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R E P T O N
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ΕΠΙΓΡΑΜΜΑ ΔΕΔΙΚΑΤΟΡΙΟΝ.

Νύμφαις ἀγρονόμοις νεόδρεπτα τάδ' ἄνθεα κίτται,
βαιὰ μὲν ἄλλ' ἀγναῖς μυδαλόεντα δρόσοις·
τὴν δόσιν οὖν δέξασθε θεαί,—τὰ μὲν ἀργυροδίνου
λείρια καὶ δόνακας μνημόσυνον ποταμοῦ,
μνῆμα δ' ἄρ' ἀνδῆρων θαλιρῶν ῥόδα, πολλὰ δ' ἀφ' ὑλῶν
πλέγματ' ἰοδνεφίων, καὶ πτέριν ἀβρόκομον,
πάντα θ' ὄσοις ὁ ποθεινὸς ἀγάλλεται ἄνθεα λειμών
οἳ τε πρὶν εὐγνωστοί, παῖδες δτ' ἤμεν, ἀγροί.

J. E. S.

ALTERUM LATINE.

Quo tendis liber elegantiorum
Florum dotibus aureis venustus ?
Quem finxere manu pia sodales
Intextum violæ rosæque sertis,
Ut solatiolum adsit otiosis
Ut lætosque dies, et heu peractæ
Gratam reddat imaginem juventæ.
Quo tu quo, precor, O libelle tendis ?
Floræ confugis in sinum ? Sapisti :
Illa vindice, neminem timeto.

H. E. F.



PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION.

THIS volume has been compiled for the guidance of the Students of Natural History in Repton School, in the hope that it may receive many additions and corrections as further researches are carried on.

For the writers it contains a record of pleasant hours, passed amidst scenes known and dear to all old Reptonians. Few Schools in England enjoy such advantages as we possess in the beauty of our neighbourhood and the extent of our range. The very names of Bretby and Foremark, Knoll Hills and Anchor Church, Repton Rocks, Twyford Ferry, Tanyard Lane, call up a landscape of rich and varied interest, noble timber and fragrant lanes, broad meadows

"dewy fresh, browsed by deep-uddered kine,"

and woods carpeted with bracken, or glowing with blue-bells; and the "smug and silver Trent," always fresh and teeming with life, winding like a bright riband through the wide valley.

To all Repton men these scenes are connected with pleasant recollections, but surely to none so much as those whose enjoyment of liberty and exercise has been enhanced by a love of Nature, rendered distinct and permanent by a definite pursuit. "Happy truly is the Naturalist. The earth becomes to him transparent; everywhere he sees significances, harmonies, laws, chains of cause and effect

endlessly interlinked, which draw him out of the narrow sphere of self-interest and self-pleasing into a pure and wholesome region of solemn joy and wonder."*

By some such these pages have been arranged, and by all will be received with a kindly welcome, and meet with gentle criticism. Let us hope that this little volume may be the companion of many a pleasant ramble over the old ground. Let it also convey a caution to the hunter of plants or insects, eggs or shells, that in his own keen pursuit he may recollect to leave something for those who come after, and carefully to preserve all rare specimens. He may at the same time be reminded, while himself enjoying abundant liberty of movement, to regard the claims of property, and not to forget the rights of his neighbours.

The Flora is the work of W. Wyatt and C. G. Thornton, from notes of Collections made in 1859, 1860, and 1861, with additions by W. M. Sinclair, E. Blumhardt, and W. Nanson. Much assistance has been given by A. Hewgill, Esq., M.D., to whose exact and extensive knowledge, and constant encouragement, the study of Botany in Repton School owes its introduction and successful prosecution.

The List of Birds has been contributed by A. O. Worthington, whose early propensity for birds-nesting has developed into a wide and accurate knowledge of Ornithology.

The section of Moths and Butterflies is the work of the Rev. F. Spilsbury, whose attainments as an entomologist are too well known to need any commendation from the writer of these introductory remarks.

* Rev. C. Kingsley.