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JOHN STERLING KINGSLEY

Cincinnatus, New York. April 7, 1853. At Sea, off San Francisco. August 20, 1929.

John Sterling Kingsley, another of the pioneers of American Zoologists, has left us. While he has gone, he has left behind, among those who knew him personally, memories of a scholar, and inspiring teacher, a pleasing though highly individualistic personality, a kind gentleman, and a democrat among men.

As his middle name might imply, he was a man of sterling qualities. Trained at Williams, Princeton, and Freiburg at a time when Comparative Anatomy commanded first attention, his investigations were made in this field of Zoology, and, strange to say, even in the face of many changes in Zoological fashions, he devoted his whole life to a study of Comparative Anatomy. Due in part to these long years of application to a limited field, he became America's leading Comparative Anatomist. In addition to his contributions as a Comparative Anatomist he was an editor of note, having edited the Standard Natural History, the American Naturalist from 1884 to 1896, and the Journal of Morphology from 1910 to 1920. For a period of thirty-four years he served as professor of Zoology at Indiana, Nebraska, Tufts, and Ininois universities. In recognition of these several accomp.ishments he was elected to membership in many learned societies, including the Philadelphia Academy of Sciences, the Anatomische Gesellschaft, and the Zoological Society of London.

Personally when I think of Whitman, Minot, and others of that group I think of John Sterling Kingsley.

John Sterling Kingsley was born April 7, 1853, at Cincinnatus, N. Y. He died about August 20, 1929, while at sea, shortly after leaving San Francisco for a voyage around the world.

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ROBERT RIDGWAY

Mt. Carmel, Illinois. July 2, 1850. OLNEY, ILLINOIS. March 25, 1929.

Robert Ridgway was early attracted by wild life. Before school age he was drawing and coloring bird pictures. He had a common school education but received an honorary degree in science from Indiana University. When he was but seveenteen years old he was appointed Zoologist of the U. S. Geological Exploration of the 40th Parallel under Clarence King. He was curator of the division of birds, U. S. National Museum, from 1880, member of the permanent