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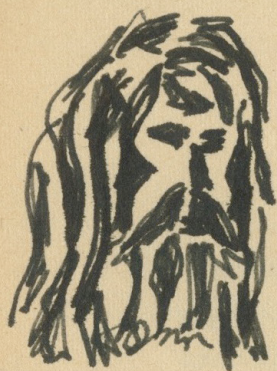
CLOCHEMERLE

GABRIEL CHEVALLIER

Gabriel Chevallier was born in Lyon in 1895, where he has spent the major part of his life. He was educated there in many schools and the École des Beaux Arts. He served with the French Army in the First World War, being awarded the Croix de Guerre and Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur. After returning from the war he earned his living at many diverse professions from art-teacher to commercial traveller before devoting himself to his writing. He is married and has one son.

He has written a large number of novels, of which six have been translated into English and published in this country. These are *Clochemerle*, *Sainte Colline*, *The Affairs of Flavie* (Penguin), *Mascarade*, *Cherry*, and *Clochemerle-Babylon* (Penguin). *Clochemerle* has been a best seller ever since its first publication in Great Britain in 1936. The screen version, for a long time popular in France, was shown in England with enormous success.

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in long distance  
stopping places  
lengthy waits  
on suitcases  
knees folded  
arms stretched  
neck slack  
body dusty  
thoughts empty.

