

relations to their surroundings and the part they play in the economy of Nature.

Be convinced, then, there is work for all. No field is yet exhausted ; no man, however great, can say I know all ; no lifetime, however well spent, is long enough to solve the questions of a single subject. Many must contribute each his little store, that the genius may glean and sift new truths from the cumulation which he skilfully lays upon the foundation at that point where his predecessors left the uncompleted work when their summons came to go hence to "join the great majority."

All can help—man, woman and child—whether as the individual or as a society. For those who employ only their leisure hours, the hours of relaxation from the worries or toils of business and busy life, there is this thought, that they are aiding in the great work, and though the contribution be but a single new or rare specimen, the record of an accurate observation, the relation of some true anecdote, or a new psychological inference, he may be furnishing a missing link in some complex chain, some thought that may be crystallized into, and vitalized anew along with the life-long labors of some genius, or he may be furnishing the keystone to some uncompleted structure. Pursued at home, or when visiting foreign countries, who can tell the result ? Some strange bright bird may serve to fill an unoccupied space in the web of Nature ; a fossil bone may reveal the existence of previous unknown monsters ; a broken branch may disclose invaluable material for future mansions or navies ; a mineral fragment may reveal a rich mine, or a geological observation may point out a new locality for coal, that indispensable aid to commerce and industry.

Business must be attended to, and some one has aptly said : "The intervals of business must be attended to." Though a man's leisure is his own, yet for his sake, as well as that of the community, it ought to be one of occupation. His pleasures and recreations ought to bear a contrasting character to his business or profession, in order to cultivate those powers of the mind that are dwarfed or unemployed during work. With Natural History as a recreation of leisure hours, ennui disappears, and every step becomes enchanted ground, and a walk with an aim in view is not exercise for the body alone, but patience, minuteness