

THE FIFTY-SIXTH STATED MEETING OF THE
AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION

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THE thirteenth Washington meeting, held October 17–22, 1938, was the second largest in attendance in the history of the Union. Headquarters were at the Raleigh Hotel and most of the business sessions were held there. The public sessions were held at the U. S. National Museum.

Business Sessions.—The meetings on Monday, October 17, included two sessions of the Council, a meeting of the Fellows at 4 p. m. and a meeting of the Fellows and Members at 8 p. m. The evening business meeting established an attendance record, with 73 present—31 Fellows and 42 Members.

The elections resulted in the addition of one Fellow, two Honorary Fellows, six Corresponding Fellows, eight Members and 338 Associates. On November 1, 1938, there were no vacancies remaining in the classes of Fellows or Members, but there were two vacancies in the list of Honorary Fellows, and thirteen places to be filled in the list of Corresponding Fellows. Additional vacancies in the other classes are certain to be created before the date of the 1939 meeting. Members are urged to keep in mind that the latest date for filing nominations for the elections at the 1939 California meeting, is March 19, 1939. Nomination blanks may be obtained from the Secretary.

The Treasurer's report was accepted upon recommendation of the Auditing Committee (Hoyes Lloyd and Ernest G. Holt). It showed total receipts for the fiscal year of \$7,519.10, total disbursements of \$8,329.84, and a cash balance of \$416.80. The Trustees' Report showed that the Endowment Fund was in good condition. The Secretary, in his report, asked for suggestions from the members as to how the duties of the Secretary, as outlined in the constitution and by-laws, could be made more effective and beneficial to the Union. His report showed that 338 Associates had been nominated during the past year, and that seven members had been lost by resignation and twenty-four by death.

Dr. W. L. McAtee retired as Treasurer after a long and distinguished service of eighteen years in that office. He accompanied his resignation with a message to the Union which emphasized the following points: (1) that the Union is now in a critical transition stage of development which requires a new dedication of service on a generous scale; (2) that the Union's progress in the past was not automatic, but made possible by the vigorous efforts of zealous leaders with definite objectives, and that similar new leaders must be developed to take up the work; (3) that some way must be found to better finance the work of the Union and relieve the 'publication pressure'

for space in 'The Auk', and that experience has shown that this cannot be done by increasing the number of members, as all the Union's publications are now sold at less than cost; (4) that the Union should re-define its objectives and decide whether it is to be a strictly scientific, a conservation, or a general-purpose ornithological society; and (5) that the Union should qualify itself to rank as a truly national organization, giving representation to affiliated regional societies, and become more responsive to criticisms which might point the way to real progress.

The vacancy created in the Treasurer's office was filled by the election of W. Rudyerd Boulton of Chicago. Three members of the Council retired after long and valuable service: Dr. H. C. Oberholser, Dr. T. S. Roberts and Mr. P. A. Taverner, and were replaced by W. L. McAtee, John T. Zimmer and Robert T. Moore.

Two amendments to the by-laws were presented and placed on the table for consideration at the 1939 meeting. The first raises the maximum limit for the number of Members from 125 to 150. The second would make the Editor a member of the Council. A third amendment was referred for study to a committee to be appointed by the President, to be reported upon at a subsequent meeting. This amendment provides that regional ornithological societies may qualify for affiliation with the Union and be granted a voting representative in the Council.

The award of the Brewster Medal was made to Dr. Thomas S. Roberts in recognition of his work, 'The Birds of Minnesota.' Dr. T. S. Palmer reported for the Committee on Biography and Bibliography. Dr. Friedmann, Dr. L. J. Cole, Dr. Ernst Mayr and P. A. Taverner reported for the various divisions of the Research Committee. The Council voted to approve in principle the appointment and functioning of the A. O. U. Research Committee. Dr. Alexander Wetmore reported for the Committee on Classification and Nomenclature of North American Birds. Communications were read from A. F. Ganier, A. C. Bent, A. F. Harris, Henry Mouseley, B. P. Tyler and M. A. Carriker.

Dr. Alexander Wetmore, President of the Tenth International Ornithological Congress, which will meet in the United States in 1942, announced the tentative arrangements. The Union voted to hold a joint meeting with the 1942 Congress in early May, with headquarters at the Philadelphia Academy of Sciences. Later, trips are to be arranged for visitors to Cape May and Washington, D. C. Everything indicates that a large number of European delegates will be in attendance.

The Ninth International Congress held at Rouen, France, in May 1938, had 23 in attendance from North America. The following were official A. O. U. delegates: Alexander Wetmore, J. C. Greenway, J. P. Chapin, T. G. Pearson, Lawrence E. Hicks, J. H. Fleming and Mrs. M. M. Nice.

The first five named were also representatives of the U. S. Government. Other A. O. U. members attending included A. A. Allen, A. R. Brand, George M. Sutton, W. E. C. Todd, A. J. van Rossem, Hugh Birkhead, Ernst Mayr, L. S. Crandall and J. Southgate Hoyt.

The President reported that the appointment of an Endowment Committee had been deferred until members interested in serving could be found. The Council voted to have printed in 'The Auk' and mailed in the next annual letters, a suitable form of bequest to bring to the attention of the members the great need of the Union for an increased endowment fund.

W. Rudyerd Boulton reported on the Ridgway Memorial Fund Sanctuary in Illinois. The Council passed a resolution commending the activities of the Ridgway Memorial Association and the University of Chicago in preserving the sanctuary and safeguarding its interests, and expressing the hope that the study of ornithology would be encouraged as much as possible by the granting of fellowships from the Ridgway Fund.

Dr. Alden H. Miller, Chairman of the Local Committee for the 1939 meeting which is to be held in the San Francisco Bay region June 19-23, 1939, reported on the arrangements in progress. A large representation of eastern ornithologists at the 1939 meeting is assured. Three invitations were received for the 1940 meeting: Cleveland, New York City and Milwaukee. A decision on the time and place of the 1940 meeting was postponed until the next meeting of the Union in California.

The Union voted to accept the report of the Committee on Bird Protection (William Vogt, Victor Cahalane, Clarence Cottam and Aldo Leopold). The full report will appear in a later issue of 'The Auk'.

The Union adopted the report of the Resolutions Committee (Alexander Sprunt, Jr., Herbert L. Stoddard, J. J. Murray and Roger T. Peterson). This expressed appreciation to the following for their contributions to the 1938 meeting: the Local Committee (Herbert Friedmann, H. G. Deignan, W. C. Henderson, Frederick C. Lincoln and W. L. McAtee), the authorities of the Smithsonian Institution and the National Museum, the personnel of the Biological Survey, the Ladies' Committee for their entertainment of the wives of visiting members, and the officials of the National Agricultural Research Center and of the Patuxent Refuge.

Public Meetings.—The public meetings opened on Tuesday morning with an address of welcome by Dr. Alexander Wetmore of the U. S. National Museum, and a response by Vice-President James P. Chapin. The program included fifty-nine papers, of which nine were read by title, and as usual covered a wide range of subjects, both popular and technical. Thursday morning there was a joint session with the Inland, Eastern and Northeastern Bird-banding Associations. The Tuesday afternoon session was a symposium on the subject, 'The Problem of the Individual vs. the Species in Bird

Studies.' Dr. Herbert Friedmann introduced papers on various phases of this subject which were presented by Dr. Francis H. Herrick, Dr. G. K. Noble, Mrs. Margaret M. Nice, Frederick C. Lincoln and N. Tinbergen. On Wednesday and Thursday afternoons motion pictures were in order, with probably as fine a collection of colored bird-films as has ever appeared on one program. Classified as to content, the papers covered the following subjects: life history and food habits, 13; faunal, 12; behavior, 9; exploration, 8; general or miscellaneous, 6; conservation or education, 8; waterfowl, 5; distribution and migration, 5; anatomy and physiology, 5; bird-banding, 4; biography, 2; and taxonomy, 2.

Social Events.—On Tuesday evening open house was held in the Division of Birds of the National Museum. Wednesday evening was occupied by the annual dinner at the Raleigh Hotel, with 304 present. The chief entertainment was provided by the Allen-Brand-Kellogg trio from Cornell, with a travelogue in color and some remarkable sound effects without. 'The Auklet' exhibited a three-dimensional growth as compared with previous years, but retained its usual meaty nature. Throughout the week the Ladies' Committee arranged many social and sight-seeing events for the wives of visiting members. Wednesday noon a group photograph was taken of 217 members and visitors present at that time. Prints of the photo can be obtained at \$1.50 from the Tenschert Photo Co., 1203 F and 608-12th Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C. An identification key has been prepared and may be obtained without cost from the Secretary.

Excursions.—Friday, October 21, was occupied by an all-day field trip to the Patuxent Wildlife Research Refuge near Beltsville, Maryland. About 310 tickets were sold for the trip. The group spent a most enjoyable day covering the 17,000 acres of the Agricultural Center and the 3,000 acres of the Biological Survey experimental tracts, either on foot or by auto. Many parties reported large flocks of migrating birds. After the exercise everyone appreciated the splendid chicken dinner prepared in outdoor ovens by enrollees of the C. C. C. Camp. Many of those remaining in Washington met at the National Zoological Park at 10 a. m. Saturday for conducted tours of the large collections of living birds and mammals.

THE PROGRAM

Papers are arranged in the order in which they were presented at the meeting. Starred papers were illustrated by lantern slides; those with a double star were illustrated by motion pictures.

TUESDAY MORNING

Welcome by ALEXANDER WETMORE, Assistant Secretary, Smithsonian Institution.
Roll Call of Fellows and Members, Report of the Business Meeting, announcement of the result of elections.

Report of the Local Committee on Arrangements, HERBERT FRIEDMANN, U. S. National Museum, *Chairman*.

1. Fall singing of birds. ARETAS A. SAUNDERS, Fairfield, Connecticut.
2. What constitutes an ornithological education? PAUL KELLOGG, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.
3. A plea for a critical attitude. WILLIAM VOGT, National Association of Audubon Societies, New York City. (Read by title.)
4. *The distribution of Kirtland's Warbler. J. VAN TYNE, Museum of Zoology, Ann Arbor, Mich.
5. Waterfowl at James Bay, Canada. HARRISON F. LEWIS, National Parks Bureau, Ottawa, Canada.
6. Ducks at Delta, Manitoba. MILES D. PIRNIE, Kellogg Sanctuary, Augusta, Mich.
7. *The Phelps Expedition to Mt. Auyan-tepui, Venezuela. E. THOMAS GILLIARD, American Museum of Natural History, New York City.
8. *The Canadian Zone in the Southern Mountains. J. J. MURRAY, Lexington, Virginia.
9. *Notes on the summer birds of the Great Smoky Mountains. ALBERT F. GANIER, Nashville, Tennessee. (Read by title.)
10. *The breeding birds of the eastern Kentucky Mountains. LAWRENCE E. HICKS, Columbus, Ohio. (Read by title.)
- 10a. In memoriam: George Bird Grinnell. By ALBERT K. FISHER, Washington, D. C. (Read by title.)

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Symposium: Subject—"The Problem of the Individual *vs.* the Species in Bird Study." Introduction by HERBERT FRIEDMANN, U. S. National Museum, Washington, D. C.

11. The individual *vs.* the species in behavior studies. FRANCIS H. HERRICK, Cleveland, Ohio.
12. *The intraspecific behavior of individuals (dominance). G. K. NOBLE, American Museum of Natural History, New York City.
13. The social Kumpan and the Song Sparrow. MRS. MARGARET M. NICE, Chicago, Illinois.
14. The individual *vs.* the species in migration studies. FREDERICK C. LINCOLN, U. S. Biological Survey, Washington, D. C.
15. *On the sociology of the Herring Gull (*Larus a. argentatus*). N. TINBERGEN, Leyden, The Netherlands.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

16. Native Quail on the Ligon Game Farm at Carlsbad, New Mexico. VERNON BAILEY, Washington, D. C.
17. Further notes on early American ornithology. ELSA G. ALLEN, Ithaca, New York.
18. Nesting habits ("injury-feigning") of Wilson's Snipe and Spotted Sandpiper. HENRY MOUSLEY, Montreal, Canada.
19. *Studies in the life history of the Wood Thrush (*Hylocichla mustelina*). FLORENCE WEAVER, Hanover, New Hampshire.
20. *Food habits of the Ivory-billed Woodpecker. JAMES T. TANNER, Cortland, New York.

21. *Food of the Starling in central New York State. ALTON A. LINDSEY, American University, Washington, D. C.
22. *Some interesting Barred Owls. W. BRYANT TYRRELL, Takoma Park, Maryland.
23. *The Flamingos of Great Inagua. GILBERT C. KLINGLE, Takoma Park, Maryland. (Read by title.)
24. Great Horned Owl orphans. ELIZABETH A. OEHLENSCHLAEGER, Milwaukee, Wisc. (Read by title.)
25. Birds of the District of Columbia. PAUL BARTSCH, U. S. National Museum, Washington, D. C. (Read by title.)

WEDNESDAY MORNING

26. A Pleistocene egg from Nevada. ALEXANDER WETMORE, U. S. National Museum, Washington, D. C.
27. An unusual structural modification of the feather. JOHN T. ZIMMER, American Museum of Natural History, New York City.
28. Observations on the auditory response of Starlings. ALBERT R. BRAND, and PAUL KELLOGG, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.
29. Remarks on *Heleodytes chiapensis*. PIERCE BRODKORB, Museum of Zoology, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
30. *Metabolism studies of the development of temperature regulation in birds. S. CHARLES KENDEIGH, Baldwin Bird Research Laboratory and University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois.
31. *Analysis of some hybrid populations of Juncos. ALDEN H. MILLER, Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, Berkeley, California.
32. *Intermittent breeding of the Fulmar, with some general observations on non-breeding sea-birds. V. C. WYNNE-EDWARDS, McGill University, Montreal, Canada.
33. Reverse Migration. HARRISON F. LEWIS, National Parks Bureau, Ottawa, Canada.
34. *Weights and measurements of some Atlantic *Alcidae*. R. A. JOHNSON, Oneonta, New York.
35. *Factors influencing the Laughing Gull's recognition of its eggs. G. K. NOBLE and D. S. LEHRMAN, American Museum of Natural History, New York City.
36. *Why the neognathous palate? W. WEDGWOOD BOWEN, Dartmouth College Museum, Hanover, New Hampshire.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

37. **Recent progress in color photography. ARTHUR A. ALLEN, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.
38. **Birds of the Western Arctic. CHARLES E. GILLHAM, U. S. Biological Survey, Edwardsville, Illinois.
39. **The survival problem of the Florida Crane. ROBERT P. ALLEN, National Association of Audubon Societies, New York City.
40. **Color in Kittiwake Cove. CLEVELAND P. GRANT, Baker-Hunt Museum, Covington, Kentucky.
41. **First nest of Tufted Jay and other rare birds of Northwestern Mexico. ROBERT T. MOORE, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California.
42. **Gull and tern nesting at Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin. A. TREVENNING HARRIS, Gary, Indiana. (Read by title.)

THURSDAY MORNING

Joint session of the American Ornithologists' Union with the Eastern, Northeastern and Inland Bird-banding Associations.

43. *Preliminary notes on the migration and homing of Herring Gulls. R. P. ALLEN and J. J. HICKEY, National Association of Audubon Societies, New York City.
44. Some early results of the disease study project. CARLTON M. HERMAN and C. BROOKE WORTH, New York Zoological Park, New York City.
45. The study of some banded Black Ducks. MILES D. PIRNIE, Kellogg Sanctuary, Augusta, Michigan.
46. Life history of the Piping Plover. LEROY WILCOX, Speonk, Long Island, New York.
47. *Bird destruction in Pan-America. T. GILBERT PEARSON, International Committee for Bird Preservation, New York City.
48. The history of one hundred nests of the Arctic Tern. OLIN S. PETTINGILL, JR., Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota.
49. Formation of the pair in the Black-crowned Night Heron. ROBERT P. ALLEN, National Association of Audubon Societies, New York City.
50. The twilight flight of the Black Tern. MILTON B. TRAUTMAN, Museum of Zoology, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
51. *Some census notes on the breeding birds of a wooded slope. J. J. HICKEY, National Association of Audubon Societies, New York City.
52. *The northern distribution and status of the English Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*). RICHARD WEAVER, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H.
53. **The present status of the Roseate Spoonbill in the United States. ALEXANDER SPRUNT, JR., National Association of Audubon Societies, Charleston, South Carolina.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

54. **The Carnegie Museum Belcher Island Expedition. ARTHUR C. TWOMEY, Carnegie Museum, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
55. **Birds of the Buckeye State. KARL MASLOWSKI, Ohio Division of Conservation, Columbus, Ohio.
56. **Wavie Crees of James Bay. CLEVELAND P. GRANT, Baker-Hunt Museum, Covington, Kentucky.
57. **The birds of Kent Island. ALFRED O. GROSS, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine.
58. **Adventures with birds. OLIN S. PETTINGILL, JR., Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota.

Attendance.—With a registered attendance of 233 members (all classes), the thirteenth Washington Meeting (1938) slightly exceeded in size the twelfth meeting held in 1927 when 215 members were present. It was the second largest meeting in the history of the Union. The list of those present in 1938 included one Patron, 1 Fellow Emeritus, 32 Fellows, 1 Corresponding Fellow, 49 Members, 149 Associates, and 91 visitors, making a total of 324. This was the largest attendance of Fellows on record, exceeding by three the previous high of the Salem meeting in 1930. The number of Members was exceeded only by the meetings of 1933 and 1936, the number

of Associates only by the meetings of 1929 and 1933, and the number of visitors only by the 1935 meeting.

Thirty States and Provinces were represented in the attendance. Exclusive of visitors, the nine largest delegations were: District of Columbia, 57; New York, 35; Pennsylvania, 20; Virginia, 14; Ontario, 13; Massachusetts, 12; Maryland, 11; Michigan, 10; and California, 8. Few meetings have had so many attending from a distance, and no other eastern meeting has had so many representatives from California. A third country was represented by Dr. N. Tinbergen of the University of Leyden, Netherlands.

ALBERTA, 1—*Associate*, A. C. Twomey, Camrose.

CALIFORNIA, 8—*Fellows*, L. B. Bishop, Pasadena; L. H. Miller, Los Angeles; *Members*, W. L. Chambers, Los Angeles; L. M. Huey, San Diego; A. H. Miller, Berkeley; James Moffitt, San Francisco; R. T. Moore, Pasadena; George Willett, Los Angeles.

CONNECTICUT, 2—*Member*, A. A. Saunders, Fairfield; *Associate*, F. P. Mathews, Southport.

FLORIDA, 1—*Associate*, Robert C. McClanahan, Pensacola.

GEORGIA, 2—*Fellow*, Herbert L. Stoddard, Thomasville; *Associate*, E. E. Murphey, Augusta.

ILLINOIS, 8—*Patron*, Mrs. Ruthven Deane, Winnetka; *Fellow*, Mrs. M. M. Nice, Chicago; *Members*, W. R. Boulton, Chicago; S. C. Kendeigh, Champaign; *Associates*, Frank Cassel, Wheaton; D. E. Davis, Wilmette; C. E. Gilham, Edwardsville; Mrs. H. D. Smith, Lake Forest.

IOWA, 1—*Associate*, Robert W. Allen, Ossian.

KENTUCKY, 2—*Associates*, C. P. Grant, Covington; Burt L. Monroe, Louisville.

LOUISIANA, 1—*Associate*, George H. Lowery, Louisiana State University.

MAINE, 2—*Fellow*, A. O. Gross, Brunswick; *Associate*, Ralph S. Palmer, Brunswick.

MANITOBA, 1—*Associate*, Charles L. Broley, Winnipeg.

MARYLAND, 11—*Member*, A. B. Howell, Baltimore; *Associates*, Talbott Denmead, Baltimore; W. C. Henderson, Chevy Chase; C. M. Herman, Baltimore; I. N. Hoffman, Bethesda; Mrs. H. B. Humphrey, Cabin John; Frank C. Kirkwood, Phoenix; Robert Overing, Landover; Frank R. Smith, Laurel; Mrs. Chester Snow, Chevy Chase; W. B. Tyrrell, Catonsville.

MASSACHUSETTS, 12—*Fellows*, G. M. Allen, Cambridge; J. L. Peters, Harvard; *Members*, J. B. May, Cohasset; W. M. Tyler, Boston; *Associates*, C. W. Buchheister, Boston; L. B. Hyde, Ware; Miss Jessie E. Kloseman, Boston; Howard B. Miller, Turners Falls; Miss Florence M. Pease, Conway; George L. Perry, Somerville; Norman A. Preble, Wakefield; G. J. Wallace, Lenox.

MICHIGAN, 10—*Fellow*, J. Van Tyne, Ann Arbor; *Members*, W. P. Brodkorb, Ann Arbor; M. D. Pirnie, Augusta; *Associates*, Mrs. Edith K. Frey, Jackson; H. W. Hann, Ann Arbor; T. D. Hinshaw, Ann Arbor; Ralph E. Morrill, Ann Arbor; Nels T. Peterson, Battle Creek; A. E. Staebler, Ann Arbor; M. B. Trautman, Ann Arbor.

MINNESOTA, 2—*Fellow*, T. S. Roberts, Minneapolis; *Member*, O. S. Pettingill, Jr., Northfield.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 2—*Member*, W. W. Bowen, Hanover; *Associate*, Richard Weaver, Hanover.

- NEW JERSEY, 3—*Members*, Beecher S. Bowdish, Demarest; C. H. Rogers, Princeton; *Associate*, Alfred E. Eynon, Union.
- NEW YORK, 36—*Fellows*, A. A. Allen, Ithaca; J. P. Chapin, New York; Ernst Mayr, New York; R. C. Murphy, New York; J. T. Zimmer, New York; *Members*, Verdi Burtch, Branchport; Mrs. W. W. Naumburg, New York; J. T. Nichols, New York; T. Gilbert Pearson, New York; R. T. Peterson, New York; James Savage, Buffalo, Dayton Stoner, Albany; William Vogt, New York; *Associates*, Mrs. A. A. Allen, Ithaca; Dean Amadon, New York; H. H. Axtell, Cortland; Hugh Birkhead, Pelham Manor; A. D. Cruickshank, New York; S. C. Harriot, New York; J. J. Hickey, New York; J. C. Howell, Ithaca; R. A. Johnson, Oneonta; Paul Kellogg, Cortland; R. H. LeFevre, Buffalo; D. S. Lehrman, New York; C. W. Leister, New York; H. D. Mitchell, Buffalo; Mrs. Grace E. B. Murphy, Bronxville; W. W. Naumburg, New York; G. S. Raynor, Manorville; A. R. Shadle, Buffalo; J. T. Tanner, Cortland; Carl Tucker, Mt. Kisco; Mrs. Carl Tucker, Mt. Kisco; L. L. Walsh, Bronxville; LeRoy Wilcox, Speonk.
- OHIO, 8—*Fellow*, Francis H. Herrick, Cleveland; *Member*, Lawrence E. Hicks, Columbus; *Associates*, H. W. Brandt, Cleveland; G. M. Cook, Youngstown; W. C. Herman, Cincinnati; Karl Maslowski, Cincinnati; C. F. Walker, Columbus; J. P. Visscher, Cleveland.
- ONTARIO, 13—*Fellows*, J. H. Fleming, Toronto; Hoyes Lloyd, Ottawa; W. E. Saunders, London; P. A. Taverner, Ottawa; *Members*, J. L. Baillie, Toronto; H. F. Lewis, Ottawa; L. L. Snyder, Toronto; *Associates*, O. E. Devitt, Toronto; F. H. Emery, Toronto; Mrs. Wilmot Lloyd, Ottawa; E. G. McDougall, Toronto; Mrs. W. G. Mills, Toronto; C. E. G. Molony, Toronto.
- PENNSYLVANIA, 20—*Fellows*, Witmer Stone, Philadelphia; W. E. C. Todd, Pittsburgh; *Members*, B. H. Christy, Sewickley; Francis Harper, Swarthmore; Wharton Huber, Philadelphia; J. F. Street, Philadelphia; *Associates*, L. J. Bennett, State College; Mrs. F. H. Coffin, Scranton; V. A. Debes, Prospect Park; George J. Free, State College; R. W. Glenn, Pittsburgh; Horace Groskin, Ardmore; L. A. Luttringer, Harrisburg; N. J. McDonald, Philadelphia; Miss Ruth Trimble, Greensburg; H. T. Underdown, Elkins Park; E. S. Weyl, Philadelphia; L. R. Wolfe, Philadelphia; H. B. Wood, Harrisburg; C. B. Worth, Swarthmore.
- QUEBEC, 4—*Member*, V. C. Wynne-Edwards, Montreal; *Associates*, J. D. Cleghorn, Montreal; J. A. Decarie, Montreal; Mrs. Harold Hibbert, Montreal.
- RHODE ISLAND, 1—*Associate*, H. E. Walter, Providence.
- SOUTH CAROLINA, 2—*Member*, Alexander Sprunt, Jr., Charleston; *Associate*, Mrs. M. D. Dise, Charleston.
- TENNESSEE, 2—*Associates*, Mrs. F. C. Laskey, Nashville; B. P. Tyler, Johnson City.
- VERMONT, 2—*Member*, W. P. Smith, Wells River; *Associate*, Miss Carolyn Sheldon, Woodstock.
- VIRGINIA, 14—*Member*, J. J. Murray, Lexington; *Associates*, J. B. Calhoun, University; J. C. Dickenson, University; T. L. Engleby, Roanoke; E. N. Grinnell, Arlington; C. O. Handley, Blacksburg; J. S. Y. Hoyt, Lexington; H. N. Kennedy, Rosslyn; John B. Lewis, Amelia; M. G. Lewis, Salem; W. B. McIlwaine, Alexandria; Mrs. R. M. Reese, Alexandria; Miss Ruth Richards, Clifton Station; O. B. Taylor, Richmond.
- WASHINGTON, D. C., 57—*Fellow Emeritus*, Leonhard Stejneger; *Fellows*, Mrs. Florence M. Bailey, A. K. Fisher, Herbert Friedmann, Ira N. Gabrielson, A. H. Howell, F. C. Lincoln, W. L. McAtee, H. C. Oberholser, T. S. Palmer, E. A. Preble, J. H. Riley, Alexander Wetmore; *Members*, Vernon Bailey, Paul Bartsch,

Frank Bond, Harold C. Bryant, Miss May Thacher Cooke, Clarence Cottam, Herbert Deignan, E. A. Goldman, E. G. Holt, F. M. Uhler, R. W. Williams; *Associates*, C. H. M. Barrett, W. B. Bell, S. F. Blake, V. H. Cahalane, W. H. Cheesman, E. J. Court, Malcolm Davis, Mrs. Jane S. Elliott, H. C. Fuller, R. B. Horsfall, Neil Hotchkiss, H. H. T. Jackson, John C. Jones, Miss Phoebe M. Knappen, W. F. Kubichek, A. A. Lindsey, R. F. Mason, F. H. May, A. L. Nelson, Miss Mary O'Brien, P. H. Oehser, Mrs. T. S. Palmer, H. S. Peters, C. C. Presnall, W. W. Rubey, John C. Salyer, R. N. Saxton, C. F. Smith, H. M. Smith, H. B. Stabler, J. S. Wade, E. P. Walker, Howard Zahniser.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1—*Associate*, Karl W. Haller, Short Creek.

WISCONSIN, 1—*Associate*, Miss Elizabeth A. Oehlenschlaeger, Milwaukee.

NETHERLANDS, 1—*Corresponding Fellow*, N. Tinbergen, Leyden, Netherlands.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of officers for 1939 resulted as follows: President, Herbert Friedmann; Vice-Presidents, J. P. Chapin and J. L. Peters; Secretary, Lawrence E. Hicks; Treasurer, W. Rudyerd Boulton; Members of the Council (in addition to officers and ex-presidents), for three years, W. L. McAtee, John T. Zimmer and Robert T. Moore.

The Council elected Glover M. Allen, Editor of 'The Auk'; W. Rudyerd Boulton, Business Manager; George H. Stuart, 3d, C. H. Riker and Edward Norris, Trustees; and Herbert Friedmann, S. S. Gregory, Jr., W. Rudyerd Boulton, W. L. McAtee, and Lawrence E. Hicks, members of the Finance Committee.

ELECTION OF FELLOWS, MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES

FELLOW—1.

Ira N. Gabrielson, Washington, D. C.

HONORARY FELLOWS—2.

Jacques Berlioz, Paris, France.

Henry Eliot Howard, Clarelands, Worcestershire, England.

CORRESPONDING FELLOWS—6.

K. A. Hindwood, Sydney, Australia.

Konrad Lorenz, Altenberg, Austria.

Wilhelm Meise, Dresden, Germany.

R. E. Moreau, Tanganyika, Africa.

Ernst Schuz, Ostpreussen, Germany.

N. Tinbergen, Leyden, Netherlands.

MEMBERS—8.

Herbert Girton Deignan, Washington, D. C.

Shepard Gilbert Emilio, Salem, Massachusetts.

Thomas Tonkin McCabe, Berkeley, California.

Harold Michener, Pasadena, California.

Gayle Benjamin Pickwell, San José, California.

Austin Loomer Rand, New York City.

Alexander Frank Skutch, Baltimore, Maryland.

Eustace Lowell Sumner, Jr., San Francisco, California.

ASSOCIATES—338.

The names of Associates who have qualified will appear in the membership list in 'The Auk' for April, 1939.

DECEASED MEMBERS

During the year the Union lost at least 24 members by death: 1 Fellow, 4 Honorary Fellows, 5 Corresponding Fellows, 3 Members, and 11 Associates.

GEORGE BIRD GRINNELL, Fellow (1883), aged 88, died at New York City, on April 11, 1938.

SERGIUS ALEXANDROVICH BUTURLIN,¹ Honorary Fellow (1907-16), died at Moscow, U. S. S. R., on January 22, 1938.

WILLIAM EAGLE CLARKE,² Honorary Fellow (1889-1921), aged 85, died at Edinburgh, Scotland, on May 12, 1938.

HENRI AUGUSTE MENEGAUX, Honorary Fellow (1916-18), died at Paris, France, on July 15, 1937.

LIONEL WALTER LORD ROTHSCHILD,³ Honorary Fellow (1913), aged 69, died at Tring, England, on August 27, 1937.

ALBERT COLLIN, Corresponding Fellow (1928-31), died at Hovinmaa, Finland (date unknown, 1937 or earlier)

NATHANIEL GIST GEE, Corresponding Fellow (1919), Greenwood, South Carolina, died December 18, 1937.

FRIEDRICH STEINBACHER, Corresponding Fellow (1934), died at Berlin-Friedrichshagen, Germany, on February 15, 1938.

CHARLES FRANCIS MASSY SWYNNERTON, Corresponding Fellow (1918), died in Tanganyika Territory, East Africa, in January (?), 1938.

JOHANNES THIENEMANN,⁴ Corresponding Fellow (1926), aged 75, died at Rossitten, Germany, on April 13, 1938.

WILLIAM ISAAC LYON, Life Member (1921-25), died at Waukegan, Illinois, on June 13, 1938.

FRANK STEPHENS,⁵ Member (1883-1901), aged 88, died at San Diego, California, on October 5, 1937.

CHARLES ANDERSON URNER, Member (1920-33), aged 56, died at Elizabeth, New Jersey, on June 22, 1938.

BENJAMIN ADAMS, Associate (1911), died at Wethersfield, Connecticut, in 1938 (date?)

JAMES J. CARROLL,⁶ Life Associate (1926), aged 62, died at Houston, Texas, on February 17, 1938.

JACK MURCHIE DUDLEY, Associate (1931), died at Calais, Maine, on September 13, 1938.

JAMES CHASE HAMBLETON, Associate (1935), aged 75, died at Columbus, Ohio, on July 6, 1938.

EDWIN CLARK KENT, Associate (1907), died at New York City, on July 11, 1938.

NATHANIEL THAYER KIDDER,⁷ Life Associate (1906), died at Boston, Massachusetts, on July 13, 1938.

FERDINAND SCHEUYLER MATHEWS, Associate (1917), aged 84, died at Plymouth, New Hampshire, on August 20, 1938.

¹ For obituary notice, see Auk, vol. 55: 585, 1938.

² " " " " " " 55: 585, 1938.

³ " " " " " " 55: 162, 1938.

⁴ " " " " " " 55: 585, 1938.

⁵ " " " " " " 55: 313-314, 1938.

⁶ " " " " " " 55: 314-315, 1938.

⁷ " " " " " " 55: 700, 1938.

NORMAN McCLINTOCK,¹ Associate (1900), aged 69, died at Orlando, Florida, on February 26, 1938.

PUTNAM BURTON PEABODY, Associate (1903), died at Topeka, Kansas, on October 8, 1937.

JOHN LIVZEY RIDGWAY, Associate (1890), died at Glendale, California, in July, 1938.

WILL EDWIN SNYDER,² Honorary Life Associate (1895), aged 64, died at Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, on November 10, 1937.

MAY ROGERS (MRS. LAURENCE J.) WEBSTER,³ Associate (1936), died at Boston, Massachusetts, on January 7, 1938.

GEORGE WHITNEY WHITE, Associate (1924), died at Washington, D. C., on October 27, 1938.

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² " " " " " " 55: 700, 1938.

³ " " " " " " 55: 314, 1938.