

BOOK BREVITIES

THE SOUTHERNERS" is the title of Cyrus Townsend Brady's latest novel. The characters in this vigorous love story are all natives of the South whom fate has arrayed against each other. The scenes are, for the most, laid in and off Mobile during the Civil War, which has estranged the hero and heroine. The description of the naval battle on Mobile Bay is a brilliant piece of writing. The plot of the story is exciting and the action is rapid. (Copp, Clark Co.)

Mr. Hickman's story, "The Sacrifice of the Shannon," is illustrated effectively by reproductions of photographs taken at or near the scene of the story, and they



Helen Keller and her Teacher, Miss Sullivan
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are splendid specimens of the work of photographer and engraver. The book is in every way an attractive one, and cannot fail to secure a large constituency of readers for any further venture the author may make into a field for which he has shown himself well equipped. (Copp, Clark Co.)

"The Golden Kingdom," by Andrew Balfour, is an account of the quest for the same as described in the remarkable narrative of Dr. Henry Mortimer, contained in

the manuscript found within the boards of a Boer Bible during the late war, and edited with a prefatory note. It may safely be said that for breathless interest this story has rarely been equalled. (Copp, Clark Co.)

The reviewer of The Toronto Globe characterizes Miss Helen Keller's autobiography, "The Story of My Life," as "the most remarkable and interesting piece of writing in the history of literature." Mark Twain has said that the two most interesting characters of the 19th century are Napoleon Bonaparte and Helen Keller. As one reads the marvellous story of Miss Keller's education, the impression given of the genius of Miss Sullivan, the teacher, is scarcely less marked than that afforded by her wonderful pupil.

In "The Mystery of Murray Davenport," by Robert Neilson Stephens, the author of "Captain Ravenshaw," has made a radical departure from the themes of his previous successes. Turning from past days and distant scenes, he has taken up American life of to-day as his new field, therein proving himself equally, if not more, capable. Original in its conception, striking in its psychological interest, perplexing in its love problem, "The Mystery of Murray Davenport" promises to be the most vital and absorbing of all Mr. Stephens' novels. (Copp, Clark Co.)

An interesting addition to the literature of Methodist biography is announced as soon to be made. There is, perhaps, hardly a resident of Lambton county that does not remember or has not heard of "Uncle Joe Little," a popular name given to Joseph Russell Little, an eccentric pioneer lay preacher, who, in his lifetime, was perhaps the best known and best loved man in Western Ontario. Of Irish birth, and with the two fine Irish qualities of wit and good nature abnormally developed in him, Uncle Joe, by his quaint and witty sayings and his kindly ministries gave to posterity a possession of anecdotes that happily has at length found a sympathetic chronicler in the Rev. L. Bartlett, of Lebanon. Mr. Bartlett's biography of "Uncle Joe" will make a volume of some 250 pages. It is a Canadian "Peter Cartwright," and will be read and enjoyed by many to whom even the name of the Irish preacher is now unknown.

"A Comedy of Conscience," by S. Weir Mitchell, is a clever story based on an amusing episode in the life of a charming Philadelphian lady, Miss Serena Vernon. This lady unwittingly becomes possessed of a valuable diamond ring. The question is: What shall she do with it? The illustrations are by Henry Hutt. (Copp, Clark Co.)

Max Pemberton's latest novel is "The Gold Wolf." The book begins by introducing us to a millionaire whose passion for money and the excitement of making it is wrecking his health and costing him his happiness into the bargain. The hero's wife is murdered and the hero himself is all but charged with the deed. Out of this situation Mr. Pemberton weaves a diverting fabric. It will be one of the handiwork of The Copp, Clark Company's Spring books, and will have 20 striking illustrations.

At the recent convocation Victoria University conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity on the Rev. John McDougall, the well-known missionary, now superintendent of