

talk with many a jolly laugh, which showed that even care could not altogether dampen his jovial spirits. He was an ardent conchologist, entomologist, floriculturist, and mineralogist, and it has been remarked of him that he added to a great store of knowledge a simple and unassuming nature, which perhaps stood more in the way of his prosperity than anything else—for the busy world crowds out the possessors of such qualities.

His conchological operations were carried on chiefly in the vicinity of Halifax. The "Harbour," Bedford Basin, Eastern Passage, and many of the outlying bays and inlets were constantly visited by his dredge, while fresh water ponds and streams were also duly ransacked and made to contribute to his growing cabinet. Whatever spare time he had, was thus spent in pursuit of his favorite study. He also made regular visits to the fish-markets, where he examined the contents of fish stomachs—those rich treasuries to the shell-collector. He left no field unsearched which could yield anything in his line of work, and this enthusiastic thoroughness was one of the marked features of his character. All who knew him speak of this, and of his amiability and quiet generosity.