

specimens taken, several new species of mammals, in all probability, being represented in the lot, as well as the addition of several species of birds new to the Alaskan fauna.

In speaking of the weather conditions encountered on this trip, the following is taken from his letter of October 17th :

"It's a nasty country to work in, and if you are looking for a pleasure trip I would recommend almost any other place in the country. In the last three months there were, I believe, just six days in which it did not rain. In May and June we had a few stretches of nice weather, a week or so at a time, which was fortunate, else we would not have been able to reach many of the outlying islands. It was cold and raw about all the time, and I had to have a fire in the tent whenever I skinned specimens, partly for warmth and partly to keep things dry. Personally, I infinitely prefer the desert! I would not have missed the experience for a good deal; but I am not sorry that it is over, and have no desire to go back. They say the summer was unusually cold and rainy, which may or may not be the fact, but at any rate it had one advantage, in that we were not bothered at all by mosquitoes and flies, except in one or two places."

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NAMEs PROPOSED FOR MEMBERSHIP.

The following nominations for membership in the Wilson Ornithological Club have been approved by the Executive Committee. Members will therefore confer a favor in notifying the Secretary at once if objections to any of these are offered. In the absence of objection candidates are considered duly elected according to our constitution.

FOR ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP.

Edward E. Armstrong, 2148 North Sawyer Ave., Chicago, Ill.
 Miss Elizabeth Eldridge, Plainfield, Will County, Ill.
 W. Elmer Ekblaw, 505 E. Green Street, Champaign, Ill.
 Miss Laura Gano, Earlham Place, Richmond, Ind.
 Isaac E. Hess, Philo, Ill.
 J. Watts Marcus, Jr., Wallingford, Penn.
 Harry S. Swarth, Museum Vertebrate Zoology, Berkeley, Calif.

FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP.

Arthur W. Moline, 7622 Ingleside Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

JOHN FARWELL FERRY.

The sudden and untimely death at St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago, February 11, 1910, from acute pneumonia, of our fellow member, John Farwell Ferry, came as a great surprise and shock to his many friends in and about the city and throughout the country at large.

Born October 12, 1877, Mr. Ferry developed early in life a fondness for natural history pursuits and, before entering the preparatory school at Andover, Mass., had gathered together a collection of North American birds that would have done credit to a much older person.

Graduating with the engineering class of the Sheffield School of Yale in 1901, he later became Secretary of the Sheffield Branch of the Y. M. C. A. at New Haven, Conn. In 1902 he took up the mercantile calling and acted as a traveling salesman for two years. During the summer of 1905 he received an appointment with the Biological Survey and collected that season in California. February 1, 1906, he joined the staff of the Field Museum of Chicago, under Prof. Chas. B. Cory, curator of the Department of Zoology, which institution he served faithfully and well up to the time of his death.

His museum experience being the longest was perhaps most prolific of results, several trips of some duration being planned and executed by him during that time, chief among which may be mentioned an expedition to Central America and northern South America during the winter of 1907-'08.

This was followed the succeeding year by another to the islands of the Caribbean Sea, which proved unusually successful, adding several novelties new to science among the birds, a honey creeper, *Coereba ferryi*, being named by Prof. Cory in honor of the collector.

The readers of the Bulletin will remember the subject of this sketch by the very excellent paper of his, "The Spring Migration of 1907 in the Vicinity of Chicago," appearing in the March number of 1908. Additional articles have been published by him in "The Auk" and "The Condor," and at the time of his death he was working out a paper based upon the results of the Costa Rican, or Central American, trip previously mentioned. Tall in stature and of a dignified and courteous bearing, Mr. Ferry united to these an amiable turn of mind. He was a young man of exemplary habits and high ideals, and bid fair to achieve distinction as well in the science of birds. His loss to Illinois and to ornithology, therefore, will be keenly felt.

B. T. G.

REVIEWS.—BIRD MAGAZINES.

ORNITHOLOGISCHE MONATSSCHRIFT, VOL. XXXIV. 12 Nos.—This German monthly always contains interesting matter and shows that there are new things to be found in the life histories of birds even in old fields of work. The main object of the society, which