

OBITUARY.

Entomologists will learn with deep regret that Mr. HENRY G. HUBBARD died in January last. His papers, such as "The Life History of Xenos," "The Ambrosia Beetles of the United States," etc., will long be remembered, so remarkable are they for their scientific accuracy of observation and their extremely interesting character. The following notice is taken from the *Detroit Journal*:

"Born May 6, 1850, he developed from boyhood a remarkable interest in natural history, and even at an early age showed that fineness and delicacy of observation that distinguished the scientific work of his maturer years.

"After graduating at Harvard, in 1873, he remained in Cambridge as a graduate student in his favourite scientific branches, especially enjoying the friendship and encouragement of Louis Agassiz and Asa Gray. His real life-work began in Florida in 1879, where he soon achieved a wide reputation, both as a practical horticulturist and as a scientific investigator in the economics of orange culture. In fact, his discoveries and inventions can be said to have revolutionized this branch of horticulture. He was in government employ many years of his life as an expert in biology and applied entomology. As a botanist he carried on in his beautiful estate in Crescent City, Fla., an experimental station for the acclimation of West Indian and other tropical plants. Singularly gifted in that indefinable quality which we call magnetism, he could interest the most indifferent by accounts of his work and discoveries, or if the talk was in a lighter vein, his uniform gaiety and originality lent a charm to his most careless utterances.

"As a contributor to the advancement of science, his forte lay in a field peculiarly his own—a field where keenness and delicacy of observation were all-important. His papers read before scientific clubs and associations were models of fine scientific treatment and also unusually interesting to the general public.

"Lovely in character and a true idealist as man of science or man of affairs, he lived a life equally noble and unselfish.

"He scarce had need to doff his pride or slough the dross of earth,
E'en as he trod that day to God, so walked he from his birth,
In simpleness and gentleness and honour and clean mirth."

"T. H. P."