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NOTES AND NEWS.

WE learn from 'The Ibis' of the death, on January 31, 1917, of Prof. Dr. Friedrich Hermann Otto Finsch, an original Honorary Fellow of the American Ornithologists' Union. He was born at Warmbrunn in Silesia on October 8, 1839 and published his first contribution to ornithology in 1859.

In 1861 he obtained a position in the Leyden Museum under Schlegel and in 1864 succeeded Hartlaub as curator of the Museum at Bremen. In collaboration with Hartlaub he published two notable ornithological works, 'The Ornithology of Central Polynesia' and 'Die Vogel Ost-Afrikas.' Resigning his position at Bremen in 1878 he engaged in an extensive tour of the South Seas which covered the years 1879-1882. Besides securing extensive and valuable collections he gained an intimate knowledge of the islands with the result that he returned on another expedition in 1884-1886 as Imperial Commissioner and through his influence

the German Colonies of Kaiser Wilhelm's Land and the Bismark Archipelago were established.

Returning to Leyden as the curator of the Rijk Museum in 1898 he continued his ornithological researches for some years but in 1904 he was appointed curator of the Ethnographic Section of the Museum at Brunswick, Germany, where he remained for the rest of his life, devoting his attention almost entirely to ethnology.

Dr. Finsch was well known in England and published contributions in 'The Ibis' and other British journals as early as 1870. In 1872 he visited California and a few years later travelled in Lapland and in Siberia.

His ornithological work was entirely systematic and consisted besides the volumes already mentioned, of numerous contributions to the 'Journal für Ornithologie,' the 'Ned Tijdschrift Dierkunde,' and other journals. As has been truly said "he was one of the best of the old school of German workers."

HENRY REED TAYLOR, well known as the founder of the 'Nidologist,' died at Agnew, Calif., Sept. 23, 1917. He was the son of Bishop William Taylor of the Methodist Episcopal Church and Isabella A. (Kimberlin) Taylor, both of whom were born in Virginia. Harry R. Taylor as he was generally known was born at Capetown, South Africa, Oct. 6, 1866, but spent most of his life at Alameda, Calif. He was an enthusiastic oologist and published many articles on nests and eggs of western birds especially Raptores and Hummingbirds. During the period of his ornithological activity, from 1884 to 1906, his field of work was confined to California and included chiefly the counties of Alameda, Monterey, Placer, San Benito and Santa Clara, and the Farallone Islands. His contributions were published chiefly in the 'Young Oologist,' 'Ornithologist and Oologist,' 'Nidologist' and 'Condor.' From 1893 to 1897 he edited the 'Nidologist' which was then the organ of the Cooper Ornithological Club. One of his latest publications, issued in 1904, was his 'Standard American Egg Catalogue,' which included an appendix containing a directory of oologists. Shortly after the great earthquake of 1906 he became a patient in a sanatorium where he passed the last eleven years of his life.

Taylor was one of the founders and vice president of the California Ornithological Club in 1889, and vice president in 1894 and president in 1895 of the Cooper Ornithological Club. Although he never joined the American Ornithologists' Union, he was known to a number of the members, attended the Washington meeting in 1895, and published the first group photograph of the Union (Nidologist, III, p. 41, Dec., 1895). He was active, energetic, always enthusiastic in any matter pertaining to oology, and was one of the most prominent of the little group of California field collectors of the eighties.—T. S. P.

THE PRINCIPAL ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETIES.—The following list of societies is given for the convenience of readers who may be interested

in the organizations which have been founded for the advancement of ornithology. The name of each society is followed by the date of organization, the name of its publication, and the address of the secretary or other officer to whom communications should be sent.

As this list is intended only for present addresses, it is unnecessary to mention societies in countries which cannot now be reached by mail. No attempt has been made to include bird protective and similar organizations, but a list of 134 State Audubon Societies and local bird clubs may be found in 'Bird-Lore,' XIX, pp. 381-390, Dec., 1917.—T. S. P.

American Ornithologists' Union. Founded Sept. 26, 1883, incorporated Nov. 14, 1888. *The Auk*.

Secretary T. S. Palmer, 1939 Biltmore St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Cooper Ornithological Club. Founded June 22, 1893. *The Condor*.

Secretary Northern Division, Mrs. Amelia S. Allen, 37 Mosswood Road, Berkeley, Calif.

Secretary Southern Division, L. E. Wyman, 3927 Wisconsin St., Los Angeles, Calif.

Secretary Intermountain Chapter, Ashby D. Boyle, 351 5th Ave., Salt Lake City, Utah.

Delaware Valley Ornithological Club. Founded Feb. 3, 1890. *Cassinia*.

Secretary J. Fletcher Street, Beverly, N. J.

Nebraska Ornithologists' Union. Founded July 15, 1899. *The Wilson Bulletin*.

Secretary-Treasurer Prof. M. H. Swenk, Lincoln, Nebr.

Nuttall Ornithological Club. Founded 1873. *Memoirs*.

Secretary Campbell Bosson, 30 State Street, Boston, Mass.

Wilson Ornithological Club. Founded Dec. 5, 1888. *The Wilson Bulletin*.

Secretary A. F. Ganier, 1221 17th Ave., South, Nashville, Tenn.

The Avicultural Society. *Avicultural Magazine*.

Hon. Correspondence Secretary, Dr. A. G. Butler, 124 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent, England.

Hon. Business Secretary, Miss R. Alderson, Park House, Worksop, England.

British Ornithologists' Club. Founded Oct. 5, 1892. *Bulletin*.

Editor, D. Seth-Smith, 34 Elsworth Road, South Hampstead N. W. 3, England.

British Ornithologists' Union. Founded Nov. 17, 1858. *The Ibis*.

Hon. Secretary E. C. Stuart Baker, Zoological Society, Regent's Park, London.

Dansk Ornithologisk Forening. *Tidsskrift*.

Secretary P. Jespersen, Marstandsgrade 25c, Copenhagen, Denmark.

Nederlandsche Ornithologische Vereeniging. *Ardea*.

Secretary Dr. L. F. De Beaufort, Eerbeek, Holland.

Club van Nederlandsche Vogelkundigen. Jaarbericht.

Secretary Baron René C. E. G. J. van Snoukaert von Schauburg, Doorn, Holland.

Royal Australasian Ornithologists' Union. Founded Nov. 7, 1900. The Emu.

Hon. Secretary W. H. D. Le Souëf, Zoological Gardens, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.

Sociedad Ornitológica del Plata. Founded 1917. El Hornero.

President, Dr. Roberto Dabbene, Museo Nacional Historia Natural, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

South African Biological Society. Founded 1916.

Secretary Chas. K. Brain, Box 513, Pretoria, Transvaal, South Africa.

South Australian Ornithological Association. Founded 1899. South Australian Ornithologist.

Acting Secretary F. M. Angel, 113 Grenfell St., Adelaide, South Australia.

THE Royal Australian Ornithologists' Union is to be congratulated upon the generous gift of \$5,000 received from one of its members, H. L. White, Esq. Mr. White is well known for his generosity and his splendid ornithological collection has only recently been given to the Australian National Museum where he thought it would be of more use in advancing a knowledge of Australian ornithology.

Science certainly owes a debt of gratitude to such benefactors. After all it is the ornithologists of the various countries who were originally responsible for the development of the popular interest in birds which has resulted in the Audubon Societies and kindred organizations, which are doing such splendid work today. The patrons of this movement however should keep Mr. White's example in mind and not forget the needs of the parent organizations, like the American Ornithologists' Union, whose activities in the lines of research and publication could be vastly increased by adequate endowment.

We are glad to welcome a new arrival in the field of ornithological journalism in 'El Hornero' the Proceedings of the Ornithological Society of La Plata, with headquarters at Buenos Aires. The first number which appeared in October, 1917, deserves the highest commendation and we wish the publication every success. The cover following the example of most other ornithological journals bears a vignette of the bird after which the publication is named — a pair of 'Horneros' (*Furnarius rufus*) and their wonderful mud nest.

THE MEMBERS OF THE A. O. U.— In 1901, under an amendment to the By-Laws, provision was made for a class of Members intermediate between Fellows and Associates. The number was limited to 75, nominations were

made by the Council to the Union, and the affirmative votes of three-fourths of the Fellows present were necessary for election. The establishment of this class was the result of several proposals to increase the number of Active Members (now known as Fellows) and to provide some form of recognition of the more active workers among the Associates. Fifty-three Members were at once elected and thirteen more in the following year.

Although the list was never filled the limit was increased to 100 in 1906 and at the San Francisco meeting, in 1915, Members were given the right to vote for the election of officers, Members, and Associates. As a result the business sessions have since been well attended. The list has now reached 80 the largest number since the class was created. In addition 16 others have been promoted to the class of Fellows, 13 have dropped out, and 11 are deceased, making a total of 120 persons who have thus far qualified as Members. Not more than five can now be elected at any one meeting and this limitation with losses through promotions, resignations, and deaths, makes the increase rather slow. Even if the maximum number are elected at each meeting the present limit is not likely to be reached for several years.—T. S. P.

CALLED TO THE COLORS.—Since the publication in the April number of 'The Auk' of the second list of A. O. U. members in military service, several new names and a few changes have been reported. The additions are as follows:

- ANDERSON, ERNEST M., Esquimalt, B. C.
BRADLEE, THOMAS STEVENSON, Boston, Mass. Major Quartermaster Corps, Personnel and Transportation Division, Governor's Island, N. Y.
CROSBY, MAUNSELL SHIEFFELIN, Rhinebeck, N. Y. Captain Quartermaster's Corps, National Guard, Camp Mills, Hempstead, N. Y.
HALL, F. GREGORY, Milton, Wis. In photographic work in the Army.
LEISTER, CLAUDE WILLARD, Ithaca, N. Y. Private 103d Signal Corps, Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga.
LINCOLN, FREDERICK CHARLES, Denver Colo.
MAYFIELD, DR. GEORGE R., Nashville, Tenn. Am. Expeditionary Forces, in France.
McMAHON, WALT. F., New York, N. Y.
METCALF, FRANKLIN POST, Washington, D. C. Private Co. C, 303d Signal Battalion, Camp Dix, Wrightstown, N. J.
MITCHELL, DR. WALTON IUNGERICH, Wichita, Kans. Captain Med. Corps, Camp Funston, Kans.
NOBLE, GLADWYN KINGSLEY, Cambridge, Mass. Seaman U. S. Naval Station, Hingham, Mass.
PALMER, R. H., Pocatello, Idaho.
PANGBURN, CLIFFORD HAYES, New Haven, Conn. Acting Lieut. Red Cross in France, now in the United States.

- ROGERS, CHARLES HENRY, New York, N. Y. 9th Recruit Co., Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga.
 STODDARD, HERBERT LEE, Chicago, Ill.
 TYLER, DR. WINSOR M., Lexington, Mass. Captain Medical Reserve Corps, Ft. Adams, Newport, R. I.
 WOOD, DR. CASEY ALBERT, Chicago, Ill. Major, Office Surgeon General, Washington, D. C.
 WRIGHT, HORACE WINSLOW, Boston, Mass. In the Navy.

The following changes should also be noted. Captain C. Wm. Beebe, and Lieutenants James P. Chapin and James L. Peters are now in France; Lieut. Ludlow Griscom is on duty in the Military Intelligence Office in the War Department, Washington, D. C.; and Francis Harper and Ernest G. Holt have been commissioned Lieutenants. Thos. D. Burleigh is now in the 20th Engineers (Forest), and Colin C. Sanborn, 149th Artillery, is now in France. In the Navy Ensign W. Sprague Brooks, recently stationed at Newport, R. I., has been discharged on account of physical disability, and Private Douglas C. Mabbott, in the Marine Corps, is now in France.

Relatives or friends who may have additional information concerning these or other members are requested to communicate with the Secretary giving any facts as to rank, branch of the service or present location of members in military service in order that necessary corrections in the list may be made from time to time.

T. S. Palmer,
Secretary.

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FELLOWS and Members are reminded that a provision of the By Laws requires that nominations to the classes of Fellows and Members shall be made in writing, signed by three Fellows or Members, and delivered to the Secretary at least three months prior to the Stated Meeting. At present there are no vacancies in the class of Fellows. Nominations for Members should be in the hands of the Secretary not later than August 15. Nomination blanks may be had upon application.

THE thirty-sixth stated meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union will be held at the American Museum of Natural History, New York City, November 12-14, 1918, with a business session of the Fellows and Members on the evening of the 11th. All members of the Society should keep the date in mind and prepare to be present if possible.