

inspection it is seen to be somewhat enlivened by the presence of a multitude of living creatures, mostly crustacea or the spat of limpets and barnacles; and one feels that, instead of being in the presence of death, he is in the midst of abundant joyful life.

My pleasant task is over, and for all apology for its many shortcomings I can only say that I have done my best to put facts before the reader without being tedious, so that if the instruction was slender the interest might not flag. I need scarcely say that by the aid of text books it would have been quite easy to expand each one of these chapters into a book as long as the whole of them. But that, I take it, would have been to defeat the object for which I was commissioned to write these papers, and which I tried to foreshadow in the brief introduction to them. If what has been here set down has in some degree increased the reader's interest in and reverence for the work of God in places far from his every-day ken and made him feel that it is worth while to cultivate a wide and sympathetic outlook upon His world, I shall be abundantly repaid.

THE END