

Obituary

Dr. R. W. SHUFELDT

On January 21, 1934, in the 84th year of his age, Robert Wilson Shufeldt, Major, Medical Corps, United States Army (retired), died at New York, after a nine years' illness.

Born in New York in 1850, Dr. Shufeldt was educated there and in Cuba, graduated from Cornell University in 1874, and studied medicine at the Columbian University Medical School, receiving the degree of M.D. in 1876. He had a long military career, commencing by service as captain's clerk and signal officer aboard the gunboat *Proteus*, commanded by his father, during the American Civil War. He served later in Mexico, and, on the outbreak of the World War, he resumed active duty, being assigned to the Army Medical Museum.

Soon after achieving his doctorate he began a collection of fauna and flora of the region in which he was stationed, and commenced the compilation of papers on the osteology of birds. In 1881 he was appointed honorary curator of comparative anatomy of the Smithsonian Institute. He was a foundation member of the American Ornithologists' Union.

Dr. Shufeldt devoted himself to the study of art, anthropology, forensic medicine, and biology. He contributed many long and technical papers to *The Emu* on avian osteology.
