

A long-expected work at last rejoices our eyes, and there are but few of our readers who will not, in Mr. Wallace's company, be glad

— “to wander far away,
On from island unto island at the gateways of the day.”

We are sure that ‘The Malay Archipelago’† will obtain such close attention at the hands of all ornithologists that we think there is no good reason why we should give any details of its contents. Even those who agree least with the co-discoverer of the theory of “Natural Selection” will admit, after reading his volumes, the unquestionable right of Mr. Wallace to be regarded as a naturalist-traveller of the very first class, and give him credit also for the desire of being accounted a naturalist-philosopher. The Darwinian school (to which belongs, we believe, the majority of our readers), will of course readily accord him a still higher position; and indeed it will be, in our opinion, difficult to refuse the author of this work any rank among naturalists to which he may lay claim. He set out from England with no theory—his theory was forced upon him as the only mode of explaining countless facts which he himself observed; and these facts are now related by him in the simplest and most unaffected manner. There is not a chapter in either of these volumes which will not give rise to numerous reflections of the most interesting character; and we heartily congratulate Mr. Wallace on the accomplishment of his task, and earnestly hope he may

† *The Malay Archipelago: the land of the Orang-utan and the Bird of Paradise. A Narrative of Travel with Studies of Man and Nature.* By ALFRED RUSSEL WALLACE. LONDON: 1869. 2 vols. small 8vo.

long live to enjoy his well-earned fame. We wish we could say a good word for the illustrations of his work ; they serve to show, as we have for some time suspected, that wood-cutting is rapidly becoming one of the lost arts.
