

receive testimony and to all things did he accord a hearing that was fair and just. He hastened to no conclusions and he was ever ready to modify his opinions in the light of farther evidence. His was a nature innately fair and truthful and whilst ever fearlessly uncompromising wherever principle was involved, personally he judged not at all! To be as broadly tolerant as this our loved and honored friend, to be as considerate and fair, as intrinsically friendly towards the opinion of all men, regardless of station, has been an ideal to us all since first we knew him.

O thou lover of all things true and good, upon what far heights today thy soul doth stand, we rest assured that one so fitted to be immortal,— has found his immortality!

Bethel, Me.

WILLIAM BREWSTER.

At a regular meeting of the Nuttall Ornithological Club held November 3, 1919, the following memorial of Mr. William Brewster was adopted by the Club for entrance in the Records, and the Secretary was instructed to communicate it to 'The Auk' for publication. It was prepared by Mr. E. B. White.

William Brewster was one of the founders of the Nuttall Ornithological Club and its President for over forty years, and when not absent from Cambridge, was found faithfully in the Chair at its meetings. His scientific attainments have made their own permanent record, but the Club wishes to record here the sense of the heavy loss it has sustained and of the intimate personal bereavement which the members suffer in the death of one who was held by them in such affectionate regard.

He presided with an easy control, with no trace of self-assertiveness, his poise rendering that unnecessary: perfect balance marked his character; he possessed vigor without asperity and sensibility without softness. Tolerant and just, he infused into the meetings

a feeling of mutual consideration, and that without any sacrifice of effectiveness, and at the same time his kindness and his urbanity created a feeling of fellowship that rendered the gatherings peculiarly pleasant. Debatable matters he directed with a notable sense of fair play that assured full hearing for all sides; ornithological discussion he conducted with patience and acumen. He gave consideration to any observations, desirous that all who were present should participate in proceedings; and he listened to a contributor of even the most trivial notes with an absorbed, respectful interest. His sympathetic responsiveness and enthusiasm were sources of inspiration to many a younger ornithologist. We, who have for many years enjoyed his conduct of the meetings, carry ineffaceable in our mind his handsome, mobile countenance, which would light up some remark with an engaging smile of appreciative humor, or enforce some searching question with a piercing glance.

The fact that Mr. Brewster was never ruffled sprang from goodness of heart and lack of self-consciousness. He seemed gratified by opportunities to be helpful, and generously gave counsel and information to friends and strangers alike. Wide knowledge he seemed to hold in trust; and personal detachment made his decisions worthy of confidence. Very naturally, then, he was constantly consulted.

Great was the importance to the Club of the ready information which extensive experience and tenacious memory enabled him to supply off-hand. Even greater, because rarer, was the importance to it of the spirit with which he imbued it. The meetings have been held for many years in his private museum and are remembered with delight which is measurably due to his gracious bearing; and no occasions are remembered as more significant than those — all too few — when he contributed the formal paper of the evening from the day-to-day entries in his journal. Even then was strikingly felt his gift of felicitous expression, for his style was not only a sound scientific medium but was elegant and vivacious, vibrant with the joy of his chosen pursuits.

William Brewster grew upon his friends by intimacy, for even the most intimate discovered no traits save such as increased their love and esteem.