

—his mother being a Pinco—a member of the Acadian family of that name.

Dr. Gesner was popular with those with whom he came in contact, and suggestions of political success and preferment were often made to him in consequence, but he could not be induced to enter the political arena, but remained true to his beloved science. He was an enthusiastic sportsman, both with rod and gun, and we have seen how he made these accomplishments the handmaids of his scientific labors.

He was very fond of music and quite a capable performer on the flute and violin in the family circle. After a wearing day's work he would seek recreation and pleasure in playing over old airs, especially the Scotch music, of which he was particularly fond. He was always abstemious and temperate in his habits of life, but liked and would smoke a good cigar. He rose early and retired early, believing in the old maxim with reference to sleeping.

Many anecdotes might be told showing the geniality and generosity of his disposition.

He remained a firm churchman all his life, and was a warden for many years of Christ Church, Brooklyn, N. Y. Here he had an opportunity of entertaining many of the clergy, some of whom had large parishes in New York. On one of these occasions he somewhat disturbed the pious serenity of a very wise looking theologian who was dining with him, and whose name was Walton, by smilingly inquiring if he was any relation to the famous Isaac Walton, author of the "Complete Angler."

A story is told showing the natural generosity of his character when superintending a Sunday-school picnic of the church to which he belonged. The picnic was held in grounds surrounded by a high board fence to protect