

SUNNY SAN OWNED BY A SYNDICATE

College Students Grub-Staked Japanese Girl For Life But She Followed Them to New York—An Amusing Story by Onoto Watanna, a Famous Alberta Author—Several New Volumes of Verse.

By Professor W. T. Allison.

Now that world problems seem to be taking on a Pacific setting, we shall hear more and more of Japan and China. In view of the fact that we sent so many missionaries to the Orient, it seems strange that we have not had more fiction from India, Japan and China, but I dare say that the average teacher or preacher carrying the gospel to the heathen thinks that his or her time can be spent to better advantage than in weaving stories about the people of the East. And yet I really believe that the church would be served magnificently if a missionary of genius should arise to paint life as it really is in the Orient, with its joys and sorrows, its lights and shades, and the varieties of character to be met with in Canton or Tokyo, or some village in the foothills country of the Himalayas. I remember some fifteen years ago that the religious public in Canada and the United States was wonderfully influenced by "The Lady of the Decoration," a pleasant story of Japan. Kipling has, of course, done much to put us in touch with the teeming life of India, but few writers have labored in the same field, and China still waits for a powerful novelist to open it up to western eyes. It strikes me that here is a splendid opportunity for some Canadian who has gone out as a college teacher to the celestial kingdom. What a thing it would be to become the Charles Dickens, or even the E. P. Roe, of China!

The Author of "Sunny San" is World-Famous.

While reading "Sunny San" by Onoto Watanna (McClelland & Stewart, Toronto), the thought occurred to me that the mission board of the Presbyterian Church might, with great advantage to itself, offer a heavy bonus to Mrs. Francis P. Reeve, who lives on a ranch near Calgary, to persuade her to live in China or Japan for a few years, and wield her brightly pen in the interest of the evangelism of the east. No one is better fitted for birth or training to undertake such a commission, for Mrs. Reeve, who has written for many years over the pen-name of Onoto Watanna, has some oriental blood in her veins. Her father, the late Edward Eaton, was at one time the wealthiest Englishman in Japan. Mrs. Reeve was born in that city, but began her literary career in New York, where she achieved her first great success with "The Japanese Nightingale." Into this story she wove local color and descriptions of native life, which she had at first-hand from her father and mother. This book had a sale of over 200,000, was translated into French, German, Swedish, Italian, Spanish and Japanese, and was produced as a play in New York, Paris, and Berlin. Since then this talented author has produced hundreds of short stories and several scenarios, one of which captured a \$10,000 prize offered by the Chicago "Tribune." In 1915, Mrs. Reeve's second big success, a story entitled "Me," was published as a serial in the Century Magazine, and later in book form. For several years Onoto Watanna has forged almost nothing in the story line, but has now returned to her old field with "Sunny San," another Japanese tale. Although it has just appeared in the book stores, its success in other directions is remarkable, for it has been accepted for stage production in New York, next fall, and Mary Pickford will play the role of its heroine on the silent screen. Seldom has a book written by a Canadian secured such substantial preliminary endorsement.

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Sunny was the half-caste orphan of a famous Japanese gelsa dancer, Madame Many Smiles. The little girl had been trained to dance and perform on a tight rope, and after her mother's death was ordered by the owner of the House of a Thousand Joys to make her debut. Although her heart was very sad, because of the loss of her mother, the fragile gelsa girl had to dance and smile her way through. Her charms attracted a half-drunk Japanese lord, who threw her a handful of silver coins; she caught them on her fan and

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verse entitled, "Moonlight and Comma Day" (The Macmillan Co., Toronto). A number of these poems are very free, but all of them show a decided gift for melody, imaginative sympathy and lively fancy. One of the best poems in the collection is the following:

Sea Lavender. My Puritan Grandmother—I see her now. With placid brow, Always so sure "That no things but the right things shall endure!" Sombrely neat, so orderly and prim, Always a little grim, Austere but kind... Smooth-haired and smoothly bandaged m'nd.

But let me whisper it to you today. I know it now— That deep in her there was a flame at play. Beneath that brow which sought beauty, found it too. Most often by the ocean's passionate blue. Her sea-beach treasures—shells and colored weed Gathered and hoarded with glad human greed— They warm my heart to-day with insight new. How vividly I see her, frail and old, A tiny, black-clothed figure on the beach. Compactly wrapped against the sea-wind's cold, Patiently waiting till waves let her reach. Some sandy strip, where purple, amber, green Her lacy sea-weed treasures could be seen. (She pressed and mounted them— frayed tangled things! Handled by her, fit to trim fairies' wings).

Dr. O'Hagan's Collected Poems. It is over thirty years since Dr. Thomas O'Hagan published his first volumes of verse. In all he has produced four books of poetry. He has now gathered the best of his lyrics from these earlier works and has added to them a number of poems written during the war. Dr. O'Hagan is not a great poet, but there is a good deal of verse in this book which will please the average reader, especially those who enjoy patriotic poems. The author divides his poems into half a dozen groups dealing with the following themes—Canadian patriotism, love and affection, the settlement, Irish patriotism, poems of heroic days, commemorative poems, and memory, old Ontario is a great admirer of the pioneers of the early days. He celebrates one of them in the following poem which is a fair sample of his homely style.

A Dirge of the Settlement. The wind sweeps through the forest aisles, In requiem notes of grief and woe, For the great strong heart of the pioneer Hushed in death, as an oak laid low; Chanting a dirge at every door— Dirge for the Oak the Storm-King tore: "Here at rest is our pioneer In his little log cabin beside the rill— The stream flowing on though his heart be still; Here at rest is our pioneer, Wake not his slumber with sorrow's tear!"

Where shall we bury this good, great man Who toiled in the heart of the forest wild? Out in the field that is writ with his name, Lay him down as a dream-tired

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What would ye build on his narrow fame That knew not glory, nor gift, nor gain? His life touched God in a simple way— This be his column on Judgment Day; "Till then shall slumber our pioneer In his little clay cabin beside the rill— The stream flowing on though his heart be still; Here shall we bury our pioneer, Break not his rest with sorrow's tear!"

Contemporary English Poets. J. E. Wetherell, B.A., of Toronto, has selected over seventy poems by Georgian writers and, along with valuable biographical and bibliographical notes has published them under the title, "Later English Poets, 1901-1922" (McClelland and Stewart, Toronto). In style and arrangement this is an excellent volume and will no doubt enable many Canadians to make the acquaintance of some of the best poems written during the present century. Judging by the rich variety of this anthology, poetry is certainly not in decline. Mr. Wetherell tells us in his preface that there are over a thousand poets in Great Britain at the present day and he has been embarrassed with the wide choice of material from which he has had to choose the contents of this volume. He confesses that he has excluded coarse or fantastic poems; moreover he has refused to admit any poems "which set at naught or even sneer at the established doctrines and traditions of the past, whether in the region of ethics or in that golden demense which bards in fealty to Apollo hold."

Literary Notes. In a summary of the "really noticeable books" of historical bibliography published during the past year, the London "Times" divides first place between Lytton Strachey's "Queen Victoria" and Frederick Chamberlain's "Private Character of Queen Elizabeth."

There is nothing like being cheerful in difficult circumstances. Harry L. Foster, author of "The Adventures of a Tropical Tramp," is a prince of optimists. Recently he came back home with a case of tropical malaria, and says that he is "enjoying chills and fever on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11.38 a.m. until 6.17 p.m." and is taking copious notes on his condition for future use in his magazine stories. He says he has always wanted to curse his villains with this malady at psychological moments, but has hitherto refrained through ignorance of the symptoms.

The latest recruit to the anti-Simian army of General W. J. Bryan is A. W. McCaughy, who has just written a book with this interesting title, "God—or Gorilla!"

Here is some good news for book-lovers. Countess Russell, better known as "Elizabeth of the German Garden" is just putting the finishing touches to another long story which we may expect next fall. In England everybody is talking about the psychological teachings of Professor Coue. Coue has much to say of the mind's curative power. "John O'London's Weekly" has given the following limerick: "A young highbrow on Coue intent His time to some purpose had spent, When he found that his stocking Had holes that were shocking He said they were gone, and they went."

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Attend Session in Picton. The annual meeting of the Picton district of the Methodist church was held at Picton, twelve circuits being represented by ministers and laymen. The circuit report showed an increase in membership of eighty-two, making a total for the district of 4,997. Contributions have been maintained under trying financial conditions. The meeting went on record as approving of Hon. W. E. Raney's efforts in enforcing the O.T.A. and to suppress race-track gambling.

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Church Prosperous. The annual report of the Picton Methodist church showed that \$10,288 had been collected for purposes of the church. The national campaign fund had 95 1/2 per cent. collected of the entire amount subscribed. The church owes less than \$5,000, and has 325 members, and the parson ministers to over 500 families. The outlook of the church is bright and prosperous.

Called to St. Andrew's, Picton. Rev. Frank Harper, Hillsburg, was the choice of the congregational meeting at St. Andrew's church, Picton, and will receive a call to the pastorate of that church. Eight men had appeared before the congregation on the various Sundays since the resignation of Dr. A. V. Brown.

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