitude throughout is that of accepting what has befallen him with good-natured courage and not with either resignation or self-pity.

"I'm not a pessimist," the author says, "but I can't pretend I'm happy to walk 20 miles when I'm accustomed to . . . two. This is not an inspirational book; I'm going to say the same thing about walking with crutches."

LaComte, an English professor at Columbia who has published several books and articles on Milton as well as a large volume of the last words of famous men, was 38 when polo struck him on the afternoon of Oct. 2, 1934, as he posed before Versailles with his eight-year-old son for a picture for his wife.

LaComte, who was on his first European tour with his family, was asked to walk 20 miles. As he lay in the strange French hospital, he thought "I knew I was or ought to be a writer. The expression goes, fighting for my life. The paralysis was creeping up my right side. I could feel it steadily advance to my arm which I kept trying to move. I did not know where it would stop, or whether."

THE EXISTENCE of his book shows that LaComte decided to fight.

But, after making this decision, LaComte writes with a certain humor which appears again and again in his book; that "I had happened to see authority on the last words of famous men. Just before I fell ill I had read and retained the proofs of "Dictionary of Last Words," which contains 1666 quotations. It was my third book and I could not have asked for more poetic (or scholarly) justice than that it be my last. I suppose some authors in my condition would have died for the sheer appropriateness of having this as a posthumous publication.

You can't help but like a man like that.

Student in Play
Thomas G. Hawley, son of Mrs. C. D. Hawley of S. Cranbrook road directed and cast in a Christmas play, "For the Time Being," produced by the Denison Studio Theatre, Denison University, where Hawley also designed the scenery used in the play.

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