

OBITUARIES

WALTER WILLIS GRANGER, an Honorary Life Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union, died from coronary thrombosis, at Lusk, Wyoming, September 6, 1941, in his 69th year. He was the son of Charles H. and Ada Byron (Haynes) Granger and was born at Middletown Springs, Vermont, November 7, 1872. His education was obtained in elementary schools and the Rutland High School. At the age of 60 he received the honorary degree of D.Sc. from Middlebury College.

In 1890, he joined the staff of the American Museum of Natural History as assistant in taxidermy, and later served as field collector in geology, assistant and associate curator until 1927, when he became curator of fossil mammals. During the Museum's Central Asiatic Expeditions from 1921 to 1931, as paleontologist, he was associated with Dr. Roy Chapman Andrews and was second in command of the parties exploring the Gobi Desert in Mongolia. Here one of his notable achievements was the discovery of fossil eggs of dinosaurs.

In 1891, Granger was elected an Associate of the A. O. U. and forty years later was made an Honorary Life Associate. His publications were many, chiefly in the field of paleontology. One of special ornithological interest appeared under the joint authorship of W. D. Matthew and Granger in 1917 and contained a description of 'The Skeleton of *Diatryma*, a Gigantic Bird from the Lower Eocene of Wyoming.'

In addition to membership in the Union, Granger was a member of the Explorers' Club of New York, of which he was president from 1935 to 1937, the Linnaean Society of New York, Sigma Xi, and the Paleontological Society of America.—T. S. PALMER.

ALEXANDER HAMILTON PHILLIPS, an Honorary Life Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union, died in Princeton, New Jersey, January 20, 1937. He was born in Lawrenceville, New Jersey, May 15, 1866, the son of John Feaster and Hannah Warne Phillips. He graduated from Princeton University in 1887 with the degree of B.S. and in 1899 received the degree of Sc.D. Shortly after graduation he served as assistant in biology in the University, 1888-89, demonstrator in the following year, and instructor in mineralogy and biology 1892-93. From this time on, his interest was centered on mineralogy and from 1893 to 1898 he was instructor in mineralogy, then assistant professor, full professor in 1903 and later was also head of the department of geology.

In the meantime Phillips maintained his interest in biology. In 1891, he was elected an Associate of the A. O. U. and after completing forty years' membership, was made an Honorary Life Associate. In 1919, he was appointed vice-president of the State Board of Fish and Game Commissioners. He also held local public offices, serving as member of the City Council of Princeton from 1906 to 1911 and as mayor from 1911 to 1916.

Professor Phillips was a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Geological Society of America, and the Mineralogical Society of America and a member of the American Chemical Society and Society of American Naturalists. His publications include a textbook and numerous papers on mineralogy.—T. S. PALMER.

IRA EUGENE CUTLER, an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union for nearly ten years, died at Denver, Colorado, May 25, 1936, in his 73rd year. He was a son of Frederick and Georgia Frances (Stead) Cutler and was born at Putnam, Connecticut, October 8, 1863. He received the degree of B.S. from Albion College, Michigan, in 1893, studied at the University of Chicago, and subsequently received the degrees of A.M. from the University of Denver in 1906, and LL.D. from his alma mater in 1919. In 1884, he married Miss Amelia Perkins of Norway, Michigan, and the next year entered upon his life work as a teacher in which he was engaged for over forty years. He served as teacher of science at Menominee, Michigan, from 1895 to 1897, was superintendent of schools at Crystal Falls, Minnesota, from 1897 to 1898, and then joined the faculty of the University of Denver, where he remained the rest of his life serving as professor of zoology in his later years.

Dr. Cutler had wide scientific interests and was active in the fields of botany, geology and zoology. In botany he developed many promising hybrids of Indian corn and was said to have had the largest botanical garden in the Middle West. In geology he worked especially in the Florissant district in Colorado. He was elected an Associate of the A. O. U. in 1926 and was also a member of several other scientific organizations, including the American Genetic Association, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Colorado-Wyoming Academy of Science, the American Society of Mammalogists and the Cooper Ornithological Club.—T. S. PALMER.

JAMES CHASE HAMBLETON, an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union, elected in 1935, died at Columbus, Ohio, July 6, 1938, in the 75th year of his age. He was born in Madison County, Ohio, November 12, 1863, attended elementary schools and graduated from Wooster College. Later he received the degrees of B.S. from Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota, and M.S. from Ohio State University. In 1890, at the age of 27, he left his native State to spend ten years in Chile, where he taught five years in a boys' private school in Santiago and later accepted a professorship in a government school, Liceo of Ancud on the Island of Chiloë. On December 25, 1891, he married Miss Sara Paulsen, a college graduate of Santiago. While in Chile he was one of the leaders on an expedition of the Boundary Commission to fix the boundary between Chile and Argentina. He proved that one of the lakes near the boundary drained into the Pacific Ocean and entitled Chile to extend its boundary which followed the crest of the southern Andes back to the lakes and thus maintain its claim to additional territory.

He returned from Chile in 1900 and took up teaching in Columbus. For sixteen years he taught Spanish and science in East High School, was made Supervisor of Nature Study in elementary schools and organized school war gardens during the World War. He served seven years as Principal of Trades High School and then became Principal of the Mound St. Junior High School.

Hambleton conducted many field trips in Franklin County and made a collection of several thousand insects for the Museum of the State Archeological and Historical Society. He was active in Boy Scout work and in addition to his membership in the A. O. U., he was a charter member of the Wheaton Club, a Columbus group of field naturalists, a charter member and past president of the Columbus Audubon Society, and a member of the Ohio Academy of Science.—T. S. PALMER.

EDWIN CLARK KENT, an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union, elected in 1907, died at Tuxedo Park, New York, July 11, 1938, at the age of 82. He was the son of James and Sarah Irving Clark Kent, the latter a grandniece of Washington Irving. The Kents first settled in New England in 1640 and an ancestor of the present generation, Rev. Elisha Kent, brought the family to Dutchess County, New York, where they settled near Brewster. Edwin was born at Fishkill Landing (now Beacon), New York, in 1856, and graduated from Columbia University in the class of 1876. He was admitted to the bar in 1879 and later became a member of the firm of Tillotson and Kent which specialized in New York real estate.

In 1886, Kent moved to Tuxedo Park which became his future home. Among his publications was a local history entitled 'The Story of Tuxedo Park' which appeared about 1936. He was much interested in fishing and hunting and was the author of 'The Isle of Long Ago,' a treatise on early sports of America.—T. S. PALMER.

MRS. MARY HARRIMAN RUMSEY (MRS. CHARLES CARY RUMSEY), a Life Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union, died at Washington, D. C., December 18, 1934, from injuries received while fox hunting in Virginia. She was born in New York City, November 17, 1881, the eldest daughter of Edward Henry and Mary Williamson Averell Harriman. Her education was received at Brearly School and Barnard College, from which she graduated in 1905 with the degree of A.B. During her college course she specialized in biology and sociology and became so much interested in social service that it influenced her later activities to a considerable extent.

In 1899, she was a member of the Harriman Alaska Expedition and in the same year was elected an Associate of the Union. Her membership lapsed in 1910 but in 1925 she was elected a Life Associate.

In 1901, she founded the New York Junior League which fostered neighborhood settlement work and during the World War she served in many defense and welfare organizations. In 1910, she married the sculptor Charles Cary Rumsey, who died in 1922. One of his principal works was an equestrian statue of Francisco Pizarro, the conqueror of Peru. Mrs. Rumsey presented one of these statues to Lima, Peru, and another to the city of Trujillo, Spain, Pizarro's birthplace. For the latter gift she was decorated in 1930, by the Spanish government, with the cross of the Order of Isabella. In 1933, she was appointed by President Roosevelt as chairman of the Consumers' Advisory Board of the National Recovery Administration and adviser on consumers' problems in the National Emergency Council.

It is not surprising that with her personal charm, energy, and initiative, coupled with ample means, she was able to gain a place in the list of the most distinguished women of the United States.—T. S. PALMER.