

TRANSLATOR'S NOTE

This is the second volume on Beetles in the complete English edition of Henri Fabre's entomological works. The first is entitled *The Sacred Beetle and Others*; the second and the third will be known as *The Life of the Weevil* and *More Beetles* respectively.

The Glow-worm, which gives its name to the present book, did not form part of the *Souvenirs entomologiques* as originally published. It is one of two essays written specially, at my request, for translation into English, towards the close of Henri Fabre's life; in fact, this and *The Ant-lion*, a short essay for children, were the last works that came from the veteran author's pen. *The Glow-worm* appeared first in the *Century Magazine*. Of the remaining chapters, several have appeared in various periodicals, notably the *English Review* and in *Land and Water*, the editor and proprietors of which admirable weekly have shown the most enlightened interest in Fabre's work.