

## CHAPTER VII.

1832-1834 : ÆT. 25-27.

Enters upon his Professorship at Neuchâtel. — First Lecture. — Success as a Teacher. — Love of Teaching. — Influence upon the Scientific Life of Neuchâtel. — Proposal from University of Heidelberg. — Proposal declined. — Threatened Blindness. — Correspondence with Humboldt. — Marriage. — Invitation from Charpentier. — Invitation to visit England. — Wollaston Prize. — First Number of "Poissons Fossiles." — Review of the Work.

THE following autumn Agassiz assumed the duties of his professorship at Neuchâtel. His opening lecture "Upon the Relations between the different branches of Natural History and the then prevailing tendencies of all the Sciences" was given on the 12th of November, 1832, at the Hotel de Ville. Judged by the impression made upon the listeners as recorded at the time, this introductory discourse must have been characterized by the same broad spirit of generalization which marked Agassiz's later teaching. Facts in his hands fell into their orderly relation as parts of a connected whole, and were never presented