

## EDITORIAL

Miles D. Pirnie, Chairman of our Wildlife Conservation Committee, has asked to be relieved because of the pressure of his other work. Therefore President Hicks has appointed Frederick N. Hamerstrom, Jr. to succeed him but, fortunately, has persuaded Dr. Pirnie to continue as a member of the committee.

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We are trying to make up a list of all complete sets of *The Wilson Bulletin*, whether in private hands or in public libraries. The number is apparently very small. If you have or know of a set which is complete or nearly so, please send the Editor a card with this information.

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The Editor's office is increasingly becoming a clearing house for information on current research projects in ornithology. A number of times this exchange of information through our office has prevented duplication and has put research workers with similar interests in touch with each other.

Would it, perhaps, be desirable to print regularly in the *Bulletin* lists of studies in progress? Such lists would of course be carefully restricted to genuine projects already undertaken—not merely planned. Please send the Editor your opinions on this.

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The next annual meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Club is scheduled for November 21 to 23 at Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, on the campus of the University of Illinois. The meetings will be held in Gregory Hall and expectations are that the Illini Union Building will serve as convention headquarters. Both of these buildings are new, being used for the first time during the present school year. The following organizations and their representatives will serve as sponsors of the meeting and as the Local Committee: S. C. Kendeigh (Chairman) and H. H. Shoemaker of the Department of Zoology, R. E. Yeatter and A. S. Hawkins of the Illinois State Natural History Survey, L. A. Adams of the Museum of Natural History, Mrs. A. F. Satterthwait and Mrs. R. R. Snapp of the Champaign-Urbana Bird Club, R. W. Fautin of the Ecology Club, and E. J. Koestner of the Wildlife Club.

## OBITUARY

H. ELIOT HOWARD, the famous student of bird behavior and author of "Territory in Bird Life" and other classic works, died on December 26, 1940.

SAMUEL E. PERKINS III, one of the leading ornithologists of Indiana, died in Indianapolis on January 31, 1941. He had been a member of the Wilson Ornithological Club for eighteen years and served as its Treasurer very faithfully and effectively from 1936 to 1938.

W. OTTO EMERSON, pioneer ornithologist, died in California on December 24, 1940 at the age of eighty-five.

G. KINGSLEY NOBLE died in Englewood, New Jersey, on December 9, 1940, at the age of forty-six. His first ornithological papers were based on field work which he did for Harvard University in the West Indies, Newfoundland, and Peru. His latest papers were important contributions to the experimental study of bird behavior.

JOSEPH BEAL STEERE, noted explorer and naturalist, died in Ann Arbor, Michigan on December 7, 1940 at the age of ninety-eight. His expeditions between 1870 and 1888 resulted in the discovery of many new birds and new facts on their distribution, especially in South America and the Philippine Islands.