

ilar titles, the plates and notes on Hemiptera, Orthoptera, and on the Cotton Plant and its Diseases. The plates of the remaining orders have been circulated among a few of his friends, but there are but fifteen full sets in existence. The plates with the notes were purchased a year ago by the Government for \$7,500, and are now deposited in the National Museum under the care of Prof. Baird.

It is doubtful whether any entomologist will ever care to take the responsibility of editing and revising this unfinished work, but the plates and notes, just as they are, ought to be published in limited editions by the Government and distributed to educational institutions and libraries throughout the country.

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VICTOR TOUCEY CHAMBERS.

Entomologists will learn with deep regret of the death of V. T. Chambers, at Covington, Ky., on August 7th—his fifty-second birthday. He was a lawyer by profession, and yet found time to do a great deal of entomological work. His writings have been confined almost exclusively to the Tineidæ, and all of his earlier papers were descriptive in their character and were published mainly in the "Canadian Entomologist."

His later writings, published in "Psyche" and the "Cincinnati Quarterly Journal of Science," dealt largely with the larval structure of the Tineidæ. In addition to these various articles, he published in Bulletin 1, Vol. IV., of the United States Geological and Geographical Survey, a list of "Tineina and their food-plants" and an "Index to the described Tineina of the United States." His collection was some years ago deposited with the Cambridge Museum of Comparative Zoology, and duplicates of many of his types are in the possession of private individuals.—*From American Naturalist.*

JNO. L. LECONTE, M.D.

This distinguished entomologist, and most estimable man, died at his residence in Philadelphia, Nov. 18, 1883, at the comparatively early age of 58 years. In him the world has lost an earnest devotee of science, and those who knew him best, a warm-hearted, affectionate and sympathizing friend. He commenced the study of natural history while little more than a boy, his taste for such pursuits being encouragingly fostered by his father—himself a distinguished naturalist—and the collaborator with the late Dr. Boisduval in the "Lepidoptera of North America." Many other members of his family are of great eminence in the scientific world, two of his cousins, Drs. Jno. and Jos Leconte (the latter a well-known geologist,) holding high positions in the University of California. Dr. J. L. Leconte, whose death we have now to deplore, made a special study of the Coleoptera of this country, and his writings upon his favorite branch of entomology, are both numerous and valuable. A full list of them, numbering over 150 papers, was published about four years ago by "Psyche," and more recently by the Bull. Brooklyn Ent. Soc. It has been suggested that the whole of these papers, many of them now exceedingly scarce, should



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