

NOTES AND NEWS

The seventy-second stated meeting of the A.O.U. is to be held September 8 to 12, 1954, at Madison, Wisconsin, under the sponsorship of the University of Wisconsin. Dr. A. W. Schorger is Chairman of the Local Committee on Arrangements. We hope that the early date of the meeting will make it possible for many students to attend.

The attractively illustrated circular of information on the A.O.U. has been revised. Anyone who is interested in joining the Union or who wishes to send this circular to potential members may obtain copies from the Secretary, the Treasurer, or the Committee on the Nomination of Members.

It is with regret that we report the death of two Fellows of the Union: Francis Henry Allen, on October 24, 1953, and Mrs. Walter W. Naumburg, on November 25, 1953.

The Eleventh International Ornithological Congress will meet May 29 to June 5, 1954, in Basel, Switzerland. Excursions have been planned for both before and after the Congress. We have a supply of brochures giving information on the Congress and the field trips and including a registration form and an application to present a paper. These forms must be sent to the Congress Office by February 28 at the latest. Those interested in attending may obtain a copy of this announcement by writing the Editor (Robert W. Storer, University of Michigan Museum of Zoology, Ann Arbor, Michigan).

The Cooper Ornithological Society will hold its next annual meeting at Tucson, Arizona, April 22 to 24, 1954. This will be the first meeting of a major ornithological society in the Southwest, and members of the A.O.U. who attend will be assured not only of a good meeting but also a chance to see many of the interesting birds of this region. The sponsors of the meeting are the University of Arizona, the Tucson Natural History Society, and the Tucson Audubon Society; Allan R. Phillips is Chairman of the Local Committee.

Mr. Richard A. Sloss of 65 Brower Avenue, Woodmere, New York, is gathering data on the spread of the Cattle Egret in North America. The importance of collecting and recording as much material as possible while this species is expanding its range should be clear to all observers, and we hope that as many as can will send Mr. Sloss information on this bird.

This issue of 'The Auk' contains one of two reports of the American Ornithologists' Union Committee on Bird Protection. Limitation of space requires postponement of the second report that deals in excellent fashion with needs and problems in this field. This report will appear in a later number.

May I take this occasion to reiterate the deep concern of the Council and of myself in matters of conservation and to invite members of the Union who are likewise interested to address me or the Committee on matters of bird protection.—Alden H. Miller, *President*.