

## REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

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At the close of its first half century, the Union can count a membership many times as large as that of the Founders who met in New York in 1883. The total membership is approximately 2,000 but resignations and delinquencies may reduce this figure somewhat.

*Membership*.—The number of members published in the annual directory in the April 'Auk' was 2,025 but since that date deaths, and resignations have reduced the number to 1,993. The following statement shows the figures of the present membership in comparison with that of last year and ten years ago:

		<i>Retired</i>	<i>Hon- orary</i>	<i>Corres- ponding</i>			
	<i>Fellows</i>	<i>Fellows</i>	<i>Fellows</i>	<i>Fellows</i>	<i>Members</i>	<i>Associates</i>	<i>Total</i>
1923	49	5	23	87	95	1393	1652
1932	48	3	25	82	102	1776	2036
1933	49	3	23	89	103	1726	1993

Losses by death included 2 Honorary Fellows, 1 Corresponding Fellow, 2 Members, and 23 Associates, a total of 28. Conditions have been unfavorable for conducting campaigns for membership and the comparatively small number of new members elected last year was inadequate to meet ordinary losses by death and resignation. The number of candidates this year is somewhat larger than last year and it is hoped will be sufficient to offset annual losses.

*Activities of Members Abroad*.—The long continued depression has naturally had its effect on field work and travel, and comparatively few of our members have been abroad this past year. In tropical America James Bond of Philadelphia has continued his work in the West Indies, Dr. Thomas Barbour has visited Barro Colorado in the Canal Zone and Mrs. M. E. Davidson has recently left for Panama to continue her investigations in the Chiriqui district. In Peru, M. A. Carriker has been at work for some time in connection with his fourth expedition to that interesting region. Several of our members have been in Europe: Mr. C. M. Coker returned last summer after a visit of several months, Mrs. E. M. B. Naumburg has been working in several of the museums last sum-

mer, and A. J. Van Rossem has been examining types and studying the collections in London and Paris. Dr. John C. Phillips attended the International Conference on Protection of Wild Life in Africa which met in London early in November. Dr. Casey Wood after spending the summer in Ceylon has returned to Europe for the winter. In Asia, R. M. deSchauensee has returned from Siam with a rich collection of birds and Dr. Hugh M. Smith, Fisheries Adviser to the Siamese Government, has continued sending collections to the National Museum. Richard Archbold and A. L. Rand are now in the field in British New Guinea. They have recently made a trip to Mt. Albert Edward where some new and interesting birds were secured and at last accounts were at Urunu in the Vanapa Valley. In the South Pacific the Whitney South Sea Expedition has completed its survey of the island of New Britain in the Bismarck Archipelago and expects to take up work next in the Admiralty Islands.

*Bibliography:*—The activities of the Committee on Biography and Bibliography have been chiefly confined to preparation of notices of deceased members and to building up sets of 'The Auk' in public libraries. In the latter direction the Chairman has devoted most of his spare time to disposing of surplus stock and building up incomplete sets. Nine new libraries have been added to the list of those which now have 'The Auk', namely,

California—Bureau of Education In the Division of Fish and Game, San Francisco.

Connecticut—Connecticut College for Women, New London.

Indiana—University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame.

Maryland—University of Maryland, College Park.

New Jersey—Moorestown Free Library.

Oklahoma—University of Oklahoma at Norman.

Pennsylvania—Haverford College.

China—Lingnan University in Canton and the National Library in Peiping.

During the year 6 sets of 'The Auk' have been practically completed, including those of Brown University, Providence, R. I.; \*Buffalo Museum of Science; Carnegie Public Library, Ottawa; \*Howard Memorial Library, New Orleans, La.; Northwestern

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\* Lacking one or two volumes.

University, Evanston, Ill.; and the State Library, Topeka, Kansas. At least 2 sets have been transferred, namely, the H. K. Job set from the State Library in Richmond to the University of Richmond, and the R. O. Morris set from New York to the National Library in Peiping, China.

*Papers of the Quebec Meeting:*—Of the 55 papers presented at the last annual meeting, comparatively few have thus far been published, 4 in 'The Auk' and 5 elsewhere. The following list of titles is given in the form in which the papers were finally published.

Those which appeared in 'The Auk' were:

- No. 9. Christy's Topsell's Fowles of Heauen.
- No. 16. Stone's In Memoriam—Charles Wallace Richmond, 1868–1932.
- No. 18. Oberholser's Robert Ridgway, 1850–1929, A Memorial Appreciation.
- No. 17. Peters' [In Memoriam] Outram Bangs, 1863–1932.

Papers published elsewhere were:

- No. 15. Chapman's 'From a Tropical Air Castle: The Courtship of Gould's Manakin,' in *Nat. Hist.*, XXXII, No. 6, pp. 470–480, 1932.
- No. 21. Grinnell's 'The Leconte Thrashers of the San Joaquin' [Valley, California], in *The Condor*, XXXV, pp. 107–114, May 15, 1933.
- No. 23. Lincoln's 'State Distribution of Returns from Banded Ducks,' in *Bird Banding*, III, pp. 140–142, Oct. 1932; IV, pp. 19–32, Jan. 1933; pp. 88–99, Apr. 1933; pp. 132–146, July 1933; and pp. 177–189, Oct. 1933.
- No. 24. Murphy's 'The Rothschild Collection of Birds' see 'Moving a Museum,' in *Nat. Hist.*, XXXII, pp. 497–511, 1932.
- No. 47. Baldwin's 'Protect Hawks and Owls,' in *Ohio Journ. Sci.*, XXXII, pp. 403–424, 1932.

#### DECEASED MEMBERS.

- ERNST [JOHANN OTTO] HARTERT, Honorary Fellow, aged 74, died at Berlin, Germany, Nov. 11, 1933.
- EDUARD DANIEL VAN OORT, Honorary Fellow, died in his 57th year at Leiden, Holland, Sept. 21, 1933.
- WILLIAM DAVID KERR MACGILLIVRAY, Corresponding Fellow, died in his 66th year at Broken Hill, N. S. W., June 25, 1933.
- HERBERT KEIGHTLEY JOB, Member, died in his 69th year at Delmar, N. Y., June 17, 1933.
- JOHN ELIOT THAYER, Member, aged 71, died at Lancaster, Mass., July 22, 1933.
- NORMAN JEFCOATE ATKINSON, Associate, died in his 31st year at Ottawa, Can., Nov. 1, 1932.

- FREDERICK GILMER BONFILS, Life Associate, aged 72, died at Denver, Colo., Feb. 2, 1933.
- NORMAN CRIDDLE, Associate, aged 58, died at Brandon, Man., May 4, 1933.
- HENRY WASSON DAVIS, Associate, aged 65, died at Atlantic City, N. J., in 1932.
- OWEN DURFEE, Honorary Associate, aged 70, died at Fall River, Mass., Apr. 18, 1933.
- JOHN DYMOND, JR.,<sup>1</sup> Associate, aged 65, died at New Orleans, La., Nov. 12, 1932.
- DONALD FRASER, Associate, died at Johnstown, N. Y., Dec. 4, 1932.
- JOSEPH EDWARD HALLINEN,<sup>2</sup> Associate, died in his 73d year at Hobart, Okla., Feb. 13, 1932.
- HAROLD HERRICK, Life Associate, died in his 80th year at Lawrence, L. I., N. Y., May 27, 1933.
- WILLIAM JACOB HOLLAND,<sup>3</sup> Associate, aged 84, died at Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 13, 1932.
- CHRESWELL JOHN HUNT, Associate, aged 53, died at Chicago, Ill., Oct. 18, 1933.
- MRS. CHARLES FREDERICK KEYES, Associate, died in her 62d year at Minneapolis, Minn., May 25, 1933.
- MRS. ANTHONY RUDOLF KUSER, Associate, aged 62, died at Rome, Italy, Mar. 10, 1932.
- ORD MYERS, Associate, died at Dayton, Ohio, Jan. 11, 1933.
- JOHN CHRISTOPHER O'CONNOR, Life Associate, died in his 86th year at New York, N. Y., Mar. 4, 1933.
- GEORGE HENRY PERKINS, Associate, aged 89, died at Burlington, Vt., Sept. 12, 1933.
- HARRY LEIGHTON ROLLINS, Associate, aged 72, died at Wellesley, Mass., in 1933.
- EDGAR CRANE STILES, Associate, died in his 70th year, at New Haven, Conn., Aug. 29, 1933.
- JOHN KERN STRECKER, Associate, aged 57, died at Waco, Tex., Jan. 9, 1933.
- ALFRED CROWELL WESTON, Associate, of Needham, Mass., was killed in a hunting accident, Nov. 11, 1933.
- MYRON FAYETTE WESTOVER, Associate, aged 73, died at Schenectady, N. Y., Oct. 21, 1933.
- EDWARD BRUCE WILLIAMSON, Associate, died in his 56th year, at Ann Arbor, Mich., Feb. 28, 1933.
- LEMUEL FOX WOODWARD, Associate, died in his 75th year at Worcester, Mass., Nov. 12, 1931.

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<sup>1</sup> For obituary notice, see 'Auk' L, pp. 260-261.

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