

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

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Membership.—The report for 1933 showed a total of 1993 members. At the annual meeting two Corresponding Fellows and 127 Associates were elected who later qualified, making a total of 2122. Since then deaths and resignations have reduced this number considerably. The following statement shows the figures of the present membership in comparison with that of last year and ten years ago.

		<i>Retired</i>	<i>Hon- orary</i>	<i>Corres- ponding</i>			
	<i>Fellows</i>	<i>Fellows</i>	<i>Fellows</i>	<i>Fellows</i>	<i>Members</i>	<i>Associates</i>	<i>Total</i>
1924	50	5	23	89	96	1374	1637
1933	49	3	23	89	103	1726	1993
1934	45	2	23	89	107	1800(?)	2066(?)

Losses by death included 4 Fellows, 1 Retired Fellow, 1 Corresponding Fellow, 4 Members and 15 Associates, a total of 25.

Conditions have been somewhat more favorable than last year for increasing the membership and it is hoped that they will continue to improve, so that before long the total can be increased to 2500.

Activities of Members Abroad.—The Eighth International Ornithological Congress which met in Oxford in July 1934 brought together a large number of ornithologists from all parts of the world. At this meeting the A. O. U. was represented not only by its foreign Fellows, but by 11 Fellows and Members from America, including its President, J. H. Fleming; its Vice President, Herbert Friedmann; and one of its ex-Presidents, Alexander Wetmore. Following the Congress one of our Honorary Fellows, Austin Roberts of Pretoria, South Africa, spent some weeks in the United States visiting the museums in Cambridge, Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Washington before returning home. Among other members who visited Europe during the year were Mrs. W. W. Naumburg who continued her work in European museums, and Rev. J. J. Murray who was engaged in special studies at Oxford.

Coming nearer home Prof. A. O. Gross accompanied the Bowdoin-MacMillan Expedition to the Arctic, A. A. Allen together with several assistants visited Churchill on Hudson Bay where investigations were carried on during the summer, and George M. Sutton and H. S. Swarth spent several months in different parts of British Columbia.

In the West Indian region James Bond spent about a month in the spring on the Isle of Pines.

In Central America, Mrs. M. E. M. Davidson worked several months in the Chiriqui region in Panama and Costa Rica, and E. R. Blake collected for the Field Museum in the highlands of Guatemala.

In South America, M. A. Carriker accompanied by his son, left for Bolivia in June for his fifth expedition to the Andean region on behalf of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia.

In the South Pacific the Whitney Expedition has continued its investigations, and recently J. P. Chapin and F. L. Jaques sailed from San Francisco in the yacht 'Zaca' for a cruise of several months to the Galapagos and some of the islands of the South Pacific.

In Asia Dr. Hugh M. Smith, Fisheries Adviser to the Siamese Government, has concluded his work in Siam for the U. S. National Museum.

Richard Archbold and A. L. Rand have returned from New Guinea with a valuable collection of mammals and birds for the American Museum of Natural History.

Finally, in Africa, Dr. Thomas Barbour visited Capetown and following up the east coast returned via the Red Sea. W. R. Boulton of the Field Museum, recently returned from a trip which included crossing the Sahara Desert from Dakar in Senegal to Timbuktu, a descent of the Niger River to the coast and a visit to Mount Cameroon in Nigeria. James A. G. Rehn left for Africa in June where he will continue work until the close of the year, in the interests of the Philadelphia Academy.

Papers of the 1933 Meeting:—Of the seventy papers presented at the Semi-Centennial meeting, apparently less than one fourth have thus far been published, eleven in 'The Auk' and five elsewhere.

The following list of titles is given in the form in which the papers were finally published:

Those which appeared in 'The Auk' were:

- No. 2. W. E. Saunders' 'Losing the Bird Songs.'
- No. 3. H. C. Bryant's 'The First Recorded Lists of Birds in the United States.'
- No. 8. A. A. Allen's 'Sex Rhythm in the Ruffed Grouse (*Bonasa umbellus* Linn.) and Other Birds.'
- No. 12. R. T. Moore's 'The Sangay Labyrinth of Ecuador and Its Fauna.'
- No. 19. Mrs. E. S. Wilson's 'Personal Recollections of the Passenger Pigeon.'
- No. 22. Henry Mousley's 'The Earliest (1805) Unpublished Drawings of the Flexibility of the Upper Mandible of the Woodcock.'
- No. 26. L. W. Wing's 'Migration and Solar Cycles.'
- No. 31. Mrs. E. M. B. Naumburg's 'Rediscovery of *Rhopornis ardesiaca*.'
- No. 32. F. M. Chapman's 'Further Remarks on *Quiscalus aeneus* × *Quiscalus quiscula*' (a plea for more material).
- No. 59. Mousley's 'Study of the Home Life of the Short-Billed Marsh Wren' (*Cistothorus stellaris*).
- No. 65. Bowles and Decker's 'Swainson's Hawk in Washington State.'

Papers published elsewhere were:

- No. 13. Chapman's 'A Season's Bird Guests,' in *Natural History*, Jan.-Feb. 1934.
 No. 21. R. C. Murphy's 'Stray Sea Birds and Atlantic Storm Tracks,' in *Geographical Review*, Jan. 1934, pp. 151-152.
 No. 45. H. F. Lewis' 'Recent Developments in Waterfowl Conservation in Eastern Canada,' in the *Canadian Field-Naturalist*, XLVIII, No. 2, pp. 25-28, Feb. 1934.
 No. 52. F. C. Lincoln's 'Restocking Waterfowl Marshes with Hand-reared Ducks,' under the title 'Controlled Raising of Black Ducks,' in *American Game*, May-June, 1934, pp. 39, 45-46.
 No. 63. J. T. Nichols' 'Distribution and Seasonal Movements of the House Sparrow,' in *Bird Banding*, V, pp. 20-23, Jan., 1934.

DECEASED MEMBERS.

- RUTHVEN DEANE,¹ Fellow, died in his 83d year at Chicago, Ill., March 20, 1934.
 EDWARD WILLIAM NELSON,² ex President, aged 79, died at Washington, D. C., May 19, 1934.
 ROBERT WILSON SHUFELDT,³ Founder and Retired Fellow, aged 83, died at Washington, D. C., January 21, 1934.
 CHARLES WENDELL TOWNSEND,⁴ Fellow, aged 74, died at Beacon Hill, Mass., April 3, 1934.
 OTTO WIDMANN,⁵ Fellow, aged 92, died at St. Louis, Mo., November 26, 1933.
 PERCY EVANS FREKE,⁶ Corresponding Fellow, died in his 87th year at South Point, Folkstone, England, March 20, 1931.
 JOHN HOOPER BOWLES, Member, died in his 59th year at Tacoma, Wash., February 2, 1934.
 ELON HOWARD EATON, Member, aged 67, died at Geneva, N. Y., March 27, 1934.
 ROBERT HENRY WOLCOTT,⁷ Member, aged 65, died at Lincoln, Neb., January 23, 1934.
 MRS. MABEL OSGOOD WRIGHT,⁸ Member, aged 75, died at Fairfield, Conn., July 16, 1934.
 EDWARD JOHNSON BROWN,⁹ Honorary Life Associate, aged 67, died at Eustis, Fla., February 14, 1934.
 HENRY CLINTON BURGESS, Associate, died at Canandaigua, N. Y., October 22, 1934.
 WILLIAM LEWIS BURNETT, Associate, died in his 65th year at Fort Collins, Colo., July 5, 1934.
 GEORGE FRANKLIN CLINGMAN, Associate, aged 75, died at Chicago, (?) Ill., February 3, 1933.
 MRS. ELIZABETH BRAXTON DAVENPORT, Associate, aged 89, died at Brattleboro, Vt., August 28, 1934.
 REUBEN NELSON DAVIS,¹⁰ Associate, died in his 67th year at Dunmore, Pa., January 28, 1934.

¹ For obituary notice, see 'Auk,' LI, p. 282.

² " " " " " LI, pp. 431-432.

³ " " " " " LI, pp. 282-283.

⁴ " " " " " LI, p. 432.

⁵ " " " " " LI, p. 130.

⁶ " " " " " LI, pp. 562-563.

⁷ " " " " " LII, this issue.

⁸ " " " " " LI, pp. 564-565.

⁹ " " " " " LI, pp. 565-566.

¹⁰ " " " " " LI, pp. 288-289.

RICHARD THORNTON FISHER, Associate, died in his 58th year at Petersham, Mass., June 9, 1934.

RICHARD GILLESPIE,¹ Associate, aged 64, died at Bay City, Mich., March 10, 1934.

BENJAMIN TALBOT BABBITT HYDE, Associate, of Sante Fe, N. M., died January 27, 1933.

CHARLES THOMAS METZGER, Associate, aged 69, died at Chicago, Ill. in 1934.

ROBERT OWEN MERRIMAN, Associate, aged 52, died at Kingston, Ont., October 12, 1934.

FREDERICK POMEROY PALEN, Life Associate, died in his 62d year at New York City December 2, 1933.

JESSE LOWE SMITH, Associate, died in his 65th year at Highland Park, Ill., April 21, 1934.

ISAAC SPRAGUE, Associate, aged 74, died at Wellesley Hills, Mass., January 9, 1934.

ARTHUR PERCIVAL STUBBS,² Associate, died in his 67th year at East Lynn, Mass., July 19, 1932.

¹ For obituary notice, see 'Auk,' LI, p. 567.

² " " " " " LI, p. 566.