
OBITUARY.

Miss Annie M. Wittfeld, only daughter of Dr. Wm. Wittfeld, of Fairyland, Indian River, Florida, died suddenly of rheumatism of the heart on the 10th April, aged 23. Fifteen months before—to a day—Dr. Wittfeld had lost his only son by brain fever while down the coast on a boating expedition, and so the stricken parents are desolate. It is about ten years since Miss Annie began to aid me in obtaining eggs and larvæ of butterflies, and it is mostly owing to her zealous, friendly and intelligent assistance that I have been able to learn the history of so many Florida species. Her death is a loss to science. The readers of this magazine will sympathize with Dr. and Mrs. Wittfeld in their bereavement.

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DEATH OF THE "YOKOHAMA NATURALIST."

Particulars have been received of the death in Japan, on the 17th of February, of Mr. Harry Pryer, C. M. Z S., the Yokohama naturalist, at the early age of thirty-seven. When Mr. Pryer went to Japan in 1870 he was already known as an active Fellow of the Entomological Society of London. In the intervals of a busy mercantile career he interested himself in Japanese natural history, and soon became a recognized authority on the subject. In conjunction with Captain F. Blakiston, he wrote the standard monograph on the birds of Japan, and at the time of his death he was engaged in publishing in English and Japanese an important work on the butterflies of Japan, entitled "Rhopalocera Nihonica." Mr. Pryer was not only an assiduous collector, but a keen observer and a practical investigator, and his researches on the parasites of the silk worm have been of material advantage to the silk culture of Japan. His house and garden were filled with valuable specimens and collections of animals and insects, living and dead, and the loss sustained by the European community through his death is shared by the Japanese, who recognize the valuable services he rendered in connection with the establishment and maintenance of the museum at Tokio.—*Pall Mall Gazette.*