

was plainly a lovable character, courteous and dignified, a delightful companion, and quietly humorous; but his most marked trait was his exquisite orderliness. Also he was a lover of Nature in all its forms, from virgin forests to the minutest details of the humblest moss. His notes are interesting to anyone caring for travel, and especially to those caring for flowers. (Maps, index, and illustrations. 518 and 524 pp. Macmillan. 2 vols. 21s. net.)

A BOOK FOR BOTANISTS.

Dr. Alfred Russel Wallace has edited, and contributed to it a biographical preface, Dr. Richard Spruce's *Notes of a Botanist on the Amazon and Andes*, written during his travels between 1849 and 1864. Naturally this is a book for those possessed of some botanical knowledge rather than for general readers. Dr. Spruce was a Yorkshireman, and a remarkable instance of how much can often be accomplished by concentration and ceaseless effort, even in the case of persons by no means endowed with a strong constitution. Much of Spruce's life must have been passed in weakness, and some years of it in constant pain. Several of his works, though all for specialists, have become virtually classics. He