

absorbing interest in everything that lives and grows, his warm heart, his cheeriness, his perfect lack of even a suspicion of egotism, attracted every one who knew him, and bound them to him in friendship, and even love, forever. Here in Washington among the entomologists and others there are many sad hearts to-day."

DR. WILLIAM H. ASHMEAD.

On the 17th of October, Dr. William Harris Ashmead died in Washington, D. C., aged 53 years. For more than a year he was in such an unsatisfactory state of health that his recovery appeared impossible, and it was therefore no surprise to learn that the end had at last arrived. His breakdown in the midst of a career of scientific usefulness was evidently brought about by overwork; he devoted himself with such intensity to the study of the Hymenoptera and the publication of the results that he gave himself no rest, and literally wore himself out, to the grief and distress of his family and many friends.

For close upon thirty years he was a constant contributor to the pages of this magazine, his first articles on insects affecting the orange having appeared in 1879. At that time he lived in Jacksonville, Florida, where he was engaged in the publishing business, which included the issue of a daily paper and a weekly agricultural journal. He was naturally much interested in the production of oranges, and his attention thus became drawn to the insects injuring the trees and fruit, and those parasitic forms that somewhat kept them in check. His work was so thorough that he was made a field entomologist for the United States Department of Agriculture in 1887, and began his career as a professional entomologist.

In 1890 he went to Germany and studied for some time in Berlin, thus becoming qualified for the performance of scientific work of a high character. In July, 1897, he was appointed a Curator of the Department of Insects in the U. S. National Museum at Washington, and continued to hold the position till incapacitated by illness.

In October, 1904, he was elected an honorary member of the Entomological Society of Ontario in recognition of his eminence in the science and the valuable contributions that he so constantly made to the pages of the CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST. His studies were devoted to the Hymenoptera, and he published many systematic papers on various superfamilies in the order and described a large number of genera and species. His work was of such a high character that it is regarded as authoritative, and