

Colonel Curenne Jermyn, F.E.S.

THE Entomological Section, and south-western natural science in general, has sustained a grievous loss through the death, on August 29th, 1924, of this genial gentleman.

He was born on April 12th, 1862, at The Boltons, South Kensington, and passed from Westminster School, through Sandhurst, to the Berkshire Regiment in 1881, transferring in India to the 2nd Sikhs in 1883. He saw much service; in the Hazarah Campaign of 1888, Wazaristan 1894, Tirah 1897, China (including the relief of Peking), finally becoming A.Q.M.G. at headquarters, and retiring, from ill-health, in 1913. When the Great War broke out he became A.A. and Q.M.G. to the 16th Division, in Ireland, but his health did not permit him to retain this post; nevertheless, he had much to do with enlistment and training of recruits in Somerset (having settled at Weston-super-Mare) and afterwards became an official censor of correspondence in London.

He was an ardent and most efficient entomologist, and had done much good work amongst Indian Lepidoptera, making a fine collection of Indian (chiefly Hill) butterflies, several of them new to science, and one of which bears his name. But he was much more than a mere collector, and took much interest in the intellectual side of entomology, keenly interested in Darwinism and Mendelism, and in the protective mimicry of species distasteful to birds, etc., by other unrelated species. In England he took up with ardour the British *Diptera* (Two-winged flies) and *Hymenoptera* (Bees, Wasps, etc.) and added hundreds of species of these to the rather inadequate Somerset lists, as well as to those of adjacent counties.

He was a charming companion, indoors or out, full of energy and extremely methodical and painstaking; and he was very popular in the Entomological Section as well as in the South-Western Naturalists' Union, in the latter of which he took by common consent the post of Zoological Secretary—to which it will be very difficult to find an equally competent successor.

His study at Highcliff, Weston-super-Mare, was a sort of Mecca—a much appreciated resort for all local naturalists, especially those interested in any form of insect.

He married in 1897 Miss Rose Holden, daughter of the Rev. O. M. and Mrs. Holden, and leaves a daughter, Miss I. L. Mary Jermyn (a dipterist). His son, Rowland, is now with his regiment in India, and follows in his father's footsteps by working at the Indian Diptera, particularly the Syrphidæ.

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