

CHAPTER XIV.

1846 - 1847: ÆT. 39 - 40.

Course of Lectures in Boston on Glaciers. — Correspondence with Scientific Friends in Europe. — House in East Boston. — Household and Housekeeping. — Illness. — Letter to Elie de Beaumont. — Letter to James D. Dana.

THE course at the Lowell Institute was immediately followed by one upon glaciers, the success of which was guaranteed by private subscription, — an unnecessary security, since the audience, attracted by the novelty and picturesqueness of the subject, as well as by the charm of presentation and fullness of illustration, was large and enthusiastic.

Agassiz was evidently encouraged himself by his success, for toward the close of his Lowell Lectures he writes as follows: —

TO CHANCELLOR FAVARGEZ.

BOSTON, *December 31, 1846.*

. . . Beside my lecture course, now within a few days of its conclusion, and the ever-increasing work which grows on my hands in