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William J. Hamilton, Jr., newly elected president of the Society, was born in 1902 at Corona, New York. He took his B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees in 1926, 1928 and 1930, all at Cornell. He is now Professor of Zoology at Cornell, where he has been on the instructional staff for the past 28 years. His wife and three children are all Cornellians.

In addition to his teaching, Bill has served as Chairman of the Scientific Advisory Board of the E. N. Huyck Preserve since 1938; Secretary of the Ecological Society of America from 1939 through 1941; and Editor (Zoology) of Ecological Monographs since 1951.

Member of a number of professional societies, he is a Fellow of the New York Academy of Science and past president of the American Society of Mammalogists.

He served in the U. S. Army for three and one-half years and was discharged with the rank of major.

His chief research has been in the field of mammalogy and herpetology, with emphasis on the food habits of North American vertebrates, vertebrate populations, and life histories. His publications number 150, in addition to many reviews. His books include **American Mammals**, **Mammals of Eastern United States**, and he is co-author of the book entitled, **Conservation in the United States**.