

and before many years pass, their owner may repay and delight you by an extended knowledge and original work.

Books, papers and periodicals are now aiding the good work, and works on entomology, botany, ornithology, etc., are to be obtained, wherein is given in a pleasing, popular form talks on such topics without the difficult technical terms which alarm so many at the outset of these studies. Names must be learned in due time, being absolutely necessary if we are to discuss or impart our knowledge. Like money, names are but a medium of exchange. When there is the demand, the supply is soon found, and such books are on the increase. Parents will aid by placing these in the hands of the children and instructors of youth. The boys and girls can help by noticing the habits of birds, the flowering of plants, the homes and nests of insects, and in remembering to be kindly with all God's creatures, who have feelings and suffer in some degree like us, though unable to speak to us in our language, to tell the wrongs they suffer, yet their plaintive calls or agonized cries should find commiseration in our hearts. The one who inflicts torture on his inferior is a tyrant and a coward ; but to the one who prevents and alleviates suffering, the noble title of hero belongs.

Boys and girls with quick eyes and active feet can gather specimens where their elders, less nimble, fearless and active, would fail.

The young ladies, too, can help the ornithologist, who rightly grieves over the destruction of thousands of birds whose happy existence is sacrificed at the altar of fashion for the sake of their plumage, which is worn upon ladies' hats and bonnets. Would they deem it an adornment if they thought of the slaughter of the gay, pretty creatures, which people the groves and forests and make them ring with their happy songs and bright existence? No! we answer. Ladies are kind but thoughtless on this point, and perhaps reason that it is no harm to wear the bird or a part of its plumage when it is dead, not thinking that they are fostering the trade in bird life and pandering to a cruel whim of dame Fashion. Quite a different thing is the taking of the lives of a few of these for scientific studies, and it is quite proper that the Government of the country should assist Natural History, by equipping and opening to the public, museums, suitable as receptacles for the collections which have been brought together and which are yearly increasing.