

Hervey Allen, Poetry Critic, Exhibits Versatility in Life

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portant exponents of literature, to the many who think they can write poetry. Everyone connected with writing has at some time ventured into verse, Mr. Allen believes. He explains this turning to poetry for expression by the fact that when people become emotional their feelings have the same rhythmical quality as poetry.

"Such poetry is purely sentimental, since it has emotion without reason. Most of it is pretty bad," the lecturer says, dismissing the subject.

American thinking becomes the subject for discussion. Although Americans point to the achievements of their great men as results of original thinking, these scientists and inventors, as a matter of fact, merely adopted the ideas of others to practical use, Mr. Allen points out.

"This inability to think is a characteristic of Americans," the genial visitor declares. "We credit many people with ideas that they adopted directly from the work of predecessors. In this way the control of electricity and the first airplanes were made possible."

Poetic thinking is not necessarily held down to the limits set by environment, he thinks. Great poets must transcend ordinary folks in order to be great. Poetry and democracy are not companions.

In one sentence Mr. Allen points out why most people fail in writing poetry. They consider it as an emotional outburst, set down in a short interval. In reality, poetry is the compression of many ideas into few words. Its development includes drafting and redrafting lines and words, the speaker from Bermuda explains.

"There is enough thought in Robert Frost's 'Mending Wall' to write five or six long books," he says, laying aside the last cigarette on an ashtray that is already over-crowded. Perhaps the talk turns once more to

literary friends of whom Mr. Allen talks—of Vachel Lindsay, or Joseph Hergeshemer. Perhaps it turns to Bermuda, or to advertising, or military training. If you meet Hervey Allen as we did, it's sure to be interesting.

Although he is income-in speaking of his own life, Mr. Allen has had a wide range of experiences. A native of Pennsylvania, he lived near Pittsburgh until entering the Naval Academy. Close association with the library there convinced him that he should turn to some form of writing.

His early experience in writing includes an advertising position in Pittsburgh. In 1916 he turned again to military service, going to the Mexican border, serving with the draft police, and going abroad as soon as the United States entered the war. His description of conditions there in diary form constitutes one of the first of war books, "Towards the Flame."

Later, he served for a short time as a teacher in Charleston, and since has been engaged for regular lecture series at Columbia and Vassar. First of all, however, Mr. Allen is a poet. Secondly, he is a critic of poetry, and an author of biographies. His critical writing has appeared in the New York Tribune and the New York Times book reviews, and in various magazines.

News of the Churches

University Baptist Church
Robert Allen Selby, Th.M., Ph.D., Pastor
Sunday School at 9:30. A feature of this hour will be a special class for summer school students taught by Dr. Selby under the general theme, "Jesus Preparing for His Life Work."
Morning Worship at 10:45. A patriotic message entitled: "When Your Country Calls."

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Rev. Edward M. Fear, Rector
904 Fraser Street
Holy Communion at 7:45 a. m.
Morning prayer and sermon at 10:45 a. m.
A hearty welcome is extended to all.

Grace Lutheran Church
Rev. John F. Harkins, Minister
West College Ave at Atherton St.
Sunday School at 9:30. Special class for summer school students taught by the pastor.
Morning worship, 10:45.
A cordial welcome is extended to all.
Holy Communion service Sunday, July 12.

St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church
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church welcomes all Summer Session faculty members and students and invites them to attend Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. Special class for students. Worship service, 10:45 a. m. Sermon, "The Bell Ringer's Text," the Rev. George Henry Ketterer, pastor. There will be a reception to the Rev. and Mrs. Ketterer in the church parlors from 8 until 10 o'clock, Wednesday evening, July 8.

The Presbyterian Church
Rev. Edward H. Jones, Pastor
Rev. Donald W. Carruthers, Student Pastor
Sunday School at 9:30 a. m.
Worship service at 10:15 a. m.
Sermon theme: "Busy Overmuch."

A friendly welcome is extended to all visitors.

Faith Reformed Church
Albert S. Asendorf, Pastor
Church School at 9:30. Special class for summer session students. Subject: "The International Sunday School Lessons."
Morning Worship at 10:45.
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Group Will Take up Machine Design, Advanced Diesel Engine Research Work

Eight naval officers received their first lesson in the intricacies of machine design Monday, and examined the apparatus in the Diesel spray laboratories. This group comprises the third set of Annapolis graduates which have been sent to Penn State for advanced instruction.

The group this year includes Lieutenants John B. Longstaff, senior officer, Marshall M. Dana, Arthur B. Barnes, Daniel M. Cone, Dwight H. Day, James M. Hicks, F. Kent Loomis, and John M. Will.

Last year seven officers were detailed to Penn State, and in 1929 six were in the group. All of the officers here have had several years of sea duty, largely in submarines, and a year and a half post graduate work at Annapolis.

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