THE WILLIAM BREWSTER MEMORIAL.

At the regular stated meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union, held in New York City, November 10, 1919, the following communication from friends and co-workers of William Brewster was received and the trust therein described was formally accepted by the Union. [Ed.]

The undersigned co-workers and friends of William Brewster, in recognition of the great service which for nearly half a century he rendered American ornithology, present to the American Ornithologists' Union, as Trustees, the sum of five thousand dollars to establish the "William Brewster Memorial."

The income of the Fund shall be used to defray the cost of a gold medal, to be known as the Brewster Memorial Medal, to be awarded every two years to the author of what, in the judgment of the Council of the Union, is the most important work relating, in whole or in part, to the birds of the Western Hemisphere, during the period in question. The remainder of the accrued income of the Fund, after defraying the cost of the medal, shall be given to the recipient of the medal as an honorarium.

In case the award is made for the joint work of two or more persons, to each of whom credit is due in equal share, a medal shall be given to each of them and the honorarium shall be divided equally between them.

In case the Council decide that no work has been produced that is of sufficiently high scientific quality to be worthy of award of the medal, the income accrued during the period shall be added to the principal of the Fund.

In case at any future time it becomes the opinion of two-thirds of the members of the Council of the Union, that an amendment of the terms of this deed of gift would result in the better attainment of the fundamental purposes of the Memorial — which are the perpetual honoring of the memory of William Brewster, and the encouragement of study of American birds by the bestowal at intervals of a medal and honorarium as recognition of ornithological research of high scientific quality — such amendment may

be made by the same methods then in force for the amendment of the By-Laws of the Union, but in no other way.

All details of the administration of this fund shall be wholly under the control of the Council of the Union, any provision of the By-laws of the Union to the contrary notwithstanding.

A sketch for the proposed William Brewster Medal has been designed and contributed by Daniel Chester French, which is acceptable to Mrs. Brewster and to us, and we trust will meet with the approval of the Council.

It is recommended that the award be made at the meeting of the A. O. U., at intervals of two years, the two-year period to end June 30 preceding the A. O. U. meeting of that year, the first award being made at the meeting of 1921.

It is recommended that the President of the Union shall appoint a committee, of three persons, to recommend the award of the medal and honorarium. This appointment to be made during the first week in July preceding the A. O. U. meeting at which the award is to be made. The report of this committee will be presented to the Council at its Stated Meeting for acceptance or rejection. In the event of its rejection the Council shall have power to make the award.

Having stated the general understanding under which the fund for the Willia 1 Brewster Memorial was raised, we feel confident that we may leave the formulation of the additional details under which it may be administered to the good judgment of the Council of the Union.

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