

## CORRESPONDENCE

### Northern Migrant Wintering in Tropics

An interesting note in a recent number (Snow and Snow, *Auk*, 77: 351-352, 1960) reports a banded Northern Waterthrush present at the same locality in Trinidad in two successive winters, and suggests that this may be the first such record for a northern migrant wintering in the tropics. At least one other is in the American literature, an instance involving the return of banded Indigo Buntings to a jungle clearing at Uaxactun, Petén, Guatemala (Van Tyne, *Bird-Banding*, 3: 110, 1932; Van Tyne, U. Mich. Mus. Zool. Misc. Publ., No. 27, p. 43, 1935; Van Tyne and Berger, *Fundamentals of Ornithology*, p. 208, 1958). Meinertzhagen (*Birds of Arabia*, p. 39 and p. 588, 1954) mentions examples of return in successive years to identical wintering localities in tropical Africa and India by banded *Calidris temminckii* and *Motacilla cinerea* (five successive winters) and a belled Peregrine Falcon.—WILLIAM B. ROBERTSON, JR., *Field Research Biologist, Region One, National Park Service, Homestead, Florida.*

### OBITUARY

RAYMOND GANO GUERNSEY became an Associate Member of the Union in 1928 and a Patron in 1955. He was born in Poughkeepsie, New York, 21 August 1878, and died there on 19 May 1959.

A bachelor, he was educated at Exeter Academy in New Hampshire, Yale University (class of 1902), and New York University Law School. He taught a year at Westminster School in Connecticut, practiced law for several years in New York City, then returned to Poughkeepsie as partner in his father's firm and practiced law there the rest of his life. Ray's interest in birds, especially in Dutchess County, was lifelong. He was afield most frequently during the active period of Maunsell Crosby and Allen Frost, the trio often joined by Ludlow Griscom. An especially memorable incident occurred at a crucial time early in World War II, when another county resident with a lifelong ornithological interest—Franklin D. Roosevelt—went "birding" with Guernsey, Frost, Griscom, and a sizable squad of FBI agents to guard the President. A guard, on being awakened for duty about 4 A.M., said of the President: "What in hell is he up to at this time in the morning?" It was an enjoyable trip, with visits to favorite localities that did not all survive encroachment of expanding industrial development during Ray's lifetime.

He was a trustee and treasurer of Vassar College; any faculty member could count on him for gratis legal assistance. He was a very active supporter of the church, a number of charities, and a variety of other organizations. The extent of his frequent and quiet generosity toward these never was known even by his closest associates.—RALPH S. PALMER.