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LA GUILDE DU LIVRE.

We have received the following communication in connection with the above-mentioned excellent administration.

"As reported in your issue of the 13th inst. the "Charles Veillon" literature prize has been awarded to Carlo Coccioni. His book "Le Jeu", was originally edited by *La Guilde du Livre*, in December, 1950.

Moreover, the jury Charles Veillon, composed of Swiss, Belgian and French writers have just awarded for 1951 its yearly award to the "Devinaize" of the Swiss C.-F. Landry. This book was also originally published by the Guild last year.

"*Le Jeu*" — introduces us in a calm and magical province on which weighs the shadow of a very old tradition; students try to live in, to play the game of destiny, to observe its rules. Every one of them is alone, shut in his singularity, and nothing is more difficult than to come out of this enclosure to join the others again. It is love, for these young troubled people so profoundly modern, which has become difficult. *Fabio*, the hero of the book, who believes he loves Lisabetta, is a mere actor, playing his part and who, wanting all, ends in possessing nothing. This is why a magical atmosphere transports the most common gestures into a world of fantasy. These few days of acute drama are transformed into a melancholy song so that everything in the marvellous tale becomes poetry.

"*La Devinaize*" — In a climate of grey clouds and of sweet melancholy, the child Hadrien Praz will

grow up to miss a marvellous father and a house of fairies. A mystery is added to the song. Why was the father in that country? Why did Marie-Tendre (the mother) want at all costs — and at what cost — to stay there? Why did the uncle want to snatch this house by tricks of money? A song of desperate tenderness circulates in these pages written to glorify a forlorn land, more secret than all the secrets that might be revealed. Any childhood and any youth — even happy — is similar to that of the child, the young man of this book; and one, without confessing it, knows in the depth of his heart, a hidden land, of autumn, of a pretty haze and of the croaking of an invisible raven . . . all that is "La Devinaize".

For the convenience of the members of the Swiss Colony who might be interested, the Guilde du Livre has set up a centre in Great Britain and any enquiries should be addressed to Mr. R. Haener-Briquet, 69, Winifred Road, Coulsdon (Surrey)."

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