

Choice Literature.

One Life Only.

CHAPTER XXVIII.

A few months later, while the winter snows were falling thick and fast round Atherstone Abbey, the master of that proud old home sat in a lonely lodging in Sydney, with the sunburnt of the Australian summer streaming through his open window, and all the glory of that strange climate at its fairest season, shining on earth and sky.

his lodgings at a pace which he would hardly have adopted in such weather without an urgent reason. Atherstone started to his feet, while the glad thought flashed into his mind, that perhaps he was the bearer of some tidings respecting Edward or his child; it was nearly a week since he had seen Wilson last, and news from the interior of the country might have reached him in the interval.

aware that the eyes of the dying man were fixed on his face with a look of undoubted recognition, and, going forward, he sank on his knees by the bed-side of his unhappy cousin. An expression of exceeding bitterness passed over Edward's ghastly countenance, as if life were too far spent within him to call up the fiery passion of hate that would have possessed him, and slowly his lips framed the words, "My enemy! my enemy in this last hour!"

to remain with him, the two men took leave of him, and he was left alone. He went back into the room, and found Edward lying with his face to the wall; he bent over him and spoke very gently, asking if he would allow him to lift his head into an easier position, but the dying man was either unconscious of his presence, or wilfully ignored it; and he desisted at last from any attempt to attract his attention, and sat down in silence by the side of the miserable couch.

Scientific and Useful. CREAM CRACKERS. Two pints of flour, one pint of sweet cream, and the yolk of three eggs. STRENGTH OF MAN. A curious series of experiments made in France shows approximately that the heaviest load a strong man can carry for a short distance is 319 pounds; all a man can carry habitually, as, for example, a soldier's knapsack, walking on level ground, is 182 pounds—or an aggregate of 1518 pounds over 8200 feet as a day's work.