

NOTES AND NEWS.

OWING TO illness the Secretary of the Union, Dr. T. S. Palmer, has been unable to prepare the usual account of the Philadelphia meeting which took place October 21-24, 1928, and it will be deferred until the April issue of 'The Auk.'

We shall therefore at this time merely report that Dr. Joseph Grinnell was elected President, Mr. Arthur C. Bent, Vice-president and Messrs. James P. Chapin and James L. Peters members of the Council, the other officers remaining the same.

Dr. Herbert Friedmann, Mrs. Florence Merriam Bailey and Dr. Thomas Barbour were chosen Fellows.

THE LONDON FIELD for July, 1929 says: "In our Issue of last week we gave an account of some of the rarer birds belonging to the late Mr. J. B. Nichols's collection which were to be sold by auction on June 11th, 1929 and referred to an example of the Great Auk as the gem of the collection. At the time of going to press the result of the sale was not known; but we have subsequently learnt that the Great Auk changed hands at £660, which is more than twice the sum it was sold for in 1902. It is not only a record price for this species, but a record price for any other bird alive or dead that has ever been put on the market. The box of bones, including the skull, of a Great Auk, to which we also referred, and a model of the egg fetched £6 10s."

AN ACCOUNT of the unusual movement or migration of Canada Jays that has been taking place since last summer and is still going on is being prepared by Harrison F. Lewis, National Parks of Canada, Ottawa, Canada, who will appreciate any information, however scanty, relating to this subject.

MR. WILFRED W. BOWEN who accompanied Mr. N. Prentiss Gray on an expedition to East Africa and Angola in the interests of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, has returned with a valuable collection of birds. Mr. William Jenks Woolston, who accompanied by Mr. Francis Harper, made a summer tour of the lower Texas coast secured a fine collection of water birds for the same institution.

MR. JAMES BOND has returned to the West Indies to continue his investigation of the bird life of the islands during the winter and spring.

DR. A. K. FISHER has returned from an expedition to the Galapagos Islands and other groups in the South Pacific undertaken by Hon. Gifford Pinchot. Dr. Fisher we understand secured an interesting series of birds for the U. S. National Museum.