

strength to endure privations; and many years thereafter, when his fine business ability and absolute integrity became a matter of common knowledge he was offered the post of Secretary of the Treasury, which he also declined.

A mutual friend<sup>1</sup> whom I had notified of Don José's death writes me as follows:—

"Don José C. Zeledón was one of those choice spirits of whom Latin America has given far more than its share to civilization.

. . . Of how highly the *naturalista* is regarded throughout the length and breadth of Latin America you know as well as I . . . The first I knew of his work was an acknowledgment of contributions received [at the Smithsonian Institution] from him during the incumbency of Professor Henry."

Mr. Zeledón was married, at San José, on May 8, 1895, to Señorita Amparo Lopez Calleja, who with two adopted daughters, two brothers, and other relatives survive him, and to whom are extended deepest sympathy and condolence.

*Olney, Illinois, August 21, 1923.*

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#### GENERAL NOTES.

##### **The Sooty Shearwater (*Puffinus griseus*) on the New Jersey Coast.**

—On June 1, 1923, I picked up a Sooty Shearwater which had been cast up on the sea beach near Cape May Point, N. J. The plumage was slightly soiled by oil but apparently there was not sufficient to have caused its death. It was in good condition and had evidently been dead but a short time.

Mr. Wharton Huber spoke of this occurrence to a fisherman of his acquaintance at Corson's Inlet a few miles further up the coast and was informed that these dark birds were then quite common near the fishing banks and in confirmation of his statement he later brought him two that were caught on June 4 with hook and line a few miles off shore. All three specimens are now in the collection of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia.—WITMER STONE, *Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia.*

**The Sooty Shearwater in New Jersey.**—On June 17, 1923, Mr. Turner E. McMullen and the writer examined two dead Sooty Shearwaters (*Puffinus griseus*) which we found on the beach, above high water mark,

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