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Pioneer Life Among the Loyalists of Upper Canada, by W. S. Hetherington, K.C. (The Macmillan Company of Canada, Toronto, 106 pages, 75c.), is a painstaking and accurate account of the settlements in Ontario of the Loyalists who came to Canada from the United States after the Revolutionary War. The book is full of vivid and interesting pictures of the pioneer life, with its privations and struggles, which were faced with such cheerful courage and hopefulness. Mr. Hetherington's pages help us to realize our debt to the noble men and women who won for us from the forbidding forests our heritage of smiling fields and prosperous towns.

"Given a race whose young people know how to be amused and how not to be amused, and the future of that race is secure," is a typical sentence from an original and suggestive book on **Laughter and Life**, by Robert Whitaker (American Sunday School Union, Philadelphia, 147 pages, 65c. net; by mail 73c.). The aim is to rescue fun from the grip of the devil and make it an agency in developing a wholesome, joyous life. How the perversion of amusement is answerable for most of the tragedies of the world, is made clear. The writer holds, too, that a man can laugh for God, as well as pray to God, and work for God. It is altogether a work to set one a-thinking, and a-thinking to some purpose. **Character through Recreation**, by Howard Palmer Young (same publishers, 291 pages, 75c. net; by mail 85c.), is on the same general subject, and gives instructive, concrete accounts, in detail, of plans for, and results accomplished by, uplifting and profitable entertainment. It is an excellent manual both for those who are seeking arguments for the vital connection between recreation and righteousness, and for those who wish to discover and set in operation the best and most successful plans for play and sports. The vexed question of amusements and the church is discussed. These two new volumes (they are twin prize volumes) are certainly on a "live" subject, and will do their part in helping to right judgments in regard to that subject.

The W. A. Wilde Company, Boston, issue many splendid books for boys. An interesting series is **The Boys' Dollar Bookshelf**. Two of these, by Hugh C. Weir, have come to our table: **The Young Wheat Scout**, the story of the growth, harvesting and distribution of the great wheat crop of the United States (288 pages, duotone frontispiece); and **Cinders**: the Young Apprentice of the Steel Mills (309 pages, frontispiece in colors, each \$1.00 net, postpaid \$1.12). One thing is sure, every boy will read these books; they are full of plots and adventures and hairbreadth escapes, and wonderful good fortune. And, in reading them, will acquire a vast amount of entertainingly given information in regard to the whole wheat industry (wheat conditions are measurably the same in Canada as in the United States), and the details of the titanic steel industry. He will acquire, also, fresh admiration for

the boy—rich man's son, or poor man's son—who is ready to put all that is in him into the hard work which wins success.

Nothing is left to be desired in the "get up" of the two volumes of **The Vocational Library** recently issued by the Westminster Press, Philadelphia. They are well printed and well bound in a tasteful limp cover in green that will stand wear. The price is 60c. net per volume. The Library is to consist of four volumes in all. The intention of it is to emphasize for young men the nobility of service, and of Christian service in particular, and to point out the pathways thereto. Professor Charles R. Erdman does this effectively in **The Triumphant Ministry** (107 pages), a series of letters from "Timothy Kilbourn," a minister of experience, but of a very youthful heart, to "Fred Gaynor," a youngster minister, just beginning his work in the "City of the Stranger." What a wonderful opportunity the ministry gives, and the joy of it (the joy of it is the keynote of the letters), the equipment necessary for success, and the tax and toll of labor and soul sweat which every true minister must pay, are tenderly and eloquently set forth. In **Reapers of His Harvest**, Rev. John T. Faris, D.D., sketches in a concise and vivid way just how, in detail, seventeen strenuous workers did serve. The selection is cosmopolitan, embracing men as diverse in their ways and work as James Stewart, of Lovedale, James Robertson, the "Great Superintendent," John Wesley, Thomas Guthrie, Bishop Bompas, Edward A. Steiner, Charles Kingsley, Herbert Roswell Bates,—some of them famous, others with unfamiliar names, but who, none the less, did their bit worthily. It would be a dull soul indeed in whom the stories of this little volume will not kindle a desire to do some little thing at least, to make other people happier and better.

The Dual Alliance (S. B. Gundy (For Humphrey Milford), Toronto, 165 pages, \$1.00) is a beautifully printed volume, charmingly decorated and illustrated. The writer is Marjorie Benton Cooke, the author of *Bambi*. The story, as the title would indicate, is of two lonely souls who marry first, and then come to love afterwards. It is delightfully told, whether staged in the whirl of city life or in the lone Western wilderness. The dialogue and action are particularly lively and entertaining.

The Golden Rule Books include an excellent series of four volumes for boys and girls, graded according to age, published by The Macmillan Company of Canada, Toronto, and recommended by the Minister of Education for use in Public and Separate School Libraries of Ontario. The selections of prose and poetry are intended to serve as supplementary reading for the scholars in the public schools of the province, and to furnish the teachers with materials to assist them in giving instruction in morals. A teacher's manual to accompany the series, published by the Copp, Clark Co., Toronto, discusses the aims, methods and content of moral training, and gives directions as to the use of the materials in the pupils' series.

A Soldier of the King: A True Story of a Young Canadian Hero, by Helen Stirling (Oxford University Press, 55 pages, 25c., postpaid), is a touching story of a child's courage in suffering.