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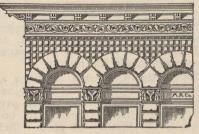
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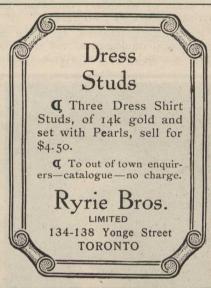
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OME years ago, a book of poems called "Heart Songs" was pub-lished and found many a reader who straightway became a friend of the writer—Jean Blewett. Mrs. Blewett has just published a second volume of verse, "The Cornflower and Other Poems," which possesses the same quality of warm humanity that made "Heart Songs" ring so true. These later poems are dedicated in lines of sincere feeling to Lillian Mas-sey Treble. The narrative poems, while in no sense an imitation, associate themselves with Will Carleton's "Farm Ballads." They are as wholesome and sweet as the sunshine on some and sweet as the sunshine on Canadian apple-blossoms. The author is thoroughly in tune with the native life of field and forest and is never happier than when she is writing of the "strawberries ripe in the meadow" or the "liles red and white" along the lake shore road.

However, a descendant of Scotch settlers cannot quite forget the "land o' cakes" and there is no more pleasing picture in the book than the lines on "The Highland Shepherd":—

"O the hills of purple heather, And the skies so warm and gray!
O the shimmer of the sea-mist In the sea-wind far away!

O the calling of the torrent
Sweeping down Ben Vorlick's side,
And my white flocks faring foldward
In the hush of eventide!"

In cover, type and "make-up" the book is daintily attractive. (Toronto: William Briggs.)

Mrs. Leeming Carr of Hamilton has written a decidedly readable story in "Cupid and the Candidate." It is characteristic of her city to do things thoroughly whether it be at Marathon or Montreal. Therefore, we are not surprised to find that this political romance is a spirited production with "something doing" in every chapter. The hero meets the heroine on a stage journey between Orran and Garric Sound and when the vehicle goes to pieces they are literally thrown together. He is a candidate for the Ontario Legislature and the competition is keen, even for this province of political turbulence. As the title suggests, Cupid takes part in the affairs of the candidate, until one would not be surprised to find his arrows in the ballot-boxes. Mrs. Carr is a story-teller of sunny temperament and yet, beneath all the fun of her story, there is a real patriotism, a sincere desire to see Canada freed from political disgrace — the same spirit that breathes in Mr. Wilfred Campbell's :- "Canada, My Own, My It is far removed from flabbi-Own. ness and the end of its operation is hard to predict. But why, unless for a woman's "because," did Mrs. Leeming Carr dedicate her book to James J. Hill, whose voice may be that of the Canadian but whose hands are the all-grasping paws of Uncle Sam? But the dedication has no doubt both pleased and amused "Truthful James" whose moments of idle diversion are none too frequent. "Cupid and the Candidate" is a cheerful novelette and we shall anticipate a second book by

this Hamilton writer.



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