dence. No Latin American government, says Mr. Leonard, the philosophical anarchist, has ever dreamed of shaping the lives of its non-political citizens. There is no proletariat in South America, for a 'proletariat is merely the exploited base of a highly industrialized structure, and there are no industrial structures worth the name in South America." "Best of all, there is a wonderful store of what-thehell spirit. Every one is affected by it." Mr. Leonard certainly is. And his book about Maracaibo, brash, amusing, full of good talk, is a what-the-hell book. Those who have followed James Norman Hall to Tahiti, Hickman Powell to Bali, Ernest Hemingway to the Café du Dome and Spain, numerous worshippers of maizeculture to Mexico and Norman Matson to Cape Cod should get one last fillip of escape out of Mr. Leonard's book before the termite-men regiment the world and suppress Mr. Leonard.

Brief Mention

Among books on travel France on Fifty Dollars by Sydney A. Clark (McBride, \$1.90) tells you how cheaply you can see France, especially if you are married. * * * Among recent books in the field of science, two little manuals in A Century of Progress series, Earth Oil by Gustave Egloff. and Time, Space and Atoms, by Richard T. Cox (Century, each \$1), deserve mention, and also an elaborate and technical symposium, important as a reference book for students of agricultural economics, The Agricultural Systems of Middle Europe, edited by O. S. Morgan (Macmillan, \$5). Forced Labor in the United States by Walter Wilson, with an introduction by Dreiser, is a study of chain gangs and convict labor generally, a brief and a powerful one against the practice. * * * An interesting miscellaneous group of books now on the new bookshelves contains Harold Coolidge's and Theodore Roosevelt's Three Kingdoms of Indo-China, a book which, as its authorship suggests, contains both adventure and valuable social studies. The photographs are excellent (Crowell, \$3). Next, The Shorthand Letters of Samuel Pepys, transcribed and edited by Edwin Chappell (Macmillan, \$2.75). These letters are from Pepys's important Navy files and deal with business rather than with music and his amorous pleasures. It is curious that they have never been published before. Also, Scottish Abbeys in Social Life, by G. G. Coulton (Macmillan, \$3). This is a scholarly history beginning with Celtic monachism, and is a valuable contribution to the Cambridge Studies in Medieval Life and Thought. Finally, an interesting group of brief biographical studies of our contemporaries, Friends of Men by Charles F. Thwing (Macmillan, \$3). The

subjects are most of them educators or statesmen. Among better known names it is interesting to note William Roscoe Thayer, Talcott Williams, Henry T. Finck, Barrett Wendell, Frank Emory Bunts, and William Pepper. * * * Special note should be made of the new edition, two volumes in one, of Charles A. and Mary R. Beard's The Rise of American Civilization which has already become a standard volume for all interested in the social history of America. This new edition contains a new chapter which brings the "interpretation of American history and American life through Coolidge's administration, Hoover's term of office, with the problems of the depression, foreign debts, and trade, etc., down to the election campaign of 1932 (Macmillan, \$3.50). * * * Maria Jane Jewsbury: Occasional Papers Selected, With a Memoir, by Eric Gillett (Oxford, \$2) is a memorial to a "charming, vivacious, and exceptionally talented woman" whose literary career belongs in the first half of the nineteenth century. If she is unknown to you so much the better for the success of this little book.

In 1927 Mona Wilson's Life of William Blake was published in a limited edition and reviewed in this journal. It has now been reissued for \$3.50 by Robert O. Ballou, New York. * * * Scholars and all endowed with literary curiosity will also be interested in a thesis by Gertrude M. Sibley (Cornell University Press, \$2) called The Lost Plays and Masques, 1500-1642, which gives in index form with notes the tantalizing list of Elizabethan and Jacobean dramatic literature of which we have only the name or memory. * * * Religion is represented in recent books by a set of meditations for each week of the year by William P. Merrill of the Brick Presbyterian Church of New York (Macmillan, \$2.25), and by an interesting Account of Methodism in American History, by William W. Sweet (Methodist Book Concern, \$3). * * * Under science a little book with a very broad scope is the Chemistry Triumphant of William J. Hale (Williams & Wilkins, \$1) in which in the course of an explanation not too technical to be followed and not too popular to be useless, he points out among other things that the Germans waited to declare war until synthetic ammonia for ammunitions was possible, but were rushed in before they developed the synthetic fats which might have saved them from collapse. Scientific also, but in the field of geography, is the regional and economic geography of the Mediterranean lands called Southern Europe, by Marion I. Newbegin (Dutton, \$4.50). This book is geology applied to the use made by man of land surfaces. It is a book for the student, evidently an important one, rather than for the general reader.

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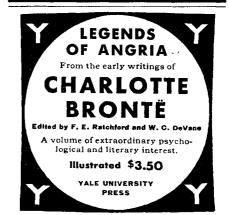
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The Reader's Guide

Conducted by MAY LAMBERTON BECKER

Inquiries in regard to the choice of books should be addressed to Mrs. Becker. c/o The Saturday Review. As for reasons of space ninety percent of the inquiries cannot be answered in print, a stamped and addressed envelope should be enclosed for reply.

M. J., Atlanta, Ga., needs a list of plays featuring famous women, such as "The Barretts of Wimpole Street," and is particularly anxious for dramatizations of women who played "a part in the lives of famous musicians," especially George

AKING the last first, George Sand has appeared on the New York stage within the memory of living man. As I see by an admirable reminder of my more impassioned theatregoing, "The Best Plays of 1909-1919," by Burns Mantle and Garrison P. Sherwood (just published by Dodd, Mead), "Madame Sand," a comedy in three acts by Philip Moeller, was produced at the Criterion, New York, on November 19, 1917, and later moved to the Knickerbocker; Mrs. Fiske was the title lady. The curtain rose, I remember, each act upon the same love affair with a different man. It seemed to me that Lelia must have felt relieved when she outgrew all that—so I suppose the play must have had a moral effect on its audience.

But looking through this excellent compendium-and I do not know a book likely to bring back pleasanter hours to an American over forty than this latest addition to Mr. Mantle's handbooks-I find few plays in this decade devoted to famous

"Elizabeth the Queen," by Maxwell Anderson (Longmans, Green); "Alison's House," by Susan Glaspell (French), a play indirectly concerned with Emily Dickinson; "The Royal Family," by Ferber and Kaufman (Doubleday, Doran), which had a good time with the Barrymores; "Machinal," by Sophie Treadwell, which I did not see but have been told was related to the Snyder-Gray murder; these are in the list of selections of best plays made in companion volumes of this series and appended to this volume. Shaw's "Great Catherine," Charles Nirdlinger's "The First Lady in the Land," Louis N. Parker's "Disraeli," whose treatment of Lady Beaconsfield is sensible and sympa-

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thetic; this is all I can find, though I looked as cheerfully as one looks over old playbills. When I get the new "Dramatic Bibliography," by Blanche M. Baker, just about to come from the press of the H. W. Wilson Company, I may find more, for this book is supposed to provide within its covers references to material on all phases of the dramatic arts from writing the play to final production. But meanwhile I can assemble more queens and court ladies than gifted commoners; from John Fletcher's (1579-1625) "Bonduca"—whom we know as Boadicea—Alexander Dumas's "Catherine of Cleves," Victor Hugo's "Amy Robsart" and "Marion de Lorme," Bulwer Lytton's "Duchess de la Vallière" (taking Shakespeare's queens for granted), to Stephen Phillips's "Nero's Mother," Shaw's "Cæsar and Cleopatra" (now published by Dodd, Mead), Shane Leslie's "Mrs. Fitzherbert" (Benn), Romain Rolland's "The Montespan," and David Karb and Walter Pritchard Eaton's "Queen Victoria" (Dutton). Queen Victoria also figures in one of the little plays in Laurence Housman's "Angels and Ministers' (Harcourt, Brace), but the gem of that collection is "The Comforter," with its incontrovertible glimpse of Mrs. Gladstone.

Authors appear in Josephine Preston Peabody's subtle "Portrait of Mrs. W." (Houghton Mifflin)—the initial standing Wollestonecraft-, Alice Brown's "Charles Lamb" (Macmillan), in which Mary Lamb appears, and the new play by Clemence Dane about the Brontës which Miss Cornell is to produce, "Miss Burney at Court" is in Maude Frank's "Short Plays about Famous Authors" (Holt), and she is also in "The Silver Lining," one of several one-acts by Constance D'Arcy Mackay in "The Beau of Bath" (Holt). The only play that comes to my mind about a woman who is a musician is "Evensong," by Beverley Nicholls and Edward Knoblock (Doubleday, Doran), which no one believes is not based on the career of Melba. If one may go back to the Greeks, there is "Sappho" by Grillparzer, not the one by Daudet. "Tante," by C. Haddon Chambers, a dramatization of Anne Douglas Sedgwick's novel, was produced in 1913 with Ethel Barymore playing the temperamental pianist, but though people spoke of Teresa Carreno I don't know if they spoke truly. "The First Actress," a play about Margaret Hughes, by Christopher St. John, has been printed by the author, and there is Douglas Jerrold's "Nell Gwynne" and Jack Crawford's "Lovely Peggy" (1911). Florence Nightingale is the subject of Reginald Berkeley's "Lady with a Lamp" (Gollancz) and "Florence Nightingale," a drama by E. G. Reid (Macmillan).

American women have been for the most part permitted to stay in the history books: besides those named I find only "Moll Pitcher," by Joseph Stephens Jones (1811-1877), published in 1855, and Clyde Fitch's popular "Barbara Frietchie." which noticeably lightened the burden of years on her "old gray head."

This does not pretend to be a complete list, but it may provide a nucleus for one.

R. Ben Douglas of Trevlac, Indiana, says that this column is a good advertising medium; he is being asked where to get bulbs of madeira vine like the one he sent me. He says to tell people that they cost ten cents apiece from Vaughan, ninety cents a dozen. Also he says I should have included Gertrude Atherton's "The Immortal Marriage" in my list of books about the Periclean period, for it is an unusually accurate picture of these times. "Only I wish," savs he, "someone would tell me how the Greek flappers used alkinet. Alkinet is a nice. blue perennial flower of our gardens. If it is what the Greeks used, how did they use it? Gertrude speaks as if they painted their faces with it. Did they go in for blue tints or did they merely apply it under their eyes?" This gave me a good excuse to spend some sunlit hours with the new books coming so beautifully out for gardening purposes this year: "Gardening with Herbs," by Helen Morgenthau Fox (Macmillan), is one. This is a most charming guide to raising and using sweetsmelling and savory-tasting leaves and flowers, a garden of delights not only for the eyes. Its recipes cover things to eat and various perfumes and cosmetics, and

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the herbs appear with history complete. But I did not see this flower either as alkenet or anchusa, or even as the Arabic al-henna. In a book now out of print but often used in our house, "The Magic of Herbs," by Mrs. C. F. Leyel (Harcourt, Brace). I found that anchusa was one of the four hundred samples used by Hippocrates (of which half that number are in use today), and that it was one of the ingredients of the "Red Bottle" put out by the famous Whitworth Brothers of Lancashire, quacks of the early nineteenth century, while borage, anchusa, rose, and violet were the Four Cordial Flowers that gave their scent to wine. So I went to the Encyclopædia Britannica, and it said the root of ankanet yields a fine red coloring matter which has been used to tint tincture, oils, wines, varnishes, etc. So perhaps the Greek ladies used it to tint their cheeks. But they were not averse to blue: according to Propertius blue hair was not uncommon among them. And if anyone asks me what this has to do with the profession of letters or the conduct of this department, I can but reply that this department must have time off occasionally.

D S., Boston, Mass., asks on behalf of K. a father who has been writing rhymes for his children and wishes to make his future outpourings a bit more

polished, for a book that would explain to him the principles of verse-making "in an easy manner." My usual reply is to consult Louis Untermeyer's "The Forms of Poetry" (Harcourt, Brace). But if this student is not above taking practical and stimulating advise from a book prepared for the use of high schools (where some of the most spontaneous and genuine verse of our decade is being produced) let her by all means get "Writing Poetry," by Marie Gilchrist (Houghton Mifflin). This is one of those rare books for the classroom-I cannot call them textbookswhich stirs the creative fires if the student has any. It is not committed either to the traditional or the experimental, it gives just enough advice on structure to help a beginner, and at the end is a selection of poems by students.

AUL V. MURRAY, St. Ambrose College, Davenport, Iowa who is writing a thesis on Maximilian in Mexico, says that while he agrees that Corti's book is by far the best work easily accessible, both from the standard of authority and up-to-dateness, he has many other references that would prove interesting reading, and even some that Corti does not list, and will send a bibliogrphy if M. E. G., Eau Claire, Wis., the original inquirer,