

OBITUARIES

EDWARD MATTHEWS BALL, an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union, elected in 1918, died in Washington, D. C., November 30, 1935, at the age of 69. He was born in Loudoun County, Virginia, April 18, 1876, and was an employee of the Bureau of Fisheries in Washington, where he was engaged in rearing fish. Although a member of the Union, apparently he published little or nothing on birds.—T. S. PALMER.

LOUIS WILHELM DORN, an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union, died at Fort Wayne, Indiana, April 4, 1918, at the age of 54. He was born in Boeuf Creek, Missouri, October 15, 1863, and was a professor at the Concordia College, Fort Wayne, Indiana. He was elected an Associate of the A.O.U. in 1912, but during the period of his membership published little, if anything, on birds.—T. S. PALMER.

WILLIAM WRIGHT GRANT, an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union, elected in 1910, died in Geneva, New York, October 25, 1942, at the age of sixty. He was born in Kingston, Ontario, in 1862 and later lived at Maplewood, New Jersey. The last twenty-three years of his life were spent at Geneva, New York, where he was assessor from 1925 to 1931.

Grant was much interested in birds and especially in their protection. He was the author of a vest-pocket handbook of common birds. For a number of years he was a director of the National Association of Audubon Societies and a great admirer of William Dutcher.—T. S. PALMER.

MRS. CHARLES WOODBURY MELCHER (CATHERINE MITCHELL), an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union, died at Homosassa Springs, Florida, in December 1941 at the age of 67. She was born in Meriden, Connecticut, December 17, 1874, and was elected an Associate of the Union in 1922. At the time of the A.O.U. meeting in Illinois in 1934 she was living in Riverdale, not far from Chicago, and published a list of birds of the Chicago region. The following year she married Charles Woodbury Melcher and moved to Homosassa Springs, Florida, which was her home for the remainder of her life.—T. S. PALMER.

WILLIAM GARRETT MOORE, an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union, elected in 1937, died in Haddonfield, New Jersey, May 17, 1944, at the age of 70. He was born in Haddonfield, January 8, 1874, and lived there all his life. He was educated in the public schools and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in the class of 1894. Moore was a financier with varied activities. He was interested in music, was president of the Orpheus Club, and sang tenor in the quartet of the First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield for more than 36 years. He was also a member of the Union League of Philadelphia and a founder of the County Y. M. C. A. of Camden County, New Jersey.—T. S. PALMER.

ORD MYERS, an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union, died at his home in Dayton, Ohio, January 11, 1933, at the age of 63. He was survived by his wife, Mary C. Myers, and his son, Alfred O. Myers. He was born in 1870 and was elected an Associate of the Union in 1917. Notwithstanding his interest in ornithology, he apparently published nothing on birds during the period of his membership in the Union. This is perhaps not surprising on account of his advanced age at the time of his election.—T. S. PALMER.

GEORGE PARMLY, of Orange, New Jersey, an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union, died October 19, 1947. He was elected an Associate of the Union in 1945. The period of his membership lasted less than two years, and during this time he apparently published nothing on birds.—T. S. PALMER.

NELS THEODORE PETERSON, of Battle Creek, Michigan, was an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union since 1931. He died March 26, 1948. He was born January 2, 1878, at Rumford, Rhode Island. His parents were Peter and Berta (Larsson) Peterson, natives of Sweden. His work at Providence, after completing High School, was with a wholesale jewelry firm, Blanchard Young and Co. He and Stella Nickerson were married on October 17, 1900. Mrs. Peterson had a hobby of botany and roamed all over New England in her studies. Later she became interested in birds and began to study them as enthusiastically as she had botany. Mr. Peterson's health failed him so that in 1916 they went to Battle Creek to the Sanitarium. As his health improved he and Mrs. Peterson roamed the parks studying birds, and he became as interested as she. In later years he was in charge of the Men's Outdoor Gymnasium at the Sanitarium so that they had much spare time to travel. They made trips almost annually to New England, others to Florida, Texas, the west coast, and the Great Plains States studying birds. Mrs. Peterson died September 6, 1947. After her death Mr. Peterson lacked the usual enthusiasm and soon joined her. She kept daily records of birds and entered all birds observed in her yearly diaries.—L. H. WALKINSHAW.

EUGENE ROCKWELL PIKE, of Chicago, Illinois, an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union, died January 5, 1946. He was elected an Associate of the Union in 1926, and during the 20 years of his membership published three brief notes in 'The Auk.' Two of these, "Roseate Spoonbill in Florida" (January, 1929) and "Notes on Bird Life in Southern Florida" (1937) were based on his observations in that state during a trip in that year; the third, a record of the occurrence of the Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura septentrionalis*) at Chicago on June 21, 1933.—T. S. PALMER.

FRANK OTIS PILLSBURY, an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union, died at Walpole, Massachusetts, August 6, 1927, at the age of 74. He was born in Newburyport, Mass., March 27, 1853, and was elected an Associate of the Union in 1917. Notwithstanding his interest in birds, apparently he published no ornithological notes. This is not surprising when it is recalled that at the time of his election to the Union he had already passed his sixty-fourth birthday.—T. S. PALMER.

MARCUS CHARLES RICH, an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union, died in New York City, on November 12, 1941. He was born on September 14, 1881, was educated as a chemist, and later entered the security brokerage business. His wife, Mrs. Eva Rich, had long been a bird watcher, and when he finally was won over, Marc Rich became an ardent student. He was elected an Associate of the Union in 1931, and in 1933, he published three brief notes in 'The Auk' on "Brunnich's Murre on Staten Island, New York," "Great Crested Flycatcher in New Jersey," and "Late Migrations of Fox Sparrows."

His chief interest was the avifauna of the New York City region, particularly that ever-fruitful source of migration data, Central Park. He was instrumental in having a section of the Park fenced off and maintained for a time as an experimental bird sanctuary. For years he was the unofficial compiler of Central Park records and would regularly report the migration results at meetings of the Linnaean Society of New York. Of necessity, in an area so attractive to the novice, Marc Rich had to exercise a fine discrimination in winnowing out questionable reports. Acceptance by him of an *uncorroborated* Central Park observation as to an unusual bird or date was truly recognition that one had achieved the status of a competent local birder.

He and his wife were particularly encouraging to the younger students, who were always sure of getting a "hitch" in his car if they met Marc Rich afield. His passing was a great loss to his many friends in and out of the Linnaean Society.—E. EISENMANN.

CLARK PERKINS STREATOR, an Honorary Life Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union and an honorary member of the Cooper Ornithological Society, died at Santa Cruz, California, November 28, 1952, at the age of eighty-four. Streator was born in Ohio in 1866 and was elected an Associate of the Union in 1889. Forty years afterwards, he became automatically an Honorary Life Associate.

In the early 80's, Streator traveled extensively in the West Indies collecting birds for Charles B. Cory. About 1890, he collected in British Columbia for the American Museum of Natural History in New York, and in later years in various parts of the West and in Mexico for the Biological Survey of the Department of Agriculture.

Streator was much interested in the mammals of California and had visited the type localities of most of the species. His knowledge of these type localities was unrivalled, and years afterwards he could recall with considerable detail not only the location but the topographical features of these places.

His publications included a few notes in 'The Young Oölogist' and in later years a mimeographed, annotated list of the birds of Santa Cruz County, containing the results of his observations extending over a long period of time.

For some years Streator was associated with welfare work in Santa Cruz.

He was married and had one son. His wife was killed in an accident near San Luis Obispo some years ago.—T. S. PALMER.

REVEREND GORDON BOIT WELLMAN, an associate of the American Ornithologists' Union, died at Wellesley, Massachusetts, March 30, 1942. He was Associate Professor of Biblical History at Wellesley College and was associated with Wellesley from 1919 until his death. He was elected an Associate of the Union in 1908 and maintained his membership for over 30 years. He contributed several brief notes to *The Auk*, including "Dance of Purple Finch" (1920), "The Courtship Flight of the Red-breasted Nuthatch" (1933) and "Chickadee neurasthenia" (1938).—T. S. PALMER.

WILLIAM AUGUSTUS WHITE, an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union, elected in 1902, died of heart disease in Brooklyn, New York, May 14, 1927, at the age of 83. He was the son of Alexander Moss and Elizabeth Treadway White and was born in Brooklyn in 1844. He attended the Brooklyn Collegiate Institute and graduated from Harvard College in 1863. In 1926 he received the honorary degree of LL.D. from Princeton. He was the senior member of W. A. and A. M. White of Wall Street, New York City, and vice president and chairman of the finance committee of the Washington Water Power Company of Spokane, Washington.

Mr. White was noted for his unique collection of Shakespeare and other Elizabethan poets and dramatists, and collaborated with the librarian of the University of Liverpool in publishing an edition of Blake's poetry.

He was much interested in the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute and the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences and gave the Brooklyn Public Library a collection of opera scores and librettos. His chief recreation was a love of the woods, and he spent nearly 50 summers at St. Huberts in the Adirondacks. He was survived by his wife and four married children.—T. S. PALMER.