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WHILE this number of 'The Auk' was in press, its distinguished editor, Glover Morrill Allen, died suddenly of heart failure on the morning of February 14. Such was the orderliness of his way of work, that it was possible to bring out this issue without undue delay, in spite of the sudden and wholly unexpected catastrophe. For a catastrophe, and a great one, Allen's death is to the American Ornithologists' Union. The full measure of our loss is impossible to estimate, so many and so hidden were the springs of his intellect, and so tempered by experience and patient observation his scholarship and editorial judgment. He brought rich gifts to the editorship of this journal and applied them not only generously but with great discretion. Excellent though he was as an ornithologist, he was even more distinguished as a mammalogist, and in him were combined great learning and ripe wisdom in these two disciplines, to their mutual benefit. With his passing, the world loses one of its most scholarly naturalists and the Union a devoted and accomplished member.

In accordance with our custom, the president of the Union will appoint a biographer to prepare a memorial of our departed editor, friend, and counsellor for publication in an early number of 'The Auk.'