A GOOD BOOK TO READ

I CAME OUT OF THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY—John A. Rice; Harper, $3.00.

(Reviewed by Dr. Frederick G. Livingood, Dean, Washington College, Chestertown, Md.)

If you like meeting interesting people, visiting places off the highways, and seeing the growth of a forceful, protesting personality, you will want to read the Harper prize biography, "I Came Out of the Eighteenth Century." You may disagree with the philosophy of the writer; however, you will conclude that he has presented it in a clear and forceful manner.

The opening chapters are laid in South Carolina, beginning with a visit to Grandmother Smith's plantation. Following chapters take us to Columbia, Grandmother Rice's plantation, and Montgomery. The characters whom we meet vary from Uncle Melt, ex-slave, to "my uncle", "Cotton Ed" Smith, United States Senator. Through these contacts we come to an appreciation of the problems of the South as affecting race relations, the lot of the peoples on poverty-stricken, run-down plantations, the fear of Catholicism, caste distinctions and the force and power of the church.

Being a minister's son and the nephew of Uncle Coke, the bishop, the writer knew the life of the parsonage" and the politics of the Methodist conference. His father is pictured as an energetic man, whom the boy knew better as a minister than he did as a father; yet in the final paragraphs of the book he pays tribute when he says, "For father, I should want again a man of God."

The middle section of the book is an account of the writer's education; opening with his experience at the famous Webb School. Here we met Sawney Webb founder and domineering director of Webb School, and his brother John Webb, superior teacher, who vitally affected and moulded the lives of all who came under his instruction. Here at Webb School was laid the foundation which prepared the writer for Tulane and enabled him to win a Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford. At Oxford the writer spent "three wonderful years of loafing." Here he came to know intimately Edwin Hubbel, Christopher Morely, and Elmer Davis of radio fame. Of Davis he says, "The one brilliant man in Queens was Elmer Davis" and again "the most erudite American at Oxford". While imitation may be regarded by some as the sincerest form of flattery, the writer frowns upon American attempts to imitate Oxford in the "colleges" of Yale and the "houses" of Harvard. Of St. Johns, he says, "St. Johns in Annapolis is a vocational school without vocation.

The final three chapters of the book are an account of the writer's teaching experience, beginning with eight years at the University of Nebraska under the chancellorship of Sam Avery. Here is pictured the inside politics of a state university with faculty jealousies and administrative bickerings. Leaving Nebraska, the writer went to Rollins College in Florida to work under President Hamilton Holt, former editor of the INDEPENDENT. Too great freedom of speech and disagreement with college politics led to the severance of relations. Then the dismissed professor with several of his disgruntled colleagues established Black Mountain College in North Carolina.

Throughout the entire book is the note of criticism of the present and a certain intolerance for the past, which may explain why the writer failed to adjust to college and university life. In a concluding paragraph he expresses the thought, if he had to live his life over again, "I should choose to be born in South Carolina in the eighteenth century. That would have to be in Charleston, for the rest is nineteenth, but I should be content, provided I should not be born a gentleman."

(Any book reviewed in this column will be sent to you postpaid by the Washington College Bookstore, Chestertown Md., upon receipt of order accompanied by check or money order.)

NEWS ITEMS OF KENT CHURCHES

STILL POND METHODIST CHURCH
Harvey B. Flater, Minister

9:30 a. m. Church School, Ralph Geary, Supt.
11 a. m. Christmas Service and Christmas Sermon
7 p. m. Christmas Cantata given by the Junior Choir under the direction of Mrs. N. U. Walters
Tuesday, WSCS Meeting with election of officers for 1943
Friday, Choir Practice
Let each of us face the New Year in the spirit of that old Poem:

A NEW YEAR

He came to my desk with quivering lip,
The lesson was done.
"Have you a new leaf for me, dear Teacher?
I have spoiled this one!"
I took his leaf, all soiled and blotted
And gave him a new one all unspotted
Then into his tired heart I smiled:
"Do better now, my child!"
I went to the throne with trembling heart,
The year was done.
"Have you a New Year for me, dear Master?
I have spoiled this one!"
He took my year, all soiled and blotted
And gave me a new one, all unspotted
Then into my tired heart he smiled:
"Do better now, my child!"

—V—

BETTERTON METHODIST CHURCH
Harvey B. Flater, Minister

10 a. m. Church School ,Mrs. Jack Dwyer, Supt.
8 p. m. Christmas Service with the Young People, presenting "Why The Chimes Rang".

I AM RESOLVED

To attend services regularly, as Jesus did, for failure to do so, whether to read my newspapers at home, or to go on a visit, would close all churches if everybody followed my example.
To look on the bright side of everything in 1943, since everything has a bright side.
To fight all bad habits and cultivate all good ones, in the strength of the Savior.
In particular, not to injure anyone, to speak evil of anyone, nor to hate anyone—but to speakk Truth in Love.

Arnold Evert Look

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ST. JAMES METHODIST CHURCH
Melvin, Kay, Minister

10:30 a. m. Study of the lesson.
11 a. m. Devotional period and Sunday School Christmas program
11:30 a. m. Sermon by the pastor
12 noon, Benediction.

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LYNCH METHODIST CHURCH
Melvin, Kay, Minister

The Christmas program this Sunday night. There will be a play given entitled, "Shadow on the Sun". A visit from Santa is expected.

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CHRIST METHODIST CHURCH
Chestertown, Maryland.
W. P. Roberts, D. D., Minister
Iola H. Bucher, Director of Music
December 27, 1942

10 a. m. Sunday School, T .D. Bowers, Supt.
11 a. m. Worship. Subject, "The Christian's Walk after Christmas."
7:30 p. m. Worship. Subject, "Mary"
Wednesday—Leadership Training School at 7 p. m. in the First Church. Beginning with next Wednesday and running for six weeks the School sessions will be held in Christ Church. The Prayer Meeting session follows the School at 7.50 p. m.
Next Sunday a. m. Holy Communion.
P. M., Installation of officers of our Youth Fellowship.
"To mirror God your soul must be calm."

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EMMANUEL P. E. CHURCH
Rev. C. L. Atwater, D. D., Rector

Christmas Eve, Dec 24, 11:30 p. m., Holy Communion. (At this service the choir will render W. C. Williams anthem, "The Angels Song" and "O Little Town of Bethlehem", by W. Lincoln Hall.) There will be no other Service on Christmas Day.
Saturday, Dec. 26, 10 a. m. Holy Communion (St. Stephen's Day).
Sunday, Dec. 27, 8 a. m. Holy Communion.
9:45 a. m. Church School.
11 a. m. Morning Prayer
7:30 p. m. Evening Prayer.
Monday, Dec. 28, Holy Innocents' Day, The Christmas Service and Pageant of Emmanuel Church School will be held beginning with a short service in the Church, at 7 p. m. and ending with a short Pageant in the Parish House.
A special rehearsal for the Pageant will be held on Saturday Morning Dec. 26, at 10 a. m.

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SHREWSBURY CHURCH
Near Kennedyville, Md.
Rev. C. L. Atwater, D. D., Rector

Christmas Service, Dec. 25 10 a. m. Holy Communion. The Children's Christmas Service will be held on Sunday Dec. 27 at 2:30 p. m. in place of the regular service.

Chestertown, Maryland.
Paul E. Reynolds, Pastor

If we were all wise men we would follow the leading of God in our life.
9:45 a. m. Church School, E. Rumsey Anthony, supt.
11 a. m. Morning Worship. Sermon by the Pastor.
6:30 p. m. The Junior Youth Fellowship meets.
7:30 p. m. Evening worship through song, prayer, and message.
7:00 p. m. Tuesday evening. Dec. 29 the Sunday School treat to the children.
7 p. m. Wednesday evening class and prayer meeting at 8 o'clock.

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Japan's Dream

Japan's dream of world domination is symbolized in the new fouryen postal stamp bearing a picture of the world and a design signifying heaven and earth.

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Milk

Each 100 pounds increase in the size of dairy cows means an annual increase of about 600 to 800 pounds of milk to the cow.

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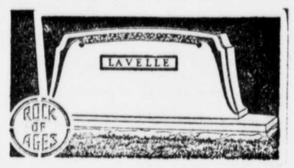

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