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## AFTER FIVE YEARS

The current choice *Earthman*, *Come Home* by James Blish is the thirtieth volume of the Science Fiction Book Club and marks the completion of five years of the Club's existence. It is timely to consider the standing of science fiction today and there could be no better summary than that contained in an article in the *Sunday Times* recently by Bertrand Russell under the title "Can Scientific Man Survive?"

Commenting on the successful launching of artificial satellites Earl Russell describes the public reactions being divided between admiration and terror. He goes on to say :

"Our age, like most others, lives on two planes. There is one world of the things that we profess, which cannot be controverted without enduring some kind of penalty. There is another quite different world, consisting of the facts which we know, but dare not acknowledge except in nightmare fantasies. This has had the curious result that there is more truth in fiction which professes to be mere imagination than in serious works which profess to give the facts.

"One illustration of this state of affairs is science fiction, which has been viewed as consisting of fantasies for the amusement of