

with the sexual and seasonal variations, and, when available, a fairly full biographical account of the species. Although the work is based on a large collection of Philippine specimens, and on extended field experience in the islands, the author has been compelled to rely on other works for such of the species (about 150), particularly among the water birds, as were unrepresented, or inadequately represented, in the 8000 specimens of Philippine birds in the Museum of the Philippine Bureau of Science, due credit of course being given for the borrowed material. Much previously unpublished biographical matter is taken from a manuscript work on Philippine birds prepared some years ago by Messrs. Frank S. Bourns and Dean C. Worcester for publication by the Minnesota Academy of Sciences. The classification is that of Sharpe's 'Handlist,' which "is followed as both convenient and well known." The 'Handlist' is also followed in the use of binomial names for all the forms recognized, so that the Philippine ornith here numbers 739¹ "species," there being no subspecies.

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HENRY HILLYER GIGLIOLI, an Honorary Fellow of the American Ornithologists' Union, died at Florence, Italy, December 14, 1909. A notice of his life and ornithological work will be given in a later number of this journal.

JOHN FARWELL FERRY, an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union, died at St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago, February 11, 1910, of acute pneumonia, at the age of 32 years. He was born October 12, 1877, and was a grandson of John V. Farwell, a wealthy dry goods merchant, and though reared in affluence, he preferred an outdoor life to the counting room of a great business institution, having early developed a strong love for natural history. After preparation for college at Andover, Massachusetts, he took a civil engineering course at the Sheffield Scientific School at Yale, graduating in 1901. He remained in New Haven till 1902, acting as secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association. For the next two years he was a traveling agent for the American Cereal Company for the New York State territory. Finding, however, a commercial career distasteful he became associated with the U. S. Biological Survey as a field collector, under the direction of Dr. C. Hart Merriam, spending one season in California collecting birds and mammals. On February 1, 1906, he joined the staff of the Field Museum of Natural History as assistant in the Department of Zoölogy, under Prof. Charles B. Cory, curator, and later made a number of expeditions in the interests of the Field Museum. In 1907 he visited various sections of Illinois, and in January, February, and March, 1908, visited Panama and Costa Rica, where he secured a valuable collection of birds and mammals. From Costa Rica he went to Venezuela, and made collections on the adjacent islands of Curaçoa, Bonaire, and Aruba. In January, 1909, he again visited the islands off the coast of northern South America and spent several months exploring the islands