

Lakewood, Fla., on Christmas Day, aged 38.

This simple announcement will call up feelings of regret from many gentlemen throughout the country who knew Mr. Parker personally. His characteristics were geniality, enterprise, activity and industry. He possessed a clear, incisive comprehension of general matters, and that ready adaptability of nature which is so often inbred in the New Englander. His father was Charles Parker, well known as a prominent manufacturer, his name also being upon the Mayors of Meriden, Conn. Wilbur was a keen, devoted sportsman, and thoroughly alive to the progressive spirit of the age. Fading health had not dimmed the lustre of his energies. To the last he was the same thoughtful, considerable company, the same appreciative friend. His zeal was untiring. In journalistic enterprise he was the founder of our contemporary, the Red and Gun, which he started under the title of the American Sportsman, though his pecuniary interest was not long continued therein.

As the senior member of the firm of Parker Brothers, the celebrated manufacturers of breech-loading guns, he became widely and extensively known. Peace to his ashes! He saw the last of earthly light in Florida, falling a victim to that insidious disease, consumption.

R. B. WARMOLD.

The London Sportsman says, under date of Dec. 9, in allusion to the late Mr. R. B. Warmold.

"We regret to have to announce the death, on Monday last, of this gentleman, who was well known in connection with sporting journalism for many years. A Yorkshireman, his inclinations were naturally directed toward sport of some kind, and on terminating his University career at Oxford he adopted journalism as a profession, and some time subsequently became identified with the Sportsman, of which paper he was for some time editor. On his retirement from this paper he was appointed rowing editor of Bull's Life in London; but here his health, which had never been robust, told against him, and eventually he had to give up work that necessitated long hours and constant attention. A good judge of rowing and practically conversant with every branch of sport, he was eminently fitted for the posts he occupied had he only possessed the necessary physical powers. As it was, on his secession from Bull's Life he chiefly devoted his attention to chess, which had always been his favorite amusement, though he occasionally wrote for the Sportsman and other sporting papers. Some time ago he was appointed editor of the chess department of the Illustrated London News, and it was perhaps in connection with this game that he was best known to the public. His book on "Chess Openings" is acknowledged to be one of the finest treatises of its kind, and he was one of the most prominent exponents in the metropolis of this princely game. In fact he was one of the most accomplished of our English chess scholars, a deep thinker, and a careful and honest worker. In private life he was a genial, kindly soul, with a ready hand, liberal-minded; and he was much respected by all those with whom he was associated during his journalistic career. To the last he was an occasional contributor to this paper, and one of the latest efforts of his pen, "A Big Front," appeared so recently as Friday week in the columns of the Sportsman."

The Hon. John Morrissey's only son died Saturday evening at Saratoga. The funeral took place at Troy on Tuesday.

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