

Inner Primaries of Woodpeckers.

Editor of 'THE AUK:'

In my recent article on the "Inner Primaries of Nestling Woodpeckers," I stated (*Auk*, 1921, p. 532) that so far as I was informed no writer had yet remarked upon their peculiarities. As so often happens, I was not aware of a note published in the *Journal für Ornithologie*, 1916, pp. 155-156, by Dr. A. Heinroth, wherein the conditions in the young of *Jynx torquilla*, *Dryobates minor*, and *Dryocopus martius* are fully and accurately described. My attention has just been called to this previous publication by Dr. E. Stresemann.

As might be gathered from the opening sentence of my article, I still claim priority for my investigations, since they were begun in the Belgian Congo in 1911, and taken up again in the United States in 1915. But had I read Dr. Heinroth's excellent account of his discovery, I should not have failed to give him full credit.

It is of special interest to note that the young Wryneck resembles the Woodpeckers. With regard to the Indicatoridae, I have recently ascertained that in at least two species (*Indicator conirostris* and *Melichneutes robustus*) there is no reduction of the inner primaries in nestlings.

Very sincerely yours,

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NOTES AND NEWS.

THOMAS HOOPES JACKSON, an Associate of the Union since 1888, died at his home in West Chester, Pa., on February 27, 1922. He was born just north of the borough of West Chester on October 29, 1848, the son of Halliday and Caroline Hoopes Jackson, and one of a family of six children. He spent his entire life in West Chester, being connected with the West Chester Wheel Works, which he entered as a young man. He married in 1887, Miss Ella A. Scarlett, and had one son T. Harold Jackson, of Trenton, N. J. He was a member of the Society of Friends and took an active interest in the North High Street Meeting in West Chester.

From early youth Mr. Jackson was interested in nature and especially in birds, an interest doubtless derived from the practice of the Friends of cultivating the natural sciences, and also from the works and traditions of the many early ornithologists who lived in or near West Chester—Dr. Michener, Vincent Barnard, Josiah Hoopes, etc. Mr. Jackson's specialty was the collecting of eggs and he was known by correspondence to oölogists in every part of the country. His collection was an exceptionally fine one, as he endeavored to make it representative and instructive without