

On the morning of November 20, as we entered the Red Sea through the Straights of Bab El Mandeb, a White Wagtail, *Motacilla alba*, came aboard; later, this bird was joined by another. These birds walked the afterdeck, incessantly wagging their tails. Their food consisted of a green aphid which they pursued on the deck of the ship. The vessel was homeward bound and the seamen were busily engaged in the activities of preparing the ship for the home port. However, their activities did not discourage the Wagtails for the birds flew among the working crewmen. At Port Said the Wagtails left the ship. They had ridden the ship the entire length of the Red Sea and the Suez Canal and had probably flown ashore to some part of Egypt.

These observations are examples of one method by which organisms may be introduced into different parts of the world.—MALCOLM DAVIS, *The National Zoological Park, Washington, D. C.*

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#### NOTES AND NEWS

The Committee on Biography will welcome heartily the preparation of obituaries by any member. To prevent duplication of effort, please send to A. W. Schorger, 168 North Prospect Avenue, Madison 5, Wisconsin, the name of the deceased member for whom the obituary will be prepared.

The Editor wishes to extend his sincere thanks to all those who have aided in producing Volume 68 of 'THE AUK.' Many have aided by reading manuscripts in their particular fields of interest. John Emlen, S. Charles Kendeigh, and Robert W. Storer, members of the Editorial Committee, have done much of the first-reading of manuscripts submitted for publication. Robert W. Storer prepared the Index to Volume 68.

Appreciation of the colored plate and the increased use of black and white plates has been expressed by a host of readers. We take this opportunity to pass along this appreciation to all who contributed funds. The next colored plate will be in the January, 1952, issue and will be of the Cahow, painted by Roger Tory Peterson.

In June, 1951, the first five grants for ornithological research were made from the income of the Frank M. Chapman Memorial Fund. The amount distributed totaled \$1950.00; the recipients were as follows:

RICHARD B. FISCHER, Cornell University. A study, based upon banded birds, of the reproductive behavior of the Chimney Swift in central New York State.

BYRON E. HARRELL, University of Minnesota. Faunal and ecological investigations of bird life in southern Tamaulipas, Mexico.

OWEN A. KNORR, Colorado College. Life history studies on the Northern Black Swift in the Rocky Mountains.

MRS. ROBERT SCHULTZ, University of Washington. Continuation of a study of the life history of the Glaucous-winged Gull.

DAVID K. WETHERBEE, Clark University. Research on the pterylosis of North American birds.

Additional grants from the Chapman Memorial Fund may be made in the spring of 1952. In general, the needs of student investigators will be given preference over those of candidates already possessing widely recognized scientific prestige. Applicants should clearly state their problem and their qualifications and should be sponsored by one or more of their professors. Requests should be addressed to the Frank M. Chapman Memorial Committee, American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West at 79th, New York 24, New York. They should be received not later than January 31, 1952, in order that decisions may be made well in advance of the summer vacation period.