

rest of it, if Prof. Washburn were a little more familiar with human pathology he probably would not have written the sentence. The writer has spoken before hundreds of physicians on this subject, some of them the best nerve specialists in the United States, and not one of them has ever raised a question as to its being one of the causes of epilepsy.

Prof. Washburn questions my assumption that the larvæ might be reproduced in the intestines by parthenogenesis. I do not believe I wish to add anything to my original statements in the *CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST* when naming the species in 1900. At the time of writing then I gave the subject a careful investigation in the literature of this country and of Europe.

I do not know how these larvæ gain access to the digestive canal of man. That is one of the things for future investigation.

JOHN ALSTON MOFFAT.

It is with profound regret that we announce the death of our dear and greatly-esteemed friend, MR. JOHN ALSTON MOFFAT, which took place at the Victoria Hospital on Friday evening, February 26th. For the last six months Mr. Moffat had been in poor health, but continued to frequent the Society's library and to discharge, as far as his strength permitted, the various duties that devolved upon him. He was very unwilling to give up, and resisted as long as he could the attacks of weakness and old age. At last, on the day before Christmas, his condition was such that he could bear up no longer, and with great reluctance he went to the Victoria Hospital, where he remained till the end came. His ailment was pronounced to be "senile decay," aggravated by much digestive weakness. He suffered much discomfort, though little acute pain, and bore with great patience and gentleness all that he was called upon to endure. At the advanced age of fourscore years, he knew that his days were numbered, and was quite prepared to leave this world when the summons came.

For the last fourteen years Mr. Moffat has been the Librarian and Curator of the Entomological Society of Ontario, and during that time endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact by his gentleness, kindness and courtesy. It was always a pleasure to him to identify specimens, and to exhibit the beautiful objects in the Society's cabinets to anyone who was interested in natural history. We shall miss him sadly at our meetings, and our library will seem desolate without his familiar voice and figure. He was a constant contributor of notes to this magazine and of more elaborate papers in our annual Reports. The volume for 1903, which is now in type, contains an article from his pen, entitled "Recollections of the Past"; this will be read with great interest by his many friends. It contains some reminiscences of his life, and relates how he came to study entomology, through the necessity for an outdoor life caused by ill-health.

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