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The friends of Louis W. Swett were greatly shocked to learn of his untimely death. He was killed by lightning at his summer home on Baker Island, Salem Harbor, Massachusetts, July 21, 1930.

Mr. Swett was born at Riverside, California, October 2, 1880, and came East with his parents when about ten years of age. He attended the Hopkinton School, Boston, where he prepared for Harvard, and was a student from 1900-1902.

I first met Mr. Swett in 1903, when he was interested in Lepidoptera as a whole, but later he specialized on the Geometridæ, describing many new species. He gave his first collection of Geometridæ to the Museum of Comparative Zoology at Harvard in 1912, when his business did not give him sufficient time to devote to it. Later, however, with his friend Mr. S. E. Cassino, he made a second collection, and jointly they published "The Lepidopterist." He was a member of the Boston Society of Natural History, the Cambridge Entomological Club, of which he was president in 1911, Pi Eta Society of Harvard, etc.

Mr. Swett was proprietor of a large dry goods store at Lexington, Mass., known as "The Modern Shop," and also had a store at Somerville, Mass. He is survived by his wife, daughter and mother, to whom we extend our sincere sympathy.

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