

who goes about picking up bugs." It was well for him that as a naturalist, to use his own words, he could find "gratification in any scene and at any season," and that in Mr. Jacques, in whose house he boarded, he had a congenial friend. In Chapter viii. of his work, he draws a gloomy picture of an Eastern Township farmer's life; but in the preface (which breathes the modesty and piety which characterized him through life), he says:—"During a residence of some years in the Lower Province, the author has felt it to be no common privilege to be able to solace himself by these simple but enchanting studies \* \* \* and even now the recollection of those pleasant scenes sheds forth a lustre which gilds the edge of many a dark cloud."

In March, 1838, Mr. Gosse left Compton, and settled in Alabama for about six months. His observations at this period afforded the subject matter of his *Letters from Alabama, chiefly relating to Natural History*. He returned to England in the spring of 1839, and published the *Canadian Naturalist* during the summer. On the 10th of August, 1844, he sailed for Jamaica, to study the natural history of that island. After a residence there of two years, he went back to England, and published the result of his investigations, under the title of *The Birds of Jamaica, A Naturalist's Sojourn in Jamaica, and An Atlas of Illustrations*.

From January, 1852, to the time of his death, Mr. Gosse's residence was at St. Marychurch, where he had a delightful residence which he named "Sandhurst." Attached to this were extensive conservatories, including a vinery, fernery, orchid houses, etc.

For some years, he was engaged in preparing works for the S. P. C. K. After that he devoted himself to the microscopic study of the British Rotifera. In 1856, he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society. He was an indefatigable worker, usually in his study by four o'clock in the morning in the summer, and by six o'clock in the winter, and producing on the average two works in the year. His books must number about forty; and among the scientific papers of the Royal Society upwards of fifty are from the pen of Mr. Gosse.

Among his works are:—*Tenby, A Sea-side Holiday; The Aquarium; Actinologia Britannica; A History of the British Sea Anemones and Corals; The Wonders of the Great Deep; The Romance of Natural History; Life in its Lower, Intermediate, and Higher Forms; Land and Sea, and A Year at the Shore*.