

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

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As THE Union enters the closing year of its first half century it finds its condition as to membership and general activities in a satisfactory condition. The total membership has at last reached 2000, 'The Auk' has preserved an unbroken record in its quarterly issues, and fair progress has been made with other undertakings in hand.

Membership: The exact number of members is somewhat doubtful owing to the fact that for reasons of economy no printed list was issued this year. Notwithstanding the fact that 215 new associates were elected in 1931, 68 failed to qualify or resigned so that the total has not been greatly increased. Considering the present depression the losses through resignation are not excessive, and our losses through death are fewer than last year. We still have members in all the States and Territories, and the Provinces of Canada as well as in many foreign countries and colonies.

The following statement shows the figures for the present membership in comparison with that of last year and of ten years ago:

		<i>Hon- orary</i>		<i>Cor- responding</i>			
	<i>Fellows</i>	<i>Fellows</i>	<i>Fellows</i>	<i>Fellows</i>	<i>Members</i>	<i>Associates</i>	<i>Total</i>
1922....	49	5	25	87	91	1200	1457
1931....	50	3	25	80	101	1716	1975
1932....	48	3	25	82	102	1776	2036

Losses by death included 2 Fellows, 1 Corresponding Fellow, 4 Members, and 16 Associates, a total of 23.

Conditions have not been favorable for conducting campaigns for membership, and the number of candidates this year both in the United States and abroad is smaller than usual, but enough to offset losses due to death and resignation.

Activities of Members Abroad: As usual several of our members have visited foreign lands and have done field work in distant regions. Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Rogers have just returned from a trip around the world going west via New Orleans, Cali-

fornia, Hawaii, Samoa, Fiji, New Zealand, Australia, New Guinea, Celebes, Java, Siam, Ceylon, Nepal, Kenya, Uganda, Congo, Angola, Belgium, and England. Mr. H. G. Deignan, who has been located for several years at Chiengmai, Siam, has returned bringing with him a valuable collection of birds. Dr. Hugh M. Smith, Fish Commissioner of Siam, is still located at Bangkok and collecting for the U. S. National Museum, and Mr. R. M. deSchauensee, who has spent the summer in Europe is now planning another trip to Siam for the Philadelphia Academy.

In the Pacific region the Templeton-Crocker Expedition of the California Academy of Sciences, which sailed March 10 on the Yacht 'Zaca' for the Galapagos Islands, has recently returned and H. S. Swarth has brought back an interesting collection of the birds of the islands. On his way north he left the Expedition at Punta Arenas, Costa Rica, stopped at San Jose, where he called on Senor Alfaro and visited the aviary and collection of Señora Zeledon. Dr. Chapman spent the winter at Barro Colorado, in the Canal Zone, where he continued his observations on the life histories of the birds of that interesting station. In South America, M. A. Carriker, of the Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia, has continued his work in Peru, being accompanied part of the time by H. Radclyffe Roberts of the same institution, and in the West Indies James Bond made another collecting trip for the Academy.

As usual a number of members have visited Europe. Dr. Chapman made a brief trip to England in June for a conference with Earl Grey and for the purpose of obtaining material for the Grey-Roosevelt group. Dr. R. C. Murphy spent some time at Tring packing for shipment the unrivaled Rothschild collection of birds acquired by the American Museum; Dr. Hellmayer has spent the summer working on birds in the Vienna Museum; Dr. Mayr visited Berlin for a similar purpose, and Richard Archbold has been working in the museums in Paris and Berlin largely on mammals. Mrs. Naumberg has been on the Continent visiting several museums, and Miss E. D. Palmer visited the Royal Museum at Stockholm and made a trip to the North Cape and Spitzbergen.

Papers of the Detroit Meeting: Of the 54 papers presented at the last annual meeting six have been published in 'The Auk'

and seven or more elsewhere. In the following list the titles are given in the form in which the papers were finally published. Those which appeared in 'The Auk' are:

- No. 8. Chapin's 'In Memoriam: Waldron DeWitt Miller, 1879-1929.'
- No. 9. Grinnell's 'Some Inferences from the New Check-List.'
- No. 14. Brand's 'Recording Sounds of Wild Birds.'
- No. 38. Semple and Sutton's 'Nesting of Harris's Sparrow at Churchill, Manitoba.'
- No. 41. Baynard's 'The First Set of Scott's Seaside Sparrow.'
- No. 51. McIlhenny's 'Blue Goose in Its Winter Home.'

Papers published elsewhere include:

- No. 1. Christy's 'A Quest for a Condor,' in 'The Condor,' Vol. XXXIV, pp. 1-5, Jan., 1932.
- No. 6. Grinnell's 'Archibald Menzies, First Collector of California Birds,' in 'The Condor,' Vol. XXXIV, pp. 243-252, Nov. 1932.
- No. 17. Lincoln's 'Sex Ratio in Ducks,' published under the title 'Do Drakes Outnumber Susies?' in 'American Game,' Vol. 21, Jan., 1932, pp. 3-4, 16-17.
- No. 19. Friedmann's 'Parasitic Habit in the Ducks,' in Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., Vol. 80, pp. 1-7, 1932.
- No. 22. Sutton's 'A Year on Southampton Island,' in 'The Cardinal,' III, pp. 1-5, Jan., 1931.
- No. 25. Wood's '[More Data on] Harlan's Hawk,' in 'The Wilson Bull.,' XLIV, pp. 78-87, 9 figs., June, 1932.
- No. 52. Townsend's 'Are Rings of Holes in Tree Bark Made by Downy Woodpeckers?' in 'The Condor,' Vol. XXXIV, pp. 61-65, March, 1932.

DECEASED MEMBERS.

OUTRAM BANGS,¹ Fellow, died in his 70th year, at Wareham, Mass., Sept. 22, 1932.

CHARLES WALLACE RICHMOND,² Fellow, aged 63, died at Washington, D. C., May 19, 1932.

JULIUS VON MADARASZ,³ Corresponding Fellow, died in his 74th year at Budapest, Hungary, Dec. 29, 1931.

DONALD RYDER DICKEY,⁴ Life Member, aged 45, died at Pasadena, Calif., April 15, 1932.

¹ For obituary notice, see 'Auk,' XLIX, p. 516
² " " " " " " p. 392 and I, pp. 1-22.
³ " " " " " " pp. 269-271.
⁴ " " " " " " pp. 517-518.

- BARTON WARREN EVERMANN, Member, died in his 79th year, at Berkeley, Calif., Sept. 27, 1932.
- RALPH HOFFMAN,¹ Member, died in his 62nd year on San Miguel Island, Calif., July 21, 1932.
- JOHN EUGENE LAW,² Life Member, aged 54, died at Glendale, Calif., Nov. 14, 1931.
- EMILY WILLIAMS BIDDLE, Associate, died at Philadelphia, Pa., Dec., 1931.
- EDMUND BRIDGE, Associate, died at West Medford, Mass., April 20, 1931.
- CHARLES LIVINGSTON BULL,³ Associate, died in his 58th year, at Oradell, N. J., March 22, 1932.
- SIDNEY CHASE, Associate, died in his 85th year, at Nantucket, Mass., March 21, 1932.
- WILLIAM JOSEPH DURBOROW,⁴ Associate, aged 60, died at Harrisburg, Pa., July 28, 1932.
- CHARLES EPHRAIM FRENCH, Associate, died in his 65th year, at Lowell, Mass., July 7, 1932.
- MRS. CHARLES BURR GRAVES,⁵ Associate, aged 68, died at New London, Conn., April 9, 1932.
- ALBERT HENRY HAKE, Associate, died in his 23rd year at Scarsdale, N. Y., July 7, 1932.
- ASHTON ERASTUS HEMPHILL,⁶ Associate, died in his 83rd year, at Holyoke, Mass., May 5, 1932.
- JOHN EDWARD HARRY KELSO,⁷ Associate, aged 72, died at Edgewood, B. C., August 5, 1932.
- MARY ELIZABETH LAING, Associate, died in England, Nov. 1, 1931.
- GEORGE FREAN MORCOM,⁸ Associate, aged 87, died at Los Angeles, Calif., March 25, 1932.
- JOHN WILLIS SCHELL, Associate, aged 68, died at Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 5, 1931.
- ANNIE LYMAN SEARS, Associate, of Boston, Mass., died in England, 1932.
- SOLON RODNEY TOWNE,⁹ Associate, aged 85, died at Omaha, Nebr., Jan. 27, 1932.
- CHARLES ELIOT UNDERDOWN,¹⁰ Life Associate, aged 25, died at Harvey, Ill., Feb. 21, 1932.

¹ For obituary notice, see 'Auk,' XLIX, pp. 518-519.
² " " " " " " " pp. 268-269.
³ " " " " " " " pp. 392-393.
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⁷ " " " " " " L, p. 154.
⁸ " " " " " " XLIX, pp. 519-520.
⁹ " " " " " " L, p. 154.
¹⁰ " " " " " " XLIX, pp. 272-273.