

BOUND IN MOROCCO

AS GOD MADE THEM. Portraits of Some Nineteenth-Century Americans. By Gamaliel Bradford. Houghton Mifflin Company. \$3.50.

WORKING ASSIDUOUSLY in the Harvard College Library and the Boston Public Library Mr. Bradford has added to the collection of famous and interesting personalities for whom he is their Boswell, three statesmen, an actor, a scholar, a scientist, and an editor. And this is done after he has already investigated and published the lives of sixty-nine other figures including generals, traitors, philosophers, poets, showmen, politicians and others. As Charles Willis Thompson would have it "it is apparently the ambition of Gamaliel Bradford to write, before he dies, the biography of everybody who ever lived from Adam to Colonel Lindbergh." But ignoring the motives behind Mr. Bradford's labors, the finished product of his efforts is nevertheless worthy of consideration with the greatest short biographies of the time.

In *As God Made Them* the author has painted word portraits of Webster, Clay, Asa Gray, Horace Greeley, Edwin Booth, Francis James Child, and John C. Calhoun—all of them brilliant Americans of the nineteenth century. All of the seven biographical sketches in the volume under consideration are concoctions of character sketch, anecdote, and estimation of historical importance. Mr. Bradford very aptly and shrewdly judges the various political accomplishments of Webster, Clay, and Calhoun which have placed them on the pedestals of history. For the elucidation of the lives of Asa Gray, the botanist, and Francis James Child, the scholarly investigator, the author gives way to a greater extent to character sketch. For Greeley and Edwin Booth he is more liberal with anecdote and quotation. Yet no matter to what extent these three processes are combined with each other the ultimate result is an adequate portrayal of character, a living picture of the dead.

LOUIS N. KAPLAN.

SEEING'S BELIEVING. By Gerard Hopkins. Published by E. P. Dutton & Company. \$2.50.

THE MOST subtle insights into the intricacies and shades of emotion and character of a mother, a father, their daughter, and her lover are afforded by this novel. The plot of the story is slight. By far the major portion of the novel is a variation on a psychological theme and a penetrating portrayal of one unruly exponent of the end of the war generation in England.

Seeing's Believing dramatizes forty-eight hours in the life of Sir Anthony Devison who, on the day that he receives an appointment as governor of one of the island territories, is confronted with a serious problem of filial malfeasance. The outcome of pages of harassing and provocative conversation and futile introspection is the realization that dawns upon the governor of the Scillies in the moment when he accidentally intrudes upon his daughter in a furtive embrace with her married lover. He had taken the word of the world that such passion as exhibited by his daughter was beastly and inadmissible in decent lives, and all the time—suddenly he'd found it out—it was simply love, that and no more: that and no less.

Sir Anthony Devison is an exceedingly complex bundle of emotions, repressions, and vague realities. His daughter's opinion of him adds even more to the bewildering complexity of his character. "If only he weren't like some great kind dog, with those eyes, and his moustache all white and fuzzy looking so absurdly jaunty and so unbearably miserable all at the same time." That there ever existed such a man with the accompaniment of idiosyncracies as portrayed here must be sincerely doubted. Seeing's believing in this case I guess.

The style of writing employed by Gerard Hopkins must be pigeon-holed as interesting and sophisticated. He is debonaire in his appreciation of life's ironies and nevertheless exhibits a refreshing absence of cheap cleverness.

L. M. K.

BOXING CLUB TO STAGE INTRAMURAL TOURNAY

A boxing tournament open to all students of the college is being staged by the Boxing Club. Eight classes from the featherweight up to the heavyweight will be contested in the tourney.

The club meets every Thursday at 12, in the small gym. Everyone desirous of entering should be present and signify his intention to one of the members present. The first bout will be held a week from this coming Thursday. Prizes will be awarded to the winners in each division.

Those wishing to learn to box will be taught upon merely presenting themselves at a meeting. Murray Ehrlich, a student of the College, is supervising the club.

GEOLOGISTS PLAN TRIP TO TACONIC MOUNTAINS

A trip to the old Taconic Mountains will be held this Sunday, April 28, by deluxe parlor car, under the sponsorship of the Geology Club. Famous topographical features of New Jersey will be reviewed, and a variety of interesting minerals will be found.

Those who are desirous of attending the excursion will hand \$1.50 to Ralph Pastor '29, president of the club, or to any member of the Geology Department. Should enough students attend, the fee will be reduced.

'Mike' Announces Last Call For Literary Candidates

Today is the last day for candidates for all staffs of the Microcosm to submit their applications to either Harry Wilner '30, editor-in-chief of the yearbook or Sivan Elias '30, business manager.

Wilner and Elias will be in the Microcosm office between 1 and 1:30 to interview candidates. Applications may also be deposited in locker 643.

Offer \$3000 Prize For Collegé Novel

College Humor and Doubleday Doran Present the Prize Concurrently

A novel depicting college life as seen by the undergraduate body is the object of a contest announced last week concurrently by College Humor and Doubleday Doran Co., publishers.

The value of the prize offered amounts to \$3,000 and includes a promise to publish the story both serially in College Humor and in book form. Royalties on the latter publication will accrue to the author, although the editors of Doubleday Doran Co. who are to judge the contest, retain the sole right to publish any contribution, whether it receives the prize or not.

Both the right to produce in play form or in the movies remain with author.

The stories are to be either in novel or autobiographical form, and they must deal with college life and people. Contestants, whose sole qualification for eligibility is to be either an undergraduate at an American university, or an alumnus of not more than one year's standing, should type their manuscripts and send them in as long before the closing date of the contest, Oct. 29, as possible, since those received first will receive more careful attention.

The ideal length for the stories is 80,000 words, but they will be read if they come between the limits of 75,000 and 100,000 words.

Manuscript should be mailed to the Campus Prize Novel Contest in care of either "College Humor," 1050 North La Salle Street, Chicago, Ill., or Doubleday Doran, Inc., Garden City, N. Y.

CUB DIAMOND TEAM TROUNCED BY RAM

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Murphy filled the box with Fordham players, with none out. However, Nau, displaying remarkable coolness and self possession, got out of this dangerous predicament by fanning one man, making another hit into a force play at the plate, while the final out of the stanza was registered on a pretty snap throw from Berger to Palitz, which caught the Ram inhabitant of the second sack asleep.

In the next frame, the bags were again overflowed with Maroon players, and Nau again got out of a nasty hole, but in the fourth inning, with two men out, the hits began rattling off the Ram bats with annoying consistency and before Nau could get his bearings four Fordhamites had crossed the plate on two triples, two singles, and two walks.

The College men came nearest to scoring in their half of the fourth inning, when Friedman singled, stole second, and advanced to third on an infield out. But Baumstone fanned to put the damper on whatever chance the cubs had of scoring.

The day before the game, Mel Levy, regular third sacker and lead-off man, was unanimously elected captain of the team. Levy, who has been performing in good style throughout the season, both at bat and in the field, is a cool player with a good knowledge of the game, and should make an excellent leader for the remaining games on the schedule.

Yearling Tennis Schedule Announced by Manager

The following is the tentative freshman tennis schedule as submitted by Chick Wertheimer, yearling manager:

Apr. 29 — Townsend Harris Hall.
May 6 — McBurney Prep.
May 9 — George Washington H.S.
May 11 — Stevens Prep.
May 21 — Fordham Prep.
May 25 — Concordia Prep.
June 1 — N. Y. Military Academy.
Arrangements are being made for encounters with Erasmus, Clinton, and Morris.

The Campus Quizzer

Question
What do you think of final examinations?

Answers

Lazarus Baum, U. J. 2.

I think that the value of final exams is over-exaggerated in this college. Steady, conscientious daily work should be the principal index to the worth of a student's scholarship. One final, hectic "cram" week should not determine the final rating of a student's work in a collegiate course.

Joseph Polchik, U. Sr. 2.

It is my opinion that final examinations should be given at the beginning of the term—if at all. The whole examination system tends to divorce education from its legitimate end—the pursuit of knowledge for its cultural and social purposes is sacrificed to the pursuit of marks. I am sure that the pursuit of marks should in no way be the *leit motif* of student activity but this is the case at present. The abolition of final examinations would be a wholesome reform. It would tend to restore an appreciation of the curriculum for its own sake rather than for the credits. The psychology of the student at the present moment is one that is devoted to the securing of decorations rather than a regard for the *ding an sich*, the mastery or skill or habits that are the objectives of any course. Forward to the era of schools without final examinations. The schoolman should not live by marks alone.

J. Francis Knipe, L. Sr. 1.

They are one way for professors to avoid work. A class should consist of no more than ten students. In such a class a final exam would be unnecessary. A prof's day-to-day knowledge of a student's activity would be sufficient and far more indicative of said student's knowledge than any final exam could ever be.

However, it is doubtful if the abolition of final exams would benefit the situation as it exists in any institution like City College.

Eli Olshansky, U. Sr. 3.

As far as statistics go, the final exams are the best means, and are in fact at the present time, the only means, the faculty has by which to judge the ability of the students. To propose the abolition of final exams would be foolhardy, for it would never come about. But a better and a more constructive reform would be the employment of the method now in use in most medical schools. The subject matter of a course should be divided into 3 distinct periods corresponding to the division of the semester into 3 equal parts. At the end of each period an examination should be given in the work taken up to that point. By this system, a student at the end of the term, would have only to study for the work responsible for the third period, whereas in the system prevailing now, the student is taxed with an enormous amount of work which includes the subject matter of the entire course. With this idea in use, I think the student would have a better opportunity for higher grades with quite a deal of his work reduced.

Robert S. Hoffman, U. Jr. 1.

I do not believe that a final exam is a reliable measure of the amount and quality of work done by the student during the term. It is unnecessary to subject a student who has done high grade work all semester to the strain of a final exam. The lazier student is given a chance to loaf relying on worthless cramming for the final to pull him through. For either student, therefore, it would appear that the final exam is without value.

Harold Eedinoff '29.

Final Exams encourage laziness and shiftlessness on part of the stu-

dent. He leaves all his work to the end of the term, depending on his last two weeks examining to pull him through. The weight of finals should be reduced to a minimum.

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