



WILLIAM PRESCOTT ROGERS

WILLIAM PRESCOTT ROGERS, a charter member of The Lepidopterists' Society and a life-long enthusiast in the study of the Lepidoptera, died May 6, 1953, after an illness of many months.

PRESCOTT ROGERS was born October 12, 1887, at Brookline, Massachusetts, the son of the late EDWIN ALBERT and HARRIET (PRESCOTT) ROGERS. He was educated in the public schools of Brookline and Newton, and at Harvard College, where he graduated with the class of 1911. He then went into the cotton brokerage business with the firm of E. A. Shaw & Co. of Boston, and in 1914, as manager of their Fall River branch, he settled in that city where he lived for the rest of his life. He was very successful in business, and that his judgement and influence were highly regarded by others was attested by his presence on the boards of directors of several institutions both business and charitable. The portrait was taken in about 1945.

He first became interested in butterflies as a boy around Brookline and Newton, forming a small collection before he was in High School. This interest always remained, and after settling in Fall River he entered with enthusiasm into collecting as his favorite avocation.

ROGERS specialized in the butterflies of New England and built up an excellent collection of the species of this region, mostly by his own efforts, also by exchange. Most of his collecting was done in and about Fall River and in its environs, especially Westport where he had a summer home. He made many collecting trips, however, to other parts of New England, from the cranberry bogs of Cape Cod to the slopes of Mt. Katahdin in Maine, and he always had his net along on occasional trips to the South and Southwest. His collection, which is in Denton glass mounts, is deposited in the Fall River Public Library, where it may be seen by request.

He also brought together a notable collection of books on butterflies, his interest therein being that of a bibliophile as well as of an entomologist, so that his library included many of the rarer classical publications as well as those of immediate practical use.

PRESCOTT ROGERS had a wide acquaintance among lepidopterists, both personal and by correspondence.

Besides the Lepidoptera, his avocations were golf, in which he was an outstanding player, and ornithology, which had given him a thorough knowledge of the birds of his region.

ROGERS is survived by his widow, GRETCHEN (HARWOOD) ROGERS, three sons, two daughters, and ten grandchildren.

Optimistic in outlook, sincere, genial, and unbounded in enthusiasm for whatever work was in hand, his company in any project was an inspiration and encouragement, and to his friends a privilege of great value.

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Dr. EUGENE G. MUNROE has found it necessary to resign as Associate Editor for the annual Season Summary. He has, however, agreed to remain on the Editorial Board of the *News* as an advisor and literature reviewer.