

the force well and gained steady promotion. After the outbreak of war, he served in Jamaica for more than a year and then, with the rank of major, proceeded to Hong Kong in November, 1941. He was a lovable character whose death was an extremely sad event to a multitude of friends. He is survived by his wife, mother, two sisters, and a brother.—J. DEWEY SOPER.

NORMAN JAMES, an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union for 25 years, died in Baltimore, Maryland, January 24, 1939, at the age of seventy. He was the son of Henry and Amelia B. James and was born in Catonsville, Maryland, September 2, 1868. He received his early education in the schools of Baltimore, then attended the Episcopal High School in Alexandria and the Phillips Exeter Academy, where he graduated at the age of eighteen. He graduated from Yale University in the class of 1890. During his college days he developed a deep interest in reading and began to acquire books on sport, hunting, and Americana until his library developed into one of the outstanding collections of its kind in this country.

Upon the completion of his college course, he entered the lumber business established by his father and remained in it during the rest of his life. He had other business interests but still found time to serve as director of several commercial and financial organizations. Always keenly interested in all forms of sport, he took many hunting trips to distant places in this country and abroad but apparently published little or nothing on birds.

James was elected an Associate of the Union in 1913 and a Member of the Boone and Crockett Club in 1915. He was survived by his widow, Isabella L. Hagnar James, who had formerly served as social secretary in the White House during the administrations of Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson, and by a son, C. Magnell James, Director of the Peale Museum of Baltimore and a daughter, Mrs. Janon Fisher, Jr., of Eccleston, Maryland.—T. S. PALMER.

NOTES AND NEWS

The A.O.U. has suffered the loss of Dr. C. E. Hellmayr, Honorary Fellow, who died in Switzerland on February 24, this year; of E. C. Stuart Baker, Honorary Fellow, who died in England in April; and of Dr. Dayton Stoner, Member, who died in Albany, N. Y., on May 8.

REPRINTS OF THE 'NINETEENTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE A.O.U. CHECK-LIST' will be available in limited number at twenty-five cents per copy. Owing to present paper shortages, only a sufficient number will be printed to supply the demand, after which the type will be distributed. Readers who wish copies are therefore advised to send their order with remittance promptly to The Business Manager of the A.O.U., 1120 Locust St., Philadelphia, Pa. Some delay in distribution will be unavoidable since the orders must be in hand before printing is commenced.

THE 1944 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE A. O. U.

The place and character of the 1944 meeting of the Society is under discussion by the Council but has not yet been decided. It appears highly improbable that a general meeting can be held this year owing to the continuation of conditions that prevailed in 1943. A restricted business meeting of Council, Fellows, and Members is in prospect. In any case, the necessary advance notices will be distributed by the Secretary. Wherever such meeting is held, it is hoped that the necessary quorums may be present to permit the transaction of necessary business.