

NOTES AND NEWS.

NOMINATIONS FOR FELLOWS, Corresponding Fellows and Members should be in the hands of the Secretary on or before July 15. In accordance with the By-Laws, each nomination for a Fellow or a Member should be endorsed by three proposers.

THE LOCAL COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS has selected October 19-22, 1936, as the time of the annual meeting of the A. O. U. in Pittsburgh. It is not too soon to begin making plans to attend and it is hoped that all who can do so will endeavor to be present. Particularly is it desirable that there should be a large attendance from Pennsylvania and from places in nearby states and Canada. Recent reductions in railroad rates should materially enlarge the radius of attendance and decrease the traveling expenses of members who reside at a distance.

A LARGE COMMITTEE has been formed in England to erect a memorial to the late Lord Grey, statesman and lover of nature. This is to be three-fold in character:

1. To set up a statue or bust in a central spot in London.
2. To acquire and make over to the National Trust "Ross Castle," the small hill-top crowned by an ancient earthwork which adjoins Chillingham Park in Northumberland, a favorite view-point of Lord Grey's, which he often visited from Falldon.
3. To develop (by further endowment and otherwise) the existing scheme of research maintained by the British Trust for Ornithology at Oxford, of which University he was an undergraduate and in later years the Chancellor, to form a permanent Institute of Bird Studies, to which his name would be attached.

Subscriptions should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, The Lord Plender, at Barclays Bank Ltd., 23, Grosvenor Gardens, S.W. 1, London, made payable to "The Viscount Grey Memorial."

The subscription circular goes on to say:

"Lord Grey's love of wild birds, and his genius for expressing the widely-shared delight in watching them, won him the affection of thousands of people in England and overseas. As Chancellor of Oxford University he warmly supported the attempts then being made to create a team of field observers centered on the University.

"It is therefore fitting that his memorial, after provision of the statue or bust, and acquisition of Ross Castle, should be a permanent endowment of bird-watching in the British Isles, under University direction, and styled the Edward Grey Institute of Bird Studies. This would provide a small but suitably staffed Institute situated at Oxford, to furnish help and advice to everyone needing them on matters relating to wild birds and their habits. It will house the only library in the British Empire devoted to books, MSS., photographs and films about living wild birds, and will initiate co-operative inquiries. It will not duplicate the work of any existing body, but will fill a conspicuous gap.

"The British Trust for Ornithology, in collaboration with the University, has already made a good start in this direction. Teams of observers are successfully at work on experimental investigations, and a valuable library has been presented by a number of ornithologists. A generous response to the Viscount Grey Memorial Appeal will endow Great Britain with a model Institute which will have no match in the world as a centre for helping voluntary effort in the study of wild birds. Such a centre will keep alive the memory of Lord Grey by continuing his work of finding out how birds live and of stimulating more understanding of the pleasures and rewards of bird-watching."

IN 'THE AUK' FOR April, 1919, p. 321, appeared a note upon the bird collection of Mr. James H. Fleming which then consisted of some 25,000 skins representing 5,377 species and subspecies and 1,925 genera. Since then the collection has increased to the number of 35,000 skins, representing 7,232 species and subspecies and 2,135 genera and constitutes so far as we are aware the most representative private collection in America, if not in the World.