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JOHN BERNHARDT SMITH.

It is with profound regret that we have to record the death, from Bright's disease, of Dr. John Bernhardt Smith, Professor of Entomology at Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N.J., Entomologist to the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, and State Entomologist of New Jersey, which occurred at his home during the morning of March 12, 1912.

Dr. Smith was born in New York City on November 21, 1858, so he died at a comparatively early age. It is a coincidence that the late Dr. James Fletcher and the one we now mourn, who were such close friends, should be called away at about the same age. Dr. Smith's early education was received at the Public Schools. He practised law from 1880 to 1884, but his heart was not in such work, and during this latter year he was appointed as a special agent to the United States Department of Agriculture, which position he held until 1886, when he was made Assistant-Curator of Insects in the United States National Museum. Here he remained until 1889, when he was appointed Professor of Entomology at Rutgers College and Entomologist to the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station. In 1894, he also received the title of State Entomologist of New Jersey. During the years 1882 to 1890 he was the editor of *Entomologica Americana*. For several years he was also editor of the "Bulletin of the Brooklyn Entomological Society."

Dr. Smith was an extremely busy man, one who in every way served his state and country as few men have. A man of wide experience and deep study he has, in his published works, left behind him a monument of knowledge which will last for all time and which will undoubtedly serve as a guide for many future students of entomology. While in the Museum at Washington, he published some very valuable monographic works, namely, "A Monograph of the Sphingidæ of America, North of Mexico," "A Revision of the Lepidopterous Family Saturniidae;" and "Preliminary Catalogue of the Arctiidæ of Temperate North America." Bulletin No. 44 of the U. S. N. M., pp. 1-424, "A Catalogue, Bibliographical and Synonymical, of the species of moths of the Lepidopterous Superfamily