

OBITUARY

PIERRE JABOUILLE, who died in Paris on May 14, 1947, will be remembered as one of the pioneer ornithologists of French Indochina. For a quarter of a century he was my close friend and associate. The greatest part of my collecting and of my studies on the birds of that country were undertaken in collaboration with him. We worked in the field from 1923 until 1933 when he retired and came to live with me at Clères. There he continued to help in the study of oriental birds and in editing 'L'Oiseau.'

Born at Saintes, France, November 25, 1875, the son of a Prefect, Pierre Jabouille made his career in the Civil Service, first in France, and after 1905 in Indochina where he occupied with great distinction and success a number of positions, ending as a Governor.

A bright mind, quick-witted and energetic, Jabouille was most kind, hospitable and unselfish. He proved to be a perfect companion, good tempered, jolly, and optimistic, despite sufferings and handicaps due to illnesses contracted in the tropics. His fortitude was indeed remarkable; he could hardly see or walk during the last few years of his life, and the war and its consequences obliged him to face great material hardships. He never complained, however, nor did he cease to be thankful for the many good years he had enjoyed.

An excellent ornithologist, specializing in Far Eastern birds, Pierre Jabouille contributed alone, or in association with me, a number of works and papers.

Personally, I shall always mourn the loss of an excellent friend with whom I spent the greatest part of the best 25 years of my life.—JEAN DELACOUR.