

drawing and writing. He takes all his drafts from the animal as soon after it is taken as circumstances will admit."

The Secretary of the Buffalo Historical Society writes me that the letter above referred to was published in the 'Buffalo Courier,' August 22, 1843. No signature was attached.

Sincerely yours,

JNO. H. SAGE.

Portland, Conn., Feb. 12, 1917.

Concealing Coloration.

EDITOR OF 'THE AUK'

Dear Sir:—

In our book on Concealing Coloration the Schillings flashlit zebra photographs were included solely to show what kind of background zebras have at their drinking places.

Flash-light, illuminating so disproportionately the nearest objects (the zebras) could not, of course, illustrate these patterns' normal function.

Our omission to state this beneath the pictures was an oversight.

To every owner of our book whom I can reach, I am now sending, gratis, for substitution for one of the Schillings pictures, a copy of the very remarkable zebra-concealment illustration that I published in the bulletin of The Am. Museum of Nat. History.

I beg every owner of our book, who lacks this picture, to ask me for one.

Respectfully,

ABBOTT H. THAYER.

Monadnock, N. H., March 6, 1917.

NOTES AND NEWS.

SAMUEL WRIGHT, an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union since 1895, died at Yonkers, N. Y., on January 18, 1917. Mr. Wright was born June 25, 1875, at Conshohocken, Pa., where his entire life was spent until about a year ago when business interests compelled him to move temporarily to New York. He was the son of William Wright and Frances Cresson, and was educated at the Friends' boarding school at Westtown, Chester Co., Pa. After graduation he held one of the Jessup scholarships at the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, where he rendered valuable service in the ornithological department and delighted in the

opportunity to devote himself to a study in which from early youth he had been deeply interested. He joined the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club soon after its organization and later became one of its active members and served as treasurer 1908-1911. In these years he formed a good local collection of birds and acquired an accurate knowledge of our native species and an experience in field observation which made him an ornithologist of no little ability.

Leaving the Academy in 1892 to enter business he became connected with the J. Ellwood Lee Chemical Company of Conshohocken of which he was assistant secretary for many years. In 1911 the Lee Tire and Rubber Company was organized and Mr. Wright became its secretary, a position which he held until he removed to New York in 1916, becoming associated with the Philadelphia Rubber Work Company and general manager and treasurer of the Acushnet Process Company. He was untiring in his devotion to business and his abilities contributed largely to the success of the interests with which he was connected. In spite of the continual pressure of business obligations he never lost his interest in birds and his greatest pleasure was to get out in the open, either in the vicinity of his home, where his early studies had been conducted, or on the tract that he had secured in the Adirondacks.

He was devoted to the American Ornithologists' Union and attended the annual meetings whenever possible. In company with Mrs. Wright he joined the 'overland' party which attended the San Francisco meeting in 1915, and with keen delight made the acquaintance in life of many of the western birds which he had previously known only as museum specimens.

Mr. Wright had a delightful personality; cheerful under any conditions and kindly disposed toward everyone with whom he came in contact.

He was married in 1910 to Miss Louise Weston who with two daughters survives him.—W. S.

MRS. KATHARINE REBECCA STYER, an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union for fourteen years, died of pneumonia on January 20, 1917, at her residence in Concordville, Pa. She was born November 1, 1859, at Chester Heights, Pa., the daughter of Henry Lincoln Paschall and Anna Thompson Pancoast, and was married in 1880 to Mr. J. J. Styer. Soon after her marriage she took up the study of birds, and with no assistance but such as she could obtain from some of the older ornithological books, she acquired a remarkably thorough knowledge of the local avifauna and since 1902 has been one of the most reliable members of the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club's migration corps. She was also deeply interested in the work of the Pennsylvania Audubon Society and did much to encourage the study of ornithology among boys and girls of her acquaintance.

Mrs. Styer's interest in birds was far above that of the average bird lover, she was all that this term implies and a good ornithologist besides.—W. S.

THE Annual Meeting of the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club was held on January 4, 1917, at the Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia. The election of officers for the present year resulted in the choice of Henry W. Fowler, president; George H. Stuart 3rd, vice-president; J. Fletcher Street, secretary; Dr. Samuel C. Palmer, treasurer and Dr. Spencer Trotter, editor of 'Cassinia.' The Club held fifteen meetings during 1916, which were well attended, as were the field trips conducted during the spring.

THOSE who have on so many occasions derived pleasure from the bird portraits that have appeared from the brush of Mr. Louis Agassiz Fuertes have now the additional pleasure of seeing what he has been able to do with the larger mammals of North America.

Fifty of his paintings have been reproduced in colors in the 'National Geographic Magazine' for November, 1916, with text by Mr. E. W. Nelson, chief of the U. S. Biological Survey. Mr. Fuertes' success with the mammals is quite as striking as with the birds and we are glad to learn that a series of the smaller species is to follow. The 'National Geographic Magazine' has again done a splendid piece of educational work in making this series of pictures available to the public at large.

WORK in ornithology will be offered again this coming summer at the University of Michigan summer biological station in northern Michigan, under the direction of Professor R. M. Strong. There will be a general course devoted to identification work, primarily, and research for properly qualified students. The station is located in wild country where a number of northern species breed. Further information may be obtained from Dr. George R. La Rue, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

THE well known and old established natural history monthly, 'The Zoologist,' having been acquired by Messrs. Witherby & Co., will in future be incorporated with the illustrated monthly magazine, 'British Birds', published by the same firm at 326, High Holborn, London, England.

MESSRS. WITHERBY & Co., have been appointed European Agents for the "Journal of the Natural History Society of Siam." The work is illustrated with plates and figures, and deals with all branches of the Natural History of that Country.