

Book Notices.

THE CENTENNIAL OF THE SETTLEMENT OF UPPER CANADA BY THE UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS, 1784-1884. Rose Publishing Co., Toronto.

This is a full and accurate account of the meetings to celebrate the Centennial at Adolphustown, Niagara, and Toronto, and contains some eloquent speeches recounting the deeds of those who for their love of Britain's laws made many sacrifices to reside under the dear old flag. The book is worthy of attention, particularly at this time, when the martial spirit so pervades our people.

MARJORIE DAW, and other stories. Thomas Bailey Aldrich

MY SUMMER IN A GARDEN. Charles Dudley Warner. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston. Williamson & Co., Toronto.

As announced last month, these two volumes (the first of the Riverside Aldine Series), have been issued, and give us a flavour of the treat in store. Neither of the books are new to us, but it seems that much as we relished both, originally in *The Atlantic*, the dainty form of the volumes and the admirable style in which they are produced give new zest to the light reading in both; light but not frothy even as the bubbling, sparkling brook laving the green banks.

Among the announcements of Haight, Mifflin & Co., for April, are "Through Misai Land," by Joseph Thompson,—Misai being that region between the Central African Lakes and the coast of Eastern Africa. "Pilot Fortune," a Tale of the Coast of Nova Scotia, by Marian G. L. Reeves and Emily Reed. Another novel, "A Carpet Knight," anonymous; while the volume of the "American Men of Letters' Series" is to the life of N. P. Willis.

"The Reigning Belle," T. B. Peterson Brothers, publishers, is another of Mrs. Ann S. Stevens' popular novels.

A RARE BOOK.—A beautifully printed and well preserved copy of Luther's "Hans Postillen" has come into the possession of Mr. J. P. Clougher. It bears the imprint of Hans Luft, 1553, but an unfortunate blemish renders the name of the town where Hans Luft lived and worked, indecipherable. This fine copy of one of Luther's best practical and devotional works was printed only seven years after the great Reformer's death. There is a short and characteristic preface by Luther, and a larger one addressed to the magistrates of Nurnberg, by Vitus Dietrich, "Preacher in Sebalder Parish Church." The title-page is unfortunately wanting, but this is the only part that is defective. To compensate for the loss, there are two pages of vellum manuscript, containing double column Latin texts, with abbreviated marginal annotations in German. On the inside of one of the boards in neat German hand are memoranda of the principal events of Luther's life. The binding is still strong and substantial, even the quaint clasps are in an excellent state of preservation. The work begins with the Gospel for the first Sunday in Advent and continues in regular course. The book is copiously illustrated with quaint, often grotesque, woodcuts. In all respects this edition of the "Hans Postillen" is a most valuable one, and will be highly prized by the book fanciers.

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