

congenial work, and woe betide the heedless buzzing beetle that crossed his path.

Among his contributions to various scientific periodicals may be mentioned the following :—In the *Canadian Naturalist* of February, 1858, and February, 1860, he published a "List of Plants found growing in the Neighbourhood of Prescott." To the annals of the Botanical Society of Kingston, he furnished a "List of Plants growing principally within 4 miles of Prescott, and on Laurentian Rocks west of Brockville, 72 species." In the transactions of the Ottawa Natural History Society, he published a "List of Plants collected in the vicinity of Ottawa during the season of 1866, consisting of 405 species." Occasional papers also from his pen may be found in the CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST. In Vol. 1, pages 28 and 60, he discussed the subject "On a station for *Melitta Phacton*," and in the same volume, page 45, is a paper on "*Diurnal Lepidoptera* observed in the neighbourhood of Ottawa during the season of 1868." Whether this comprises all that he wrote for the ENTOMOLOGIST we are not in a position to say. Writing scientific articles was a kind of amusement he did not much relish, and but for the importunities of his friends, even the few above mentioned might not have been penned.

That Mr. Billings had made for himself a substantial reputation as a Naturalist, is shown by the fact that he was elected to positions of honor by several scientific societies, as a recognition of the valuable services rendered by him to the cause of Natural History. He was the first President of the Ottawa Natural History Society in 1864. In 1866 he was elected one of the Vice-Presidents of the Entomological Society of Canada. When the Royal Botanical Society of Canada was organized, he was one of the original Fellows. He was also a corresponding member of the Entomological Society of Philadelphia, and of the Portland Society of Natural History.

Mr. Billings died at the comparatively early age of 53, on the 29th of September last, deeply regretted by a large circle of warmly attached friends.—COMMUNICATED.

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### ABBOTT'S NOTES ON GEORGIAN BUTTERFLIES.

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A few months ago, I spent some time over the rich collection of drawings by Abbott, now in the British Museum. Thinking that some of his memoranda may not be unacceptable to the readers of your maga-