

**Zeitschrift:** Der Kreis : eine Monatsschrift = Le Cercle : revue mensuelle  
**Band:** 27 (1959)  
**Heft:** 11

**Buchbesprechung:** Short book-review

### **Nutzungsbedingungen**

Die ETH-Bibliothek ist die Anbieterin der digitalisierten Zeitschriften. Sie besitzt keine Urheberrechte an den Zeitschriften und ist nicht verantwortlich für deren Inhalte. Die Rechte liegen in der Regel bei den Herausgebern beziehungsweise den externen Rechteinhabern. [Siehe Rechtliche Hinweise.](#)

### **Conditions d'utilisation**

L'ETH Library est le fournisseur des revues numérisées. Elle ne détient aucun droit d'auteur sur les revues et n'est pas responsable de leur contenu. En règle générale, les droits sont détenus par les éditeurs ou les détenteurs de droits externes. [Voir Informations légales.](#)

### **Terms of use**

The ETH Library is the provider of the digitised journals. It does not own any copyrights to the journals and is not responsible for their content. The rights usually lie with the publishers or the external rights holders. [See Legal notice.](#)

**Download PDF:** 30.03.2025

**ETH-Bibliothek Zürich, E-Periodica, <https://www.e-periodica.ch>**

# On Learning that His Friend Was Returning from the Wa

by Wang Chien (circa 840 A.D.)

In the old days those who went to fight  
Had one year's leave in three.  
But the soldiers in this war are never changed:  
They must go on fighting until they die on the battlefield.  
I thought of you, my weak and awkward friend,  
Hopelessly trying to learn to march and drill.  
It seemed about as likely that the sky should fall  
As that a young man should ever come home again.  
Since the news reached me that you were coming back,  
I have mounted twice to the high hall of your home.  
I found your brother fixing your horse's stall;  
I found your mother sewing new clothes for you.  
I am half afraid. Perhaps it is not true . . .  
But I never tire of watching for you on the road.  
Each day I go out to the City Gate  
With a flask of wine in hand, lest you should come thirsty.  
Oh, that I might shrink the surface of the world,  
So that suddenly I could find you standing at my side!

— Translated by Steward, from a French intermediary.

---

## Short Book-Review

*Paul Buckland, Chorus of Witches* (W.H. Allen, London, 16 sh.)

Well, here is yet another excellent homosexual novel from the Wolfenden Report Country. Congratulations, Mr. Buckland, on a highly sensitively written and equally highly intelligent book! There is no slipshod writing in your description of your chorus of witches, an amusing bunch of female impersonators. Jay Little will turn pale when he sees how differently such a ticklish theme can be handled. But witches apart this new book contains three very interesting characters as the leads. Alan, 37 years' old travel-agency man; Jock, 27 years' old Scottish knife-thrower; and Colin, 20 years' old handsome Narciss. Add to these three the figure of Alan's aunt by marriage, Julia — the kind of aunt one would love to have for oneself — and you have the principals in a story which is as beautifully drawn and sincerely felt as it is full of life and love and of tragedy and comedy. The conversation between Alan and his aunt in the last third of the book alone would make it worth your money to buy it. Thank you, Mr. Buckland once again for the valuable contribution to our theme, and especially for that lovely satisfying happy end with which your story closes.

R.B.

---

# J U V E N T U S

Revue de langue française, illustrée, paraissant le 1er de chaque mois.

Abonnement	France	Etranger
6 mois	1.500	2.500
1 an	3.000	4.500

envoi sous pli fermé.

Tous renseignements à JUVENTUS — 90, rue des Archives — Paris 3<sup>o</sup> — France.  
Spécimen sur demande contre 6 coupons réponses internationaux ou 3 timbres français à 85 francs.

---

## *ONE The Homosexual Magazine of America*

Fiction, poetry, essays, scientific research, legal reports, written for readers of all ages and for acceptance in every home.

Six dollars per year, 1st class (scaled); ten dollars for 2 years; single copies 50 cents.

Airmail rates on request.

Write to ONE, Inc., 232 South Hill Street, Los Angeles 12, California, USA.

---

## *Mattachine Review (from U.S.A. in English)*

Magazine of distinction which seriously examines and discusses human sex problems, especially homosexuality, with emphasis on legal, medical, social, religious and cultural aspects. Published monthly by MATTACHINE SOCIETY, INC., Office of Publication: Room 312, 693 Mission Street, San Francisco 5, California, U.S.A. Foreign subscription rate: Dollars 5 per year. Single issue. 60 cents.

---

---

## *Kameradschaftliche Vereinigungen und Zeitschriften des Auslandes:*

Die ausführlichen Angaben finden Sie im Oktoberheft.

---

## **Preisarbeiten über Homosexualität . . . in Deutschland!**

Die Universität Erlangen veranstaltet ein *Preis Ausschreiben über den Problemkreis der Homosexualität aus medizinischer Sicht*. Bisher unveröffentlichte wissenschaftliche Arbeiten, die mit Einzelpreisen bis zu 1000 DM ausgezeichnet werden können, sind bis spätestens 1. April 1960 an den Dekan der Medizinischen Fakultät Erlangen einzureichen. Teilnahmeberechtigt ist jeder immatrikulierte Student einer deutschen Hochschule, sowie jeder in Deutschland wohnende approbierte Arzt, im Ausnahmefall auch jeder andere deutsche Wissenschaftler mit abgeschlossener Hochschulbildung. *Ä.P.*

«Aerztliche Praxis», Nr. XI/42 v. 17. Okt. 59

---