

NOTES AND NEWS

DR. ADOLF HERLUF WINGE, a Corresponding Fellow of the Union since 1903, died in his native city, Copenhagen, Denmark, Nov. 10, 1923. He was born March 19, 1857 and received his education at the University of Copenhagen. At an early age he exhibited an interest in natural history and when still a student of 18, published his first paper on '*Arvicola* in Denmark.'

While best known from his work on mammals, he devoted much attention to ornithology and published a series of papers on the birds observed at Danish lighthouses. Early in the eighties arrangements had been made by Prof. C. F. Lütken to collect observations and specimens of birds from the lighthouses and lightships along the coasts of Denmark and the preparation of a series of annual reports was begun with the year 1883. These reports appeared in '*Ornis*,' the first two by Prof. Lütken, in German, and the third and fourth by Winge's brother Oluf, in English. Upon the death of his brother in 1886, Herluf Winge continued the work for 25 years, from 1887 to 1910. The first report appeared in English and the subsequent ones in Danish in the '*Vidensk. Meddel. Naturhist. Forening*.' This series of migration reports is one of the most extensive and valuable ever published but unfortunately is not available to students who are not familiar with Danish. Readers of '*The Auk*' will, however, find a review and outline of the first 14 reports by Gerrit S. Miller, Jr. in the volume of this journal for 1897, p. 415. Winge was greatly interested in the fauna of Greenland and in 1898 published a comprehensive list of Greenland birds. This paper of 316 pages, entitled '*Grönlands Fugle*,' is the most complete work on the birds of the region that has thus far appeared. It contains notes on 129 species as compared with 139 in Hagerup's '*Catalogue of the Birds of Greenland*,' 1891, while Schalow's '*Die Vögel der Arktis*' in 1904 credited 161 species to Greenland. The discrepancies between the numbers in these lists are due evidently to more or less conservative treatment of subspecies and certain accidental records. Mention should also be made of his papers on the '*Invasion of the Sand Grouse*,' and on the '*Fossil Birds of Denmark*.'

Winge's work on mammals has been reviewed by Hinton in '*Nature*' for Dec. 29, 1923, and by Böving in the '*Journal of Mammalogy*' for Aug. 1924. Briefly, his most important contributions comprised his reports on the bones collected by Dr. P. V. Lund in the caves of Lagoa Santa, Minas Geraes, Brazil, and published in three volumes under the title '*E Museo Lundii*,' his papers on the origin of domestic animals in Denmark, his monograph on the relationship of whales, recently translated by G. S. Miller Jr., and his '*Pattedyr Slaegter*' in three volumes, completed shortly before his death.

Although Winge may be described as a typical museum naturalist and at the time of his death held the position of Vice-Inspector of the Zoological Museum, he was intimately acquainted with his native fauna

and flora in the field, and at his villa near Copenhagen, protected the plants, birds and mammals with scrupulous care. Accordingly to Böving, he was unmarried, was very well off financially, and left his library, his collections and his fortune to the library and museum of the University of Copenhagen for the advancement of zoological investigation and wild life conservation in Denmark.—T. S. P.

WILLIAM DAILY HOBSON, of Woodstock, Ontario, one of Canada's prominent naturalists, died on October 10, 1924.

Mr. Hobson was best known by his frequent lectures on birds delivered all over the Province of Ontario. He did some collecting, ten or twenty years ago, and a White-eyed Vireo, now in the writer's collection, was his most notable discovery and is probably the first Canadian specimen.

Mr. Hobson spent a good deal of time in his younger days in the gold mining region of the West, and came to Woodstock about 1895, where he lived until his death, doing a very useful work in disseminating a knowledge of nature throughout the province.—W. E. S.

WE note that Dr. J. P. Chapin and Mr. Herbert Lang have been elected honorary members of the "Cercle Zoologique Congolais," in recognition of their work in the Congo region.

W. LEON DAWSON has issued a prospectus for an annual publication to be known as 'Birds of the World' presenting results of explorations in various lands to be carried on by members of the Museum of Comparative Oölogy of which Mr. Dawson is director. A subscription of \$100 a year secures the work and constitutes the subscriber a patron of the museum. For \$40 per year one may secure a less sumptuous edition and become a sustaining member.

THE Cambridge University Press of London announces the publication of a work on 'British Waders' by E. C. Arnold, to consist of 51 colored plates from paintings by the author, together with descriptive notes covering 102 pp. of text. Price £3. 10s.

ANNOUNCEMENT is made of an International Congress on Bird Protection to be held at Luxembourg, April 13-16, 1925, under the presidency of R. de Waha.

THE WILSON ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB held its annual meeting at Nashville, Tenn., November 28-30, 1924 in conjunction with the Inland Bird Banding Association. An interesting program of papers was presented.

THE ROYAL AUSTRALASIAN ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION held its annual meeting at Rockhampton, October 15-25. The program announced trips to the Botanic Gardens, Olsen's Caves, Fitzroy River and a five day "Campout" at Keppel Bay.

DR. ROBERT CUSHMAN MURPHY left for Peru on November 27, to attend the Pan American Scientific Congress at Lima, after which he will carry on ornithological investigations along the western coast of South America.

THE DUPONT DE NEMOURS POWDER COMPANY seems to have paused in its extermination of the Crow to attack the Game Refuge Public Shooting Ground Bill, now about to come before Congress. A letter by one "Frank Winch," whoever he may be, has been sent broadcast by E. R. Galvin, director of sales of the powder company, which calls the bill ridiculous and tries to produce the impression that sportsmen are opposed to it. It claims that the Secretaries of Agriculture and Commerce, the Postmaster General and Senators appointed by the President who will have charge of the operation of the bill are politicians, whereas sportsmen should be the ones to take charge of such matters; also that the bill will increase taxation and create useless jobs at Washington.

The arguments are no more convincing than those advanced against the much maligned Crow and the opposition to the bill apparently springs from the same source. Most of its advocates and all the best sportsmen of the country stand for the abolition of pump and automatic guns and the reduction of the bag limit and here is where the powder companies become interested, since this means less demand for ammunition.

With 15,000,000 persons in the United States enjoying hunting and fishing (duPont's figures) the game supply under present laws will not last long and every means possible should be taken to save it. One of the best means is the passage of the Game Refuge Public Shooting Grounds Bill and with powerful commercial interests opposing it, every member of the A. O. U. should write at once to his Congressman urging his support of this excellent measure.

Just as we go to press we are in receipt of another circular letter signed by Mr. A. Felix duPont on behalf of the Company in which he states that the company is, and has always been, in favor of the bill! This is very welcome news, but it seems strange, if the purpose of Mr. Galvin's letter was merely to obtain "opinions on the merits of the bill," that such a vehement and one-sided communication as that of the mysterious "Frank Winch" should have been enclosed. Apparently Mr. Galvin does not speak for the company. He and "Mr. Winch" are the opponents of the bill and not the duPont Company, and may we not hope that the same is the case in the matter of the Crow?

AN UNFORTUNATE mistake in binding certain copies of the October 'Auk' resulted in the duplication of pages 645-660 and the omission of pages 549-564. If your copy is defective in this way will you not return it and a perfect copy will be sent. It is important that this matter be attended to before the stock is exhausted.