

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

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THE close of the forty-seventh year finds the Union in a satisfactory condition as to its general activities and membership, although some of its objects have not yet been attained. The Check list which it was hoped to have ready for distribution is still in press and the membership which we had expected to reach 2,000 remains a little under that mark.

Membership: The total membership is now only 102 more than reported last year notwithstanding the fact that 231 new Associates were elected in 1929. Unavoidable losses due to death, resignation and delinquency still prevent rapid increase in the total membership. As shown by the list published in 'The Auk' for April 1930 the members are distributed in all the States and Territories and in about forty foreign countries and colonies. We have more than 125 members in Canada and the total number residing outside the United States represent at least 12 per cent of the total membership. The following tabulated statement shows the figures for the present membership in comparison with those for the last year and ten years ago:

	<i>Fellows</i>	<i>Retired Fellows</i>	<i>Honorary Fellows</i>	<i>Corres- ponding Fellows</i>	<i>Members</i>	<i>Associates</i>	<i>Total</i>
1920	49	3	19	75	86	910	1142
1929	46	4	24	80	103	1601	1858
1930	47	3	23	79	103	1705	1960

Losses by death included 2 Fellows, 1 Retired Fellow, 1 Honorary Fellow, 2 Corresponding Fellows, 2 Members, and 22 Associates, a total of 30.

Through the activities of the Treasurer, the membership has been considerably extended in certain foreign countries during the past two years, particularly in Australia, England, Finland, and Germany, but there are still large areas in eastern Europe and in Asia in which the Union is entirely unrepresented.

Activities of Members Abroad. During the past year much activity in work in foreign lands has been manifested on the part of

members of the Union. At the Seventh International Ornithological Congress held in Amsterdam, Holland, June 1 to 6, the Union was represented by nine of its members: Dr. Alexander Wetmore, ex-President, representing the Smithsonian Institution; Dr. Frank M. Chapman of the American Museum of New York and Mrs. Chapman; Dr. James P. Chapin of the American Museum, New York; Dr. T. Gilbert Pearson, President, National Association of Audubon Societies, New York; J. H. Fleming of the Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto; Harry S. Swarth of the California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco; Dr. Casey A. Wood of Chicago, Ill., and Dr. Charles W. Townsend of Ipswich, Mass.

In addition to attendance at the Congress, Dr. Wetmore spent some time in field work in northern Spain and several of the other members visited other countries beside Holland. Among other members who were engaged in work or travel in Europe last summer should be mentioned Dr. E. C. Hellmayr, Mrs. W. W. Naumburg, Dr. W. H. Osgood, and Outram Bangs, all of whom were occupied in research at various museums.

In tropical America, Ludlow Griscom and Maunsell S. Crosby spent some time in field work in Guatemala. James A. G. Rehn accompanied by John T. Emlen, Jr., and C. Brooke Worth have returned from Honduras with a collection of about 5,000 birds. James Bond has continued his work in the West Indies and Dr. Paul Bartsch spent some months on the southern coast of Cuba, on Grand Cayman and in the southern Bahamas and brought back about 1,000 birds. In South America, Ernest G. Holt has returned to Venezuela to continue the investigations begun there several years ago and is now with the Commission which is surveying the boundary line between Brazil and Venezuela. M. A. Carriker has recently returned from Peru and R. T. Moore from Ecuador where he was chiefly in search of Hummingbirds.

In the South Pacific the Sanford Whitney Expedition has completed its work in the Solomon Islands and returned to British New Guinea before proceeding to the Caroline Islands and other points.

In Australia, Dr. Hubert L. Clark has been collecting in Tasmania and in Northern Australia.

In Asia, George D. Wilder has recently gone to China and Dr.

Hugh M. Smith, Commissioner of Fisheries of Siam and now on a visit to Washington has brought back about 800 birds, making a total of about 4000 secured during his residence in the Orient. H. G. Deignan is still at Chiengmai, Siam, and Carter R. Whitaker who entered the U. S. Consular Service last year has taken up residence at Yokohama, Japan, and through Japanese ornithologists has become much interested in the birds of that country.

In Africa several members have been actively engaged in field work. Arthur Lovering has returned after a year's absence with about 1,000 birds and R. M. De Schauensee has made a successful trip from Cape Town to Dar-es-Salaam touching the Kalahari Desert en route. A. B. Fuller has returned from Kenya Colony with about 600 birds for the Cleveland Museum. Delacour and others on the Madagascar Expedition in the interests of the American, British and Paris Museums have secured some 8,000 birds. In southwest Africa, W. Rudyerd Boulton has continued his explorations in Angola, and in central Africa J. P. Chapin returned to the Belgian Congo last July to supplement his former work on the birds of that region.

Papers of the Philadelphia Meeting.—Of the 60 papers presented at the last annual meeting more than one-third have been published, 13 in 'The Auk' and 10 or more elsewhere. In the following list titles are given in the form in which the papers were finally published. Those which appeared in 'The Auk' include:

- No. 3. Pearson's 'In Memoriam: Edward Howe Forbush.'
- No. 4. Christy's 'British Birds at a Glance.'
- No. 5. Saunders' 'Destruction of Birds at Long Point Light House, Ontario, on Four Nights in 1929.'
- No. 7. Fleming's 'In Memoriam: Jonathan Dwight.'
- No. 10. Crosby's 'In Memoriam: Newbold Trotter Lawrence.'
- No. 14. Shaver & Walker's 'Preliminary Study of the Effects of Temperature on the Time of Ending of the Evening Song of the Mockingbird.'
- No. 17. Bowdish's 'Attempt to Restore the Cliff Swallow to New Jersey.'
- No. 21. C. H. Townsend's 'In Memoriam: Frederick Augustus Lucas.'
- No. 22. Howell's 'Description of a New Subspecies of the Prairie Warbler, with Remarks on two other Unrecognized Florida Races.'
- No. 26. Snyder's 'Sexual Differentiation in the Plumage of the Black-bellied Plover.'

- No. 46. Cram's 'Birds as a Factor in the Control of a Stomach Worm of Swine.'
- No. 49. Wilder's 'Breeding Birds of Peking as Related to the Palaearctic and Oriental Life Regions.'
- No. 51. Harper's 'Historical Sketch of Botteri's Sparrow.'

Papers published elsewhere include:

- No. 18. Mrs. Gillespie's 'Some Theories Regarding Returns of Banded Birds' in 'Suggestions for a Revised Bird Banding Terminology.' *Bird Banding*, I, pp. 14-19, Jan., 1930.
- No. 24. Wetmore's 'Fossil Birds of the A. O. U. Check List.' *Condor*, XXXII, pp. 12-14, Jan., 1930.
- No. 27. Zimmer's 'Study of the Tooth-billed Red Tanager, *Piranga flava*.' *Field Mus. Nat. Hist.*, Pub. 269, Zool. Ser., Vol. XVII, No. 5, pp. 169-219, 1 pl., Dec. 18, 1929.
- No. 31. Wetmore's 'Remarks on the Avifauna of Haiti and the Dominican Republic,' in Introduction of Wetmore & Swales' 'Birds of Haiti and the Dominican Republic.'
- No. 34. Soper's 'Discovery of the Breeding Grounds of the Blue Goose,' in *Canadian Field Naturalist*, Jan., 1930, pp. 1-11.
- No. 36. Gross' 'Prairie Chicken of the Wisconsin Prairies,' in *Bird Lore*, XXXI, pp. 383-393, 8 figs., Dec., 1929.
- No. 39. Lincoln's 'Migratory Status of Mourning Doves is Proved by Banding,' in U. S. Dept. Agr., *Yearbook of Agriculture*, 1930, pp. 386-389, 1 fig.
- No. 47. Sprunt's 'New Factor in the Destruction of Migratory Birds at Charleston, S. C.,' in 'The Cooper River Bridge as a Factor in the Destruction of Migratory Birds,' in *Bird Lore*, XXXII, pp. 92-95, 1 pl., Feb., 1930.
- No. 55. Crandall's 'Collecting Living Birds of Paradise' in 'The New York Zoological Society's Expedition to New Guinea,' in *Bull. N. Y. Zool. Soc.*, XXXII, pp. 215-256, ill., Dec., 1929.

Since the Charleston Meeting in 1928, three papers have been published in addition to those noted in 'The Auk', 1930, pp. 235-236:

- No. 26. Townsend's 'Breeding of the Yellow-crowned Night Heron (*Nyctinassa violacea*), at Ipswich, Mass.,' in *Bull. Essex County Ornith. Club*, No. 11, for 1929, pp. 27-30, 1930.
- No. 36. Roberts' 'Some Changes in the Distribution of Certain Minnesota Birds in the Last Fifty Years,' in *Univ. Minn., Mus. Nat. Hist.*, Occasional Papers No. 3, pp. 9-12, 2 figs., 1930.
- No. 39. Breckenridge's 'Breeding of Nelson's Sparrow (*Ammospiza nelsoni*) with Special Reference to Minnesota,' in *Univ. Minn., Mus. Nat. Hist.*, Occasional Papers No. 3, pp. 29-38, col. pl. and 2 figs., 1930.

DECEASED MEMBERS, 1929-1930.

- HENRY NEHRLING,¹ Fellow, died in his 77th year at Naples, Florida, Nov. 22, 1929.
- ARTHUR TREZEVANT WAYNE,² Fellow, aged 67, died at Mount Pleasant, S. C., May 5, 1930.
- HENRY WETHERBEE HENSHAW,³ Retired Fellow, aged 80, died in Washington, D. C., Aug. 1, 1930.
- HERMANN VON IHERING,⁴ Honorary Fellow, died in his 80th year at Budingen, Ober Hessen, Germany, Feb. 24, 1930.
- STEPHEN ALFRED FORBES,⁵ Corresponding Fellow, died in his 86th year at Urbana, Ill., Mar. 13, 1930.
- EMILIE SNETHLAGE,⁶ Corresponding Fellow, died in her 62nd year at Porto Velho, Amazonas, Brazil, Nov. 25, 1929.
- WALTER DEANE,⁷ Member, aged 82, died at Cambridge, Mass., July 30, 1930.
- JOHN AUSTIN FARLEY,⁸ Member, died in his 70th year at Fall River, Mass., Mar. 17, 1930.
- EDWARD ELTON ARMSTRONG,⁹ Associate, aged 51, died at Cross Lake, Wis., Apr. 29, 1930.
- EDWARD ARNOLD,¹⁰ Associate, aged 65, died at Montreal, Canada, Jan. 2, 1930.
- CARLOS AVERY,¹¹ Associate, died in his 63rd year at Rockville Center, Long Island, N. Y., Oct. 5, 1930.
- JOHN MALLORY BATES,¹² Associate, aged 84, died at Hastings, Neb., May 25, 1930.
- GEORGE AUGUSTUS BICKNELL, of New York City, Life Associate, died Aug. 1, 1926.
- EDWIN BEAUPRE,¹³ Associate, died in his 57th year at Kingston, Ontario, June 2, 1930.
- FRANKLIN BRANDRETH, Life Associate, aged about 80, died at Ossining, N. Y., in 1929.
- HIRAM BYRD, Associate, aged 56, died at Detroit, Mich., July 20, 1930.
- CHAUNCEY WARD CHAMBERLAIN,¹⁴ Associate, died in his 79th year at Boston, Mass., Aug. 6, 1930

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- GEORGE CLEMENT DEANE,¹ Associate, died in his 76th year at Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 14, 1930.
- EDWARD ADDISON EVERETT, Associate, died in his 62nd year at Waseca, Minn., Nov. 27, 1928.
- ASTON COLBROOK GARDNER, Associate of West Worthing, Sussex, England, died May 25, 1930.
- FRED LEROY HOMER, Associate, aged 60, died at Pittsburgh, Pa., Sept. 26, 1930.
- HENRY RAYMOND HOWLAND,² Associate, died in his 86th year at Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 4, 1930.
- DANA JACKSON LEFFINGWELL,³ Associate, died in his 29th year at Pullman, Wash., Mar. 6, 1930.
- JAMES FRANK L'HOMMEDIEU, Associate, aged 52, died at Indian Springs, Ga., Sept. 14, 1930.
- GEORGE MARTYN MCNEIL, Associate, of Winthrop, Mass., died in his 39th year, Sept., 1930.
- WALDO LEON RICH,⁴ Associate, died in his 76th year at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Apr. 1, 1930.
- MRS. GEORGE GRAY SEARS, Associate, died at Boston, Mass., Oct. 19, 1929.
- DANIEL WILLIAM SHEA, Associate, died in his 71st year at Greenland, near Portsmouth, N. H., Oct. 17, 1930.
- ROBERT HAMILTON SOUTHARD, Associate, of Newark, N. J., died in August, 1928.
- FRANCIS COTTLE WILLARD,⁵ Associate, died in his 56th year at Farmingdale, Long Island, N. Y., Feb. 21, 1930.

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