

OBITUARIES.

JOSIAH HUNTOON CLARK, an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union since 1895, died at Paterson, N. J., May 7, 1928. He was born in Paterson, Dec. 4, 1873, and was 54 years of age at the time of his death. He became interested in birds when about six years old and at the age of eleven a room was set apart for his use where he maintained a collection of Canaries, Parrakeets, Java Sparrows, Strawberry Finches, and other pets. At the age of fifteen or sixteen he began to make reports on the migration of birds for the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture. He was especially interested in oölogy, spent much time in the study of his specimens, and became quite expert in identifying the individual eggs belonging to the same set.

Shortly after his election to the Union he went to Mexico as a mining engineer, where he spent several years in the states of Sonora and San Luis Potosi. He contributed occasionally to the pages of 'The Auk' and some of the results of his field collecting in Mexico appeared in his papers on the nesting of the Curve-billed and Palmer's Thrashers in 'The Auk' for 1898 and 1904. Of the Curve-billed Thrasher he examined more than 100 nests in 1899 and 1900. In later years he was also interested in breeding Poultry and Pigeons, particularly Carneau Pigeons, with which he won the 'Big Cup' in January, 1928. At his death his collection of birds' eggs came into the possession of his brother, Herbert H. Clark, of New York City.—T. S. P.

MRS. ANNE MAUD CHARLESWORTH LEVEY, a life Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union, died at Brookline, Mass., April 23, 1929. She was the widow of the late William Marshall Levey and mother of William Charlesworth Levey, who was an Associate of the Union for several years prior to his death in 1914. Mrs. Levey lived mainly for the memory of her son. A year after his death she joined the Union and became a regular attendant at the meetings in which she took great interest. Through her quiet, gracious manner she made friends all on sides and was personally known to many of the members. A memorial to her son in the form of a pine grove, known as the William Charlesworth Levey Park, was purchased by subscription and deeded, in 1924, to the town of Alton, N. H., their former summer home.—T. S. P.

FREDERICK SHAW MITCHELL of Hornshaw's, Millstream, B. C., who was elected an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union at the meeting in November, 1928, died after an operation on February 15, 1929, in the seventy-ninth year of his age. He was a Vice-President of the British Ornithologists' Union and one of the oldest members of that organization, having been elected in 1879. He was born in Bury, Lancashire, England, July 29, 1850, and spent his early years at Clitheroe,

Lancashire, where he was educated at the grammar school and at the age of sixteen received the honoratus prize. Later he attended Owens College at Manchester and became proficient in analytical chemistry in preparing for the business of paper manufacturing at the Primrose Works in that city.

From an early age Mitchell was a keen student of birds and maintained his interest in them until his death. He was recognized as an authority on the birds of Lancashire. In addition to short papers on 'Ornithological Notes from Lancashire,' 1881, and 'Birds of the Stonyhurst District,' 1888, he published 'The Birds of Lancashire' in 1885, the standard work on the avifauna of that part of England. A second edition edited by Howard Saunders appeared in 1892, Mitchell in the previous year having removed to Canada. He first settled at Edmonton, Alberta, but later took up his residence in British Columbia, where he remained until his death. He is survived by his widow, two sons, and two daughters.—T. S. P.

DR. LEIGH HUNT PENNINGTON, an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union, elected in 1927, died of heart failure in Washington, D. C., April 24, 1929. Doctor Pennington was born at Macon, Mich., Oct. 26, 1877, and was a graduate of the University of Michigan, where he took the degrees of A.B. in 1907 and Ph.D. in 1909. He served in the University of Michigan as assistant botanist from 1906 to 1909, instructor in Northwestern University, 1909-10, assistant professor and professor in the University of Syracuse, 1910-14, and professor in New York State College of Forestry since 1914. At the time of his death he was on leave of absence and was engaged in special work at the Department of Agriculture. He was interested primarily in forestry, plant physiology and pathology, and also in birds and conservation.—T. S. P.