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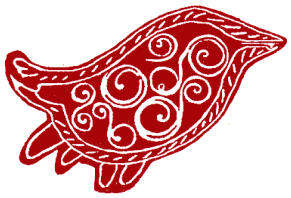

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Reviews.

The Irish Naturalists' Journal. Vol. IV., No. 7. January, 1933. 6/- per annum.

This number contains a fitting tribute to the late William Swanston, who died on December 24th, 1932, at the age of 92 years.

Always an untiring student of great discrimination, and a geologist of high standing, he devoted most of his spare time to the classification of the fossils enclosed in the silurian rocks of Co. Down and various other works in geological exploration. He leaves a record of good work, well done.

The useful Phenological Reports by Miss Fisher are continued and the Account of the Weather of 1932 in Northern Ireland by Rev. Wm. Ellison.

There is much to be learned from the long series of curiosities of insect and bird life, but to us the illustrated article by Mr. H. C. Lawlor on three bronze cauldrons is of especial interest.

Our Library Table, News of the Societies and Correspondence conclude a very useful number.

P.G.L.

The Irish Naturalists' Journal. Vol. IV., No. 8. March, 1933. 6/- per annum.

This number contains an article illustrated by finds in the submerged peat in Lough Neagh. It seems to prove that in this area paleolithic or very early neolithic man busied himself with a large flint industry of a far earlier period than the " Bann culture." We congratulate Mr. Blake Whelan on his important discovery.

Mr. Humphrey's report on the migrations of birds at the Irish Light Stations continues to give actual proof of the routes taken in the yearly migrations.

Amongst the Zoological Notes Mr. Welch refers to the fact of a porpoise having been found in a Co. Armagh river, and that a few days later one was killed in an inland river in Yorkshire. This is a most unusual occurrence.

Miss Fisher continues the Phenological Report for 1932. News of the Societies, Our Library Table, and Correspondence embrace writings of much importance.

P.G.L.

The Irish Naturalists' Journal. Vol. IV., No. 9. May, 1933. 6/- per annum.

It is with a poignant interest we read that very scholarly account of " Moor Balls " by the late Miss Mathilda C. Knowles, whose death on the 27th April has removed one of Ireland's most cultured botanists. This is probably her last contribution to science.

Miss Lynn, of Queen's University, explains the appearance of initials in the "heart" of a tree-trunk from photographs sent by Dr. Lee, Cork.

The discovery of the molluscs, Vertigo Angustior and the Acicula Lineata by Mr. D. K. Kevan, in Co. Kildare, is of interest from the fact of the first being not alone a vanishing species, but very rare in inland counties.

Mr. Eugene O'Mahony's notes, which will be continued in subsequent issues, on the Fish of the North Bull Area, promise much useful information.

Mr. Humphreys continues his account of the migrations of birds at Irish Light Stations for 1930.

News of the Societies, Library Table and Correspondence, all are of interest, and we may specially refer to a letter by Mr. R. H. Common on the vexed question of the extinction of the Irish Elk.

P.G.L.

The Highwayman in Irish History. By Terence O'Hanlon. Dublin. Messrs. M. H. Gill & Son. 1932. Price 3/6.

There is a peculiar feature in human psychology—the thrills we have got as youths, and the ever affectionate attachment we have for the exploits of highwaymen. They are ruffians in every sense of the word, but they carry a strange magic. They seem to be absolutely fearless of danger or death. No laws—of man or God—can hold them for they have made their own. Cruel, terrible, fearless as these men are, yet, from childhood to old age the lives of highwaymen will always interest, and even stir within us a feeling of envy that is indescribable.

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