

ERNEST MERWYN EVANS
1884-1911

Ernest Evans joined the Club as an Associate Member in 1899, at the age of fifteen. As a boy he early showed a deep love for nature and out-door life—a love which never left him—though he did not become an active member of the Club, nor during the later years of his life was he able to devote much time to the serious study of ornithology. He was, however, a keen observer and took much interest in recording the arrival and departure of the birds and their nesting habits around his beautiful home at "Awbury", Germantown. While at school and college he spent many summers with his family on Conanicut Island, Narragansett Bay, and was always greatly interested in the birds of that section of Rhode Island.

Ernest Evans's sudden and tragic death revealed him a true hero to all; but to those, who were privileged to know him best, he will ever be remembered as a young man of great uprightness and strength of character, combined with a rare thoughtfulness for others and a certain gentleness of spirit, which seldom expressed itself more perfectly than in his appreciation of Nature and of Nature's songsters.