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portant than content, or the outlook of those to whom it was intended to appeal. Misapplying and reversing Wordsworth's phrase, it is a case of tranquillity recollected in emotion.

VALENTINE ACKLAND, *Writer*

FROM a sermon by John Donne at Whitehall, April 30, 1620: 'In all Kingdomes that border upon other Kingdomes, particular men, who by dwelling in those skirts & borders, may make their profit of spoile, delight in hostility & have adversenesses & detestation of peace: but it is not so within: they who till the earth, & breed up cattell, & imploy their industry upon God's creatures, according to God's ordinance, feele the benefit & apprehend the sweetness, & pray for the continuance of peace'.

SIR MONTAGUE BARLOW, *BT., Chairman,*
Royal Commission on the Location of Industry

APART from books on serious issues and favourite devotional literature, it is, at three-score years and ten or thereabouts, volumes on England and the English countryside, its glorious hills and rivers, woods and fields, the varied beauty of its village life, its birds and beasts and fish, not to mention its marvellous historical and political records that to me make the greatest appeal and give the most satisfying refreshment.

H. E. BATES, *Novelist*

AT first, newspapers: which subsequently proved to be a rather larger swindle than usual. Then the radio, the chief amusement of which was a game of forecasting the news (correctly) before it was given. Then a book on mountaineering and Buddhism - 'Peaks and Llamas' by Marco Pallis - which completely ripened my disgust at the western civilization of which I am a part. This made me take to mushrooming, disbudding the indoor chrysanthemums, and staring at long intervals into space. Then more books: Mr. Crichton Porteous' admirable 'Teamsman'; a very tragic and poignant record of farm life called 'Silver Woods', in which it is as if the Brontë sisters come to life again; an eighteenth-century treatise on butterflies, with illustrations

by Curtis; some hours of renewed enjoyment and lesson-learning over James Joyce's 'Dubliners'; a glance at the apocryphal books of the Bible, the bulb catalogues, a pre-War atlas (very interesting indeed), an international cookery book. An odd list perhaps, but then it's an odd war, an odd world, and a still odder civilization which makes them all possible.



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