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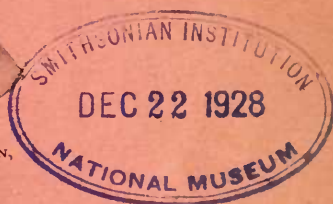
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## OBITUARY

In the Annals of the Scientific Society of Argentina for July-September, 1928, pages 73-79, is an account of JUAN BRÈTHES, with portrait and partial bibliography. Brèthes was born at Saint-Sever, France, February 24, 1871, and died at Buenos Aires 2nd July, 1928. The account does not state how or when he went to South America, but apparently he was in Buenos Aires at the time of the death of Carlos Berg in 1922. At the time of his death, Berg was Director of the Museum of Natural History of Buenos Aires. He was succeeded by F. Ameghino, who considered that it was necessary (since Berg was gone) to have a competent entomologist in the Museum. And so Brèthes was appointed, and remained with the Museum until the time of his death.

The bibliographical list published in connection with this article comprises only those papers published in the Annals of the National Museum and in the Annals of the Argentine Scientific Society. It comprises 62 titles, but Brèthes published many of his papers under other auspices, notably in the Annals of the Agricultural Society of Argentina, in the Magazine of the Museum of La Plata, in *Physis*, and in Carlos Porter's *Revista Chilena*. A complete list of his writings will appear in the *Revista* of the Argentine Entomological Society.

While Brèthes' writings covered a large field in entomology, he wrote especially upon Diptera and Hymenoptera and seemed rather especially attracted to parasitic Hymenoptera. He was, however, more or less of a student of Coleoptera and Lepidoptera, and published certain papers relating to insects of these orders.

While his early writings were justly subject to criticism mainly based on his insufficient knowledge of the literature, his work steadily improved and he achieved a position of some distinction. As a consequence of this, shortly before his death, Dr. Walther Horn had sent him, to work over, certain groups of South American Aculeates from the Deutsches Entomologisches Institut.

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