

powers of close observation, and patient study—especially in the branch of entomology—and the common forms of life about us.

Graduating from Phillips Academy in 1858, especially did he excel in Greek and Latin—receiving his instruction directly from the Principal, Mr. Taylor—which became so useful to him in pursuing his favorite branches of Entomology and Conchology, in which he became an acknowledged expert.

He went to the State House in Boston in October, 1858, when he was employed in the State Cabinet until 1865, when he was engaged by the Boston Society of Natural History in the departments of Entomology and Ornithology, receiving the appointment as regular assistant in 1867, which position he held until 1872. In 1872 he accepted a position as teacher of Entomology and Microscopy in the Bussy Institute, connected with Harvard College. During the spring and summer of 1874 he was an assistant in the Geological Survey of Kentucky, under Prof. Shaler. With other gentlemen of the survey, he visited about fifty caves, including Mammoth Cave, chiefly with a view to ascertain the variations in temperature, and the present and extinct forms of animal life. In 1875 he was employed by the Smithsonian Institution in arranging the coleoptera of North America for the Centennial Exhibition. This collection was shown in twenty-four large cases in the Government Building. Since then he has been engaged in museum work, arranging and labelling private cabinets, giving lectures before schools and clubs, on Entomology chiefly. Until 1882 he was employed as regular custodian in the Museum of the Worcester Natural History Society, which office he held at the time of his death. His work in museums, on private cabinets, and in arranging biological collections, giving on clear and distinct labels the history of the objects, making them plain and intelligible to the people, was one of the many things in which Mr. Sanborn excelled. He studied the common things of life—those which immediately surround us—and there was rarely anything in animal or vegetable life as to which he could not gratify an intelligent curiosity, and give a correct answer, and he delighted to do so. From a notice of his death in the Worcester Spy, we quote the following :

“ He was ingenious, full of resources, remarkably ready and happy in communicating information to all inquirers ; of a cheerful, buoyant and uncomplaining temper, with the simplest tastes and habits ; he was a diligent student, an agreeable and unobtrusive companion. His death seems sudden and untimely, but it is certain that he himself, unworldly as