THE WORLD OF BOOKS.

Ouida's Last Book-Syrlin.

Ouida's novels are always interesting, and read more widely than those of twothirds of the writers of the present day. Under Two Flags, in the opinion of the writer, is her best book, though some precall the novel tedious, others who buy it fer Wanda, and others would even give Moths the first place. It is simply a question of taste. One gains much from a story of brave men and women, and the vivid descriptions of the fields of sport and battle that abound in Under Two Flags, and loses by a close contact with Moths, which is more apt to disgust than to interest.

Ouida's latest novel, Syrlin*-by the way, Position, the first name of the book, in the remarks made on Mr. Davin in your last isssue? By some inadvertance I said and found at the head of every page, was of his noble address on liberal education changed on the title page to Syrlin, when that it was delivered at Bishop's college: Ouida discovered at the eleventh hour that whereas it was at an institution on his own a book called Position had been published particular ground, and nearer his homein England many years ago-though it lacks much of the fire and beautiful de- viz., at the opening of Lansdowne College, scription of Under Two Flags, and the at Portage La Prairie. It has commanded questionable morals of Moths, will undoubt- the attention of eminent scholars, and edly rank among her best books. It Gladstone has spoken warm commendatory is a powerful satire on English society and words in its praise. customs. The noblest house in all England-that of Avillion-is, as it were, the centre of the story. Lady Avillion, whose ancesters almost rival those of the royal house, is married to Lord Avillion, one of the richest of the nobility, and highly honored by his sovereign. Lady Avillion does not pretend to love her lord, and he was tired of her three weeks after the ceremony, though she is the most beautiful lady of the court. She cares for nothing apparently but to lead society, without appearing to do so, and to increase the influence of the Conservative party, by which she is regarded as a stronger ally than any member of the ministry. Her two boys even fail to arouse her enthusiasm. Both of them have the features and failings of Avillion, and she wonders no longer why she does not love them.

Into this proper and frigid atmosphere Ouida introduces her characters-one of them, Syrlin, the greatest actor of the world; another, Auriol, his dearest friend, Co., Boston. a great musician, and both of them with the entree of the best society in England. Syrlin is the natural son of the famous Duc de Alger, by a Spanish maiden, who, when she died, sent her boy to her father, who about it if ye know what's good fer ye. I disclaimed any knowledge of him. The ain't goin' ter pay fer it, nuther. high-spirited boy would not be a dependent on his bounty without no rights, and from one place to another drifted to the stage, that's the only drink that's free.-New where he found his vocation. The world was soon at his feet, and an old friend and admirer, when he died, left him his fortune, which enabled him to leave the boards and lead what kind of a life he pleased. The acceptance of an invitation to visit Ralph Beaufront, the cousin of Lady Avillion, opens her drawing-room to him, and then the story begins. No more complete satire upon petticoat politics has ever been written. Lord Flodden, a mere boy, comes into his possession and, at the same time, into the fog and smoke of London from the Mediterranean, where he has spent his boyhood, only to be captured by this minister and that "influential" lady and persuaded to join this or that party. Lady Avillion-the most beautiful and gifted woman of the country-induced Flodden to wear the primrose, the emblem of the conservative party despite objections of the young peer whose ancestors were never known to be anything but whigs. Love for Lady Avillion and not for the conservative party draws him into its ranks and adds' one more to the support of the administration. But a greater satire than this even is the description of the personal habits of husband and wife as shown by Lord and Lady Avillion. They are merely married in name -she cares nothing for him nor he for her. She goes her own way and he his. Her path is narrow but straight, his wide and crooked. She is as pure as an angel, doing nothing wrong in deed or thought, and even critical of the language of those about her. He has a splendid retreat at St. Germain which he likes better than his home, where he gathers congenial and naughty spirits and revel to his hearts content. He conquers women easily and tires of them quickly. He disgusts every honest man about him, and among them Syrlin, who from his retired villa, only two miles distant, knows all that is going on about him. Syrlin knows women only to respect them, and when he sees the beautiful Lady Avillion his disgust for her husband turns into a stronger feeling akin to hatred. Love for Lady Avillion is all that keeps him in England. She is amused by him at first, then angered by his bluntness and rudeness-then interested-at this stage he saves her from the fury of a London mob-then loves him. It pleases Ouida to separate them, to send her to the north in an English winter. to make Syrlin follow her and catch rheumatism among the swamps and to lie at the point of death for a time; keeping Lady

all his dramatic force denounced her social SOCIAL AND PERSONAL. creed.

The story comes to a brilliant, tragic and yet not unsatisfactory end. The last

APRIL 30 .- Mr. R. O. Stockton, of St. John, spent

Mr. Calder, of Shediac, will remove his family to Sussex in a short time, I hear, having purchased the business of Mr. W. T. Pitfield, Sussex corner. for the Ouida of Under Two Flags or Moths will be disappointed, but those who

days in Snedlac. A telegram was received by Mrs. Cowie from her husband, the Rev. J. R. DeW. Cowie, on Wednes-day, the 23rd, stating his safe arrival in San Diego. The basket social in Oddfellows' hall was a suc-

The store and dwelling at Sussex corner, belong-ing to the estate of the late Mr. Wm. A. Smith has een purchased by Mr. French Smith. Mr. Fred Fairweather, of this village, received the degree of Bachelor of Laws at Dalhousie col-

ge, last week. Mr. H. A. White, of this village has received many congratulations on his appointment to the chair of Deputy Grand Master of the Masonic fratir-

Sunday in Sussex, the guest of Dr. Burnett.

Magazines.

PASTOR FELIX.

chapters are full of breathless interest and

will repay anyone who wades through over

400 pages to reach them. Some would

read it to the end cannot come to any other

conlusion than that it is a powerful, origi-

nal and intensely interesting satire on the

Note by Pastor Felix.

Will you allow me to correct an error

society of today.

The May Atlantic has an article on "Literary Shibboleths," by Agres Repplier, which is well worth reading. It is a plea for an honest confession of our real tastes in literature, and a warning against being carried away by literary fashions. "Henrik Ibsen: His Early Literary Career as Poet and Playwright," is the opening article of the number. "Sir Peter Osborne" is the subject of a picturesque sketch of a sturdy old Royalist in hisisland castle. Mr. Morton gives his second paper on "Some Popular Objections to Civil Service Reform." Mrs. Deland's serial is continued, and Mr. James' "Tragic Muse" is concluded, while Dr. Holmes, in "Over the Teacups," finishes this entertaining series of papers with some charming little verses called "I Like You, and I Love You." The short stories of the number are the pathetic sketch called "Rudelph," and part first of "Rod's Salvation." Houghton, Mifflin &

Taking Water.

Cowboy (striding into the Round-up Saloon)-Gimme a drink, an' be quick

FOR ADDITIONAL SOCIETY NEWS SEE FIFTH AND EIGHTH PAGES.]

SUSSEX.

Sunday with his parents here. Mr. Walter McMonagle spent Sunday in Moncton. Miss Eliza Vail returned from Bathurst on Thurs-day last, but proceeded at once to Boston, where she will spend the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Theal have been spending a few vs in Shediac

on in the world.

Mr. S. H. White is preparing to build a new residence on Church Avenue. Mrs. Feilders, of St. John, is visiting at Mr. H. N.

Mr. J. M. McIntyre has been spending a few days

Rev. G. A. Hartley, of West End, St. John, spent

Sunday in Sussex, the guest of Dr. Burnett. Mr. Arthur Stowell, of Forest City, Ontario, is spending a few weeks with Mr. M. A. Ferguerson, at Little Salmon River. Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Scovil spent Sunday in Spring Hill. Mr. J. A. McArthur is visiting in Halifax. Mr. W. G. Clarke, of Fredericton, was in Sussex, or Monday

Monday. Mr. H. V. White, of Bloomfield, paid this village

a short visit Monday. Mrs. Dunn, of Sussex Corner, has moved with her family to Boston, where she tormerly resided. Messrs. Wm. J. Davidson, Duncan Robertson, H. A. McKeown, M. P. P., and E. McLeod, are in

Sussex today. Mr. Allen Love, of St. Martins, is visiting this PATRICE. village today.

DIGBY, N. S.

APRIL 30 .- Mr. H. S. Viets returned home on Wednesday last from a year's trip with his uncle,

Capt. B. Roberts. Mr. A. D. Dailey, who for the past three years has held a position in the water works of the city of Rawlings, Wyo., surprised his family on Wednesday last by his sudden return. He reports that the rospects are not very good for young men going west from the Provinces, unless they have a good trade or friends on the spot. As Mr. Dailey had plenty of the latter, I am glad to hear that he has one very well.

Messrs. Burns & Allen kindly placed the second floor of their place of business at the disposal of the floor of their place of business at the disposal of the committee of young ladies, on Thursday evening last. The result was a very enjoyable ball, under the chaperonage of Mrs. George Lynch. Amongst those present were the Misses Merkel, the Misses Jamison, the Misses Ambrose, Miss Robinson, Miss Stewart, Miss L. Dakin, Miss Mumford, Miss Pick-man, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Churchill, Mr. and Mrs. Groon and Messrs Biden Jones, Stark Smith, W. Green, and Messrs. Biden, Jones, Stark Smith, W. Lynch, B. Lynch, T. Cowling (Annapolis) and others whose names I cannot remember. Mrs. Lynch wore a very handsome dress of car-

dinal cashmere trimmed with plush. Miss Jamison was very prettily dressed in mauve silk with overdress of cream lace.

Miss Mumford in white mull with cream satin

Miss Merkel in nile green with darker trimmings Mrs. T. C. Shreve in a dress of apple green with watered silk trimmings. Miss Ambrose in a very becoming dress of pale

Miss E. Ambrose in a white embroidered lawn and nile green sash. The end of the programme of



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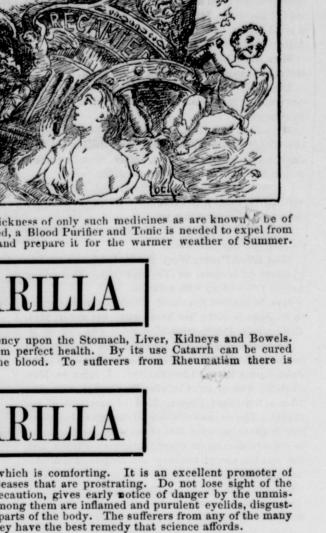
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Consumption Cured.

An old physician retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma and all throat and lung affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints, after being togetod its mendorful curriting neurons in having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellows. Actuated by this motive and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge, to all who desire it, this recipe, in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail addressing with stamp, naming this paper. A. NOYES, 820 Powers' Block, Rochester, N. Y.

[For PROGRESS.] REQUIESCAT.

I hear the foot-falls faint and sweet Of Spring upon these barren hills, I see the cloud-isles drift and meet, I catch the melody of rills.

They say the withered leaves are stirred By brown birds in the grove and glen,-Where elfin toilers hear the word To work their magic tasks again.

I watch the stealthy shadow-tides Creep upwards from the tranquil town, To where the distant church spire hides Above the meadows sere and brown.

And straight my heart knows but one care, My tears blot out the pleasant scene. I wonder if the birds sing there? I wonder if the grave grows green?

II.

The change that heightens all abroad, But fills me with a senseless pain. I hate the bloom on bough and sward! I loath the ripple of the rain!

The leaping stream breathes mournful tales, The sun a sickly radiance casts, The breezes sound as doleful wails, The odours seem like charnel blasts.

When death was out, and death was king, I could but give him up to death,-But now when spring tide echoes ring A bitter longing takes my breath.

O wind and sun, his rest above, Too weak your charm, too weak your will To fire the eyes with light and love! To thrill with life the members still!

I never more shall have him stand Close up by me in youth divine, With steadfast, answering clasp of hand, . With look clear shining into mine!

III.

Hush! look! My voice is calmer now, Those tears, so swift and painless, cease. Peace upon eye, and lip and brow, And in my soul most perfect peace.

For while I wept with wild repine, While love and grief in anguish strove, A quick soul seemed to leap to mine And clasp in one long kiss of love.

IV.

I know these desert fields, unblest By earth's soft sun, and vernal air Shall waken soon from sterile rest,

I think Digby is sadly in need of a club or read ing-room for the entertainment of young men in the

Mr. Thomas Ruddock, one of Digby's oldest and Mr. Thomas Ruddock, one of Digby's oldest and most respected inhabitants was taken very ill on Monday, the 21st, with a severe attack of pneumo-nia. His son and daughter were summoned from New York, and arrived on Saturday via Yarmouth. The illness terminated fatally on Sunday afternoon. Mr. Ruddock's loss will be deeply felt by his many friends in St. John as well as Digby. Miss Grace Campbell returned to St. John on

Monda Mr. H. B. Short is out again, after being confined to the house for several days with a very severe DICK. cold, taken while crossing the bay.

Among the most active of Digby's citizens is Mr. Thomas Boyne, who is now 72 years old, and sets an example well worthy of imitation by his juniors. Mr. Boyne is a licensed lay-reader and visitor of Trinity parish, churchwarden and vestry clerk; secretary and treasurer of the Forest Hill cemetery; revisor of county taxes; city councillon keeper, cashier and general manager for Sydes & Cousins' fish curing establishment; secretary and treasurer of the Digby Canning Co.; executor and trustee of estate of the late Hon. E. R. Oakes; agent of Gilpin estate; agent of W. Crowley estate; agent of C. L. Marshall; agent Eastern Assurance Co. and Western Assurance Co.; real estate and finance

broker, banker and general agent. Mr. Boyne is the father of Mr. G. Gordon Boyne, of St. John.

TRURO, N. S.

APRIL 30.—Our mayor and wife, in the persons of Dr. and Mrs. D. H. Muir, have returned from their trip to Bermuda.

Mrs. Rufus Black and her daughter Miss Emma, have also returned, the latter is looking benefitted by the change.

by the change. Peg forgot to mention Mrs. S. McLelan's small, but very select party of Tuesday evening the 22nd inst. A very pleasant evening was spent by the guests who were: Mrs. O. C. Cummings, the Misses Dimock, Miss Blanche Tremaine, Miss Agnes McKay, Mr. Watt, who is visiting Mr. and Mrs. McLeian, Mr. A. Patterson, Mr. A. Campbell, Mr. Harry Crowe, Mr. Fairbanks, and another gentleman whose name your correspondent can't gentleman whose name your correspondent can't

Mr. H. V. Kent is home after having passed very creditable final examinations at Dalhousie, Halifax, and receiving the degrees of doctor of medicine and

Mr. O. C. Cummings has returned from Ottawa, where he went as a delegate to further the propo-sition apropos of the proposed line of railroad to

Atamagouche. Mr. Geo. B. Layton, of New Glasgow, is in town

today. Rev. Mr. Simpson, of Halifax, who preached in St. Andrew's church last Sabbath, was the guest of Mr. G. R. Blair during his stay. On the tapis, that an athlete of fine phisique, re-sident here, will ere long lead to the altar a charm-ing brunette of the West End.

The new Truro band is making rapid progress under the experienced tutelage of Mr. Rosindale. Mr. W. H. Snook is out and around again, though not confining himself closely to the vigors of busi-

less as yet. Mr. Geo. Clarke, M. P. P., of Tatamagouche in town co-operating with his colleague, Mr. F. A. Lawrence, in electioneering duties. Lawrence, in electioneering duries. The party at the Misses McLean's last Friday evening, was a success as their parties usually are. PEG.

LEPREAU.

APRIL 30 .- Mrs. S. N. Cameron has returned from St. John, where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Clinch Mr. F. J. McPeake, superintendent of S. L. railway, was here on Saturday. Dr. H. P. Reynolds visited St. George on Satur-Mr. L. Cameron, of the S. L. railway, spent Sunday here. Mr. A. Ernest Lomax has returned from Boston. Rev. Howard D. Warden spent a tew days here last week. Mrs. H. P. and Miss Nellie Reynolds are in the The friends of Miss Carrie Reynolds are pleased to see her home again. She has been St. John visit ing friends. I hear Messrs. Elwell and Earle, of St. John, will Moncton, N. B. visit us again this week. Mrs. Moses Prescott, of Eastport, spent a few days here shooting. Miss P. K. Hanson is spending a few days in St. O. K.

MUSQUASH.

point of death for a time; keeping Lady Avillion on the rack of suspense all the while; to make Syrlin's friend, Auriol, fall in love and be loved by Lady Ina, the niece and ward of Lady Avillion, to have the latter indignantly refuse her consent—the idea of the union of an English lady and a foreign artist !—to have Syrlin plead for his friend and be refused. Then Syrlin with	 And grow with broom and nuttage rate. I know that springtide only waits, While blasts hyemal sweep around, I watch the far-off eastern gates! I listen for the glory-sound. Rest thee! beyond the quiet sky, Rest thee! within the churchyard drear The God-love holds thee safe on high The human love keeps vigil here. 	his sister, Miss Amy, drove to St. John last Thurs- day. Mr. C. A. Clark, of St. John, was at the Musquash Hotel on Monday. Mr. L. B. Knight arrived here today on a business trip. Mr. P. J. Richards has returned home from Bos- ton. The funeral of tde late Mr. James Boyle, Chance Harbor, took place here on Monday and was very largely attended. Mr. Peter Sharkey and family, of St. John, were among the mourners. Mr. B. D. Wyatt, of Boston, arrived here last week, to open the Inglewood club for the season-	Rothesay station, less than half a mile from the rail- way, with a splendid right of way to the Kennebec- asis, about 200 yards distant, this property offers exceptional advantages to any person desiring to purchase a suburban residence. The house, which is quite new, well finished and roomy, is, with a commodious barn and other outbuildings, situated in a four acre lot which yields from three to four tons of hay, and is studded with apple, plum and cherry trees. There is also a small pasturage lot adjoining. Beside these advantages the residence is prettily situated near the corner of the road leading	And GORBELL ART STORE has got to move across the street until New Stores are Built. D ^{ON'T} FORGET TO BRING YOUR PICTURE IN TO GET FRAMED. NOW IS THE TIME, for our stock must be reduced at any price. Mantel Mirrors a specialty. 207 UNION STREET. F. E. HOLMAN, 48 KING STREET, Desires to call attention to his large and varied stock of
friend and be retused. Then Syrlin with * Syrlin. By Ouida. Montreal: John P. Lovell. Price 50 cents. For sale in St. John by Alfred Mor-	Painting and Glazing in all their branches	Mr. B. D. Wyatt, of Boston, arrived here last week, to open the Inglewood club for the season- Mr. Fred Dunn returned home from St. John on Saturday.	to the river and the highway. There is an excellent well on the premises. Price \$1200. Further particulars, as to terms, etc. can be obtained from	WALL PAPER, WINDOW SHADES, Etc., WHICH IS NOW COMPLETE IN EVERY GRADE.