

Personalia

Summer, 1934. International Ornithological Congress.

Miss C. M. Acland - A middle-aged eccentric out-door bird student of rather egocentric sort. Has a deep, practically bass voice. Is extremely enthusiastic about still photography and took many pictures on the island trip. She is the sort of English woman that likes to wear a knapsack and talk of cliff-climbing, etc. Undoubtedly she can get about pretty well. She has many interesting field experiences and knows birds well as an amateur.

W. B. Alexander - Appears to be in his forties. A jovial round faced type somewhat reminiscent of Gyle Pickwell though older. He did ~~not~~ take part in program ~~and I suspect~~ ^{on morning of birds.} ~~he is to be classed as a high grade amateur.~~ Wetmore and Quiscom went on a very profitable land bird trip with him to Wales. He was evidently capable of showing them much. I had a chance to go but could not could island reservation gracefully and not sorry as it now turns out because of the expense of the latter.

E. C. Stuart-Baker - An elderly, pale blue-eyed Englishman of much dignity and bearing. Lacks one arm. In the debate with Meinertzhagen he stood out strongly for a Darwinian interpretation carefully and naively explaining just how selection could work along strictly orthodox Darwinian lines. I believe he much underestimated his audience. He spoke with much finality and authority and betrayed a lack of understanding of many points raised by Buxton, Meinertzhagen and others. Other people - local - seem to consider him a simple minded old man a bit hard to handle but evidently in possession of considerable power and influence.

D. A. Barrerman. A neat appearing, suave bright-eyed man perhaps fifty; nose strongly hooked and rounded. Very pleasant in his manner of meeting. Not working on similar groups we did not fall to conversing on problems in birds. I have little the feeling that he lays ^{aside} the business of ornithology for the social side on such occasions. He was seen passing through the bird room occasionally at the British Museum after the meetings. He seems not to be of the staff as Kinnear & Lowe.

Miss D. P. Barclay-Smith - One of England's ardent bird protectors and secretary of section 4. A woman of 30+



of slightly build and forward thrust jaw. No conversation with her but she seemed to be regarded as a vital spirit in the protection organization.

Prof. I.F. de Beaufort - a short little man of german-dutch appearance from Holland, quite bald, shallow-jawed with broad and drooping mustache. He is probably 60; was very heavily tanned (or dark-skinned) at the time. When not engaged in conversation he appears quite dull but talks pleasantly and ~~interestingly~~ interestedly. I ran into him alone in the breakers on Skokholm watching a bird cliff. He was much pleased when I brought him a young Razor-bill from down on the cliff. Later at the museum he was much impressed by this simple matter of getting about over the cliff and mentioned the incidence. Spoke quite good English.

J. Berlioz - much the same impression registered as at Berkeley which meeting he claimed to remember. He is an effeminate french type with flowery greeting. One gains no hint of a true scientific mind.

Major Borman - a man of fifty, pleasant and quiet met at Tenby Hotel. He is purely an amateur of moderate knowledge. He was not in sympathy with vermin control by game keeper but deplored the extreme conservationist attitude.

Mr. and Mrs. A.R. Beard, New York. A middle-aged jewish couple, he retired and evidently with means and fair health. Of unattractive appearance he is nevertheless pleasant to talk with. His interest in sound recording is intense and he was openly enthusiastic about sending out records and films to me for his records for my study of overtones, etc. I believe he would go far in financing work of this sort. Aside from this I believe his ornithological interests are in an elementary stage. He attended part of the meetings but did not participate in programs.

Hon. G.L. Charteris. Host at place in Wales where we stopped for tea from Tenby. Amateur. No definite impressions.

J. A. Cunningham - a tall blond fellow, 30, from Belfast where he is in stock exchange. An intelligent sort with birds as a hobby. Stayed at Randolph Hotel with wife. Is much concerned with protection and in local Irish birds. He was much disgusted with T.G. Pearson and his selfish actions. - De lun - su many notes.

J. Delacour. A very pleasant man apparently in his forties. He hardly appears french and is of a very different type from Berlioz. Of round face and broad smile he

is almost happy-go-lucky in manner. His interests are largely in aviculture but also other problems. Apparently he is a man of means but does not put on a show. I can not consider him as of great scientific import yet there is a great deal to him and of the French I should think him by far the best. His paper on Amalthea was suggestive and he seemed to have a well balanced view as to weight of behavior characteristics and structural features. He at once admitted knowing nothing of Neovohm and was eager - even humble in wanting to learn my ideas and in hoping they fitted his remarks. He is generally much liked by the crowd.

F. H. Edmonson - a somewhat common man of field experience met at Tenby. Evidently he is some sort of inspector or supervisor of game conditions and is against the "women protectionists" and wishes to control Corvids and Gulls. He fell for Storer's advocacy of moderate control on game reserves a such like and thought Storer was wise in such matters.

Espinasse, P. G. A disciple of Huxley, tall thin and about 30+. Unfortunately I could not hear his paper but he has tangled with Lillie & Co. on problems of feather embryology. He was anxious to meet and exchange papers on feathers. I regret I did not find opportunity to know him better. Evidently well trained biologically.

A. Ezra - Very short, excessively Jewish, uncultured.

See account of trip to Foxwarren. I judge a case of title and importance through wealth and philanthropy.

Fleming - see later

Friedmann, H. - Already well known. He contributed no paper but spoke of his Zonotrichia experiment in the merostyrogen debate. He is quiet at such a meeting and in conversation seems perhaps a little discouraged with his lot - of course he would always tend that way. He renews his statements of lack of interest in nomenclature problems and seems to be disappointed he can not do otherwise at that time. Perhaps there is a little regret at Wetmore's meddling in bird department details. At times it is quite evident that Wetmore says precisely what Friedmann shall do in detail as to travel in specific countries, i.e. Germany and Austria. Wetmore is probably right in preferring the former. Friedmann



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turns up his nose a bit at meetings. Much time wasted but said he simply had to get away for a break. Riley gets on his nerves.

Prof. Dr. A. Ghigi - The reputation in pomp and show; 60 with portly figure and serious air enhanced by thick sideburns (white) he is a noble figure. He is not much talked to, however, although he speaks English some as well as French and Italian. I had no conversation with him until toward the end of the meetings he condescended to nod to an "un-introduced" like myself. I can not judge of scientific caste. Storer says he is Prof and also high up in Fascist government; at times referred to as Count.

Griscom, L. - Well known. Much in evidence socializing and chatting with people. He seems well acquainted. He was fairly regular in attendance at section. Unfortunately I could not hear his paper. He was very complimentary of mine. Here and at Brit museum where he worked for several weeks on plants and birds we reaffirmed modern views on systematics. He is very refreshing in views and well read. He doubts species and subspecies in the way Knaack and I do although feeling that usually they are real entities. We talked of publications - cheap costs of \$3-4 per page here. He mentioned talk of his taking over Auk but said he hated to think of it because of time already spent editing all MCZ material. Did not, however, openly say he would refuse though I gave him chance. We spoke of way Smithsonian had built up Jf-O from 200 to 800 pay members by good solid scientific ornithology and not by playing down to the amateur. Much in common here on this point. Said Friedmann a likely possibility and a good one. I think so too. He said if Wetmore decided it would be well to take it that Friedmann would have to do it even if he did not wish to (provided there was the chance).

Nashizuka, Marquis - Japan. No impressions
Heinrich, Dr. O. 60 yrs plus; dark complexion; fully bald and given to wearing some sort of stiff dress collar at all times. He speaks practically no English. We managed to exchange a few simple ideas in German and English on nests. We spoke of the irregularities of secondary in large birds and I mentioned the 5th as a center of interest. This seemed to suggest nothing special to him and I did not bring in diastology. I wonder if his interest

Heinrich (cont) are not from earlier days. Some of it of a new sort I think he has not seen. His interests have been partly or entirely aroused by captivity. He is now head of Berlin zoological garden with the Aquarium, etc his special interest. See notes of July 16.

Hildebrandt, H. - Not met but seen. A man of the fifties or more of the Kaiserliche pattern with much in common with cartoons of this german type. Did not take part in program.

Huxley, J. - Well known. Very cordial - see notes of days of meeting. He was present chiefly for his own papers but at some of social functions also.

Jourdain, Rev. F.C.R. - A spirited, energetic old gentleman of 60+. He was everywhere and running everything with the energy of a young man. Always courteous and pleasant and with a sharp wit reminding one in his pointed statements of Joe Mailliard. He wears a full beard - mostly white and has full grizzled white hair. Although not a professional biologist he is held in high regard by the best of English ornithologists. He is the wiry keen type mentally and physically. Evidently he reads a great deal and is impatient as a rule with the german school reading and reviewing much german. Although I say he is not a biologist I think he is well read on his own account. His knowledge of many phases of ornithology is good. One would compare him to Swarth as regards background biologically and the use he makes of it but in most respects he is an utterly different sort.

Kinnear, H.B. - A pleasant, rather quiet man of about 45 with a slight stoop, broad brow with prominent eyebrows. He impresses me as a fairly careful man, good as a systematic worker of orthodox type. He deals in a calm effective manner with his subordinates. He is in effect head of the department although Lowe is his senior but rather uninterested in the systematic work. Kinnear is very helpful to a person working there and in my case went to some pains in looking up possible Tyrannula richardsoni types. I don't think he will set the world on fire but few will after all. He is one of the most cordial of the English group.

Kummerlöwe - Not ~~mean~~ met but identified. A very decided german type - bald with what remains shaved off as the germans love to do. About 40 maybe less.

Lambrecht. Conspicuous by his absence.

Linnberg - An old man of perhaps 70 of the very phlegmatic

Swedish type. This with the language difficulty makes it hard to judge his caliber. He just does not talk unless specially called. He can speak quite good English and did lecture well at the Banquet. He is much respected and no doubt has a great deal of knowledge. He is always on hand - ~~a~~ constant but not apparently interested listener. He is of rather serious bearing. Some of his non-participation may be merely the result of age. He is stout, - somewhat coarse of features and very white with mustache.

Lovenstiold, H. A very good looking Norwegian who took pains to prepare his paper on Sand-piper life history with care and in English. He delivered it with poise and clearness. not met personally.

Dr. H. Lounz - Austrian bird ~~and~~ psychologist of about 35 yrs; wears a full reddish beard; good looking, energetic with appearance of keen intelligence. He is at present an instructor of some grade in Anatomy in Vienna medical school. His attractive wife is an M.D. practicing in a hospital - one would never guess it. They have two children. He intends to give up his job so he can work on bird behavior, etc. He is a thoroughly grounded zoologist with I think a very special flair for behaviorist problems and interpretations. He knows Tolman well from this past year and thinks his purposive behavior is best limited to man and dogs. Mrs. Rice and he and often myself discussed bird behavior most of two days to and from Tenby. I have great respect for his ability and understanding. Unless much mistaken I think he will score heavily in this field not that he has not already done so to considerable degree. He proposes to give up his job so he can do his research. What he proposes to live on is a question which I am not sure he has solved as a practical problem, but he is determined to do it. His talks of heron and raven semi-captivity are most interesting. He speaks easily understood English though strongly Germanic in accent.

Dr. G. P. Lounz - An elderly (55-60) garrulous Scotsman with some considerable accent. Very jolly in an almost profane way. He likes to come into the British museum and go the rounds of the table jollying everybody and not saying anything in particular. He was secretary of the anatomy section and seemed much interested. His background is evidently medicine but I do not know what he practices now or in fact just what he does. He was unable to swallow the idea that hormones were the same regardless of species thus taking his knowledge in the field. I think it is not ~~modern~~

G. C. Lowe (cont.) acquainted with modern advances.

Percy R. Lowe - a most delightful man, probably in his sixties; narrow-faced, slender and a little shrivelled with pure white irregular eye brows. He is a man much in love with his work and likes to reminisce on controversial subjects but is very ill at ease before the public. He is full of ideas many unconventional but original. There is no pose to him and he is modest to an extreme about his really extensive work. See notes separately. For a man this age to be eager for the opinions of an upstart is unusual. He suffers somewhat of an inferiority complex before the trained biologist but I feel in his case without cause. True he may lack an appreciation of problems a better grounded man would have but he is full to develop new thoughts for it and ~~quite~~ sufficiently grounded in avian anatomy by his own efforts. He is very much unprejudiced on matters and makes a great effort to impartially judge his facts - rather remarkably so for a man of his age who has developed theories like the pteryx ancestry of the Ratites. Of course I think without realizing it he searches specially for characters upholding this principal in various groups. He has great quantities of skeletons and problems which probably he can never complete. (See other notes for more information)

A. Hattie Macpherson - a queer shrivelled little man, quite cross-eyed. A fair sense of humor and interest in birds ^{and} at doors met at Tenby.

Van Marle - met chiefly the madame - a most charming dutch woman of 30; cultured and pleasant in all manners. He is very quiet - close mouthed, evidently a business man with considerable amateur interest. He was an important cog in the Amsterdam program committee.

G. M. Mathews - a kindly lively old man of 60+ with a blunt manner and witty tongue. Referred to me as "Loy's child" and in a way that registered pleasantly. He is much about in the crowd but not among things specially. White-haired and thin he has a healthy creaked noise (not of senile type). He likes to talk birds of the field but does not lean towards more serious discussions. Very friendly and kindly to me at all times. He is one of our Englishmen willing to leave England and know people and places in the rest of the world. Now spends his time in England, however.

Ernst Mayr. Well known. Rather more pleasant and less arrogant than last summer. At these meetings he was ubiquitous and having a great time as self

appointed chief translator. Friendly with Germans and English alike and naturally having many conversations. He read no paper but talked some in discussions. People generally like him and respect his ideas and learning but by no means follow him as prophet and leader. He worked steadily and with not many interrupting arguments at Brit. Mus. He is a really well grounded man biologically.

Col. R. Meinertzhagen - a tall rugged man of 50 much tanned and "weathered" by outdoor exposure. He is an inveterate field man and collector. His debate on color runs as a result of radiation was fairly good but full of loop holes in matters of radiation, knowledge of screening effects of humidity and influence on genes. He took sharp criticism gracefully and as if expected in anticipation from a man named Buxton. He has wide acquaintance with all world events. He has pursued his radiation idea more as a play-thing than as real scientific investigation. There is no trace of German about him despite name.

Dr. W. Meise - A man in his 30's of clean shaven Dutch appearance. He reminds me somewhat of Louis Sjöman in appearance. In talk he has an over eager gleam to his eye that gave me some doubts as to his steadiness as a thinker. Also his sketchy slightly unorganized paper bore this out. But at the Brit. Mus. he worked with remarkable persistence and concentration so that I feel much more confidence in him: his eagerness is a social interest reaction. He is sincerely glad to meet and talk. His English is rather limited. At the British Museum he organized the display of recently described species of birds. His interests seem to be in birds of the world and family relationships. He is well ethed. Although biologically grounded I think he does not make use of it as Friedman, Mayr, Kennick do.

Middleton, A. D. - a young fellow without A.B. serving as Elton's field man in Grouse ecology. Pleasant and interested.

Newman, T. H. - a sleek little mouse of an Englishman who sat beside me at dinner. Interested in dove raising. Know Gifford of Auckland.

Nice, Mrs. M. M. A rather well preserved woman probably close on to 50. Pleasant brown eyes with somewhat yellow middle western appearance. In many ways a rather remarkable

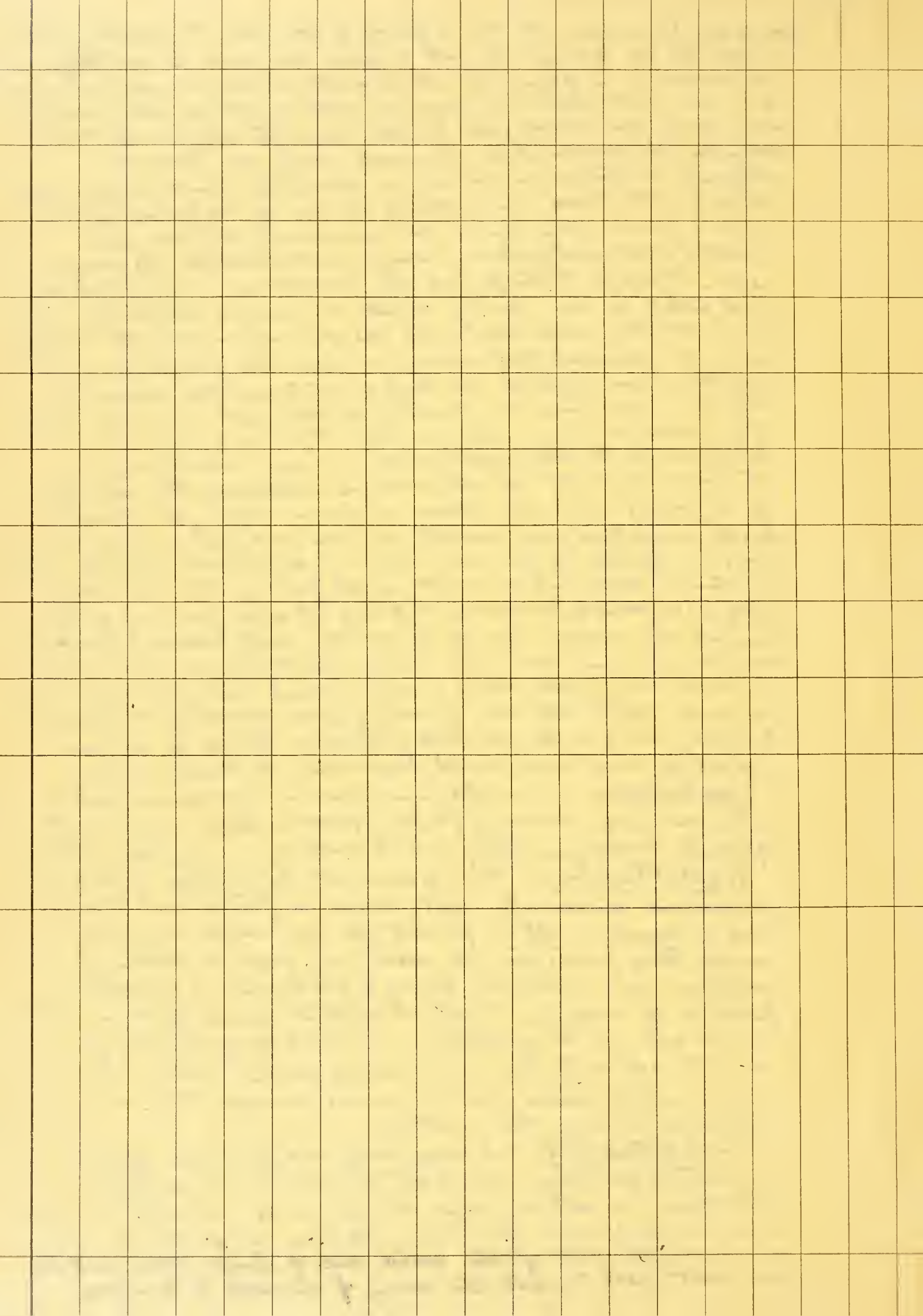
Mrs. Rice (cont.) woman. She has a family of four girls, the youngest 10 yrs or so. Despite this she has in the last 7 years done much in ornithology. Her husband is a physiologist at Ohio State. She has frequently been abroad and has worked hard on languages, especially, German. She reads it very readily and speaks quite a little but with little ear to correct phonetics. The Germans think it sounds pretty bad. Somewhat phlegmatic in temperament she is a persistent almost dogged type determined to learn. She rather is in awe of the German school and in general often lays on her compliments of those she respects (which is not all by any means) a bit too thick. The Germans seem to fall for it though and like her because of this and her great interest in their writings which she reviews extensively. She is a little too much labor with the publication idea. It is always

have you published that - have you seen this publication - I hope to or have published. She tends a bit to be the student of literature rather than the student of biologic fact and theory. But this would in many ways be false to her as she is keenly alive to behavioristic work and well versed in it. At times I feel she is not clear in capturing the essentials of a piece of work like Allen or Geise. When she doesn't quite understand she combats an idea and yet much of Allen's work is repeated in her own stories of song sparrow behavior. There is thus a little tendency to not see the forest for the trees. She is pretty well grounded biologically but does not make full use of it. Thus far my remarks are quite critical, partly because I came to know her very well and saw certain short-comings. There is no doubt she is a good worker, a very pleasant person, almost refreshing despite slowness of manner and persistent and quite careful. She is in the fore rank of ^{bird} behavior students in America but not the leader as one might occasionally be led to believe.

E. M. Nicholson - A small, unimpressive Englishman met rather casually. No very definite impressions except surprise at apparent inconsequentiality which probably is a false picture.

T. Gilbert Pearson - The only man at the meetings I took a pronounced disliking to. Short, coarse in feature and manner and arrogant is not a pleasant type. He reminds me of the small town politician. He seeks only people he thinks of importance and continually talks of his deeds in regard to protection in America. I had not expected much of him but he is not up to expectations. A most pitiful type of man to represent the Am. Audubon Society. All view him as a self-seeker. He does much damage to American reputation among the amateurs.

Lord Rothschild - A very heavy old gentleman of just Jewish type probably well past 70. He is in constant attendance in sections and seems much interested - rather more so than many old timers. He does not participate and seems rather out of the social side of things. It is said he has lost "caste" with the selling of collections to New York.



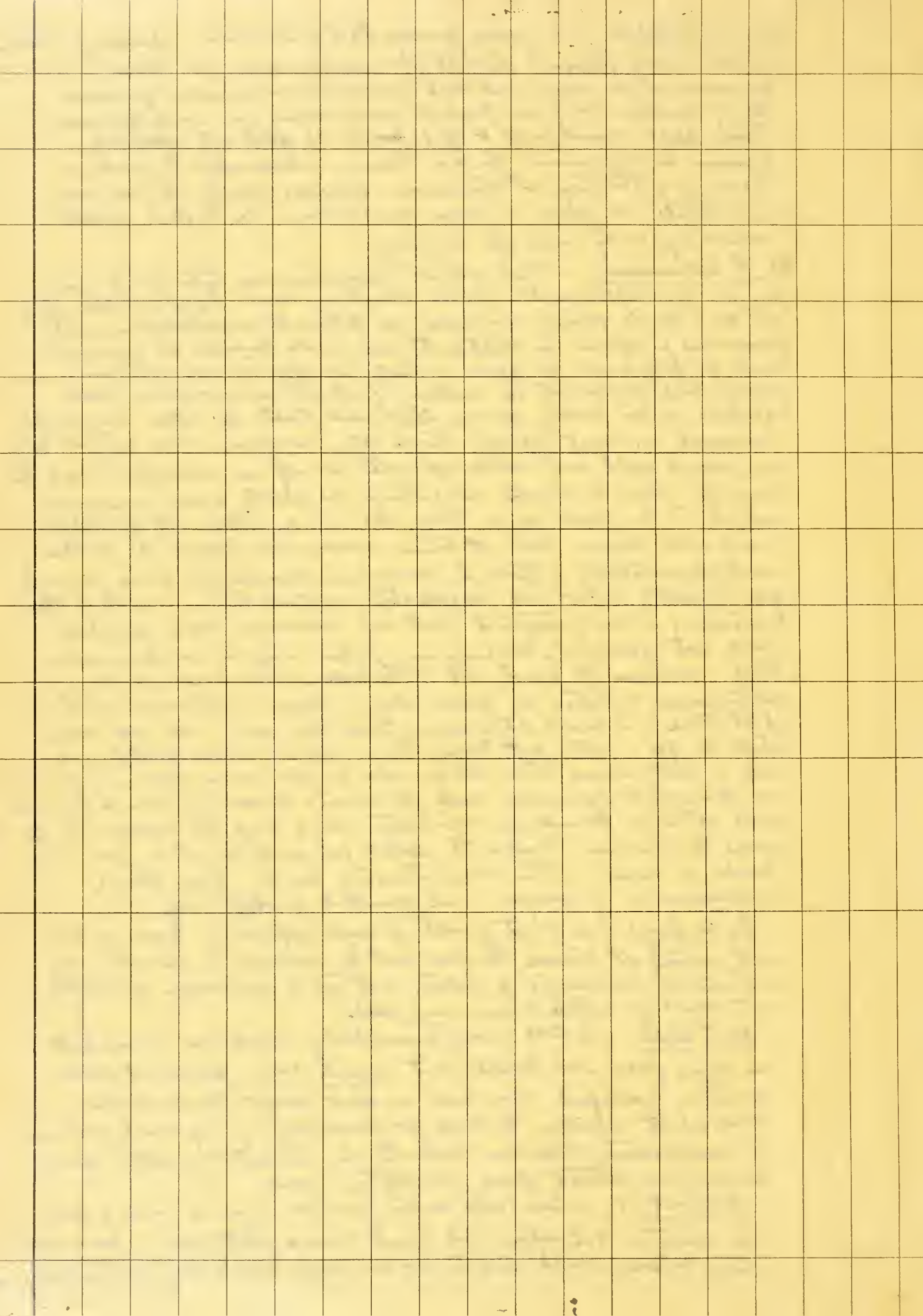
Dr. W. Rippell - a young german Ph.D of Stresemann probably about 24. He is a very pleasant, modest type much more so than Salomonson or Mays, but has completed an excellent problem. He is anxious to learn English and helped me with German. Fairly short - round faced & eyed ~~to~~ he is still not especially german in appearance. He now has a scholarship to work in Downing, of Starlings. Stresemann speaks highly of him and his thesis. He gave a paper on Starlings in English despite much difficulty with the language.

Dr. F. Salomonson - Tall blond, Scandinavian type quite young for his accomplishments. Some smutty said I figured his age at 25! He is chiefly concerned in Arctic distribution and formation of species in relation to ice. With perhaps an immature lack of judgment he fails utterly to distinguish between proof and probability in matters of Pleistocene evolution and speaks of his heavily proven this and that. His ideas are good however in most respects though often overdone. One might say he should wait and catch up with himself in scientific work. He himself says he doubts something he wrote a few years ago which is a good sign. Thus he is a little bit forward and over eager and at times cocky like Mays. He rather undiplomatically attacked American ornithologists in general for limited views on Arctic distribution. Much of the criticism was justified but his manner was peevish and not graceful. Stresemann who was in on discussion took occasion to point out both sides. Like Mays and Stresemann & Peters he favors large genera but runs wild on it at times. I heard Stresemann tell him once - oh you carry that too far - better not turn things upside down until you are a little surer these things are of the same species. He was on the whole agreeable and pleasant. Speaks German & English well although Danish by nationality. Mays says he would like to come to America. Thinks it would be easy to get a job and make a name. - this very interesting coming from Mays. Salomonson is of course well grounded biologically.

Dr. M. Sassi - a short jovial french appearing man of 50 but located at Vienna. He has met J. vulcani in life and was intended to describe jr. & habits. Not much impression of ability but doubt if water runs very deep.

W. L. Slater - A tall man resembling Aberholser somewhat in age, face and build but much more pleasant and socially graceful. We had a chat about Ranch La Brea and about shrikes. He had no knowledge of my work previous to conversation. Evidently he is not very active now and has retired from scientific work.

Sewart, H. - See notes on his pictures. A giant man of 30+. An amateur but experienced field man & photographer. Does work like Dixen would like to do in bird life history photography, etc.



Rensch See Berlin notes.

Dr. F. Steinbacher. A sandy-haired, stiff backed German of 50 very pleasant and well acquainted with north American workers and their problems. He is working in Strummann's Department continuing Kuntze's and Sushkin's studies. Is acquainted widely in Russia. I do not know his exact position.

Stor - Well known. Despite his stay of several weeks in England he did not seem widely acquainted except with Elton, Middleton and the economic - prediction group. - See account of Edmonson. Was very cordial and good to me throughout.

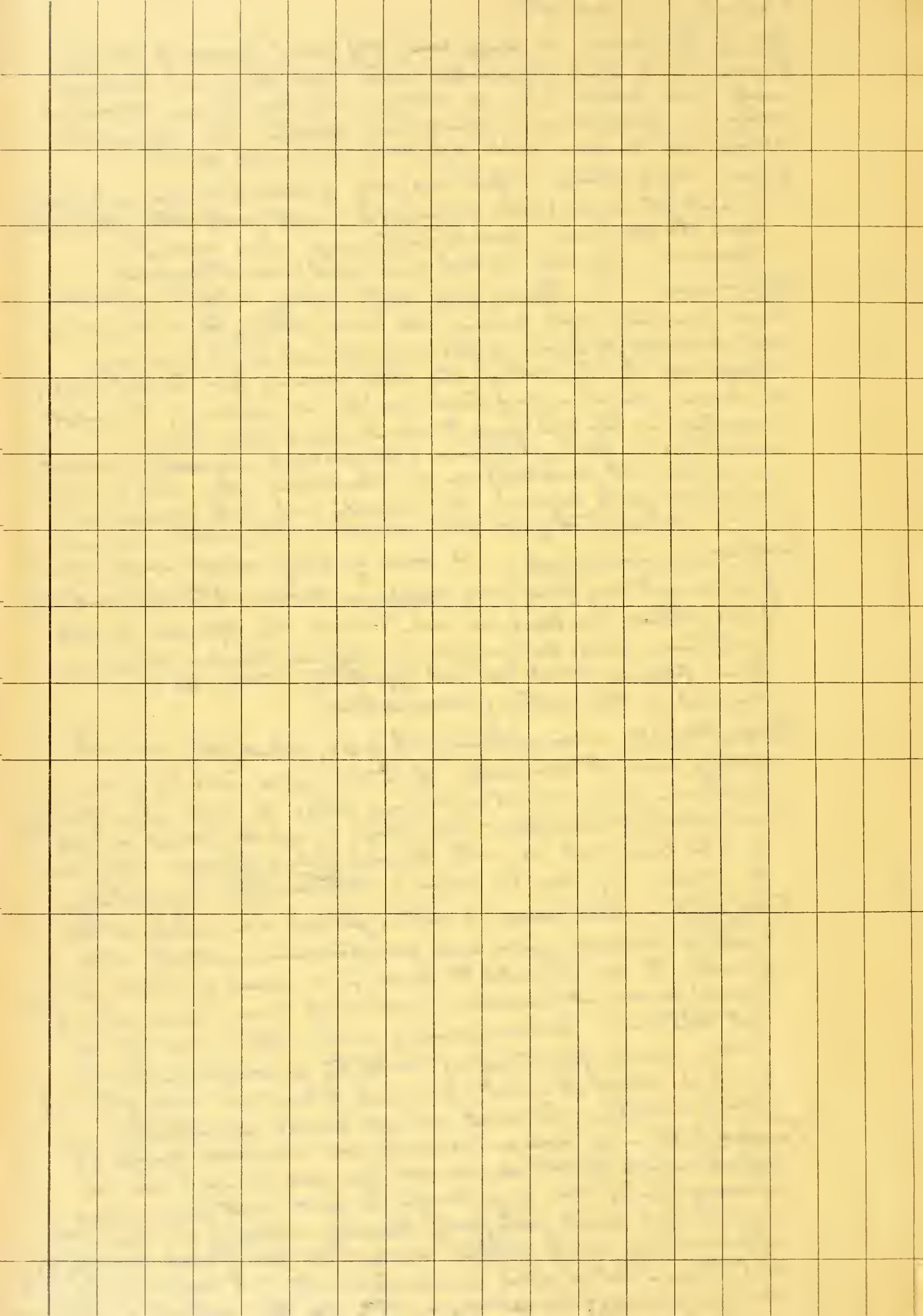
Strummann, See Berlin notes and meeting notes. A gracious man of wisdom and learning. He leaves nothing to be desired in any essential particular. Slight of build and with long gray wavy hair he is not of the stout German type in any sense. He wears almost a perpetual smile, an eyeglass. Somewhat eccentric in this and given to absent mindedness he is nevertheless a real gentleman. He presided excellently. No doubt he is the best president from all standpoints they still have for some time for a English. His daughter and sister accompanied him. I understood from Mrs. Nise his wife practices medicine.

Thompson, A. Landsborough - A man of fifty, middle height, rounded features yet long face, dark complexion. He does not at all remind me of Sir Arthur nor does he seem to have the sparkle the old gentleman had. He reminds of a typical banker business man. However I had no real opportunity to talk. He was reserved in the matter of conversation.

Thorpe, Dr. W.H. - an entomologist of 30, blond, tall and rather homely now at Cambridge. Spent two years in So. Calif. on petroleum fly, a most interesting piece of work. Was at UCLA and Riverside and knew A.C. people in south. Interest in birds a side line about as with Harold Kirby. Biologic background of course. I judge he holds a ^{Readership} ~~scholarship~~. Very friendly.

Todd, W.E.C. - Well known. A rather pitiful non-entity at the meetings. No paper given and no discussions entered. Was friendly to me. Wanted to know if a man he could get or good permanent collector - heaven help him. Todd worked at Brit Mus. accomplishing very little evidently. He was much perturbed at condition of collectors and fussed about it a lot. Jumped from one half-finished job to another. Showed several social eccentricities.

Tucker, B.W. - A man in his early 30s - a reader I judge at Oxford under Goodrich. He was general handyman on arrangements and very busy. A good sort personally; small size and painfully homely which gives him the appearance of being rather sour on the world which is not true. Not a gifted conversationalist but had interesting talk on Tenby beach; looks down a little on the untrained ornithologist



Tucker (cont) who is in a position of authority. See relation to Lane.

He himself is now working a problem on anatomy of head of a marsupial - I think Thylacynus. Says he should like and ought to turn to bird anatomy. He is a good debater. Intellectual very capable I believe. Mrs. Tucker very pleasant and informal.

Wetmore, A. Well known. He presided at anatomical section. There is no doubt he is not so much up on his toes zoologically as Reusch Tucker, Steemann etc. He was his usual placid self occupying a position of leadership but not so much ~~so~~ so and not so universally known as at home or as I might have guessed. He takes the leadership in matters pertaining to America - not Fleming. He has that placid way of propounding facts that gives confidence and delivers opinions with serious studious manner. I have always wondered whether this was not a deliberate attitude used to be convincing and at the same time pleasant.

That is does he try to be more casual and naive about political matters than he is. Perhaps it is natural or largely so, however. I think Storer wisely remarked, "He is at the top because he is never ruffled". This was following comments on B5 affairs. Wetmore admitted science was out of the B5 but Darling a good man likely to do real good. Is this optimism government loyalty. If so it is slowly and ~~surely~~ done with optimism of simplicity of purpose.

Wetmore raised some thoughtful though not profound points on my goose paper which gave me some good ideas. He then gave a little explanation of how "he had learned at Paris quite a little by necessity in dealing with fossils people had forced on him". And so he felt probably these geese had originated in early tertiary. This had no relation to my paper or to my arguments. True there was extra time for such discussion which was pleasant.

Lowe like myself is provoked by his leaving out ^{important} ~~diagnostic~~ characters in fossil descriptions which are merely word pictures. Like I he often wonders just how much osteology Wetmore knows.

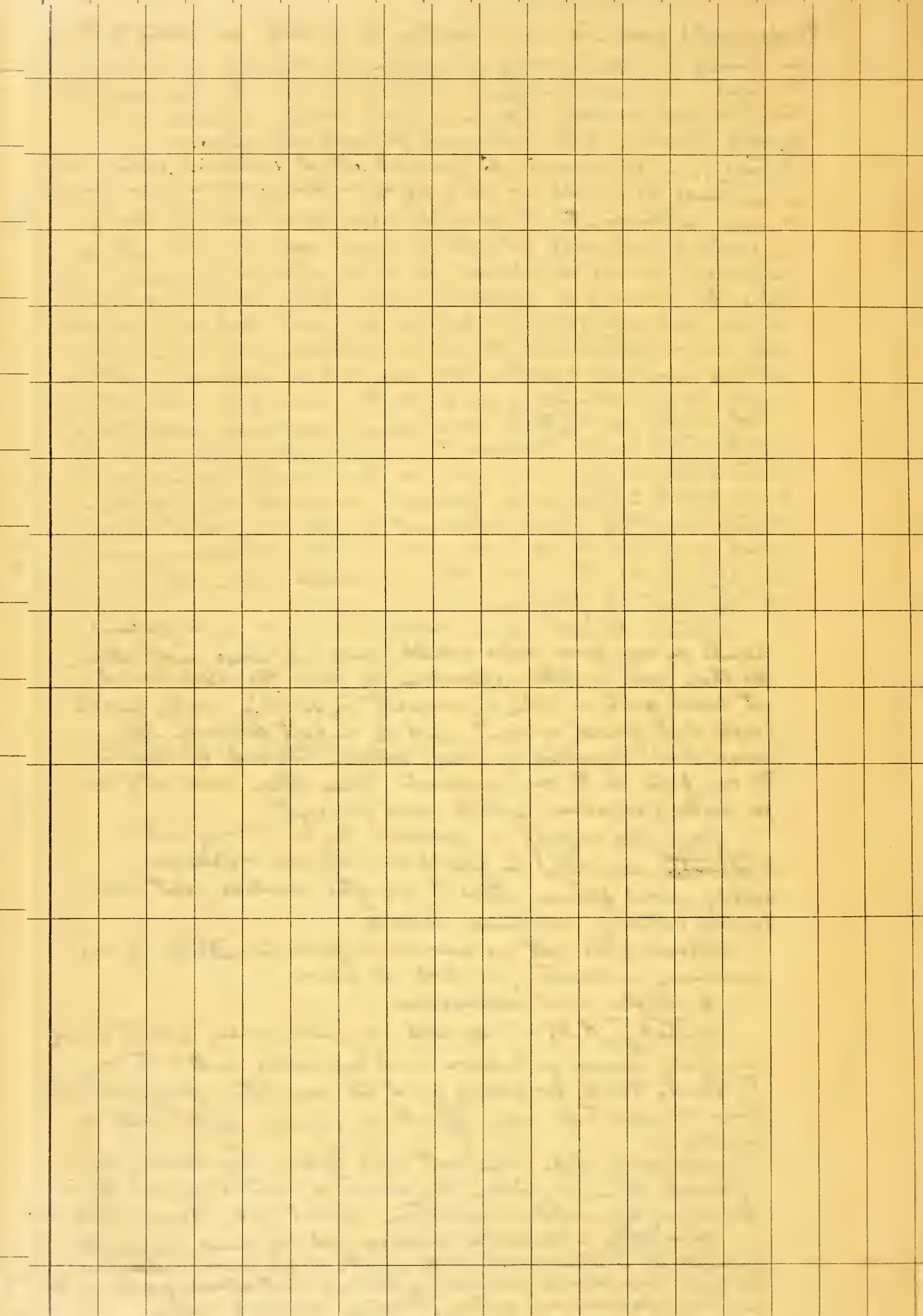
Wetmore was not in manner superior in attitude to his American associates. He read no paper.

H. Whistler - no impressions

Wetherby, H.F. - An old very tall man, white haired. A fair sense of humor and agreeable but not easy to meet. Took no active part in scientific program but ran Tenby trip very effectively. Seems well liked by English.

Workman, W.H. - Belfast stock broker. Very cordial, less formal than English. An amateur interest especially in photography and aviculture. About 55+. No scientific ideas.

Miss Gate - Talkative middle-aged old maid. Enthusiastic paleontologist. I think background slight. Very agreeable and anxious to help. Considerable practical experience. Not at all of quite up to Wildeyade Howards caliber. Position somewhat similar.





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