

THE WORLD OF BOOKS.

The latest number of the Canterbury Poets series is American Sonnets, edited by Mr. William Sharp...

"This solemn darkness; the sublime of shade; Night, by no stars nor rising moon relieved; The awful blank of nothingness arrayed..."

Heavysege could never have become a sonneteer, but he could and did write some splendid fourteen line poems.

Mr. Sharp says: "I hope this little volume may stimulate a curiosity in, and an appreciation of, those American poets who so emphatically betray their lineage with the great singers who are dear to us all..."

Mr. Andrew Lang collaborated to a certain extent with Mr. Rider Haggard in Cleopatra; that is, he furnished the poetry for the book...

Mr. Chas. H. Lugin will have an article on "The American Field for Emigration" in an early issue of Chamber's Edinburgh Journal.

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The New York Critic says: "There is something tonic in the whole-souled admiration for a great writer which Andrew Lang expresses in the opening paper in Scribner's Magazine on Alexander Dumas..."

magical touch." Can this be Mr. T. B. Aldrich? If so, of course he knows how to "stuff," and if the birds and beasts enjoy his "stuffing" as much the public does there must be a happy lot of birds and beasts around that part of Massachusetts. Again the writer says: "After a short drive on this beautiful road we find ourselves in Ponkapog, a most romantic little village overshadowed by the highest Blue hill."

Messrs. Sampson, Low & Co. have published Blackmore's Lorna Doone in a 50 cent edition and over twenty thousand copies of it have been sold during the first fortnight, and the sales are still rushing.

Mr. Arthur Wentworth Eaton is a promising Canadian writer. He is a Nova Scotian by birth, and spent his early life in Kings county, in sight of Blomidon and the dyke lands. Hence his Acadian Legends and Lyrics, lately published in New York, where Mr. Eaton has been carrying on good literary work for the past few years.

Mr. Robert Louis Stevenson lately collaborated with Mr. Lloyd Osborne, and is only making his appearance in the arena, and Mr. Stevenson entered with him in order to attract the attention of the spectators to him.

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Mr. Browning expects to bring out a new volume of some 30 poems in October, and Smith & Elder will publish Mrs. Browning's poems in an edition uniform with their new edition of her husband's works, which is supplied to this country by Macmillan & Co., New York.

There is a paper in America of the 12th inst., on "One of Our True Poets," by Maurice Thompson. The subject of the article is Edgar Fawcett, better known to the masses by his novels—those remarkable mirrors of the very innermost life of New York—than by his poetry. The child of nature, Mr. Maurice Thompson, the true poet, has a paper on some literary subject in each number of America.

Helen Zimmern's The Hansa Tones, which is the latest number of the Story of Nations series, is the first history of the Hanseatic league in the English language.

Edward Bellamy, who carried us so far ahead of the times in his Looking Backward, has now written a story for Harper's called With Eyes Shut, which goes ahead even further than the former story.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

[FOR ADDITIONAL SOCIETY NEWS SEE FIFTH AND EIGHTH PAGES.]

DIGBY, N. S.

[Progress is for sale in Digby at Mrs. Gilbrand's.] SEPT. 16.—Notwithstanding the violent storms at the westward, our weather continues remarkably fine. Rain is much needed, as the dust is very trying, still we roam about in spite of it, the pretty country roads are so tempting. We had a delightful walk, one evening not long since, round "Green point." The view is lovely, and on this particular evening it was much enhanced by brilliant lights dotted here and there over the harbor. Upon inquiring, I learned that these lights were torches fastened to the bows of row boats by the fishermen in search of bait for deep-water fishing. These torch-lights are reflected in the water, casting long, bright gleams, which attract the unsuspecting herring. The school of fish can thus easily be seen, the men lower their nets with rapidity securing large numbers of the far famed "Digby chickens."

Mr. and Mrs. James Kaye and family have returned to St. John. They have passed so many summers here, and are such favorites, that they will be greatly missed.

On Tuesday a "corn social" was held at Marshalltown, for the benefit of the Episcopal church at that place. A large number of the elite of Digby attended.

Wednesday evening there was a social gathering at Totten registry, where music and dancing made the hours roll quickly by.

On Thursday evening a large and delightful party was given by Mrs. W. E. Brown.

Mrs. Ambrose and daughters arranged a picnic for Saturday afternoon, which was held near the lighthouse at the "Gut," a delightful spot for such entertainments, combining wooded lands for cosy walks, and rocks, beside the sea for those who prefer to stroll about and enjoy the outlook over the Bay of Fundy. The picnic was a perfect one, if I may judge of it by the sounds of merry song and laughter from the hay wagons as the party returned about 9 o'clock.

Mrs. Lynch entertained some of her friends at 5 o'clock tea on Saturday. I hear it was a very enjoyable affair. Mrs. Lynch has the happy gift of placing her guests at their ease, and making them feel quite at home.

Mrs. David Robertson and daughters, of Rothery, and Mr. and Mrs. Starr, of St. John, are at Mrs. Crozier's, on Water street.

Rev. Dr. Ambrose is absent attending the church synod. The Sunday duties in the church will be performed by Rev. Dr. Mathers, of St. John.

Mrs. J. de Balthard, Mrs. E. Turnbull, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Welch left for Boston via Yarmouth on Saturday on a pleasure trip. F. RAQUETTE.

MILLTOWN.

[Progress is for sale in Milltown at the post office.]

SEPT. 15.—I was invited by Mr. John Heaton, the genial proprietor of the Milltown house, and present owner of Oak Haven, to attend the grand opening of that place to the public, last Saturday afternoon. A train on the St. Croix and Penobscot railroad was chartered, and left Milltown at 1 o'clock with a goodly number on board. The afternoon was delightful, and as the cotton mill shuts down at 12 on Saturdays, quite a number of our young folks took advantage of the excursion, and laid aside all cares to spend an afternoon of pleasure at Oak Haven, but alas! we were doomed to bitter disappointment, as, at St. Stephen, the tug, with a barge in tow, which was to convey us down the river, got stuck in the mud flats. And here let me say that, in the eyes of the public, the captain of the tug was alone to blame for this accident, as he knew the tide was ebbing fast, and should have turned the boat half an hour before. However, there was no help for it, and all were destined to wait the turn of the tide, which was only a short wait. With the citizens' band and Bess' orchestra aboard, the time passed quickly. The lower deck of the barge was cleared, and everybody danced to the delightful music of the orchestra until 5 o'clock, when we once more got under way and enjoyed a pleasant sail down the noble St. Croix, everybody happy with the thought of the sumptuous feast of clams that awaited us on our arrival at Oak Haven. The moon came up in all its splendor, as we reached Devlin's Head, and anyone who has ever taken a moonlight sail down the St. Croix can vouch for the grandeur of the scene. It was 7 o'clock when we reached Oak Haven, and found John and the clams all ready. It was an old-fashioned clam bake, such as we had often dreamed of, but never saw. Clams by the barrel, covered with seaweed, and roasted in one large pit, and to that hungry crowd nothing ever tasted so good. After the inner man had been refreshed, we all repaired to Centenarian Hall, which is, as its name implies, over 100 years old and is without doubt the oldest building in Charlotte county. It is situated on a high bluff overlooking the bay, and its bright lights and music, and the flags of the two grand nations floating from its top, "the union jack and the stars and stripes," and the songs and laughter of those in boats that filled the bay, all combined to make this one of the grandest sights I had ever seen. Dancing in the hall was kept up for several hours until the boat whistled for our return.

Now just a word about Oak Haven. It is situated on the western shore of Oak Bay, about seven miles from St. Stephen. It has a fine beach of sand with a gradual ascent until the bluff is reached, which rises nearly 100 feet and extends for half a mile along the shore, and is to my mind the most delightful spot on the St. Croix. It is owned and controlled by Mr. Heaton, and he has this summer spent considerable money and time to make this a place of great attraction to the public. He has just finished a very fine stable, one of the best of its kind on the river, while Centenarian Hall has been greatly improved by a veranda which extends along the front side, facing the bay. Mr. Heaton is the first to improve a picnic place, and much credit is due him. Next summer he intends building a large shed over 100 feet long, in which to stand the horses of his guests.

I understand that parties are contemplating extending the Shore Line R.R. to W. F. Todd's stock farm. I have looked the ground over, and if this railroad could be extended from the crossing near Benson's corner around the shores of Oak Haven, thence to Oak Point, it would put on the finishing touch.

Sept. 18.—Miss Alice Waite returned from Bar Harbor Saturday.

Mr. Charles Lee, formerly second hand of the St. Croix mill, with his family, left on Monday for St. John. Mr. Lee has been here almost a year and had made a large circle of friends, who were sorry to see him go.

Miss Flora Anderson returned from Lowell, on Saturday, very much benefited by her vacation.

Mr. R. L. Todd has returned from Halifax. We are always glad to see him, as he generally brings a good horse. This time, he has a daisy.

A very amusing game of ball was played on Saturday, in Hill's field, between the married and single loom-fixers of the St. Croix mill, which resulted in a victory for the single men by a score of 20 to 20. The principal features of the game were the base-running of Paul Gandar, the fly-catching of A. Gregory, and the kicking of F. Culliton. Prof. J. Hacking also comes in for his share of credit as coacher. With a little practice he would be a good one. Another game will be played next Saturday, when we may look for something grand.

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