

## PROF. HIDDE HALBERTSMA.

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THE loss of one of the most eminent cultivators of natural science, Dr. Hidde J. Halbertsma, the distinguished Professor of Anatomy and Physiology at the University of Leyden, has to be deeply deplored. He died in the neighbourhood of Coblentz, on the 22nd of November, at the early age of forty-five years. He adorned the high position, in which he was placed, by his brilliant talents and great attainments, and endeared himself to all, who were favoured with his acquaintance, by a very amiable disposition. We are unable in this place to enumerate his contributions to human and comparative anatomy, and, latterly, to human craniology. They are all marked by much acuteness of observation, and thorough knowledge of his subjects. He was a Frieslander, whose family of pure Friesic blood could be traced for three hundred years, and was born at Bolsward in 1820. His father, Dr. J. H. Halbertsma, is a Mennonite pastor, learned and enthusiastic in Friesian literature—witness his long and valuable contribution upon this subject to the preface to Dr. Bosworth's Anglo-Saxon Dictionary. The fine anatomical schools and museum newly erected at Leyden have been constructed, if not under Professor

Halbertsma's supervision, under his directions; and we believe that for completeness, for the admirable perfection of their arrangements, and ample provision for every requirement, they are unrivalled. His death is a severe loss to this celebrated University, and also to his country.

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