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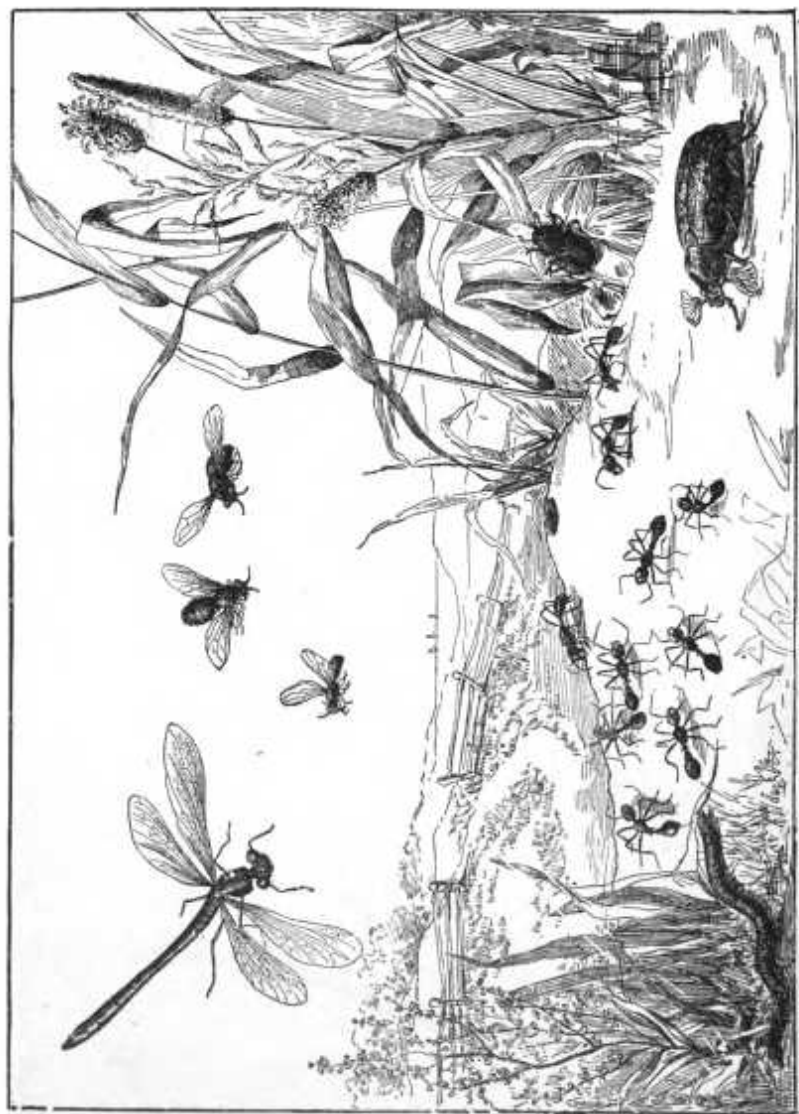
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"So he wandered away and away
With Nature, that dear old nurse,
Who sang to him, night and day,
The songs of the universe."

LONGFELLOW, Birthday Poem for Agassiz.

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PREFACE.

TO THE BOYS AND GIRLS:—

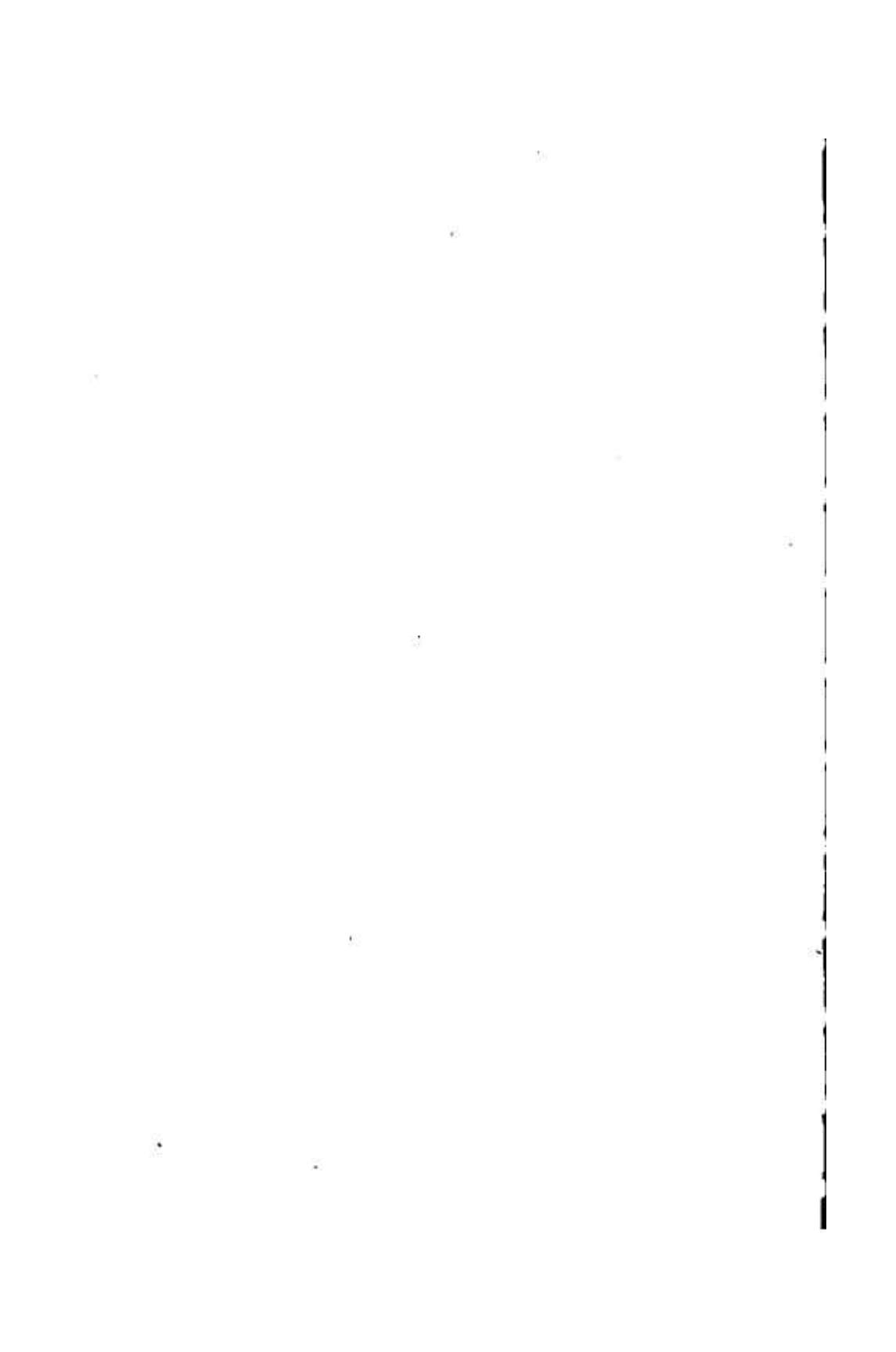
IN this book we shall together wander a little farther, by the sea-side and by the way-side. Sometimes we shall walk on the breezy hills; sometimes in the low, marshy places, where ferns and rushes grow.

Sometimes we shall stroll along the way-side path, where the wild-flowers and grasses are woven into a wreath.

Sometimes we shall go to the hard white sand, where the ocean waves roll to our feet, and bring us shells and curious treasure from the sea. Again, we shall go down to the still ponds, where lilies float on the water, and dragon-flies swim in the air.

Wherever we go, let us keep our eyes open, and our minds awake, to the lessons of Nature. Then we shall be able to learn what beauty and wisdom lie hid, even in such humble things as flies and worms. We shall find much to delight us in beetles; and be as happy as kings, while we search out the secrets of airy hunters and marvellous little fishers.

J. M. N. W.



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