

OBITUARIES

NORMAN McCLINTOCK, an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union for thirty-seven years, died in a hospital at Orlando, Florida, February 26, 1938, at the age of sixty-nine. Two weeks previously he had undergone an operation. He was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, June 13, 1868, one of a family of several children of Oliver and Clara (Childs) McClintock. He graduated from Yale University in 1891, and in 1906, married Miss Ethel M. Lockwood of Syracuse, New York. In 1925, he was appointed on the faculty of the University of Pittsburgh with the title of photo-naturalist and in 1932, a special lecturer and photo-naturalist at Rutgers University. Since then he made his home at New Brunswick, New Jersey. He was a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Ecological Society of America and in 1900 was elected an Associate of the Union.

McClintock was a keen observer and through patience, ingenuity and careful attention to details, developed into one of the most successful wildlife photographers. Through association with George Shiras, III, he became interested in nature photography and soon became an expert in securing flashlight pictures, especially of big game and in taking motion pictures. Modest and retiring in disposition, he published comparatively little but presented his material in the form of lectures and public addresses. He was a frequent attendant at the meetings of the Union and occasionally contributed to the programs and to the pages of 'The Auk.' In a paper entitled 'A Hermit Thrush study,' which appeared in 'The Auk' in 1910, he summarized the results of careful observations on this bird on its breeding grounds in the Huron Mountains northwest of Marquette, Michigan. At the Pittsburgh meeting in 1924, he presented a paper on 'A Robin study and the spring dance of the Heath Hen' but without illustrations. At the Washington meeting in 1928, he showed some of his best motion pictures depicting the Wild Turkey in Pennsylvania and a year later, in Philadelphia, exhibited motion pictures under the title 'Reminiscences of Robert Ridgway and other Pictures.'

He specialized in time-lapse motion pictures of plant movements, developed the application of telephotography to a high degree in making motion pictures and produced some of the finest examples of work in this field. Although known to those who were fortunate enough to attend his lectures or see his pictures, his work should be known to a much larger circle of nature students.—T. S. P.

We learn with regret of the following deaths: SERGIUS ALEXANDROVICH BUTURLIN, of Moscow, an Honorary Fellow since 1916, whose name is associated with the discovery of the breeding grounds of Ross's Gull; DR. WILLIAM EAGLE CLARKE of Edinburgh, an Honorary Fellow since 1921; DR. JOHANNES W. THIENEMANN, a Corresponding Fellow, founder and formerly director of the ornithological station at Rossitten, East Prussia; GEORGE BIRD GRINNELL, of New York City, a Fellow of the Union since 1883; WILL EDWIN SNYDER, of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, Honorary Life Associate, who was instantly killed by an automobile on November 10, 1937.