

## OBITUARY.

EDWARD PIERSON RAMSAY, LL.D.

Curator, 22nd September, 1874 to 31st December, 1894.

Dr. E. P. Ramsay was the third son of David Ramsay, M.D., the owner of the Dobroyd Estate, Dobroyd Point, Long Cove. He was born at Dobroyd House on 3rd December 1842, and was, therefore, in his 75th year at the time of his death. His education took place at St. Mark's Collegiate School, first at Darling Point and later at Macquarie Fields, presided over by the Rev. G. F. Macarthur, who later became Head Master of The King's School, Parramatta.

In 1863, Mr. Ramsay matriculated at the University, and (in the same year) also entered as a student of St. Paul's College. His name remained on the list of members of the University until December, 1865.

In apportioning the Dobroyd Estate amongst the children of Dr. David Ramsay, the large and beautiful garden was allotted to the subject of this notice, and came into his hands about the year 1867. He forthwith opened the Dobroyd New Plant and Seed Nursery on 15th December, 1867, and was engaged in its management until he was appointed Curator of the Australian Museum. On the subject of this Nursery, Mr. J. H. Maiden wrote to me thus:—

“I have before me a ‘Revised List of Novelties’ for 1876, cultivated for sale. . . . This is a creditable catalogue of 46 pages, with an index and a number of illustrations, most of them local products. Some of the plants were claimed to be offered for the first time in the Colonies, and I have no doubt the claim was a perfectly just one. . . . He had, undoubtedly considerable knowledge in regard to the names and propagation of such plants as fell within his purview, and I look upon him as a gentleman amateur of the old days, belonging to the same category as the Macarthurs of Camden, who, like himself, imported plants for the love of the thing, and with the desire to recoup themselves wholly or in part by sales to the Public.”