

OBITUARY.

DEATH has been terribly busy amongst the members of the Permanent International Ornithological Committee, and Ornithologists generally, all over Europe.

Immediately after the Congress, on June the 23rd, 1905, Dr. W. T. BLANFORD, one of the foremost ornithologists of England, passed away, aged 72. (Obituary, see 'Ibis,' 1905, p. 643.)

Captain F. W. HUTTON came to England as Delegate of the Australian Ornithological Union, of which he was President. Illness, however, prevented his attending the meetings of the Congress, and he died at sea during his voyage home to Australia, 69 years old. ('The Emu,' v. p. 178.)

Professor Dr. EMILE OUSTALET died on October 23rd, 1905. He was the Delegate of the French Government at the Ornithological Congresses in Vienna, Budapest, and London, and the President of the Third Congress in Paris, 1900. (Obituary: Orn. Monatsber. 1906, p. 57.)

Hofrat Dr. PAUL LEVERKÜHN, Director of the Scientific Institutes and Private Secretary to His Majesty the King of Bulgaria, died at Sophia on December 5th, 1905, at the age of 39. He was a member of the Second, Third, and Fourth Ornithological Congresses. (See Ornith. Monatsschrift, 1906, p. 164.)

Professor Dr. JEAN CABANIS died on February 21st, 1906, a few days before his 90th birthday. Cabanis has been called the founder of scientific ornithology in Germany, and he founded and published for half a century the 'Journal für Ornithologie.' (For full obituary, see Journ. f. Orn. 1906, p. 329.)

Canon HENRY BAKER TRISTRAM died on March 8th, 1906, "full of age and honours," in his 83rd year. He was one of the founders of the British Ornithologists' Union and a justly celebrated ornithologist. (See 'Ibis,' 1906, p. 602.)

Professor Dr. VICTOR FATIO died on March 19th, 1906, at the age of 67. He was the leading Swiss ornithologist and a well-known figure at the Ornithological Congresses. ('Ibis,' 1906, p. 608.)

Sir WALTER LAWRY BULLER died on July 19th, 1906, in his 69th year. The 'History of the Birds of New Zealand' has given his name a high place among ornithologists. ('Ibis,' 1906, p. 733.)

Professor ALFRED NEWTON passed away at Magdalene College, Cambridge, on the 7th of June, 1907, within a few days of his 78th birthday. (An obituary of this great ornithologist is found in the 'Ibis' for 1907, p. 623.)

Professor Dr. RUDOLF BLASIUS, President of the German Ornithological Society, died at Braunschweig on September 21st, 1907. He was a striking figure at all the Ornithological Congresses and for many years President and the most energetic Secretary of the Permanent Ornithological Committee and Editor of the 'Ornis.' (See Journ. f. Orn. 1908, p. 1.)

In the same year, 1907, CHARLES AUGUSTUS WRIGHT, an old member of the British Ornithologists' Union, and a member of the Fourth Congress, died. (See 'Ibis,' 1907, p. 633.)

Also JULIUS PUNGUR, Secretary of the Hungarian Ornithological Central Bureau, passed away in 1907. (See 'Aquila,' 1907, p. 1.)

On December 30th, 1907, the death occurred of JOSEF TALSKEY, a member of several Ornithological Congresses. (Journ. f. Orn. 1908, p. 301.)

Dr. J. V. BARBOZA DU BOCAGE, Director of the National Zoological Museum at Lisbon, died in 1908, at the ripe age of 84. His 'Ornithologie d'Angola' and many other works on African ornithology have made him famous as an ornithologist.

In the same year occurred the death of the Swiss ornithologist Dr. ALBERT GIRTANNER. (Ornith. Monatschr. 1908, p. 42.)

Mr. HOWARD SAUNDERS, for many years the foremost authority on British Birds, as well as on the family of Gulls (*Laridæ*), died in October 1908, at the age of 72 years. (See 'Ibis,' 1908, p. 169.)

Two of the best oologists in Germany died in the year 1909, Dr. EUGÈNE REY and MAXIMILIAN KUSCHEL, the latter a member of the Congress in London in 1905; also Dr. CARL BOLLE, one of the oldest members of the German Ornithologists' Society. (Obituaries: Orn. Monatsber. 1909, pp. 97 & 145.)—Dr. OTTO OTTOSSON, another oologist, died in Denmark. (Zeitschr. f. Oologie, 1909, p. 89.)

It is a long and sad list within the space of hardly five years, containing names of famous ornithologists and of those who were connected with the International Committee or Congresses; but long as it is I have at the last moment to add to it, for the last month of 1909 deprived us of two more authorities and friends:—

On December 15th Professor Dr. ENRICO H. GIGLIOLI died at Florence, at the age of 63. Giglioli was known all over the world as an authority on Italian Birds and on Anthropology. His death is an irreparable loss to Italy. (Orn. Monatsber. 1910, p. 16.)

The last death to record for 1909 is that of our friend Dr. R. BOWDLER SHARPE. At the age of 62 years he succumbed to an attack of pneumonia on December 25th. Space forbids us here to publish a full obituary. His life-history and the great position he occupied in our midst will be narrated in every journal connected with ornithology. I will only mention one of his works, which will make his name immortal as long as our science lives: THE CATALOGUE OF BIRDS.

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