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#### OBITUARIES

GREGORY MACALISTER MATHEWS, a Corresponding Fellow of the American Ornithologists' Union from 1911 to 1927 and an Honorary Fellow since the latter year, died at Winchester, Hampshire, England, on March 27, 1949. He was born at Bramble, New South Wales, on September 10, 1876, and was educated at King's School, Parramatta, in that state. Most of his life was spent in Australia. In seeking ornithological information he traveled around the world.

He was the Australian representative to the International Ornithological Congresses, 5th to 9th inclusive (1910-1938), and a Member of the International Ornithological Committee. He served as Vice-President of the British Ornithological Union, 1924; Assistant Editor of 'The Ibis,' 1931-41; Chairman of the British Ornithologists' Club, 1935-38; and Editor of 'The Austral Avian Record' from 1912 until 1927.

The output of his work was prodigious, the principal publications being: 'Hand list of the birds of Australia,' 1908; 'The birds of Australia,' 12 volumes, 1910-27; 'A reference list of the birds of New Zealand,' 1913; 'A list of the birds of Australia,' 1913; 'Check-List of the birds of Australia,' 1920-23; 'A manual of the birds of Australia,' 1921; 'Birds of Norfolk and Lord Howe Islands,' 1928; 'Systema avium Australasianarum,' 1927-30; 'A supplement to the birds of Norfolk and Lord Howe Islands to which is added those birds of New Zealand not figured by Buller,' 1936; 'A working list of Australian birds,' 1946; and 'Notes on the Procellariiformes,' 1943, published jointly with E. J. L. Hallstrom. His unrivalled library on Australian ornithology, donated in 1939 to the Commonwealth of Australia, is described in his 'Birds and books,' 1942.—A. W. SCHORGER.

FREDERIC COLLIN WALCOTT, a Life Associate of the A. O. U., elected in 1921, died April 27, 1949, in Stamford, Connecticut. He was born at New York Mills, near Utica, N. Y., February 19, 1869. His early education was received at Andover

Academy; he graduated from Yale in 1891. In 1917 he received an honorary Master of Arts degree from his alma mater and in 1928 the degree of Doctor of Science from Trinity College. After graduation he entered his father's textile mill at New York Mills and became its president. Later he took part in international matters of relief. He was president of the Connecticut Board of Fisheries and Game, 1923-28, and chairman of the Connecticut Water Commission, 1925-28.

During his term in the U. S. Senate, 1929-35, he was chairman of the Committee on Forest Reservations and Protection of Game and took a deep interest in conservation legislation. He was an ardent sportsman and in 1923 made a trip to southern Chile with Dr. Frank M. Chapman, and in the high Andes of Bolivia he obtained material for a group of Andean flamingoes for the American Museum of Natural History. Later he made several hunting trips to Alaska. After retirement from the Senate, he served as president of the American Wildlife Federation and for some years as regent of the Smithsonian Institution.—T. S. PALMER.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BOLT, an Associate Member of the A. O. U. since 1909, died in Kansas City, Missouri, January 1, 1949. He was born in Elmwood, Illinois, on March 26, 1870, and at the age of twelve became interested in ornithology by collecting eggs.

In June, 1903, he married Miss Emmet C. Werner and moved to Kansas City where he engaged in the drug business. He was enthusiastic over birds during his entire business career and made many field trips with the leading ornithologists of the Kansas City region. In addition to a considerable collection of eggs, he accumulated an extensive ornithological library. Mr. Bolt had the reputation of being exceptionally well read in the literature on birds. He is survived by his wife and two sons.—DIX TEACHERNOR.

WILLIAM COUGHLIN BRAISLIN, who became an Associate Member of the A. O. U. in 1894 and a Member in 1902, died on December 3, 1948, at New Canaan, Connecticut. He was born at Burlington, N. J., on July 1, 1865. He attended Princeton University from 1885-87 and received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, in 1890. On October 19, 1892, he married Alice Cameron of Brooklyn, N. Y. He began the practice of medicine in Brooklyn in 1890 and became a specialist in otology. His productive ornithological work was in the period 1896-1918 when 21 articles appeared. His most important contribution was 'A list of the birds of Long Island,' *Abstr. Proc. Linn. Soc. N. Y.*, March, 1907, pp. 31-123.—A. W. SCHORGER.

HARRY ELDEN DUER, an Associate Member of the A. O. U. since 1947, died at Cleveland, Ohio, on March 20, 1947. He was born in Marshalltown, Iowa, March 21, 1877. He graduated in engineering from the University of Kansas, but in 1917 began an extensive recording of birdlife. He traveled widely in the United States to take unusual motion pictures which made him very popular on the lecture platform. Among his other activities he served as President of the Cleveland Bird Club. He was buried in Lakeview Cemetery, Cleveland.—A. W. SCHORGER.

JOHN PEARCE, an Associate of the A. O. U. since 1940, died at his home in Natick, Mass., on April 8, 1949. He was born on May 16, 1908, in Manchester, England. He graduated *cum laude* from the New York State College of Forestry, Syracuse, N. Y., with the degree of B.S. in forest zoology in 1934, and with a M.S. in silviculture in 1935. In May, 1935, he was appointed junior biologist with the U. S. Forest Service. In March, 1937, he transferred to the Fish and Wildlife Service. In 1941

he became assistant biologist in charge of the Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit at the University of Maine. A year later he became a regional inspector of Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Activities. His promotion to regional director came in January, 1946.

Mr. Pearce had no published articles but he possessed a great fund of information gained by personal contact in the field.—FREDERICK C. LINCOLN.

THOMAS CALDERWOOD STEPHENS, who became an Associate Member of the American Ornithologists' Union in 1909 and a Member in 1920, died at Sioux City, Iowa, on November 24, 1948. The son of D. S. Stephens and Marietta (Gibson) Stephens, he was born at Adrian, Michigan, on March 9, 1876. He received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Kansas City University in 1901, a Doctor of Medicine from the University of Kansas in 1904, and an honorary Doctor of Science from Cornell College, Iowa, in 1945.

A decided preference for the natural sciences induced him to accept the chair of biology at Morningside College in 1906, a position which he retained until 1946. He was Instructor and Research Associate at the Iowa Lakeside Laboratory for 16 summers, and Instructor in Ornithology at the Wildlife School, McGregor, Iowa, in the summers of 1919 and 1923.

He served as President of the Wilson Ornithological Club (1914–1916), the Iowa Academy of Science (1920), the Nebraska Ornithologists' Union (1915), the Iowa Conservation Association (1915), and the Sioux City Academy of Science.

A multiplicity of duties did not deter him from becoming editor of 'The Wilson Bulletin' in 1925 and continuing in this capacity until 1938. In addition, he was active in conservation, suggesting certain changes in the game laws. He was awarded, in 1917, the Gold Medal of the Permanent Wildlife Protection Fund.

A bibliography of his writings contains approximately 75 titles on ornithology. He published privately, in 1945, an annotated bibliography of the ornithology of South Dakota and, prior to his death, was at work on similar bibliographies for Iowa and North Dakota. Also unfinished were monographs on the birds of Woodburn County, Iowa, and Union County, South Dakota.

He was married to Elinor Christian Wheeler Reid at Kansas City, Kansas, on June 10, 1909, and is survived by his wife and two children, Stubert Wheeler Stephens and Mrs. Jean Reid Murphy. He was buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Kansas City, Missouri.—A. W. SCHORGER.

CHARLES PELHAM CURTIS—A Correction, *Auk*, 66: 232, 1949. He was born at Winchester, Massachusetts, September 7, 1860. His son, Charles Pelham Curtis, Jr., was the joint author of the book on hunting in Africa.—A. W. SCHORGER.