

Obituary.

ARTHUR WHITE.

Mr. Arthur White was born in London in 1871. He came to Tasmania in 1903 to engage in fruitgrowing, returning to England in 1908. Three years afterwards he came back to Tasmania, remaining till 1914. In December of last year he contracted influenza while staying in London, and died on 3rd January of this year. Such is a brief outline of the life of one who for a short period was a frequent contributor to the pages of the "Papers and Proceedings" of the Society.

Mr. White was an enthusiastic student of geology and palæontology, but entomology was his chief scientific interest, his work on Diptera marking him as an authority on the subject. It may be of interest to note that he contributed, by request, a paper to the Linnæan Society of New South Wales on 'A Revision of the Stratiomyidæ of Australia.'

The study of science was Mr. White's hobby; all his original work was done in the spare time of a very busy life. His brother writes:—"He could never devote all his time to science. That he did so much is, I think, amazing, particularly as he was never a strong man. But he was immensely energetic and hard-working; after a hard day's work he would settle down to study his specimens or to take notes from some scientific work."

The following is a list of the articles he contributed to the "Papers and Proceedings" of the Royal Society:—

1. New Australian Asilidæ, 1913.
2. The Diptera-Brachycera of Tasmania, Pt. I., 1914.
3. The Diptera-Brachycera of Tasmania, Pt. II., 1915.
4. The Diptera-Brachycera of Tasmania, Pt. III., 1916.
5. New Australian Asilidæ: with a New Classification of the Asilinæ, 1917.