

to his fellow workers, and they spoke of him as a keen student and able collector. His work was well known to men like Prof. H. F. Wickham, H. W. Wenzel, Prof. W. M. Wheeler, the Rev. E. Wasmann, the renowned Jesuit scholar and scientist, and Prof. Emery of Bologna, who all regarded him with respect and who were frequently indebted to him for valuable material. His biographer in the *St. Vincent's Journal* says: "May the memory of our dear Father Jerome and his well-spent life ever live in the hearts of his pupils, confreres and friends, and incite them to a generous emulation of his many noble qualities of heart and mind."

Robert M'Lachlan.

(Plate XVI.)

Robert M'Lachlan, chief of the British Neuropterists, monographer of the European Trichoptera, died at Lewisham, London, May 23, 1904. He was the son of Hugh M'Lachlan, of Greenock, and was born April 10, 1837, near Ongar in Essex, and educated chiefly at Ilford. He early acquired an interest in botany, subsequently in entomology, and the inheritance of sufficient means from his father enabled him to devote his life to scientific pursuits. As a lad of eighteen he made a voyage to Australia and China, and brought back a large collection of Australian plants. In 1896 he wrote of himself, "I have travelled much in Europe, but more as a collector than a tourist."

His interest in the Neuroptera (in the Linnæan sense) dates from the later fifties. In the sixties he successively monographed the British Trichoptera, Planipennia and Psocidæ, followed by a catalogue of the British Neuroptera in 1870.

All agree that his chief work was the *Monographic Revision and Synopsis of the Trichoptera of the European Fauna*, a volume of 630 pages and 59 plates containing about 2000 figures, many of which illustrate structural details from his own camera drawings. Published in parts from 1874 to 1880, it cost him almost eight years of constant work, he told the writer. A *First Additional Supplement* of 80 pages and 7 plates appeared in 1884.

