

cloth covered casket-not ornate but in keeping with your mothers preferences. Clothes were well chosen by Mary M. and Phyllis. She looked lovely in death.

Graveside service was brief and again scriptures. The sun shone briefly at time of services and burial, for which we were thankful. Heavy snows and severe weather preceded.

Have a transcript of the service, names of callers and of those sending sympathy cards and letters etc. which will be available on your return.

Didn't realize mother's influence had reached so deep and so far until a flood of mail came from far and wide. as a result have had about 125 letters to write. Have answered about 85 to-date with many more to go.

An understanding mother and wife.

Loyal to friends and relatives

Ever conscious of spiritual values.

Mother suffered little if at all after the initial stroke and her passing was peaceful.

Enjoyed your letter from Havana and a number from you to Ann which she forwarded for me to read. You overlook little in your study.

You enlighten us on the social, political, economic and educational status of the people your works take you among as well as topography and climatic conditions of the country.

As there are no sets of the black vulture, Andean vulture, quetzal or gallinule; also, any of the kites, in the collection, why not have Guatamala's museum curator procure these for us and we will send him some of our good material for same. The information on the incubation of sets, formerly requested, was appreciated and completes the data on these species.

Among the callers previous to mother's funeral were Drs. Cottam, Tanner, Hayward and Beck. They are anxious for me to finish cataloguing and indexing notes ornithological. Have worked out a system of keeping notes etc by adapting a uniform page the size of an ordinary volume with margins sufficient for the bindery to work into a book if desired. This sheet is a sample. Have completed four volumes and find it works out satisfactorily. Treatment of subjects of each species used in the index are similar to those noted by Bent-thus one can determine from the index which will designate dates, not book and page, the occurrence-migration, breeding etc of any species noted without necessarily going to the notes for detailed information.

Have been thinking I would make the B.Y. a deal-if they would give me a grant of say \$6,000 would spend a year in rewriting notes, injecting