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## NOTES AND NEWS.

GEORGE ERNEST SHELLY, a Corresponding Fellow of the American Ornithologists' Union, died in London, November 29, 1910. A notice of his life and works will be given in a later number of this journal.

IN THE biographical notice of Manly Hardy, published in the January number of this journal (*Auk*, XXVIII, 1911, p. 150), he is said to have been elected an Associate Member of the American Ornithologists' Union at its first meeting held in 1883, and that "he retained this membership till 1901." By an unfortunate inadvertence the important fact that he was then transferred to the newly established class of Members was not mentioned. He was not only one of the first to be elected to this class, but remained an honored member of it till his decease.

THE Audubon Society of the State of New York held its Fourteenth Annual Meeting at the American Museum of Natural History, March 16, 1911. In the absence of the President of the Society, Prof. Henry Fairfield Osborn, Dr. F. A. Lucas presided. The report of the Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Emma H. Lockwood, showed that the past year had been one of unusual activity in the prosecution of its work. Mr. T. Gilbert Pearson, Secretary of the National Association of Audubon Societies, presented a report on current legislation, with particular reference to bills to amend the present bird laws now before the New York Legislature, in order to make the present laws less efficient in behalf of the millinery interests, market hunters, and cold-storage dealers in game. Mr. Herbert K. Job gave an illustrated address on 'Bird Hunting with a Camera.'

THE National Association of Audubon Societies, having found its old quarters at 141 Broadway, New York City, too cramped for its activities, has moved further up town, having taken rooms at 1974 Broadway, near the corner of 67th Street. Here much more commodious rooms have been secured at less cost, and at a point convenient of access from any part of the city. Correspondents of the National Association and intending visitors to its headquarters should carefully make note of the change of address to **1974 Broadway**, near the subway and elevated railway stations at 66th Street and Broadway, New York City.

MR. FRANK M. CHAPMAN, curator of birds at the American Museum of Natural History, sailed from New York on March 13 for several months of field work in western Colombia, in the interest of the American Museum.

In addition to the general collecting of birds and mammals, he will secure materials for a series of habitat groups of characteristic forms of tropical bird life. He took with him from New York Mr. Louis Agassiz Fuytes, the well-known bird artist, and Mr. Leo E. Miller of Indianapolis, Ind., as assistants, and will be joined in the field by Mr. W. B. Richardson, who in recent years has made large collections of birds and mammals, in Nicaragua for the American Museum, and who for the last four months has been in the field in western Colombia. The party expected to land at Buenaventura about March 25, and proceeding inland by way of San Antonio, establishing headquarters later at Cali, in the Cauca Valley, and, if time permits, visiting Quito, and returning by way of Guayaquil.

MR. A. C. BENT, of Taunton, Mass., is organizing an expedition to the Aleutian Islands for the purpose of making a thorough biological survey of that interesting region, covering practically the whole of the summer season. Negotiations are now on foot to secure the use of a Revenue cutter to take the party, which will consist of three scientific men in addition to Mr. Bent. Mr. Rollo H. Beck, well known for his work in the Galapagos Islands and along the coast of California, has already been engaged, and it is probable that the United States National Museum and the Biological Survey will each send a representative.

The expedition will probably start in May, beginning work at Attu Island, the westernmost of the Near Islands, and proceeding slowly eastward during the summer, will visit and thoroughly explore all of the important islands of the Aleutian chain, and possibly visit some of the islands in Bering Sea. The expedition will be fully equipped to take photographs, and to collect mammals, birds, plants, and other natural history material.

Through cooperation between the American Museum of Natural History and the United States Bureau of Fisheries the steamer 'Albatross' sailed from San Diego, California, on a two months' collecting trip and survey of the fishery resources of the waters about Lower California. The expedition is under the direction of Dr. Charles H. Townsend, Acting Director of the American Museum, who is supported by able assistants selected expressly for the work to be undertaken. This will consist of deep-sea dredging, a fishery survey of the coasts of the peninsula, and land collecting at frequent points from San Diego southward, particularly for birds and mammals.

Dr. Townsend has the advantage of previous familiarity with most of the points to be visited, and can thus wisely select the localities for the shore parties, which will be transferred frequently from point to point. A line of deep-sea dredgings was first run to Guadaloupe Island, and the success of the trip to Guadaloupe has been demonstrated by the recent arrival at the Aquarium in New York of six young elephant seals taken there, while skeletons and skins of others, including adults, were secured for the American Museum.

Doubtless the work of the expedition will add materially to our knowledge of the fauna and flora of Lower California.