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EDITORIAL

Retrospective and Prospective With the present number THE CONDOR closes its third volume, with its circumstance is connected a variety of reflections, interesting at least to those who have had the welfare of the magazine at heart. We believe that we violate no breach of propriety when we take the ornithological fraternity into our confidence, and discuss with them the future policy of the magazine.

THE CONDOR was projected by the Cooper Ornithological Club and its members three years ago, and its contents have since been made up largely from the writings of these individuals. Yet we feel that the magazine has not been in a narrow sense merely the bulletin of a Club, but rather the representative bird magazine which its editors have endeavored to make it. We have long since perceived that its scope of work and influence were not bounded by the limits of its home state, and many of the magazine's eastern supporters have commended its course in excluding other than strictly western material.

It has been the intention to treat all current ornithological happenings, eastern as well as western, and to participate in any and all discussions which might be of interest to the fraternity. The large body of western ornithologists in and out of the Cooper Ornithological Club form a very considerable percentage of the working force of American ornithologists, and we believe our eastern friends value THE CONDOR as a medium devoted to the presentation of western work.

It may be a satisfaction to the friends of THE CONDOR to learn that, owing to the present

large membership of the Cooper Ornithological Club, the magazine is self-supporting from the income so received, *exclusive* of all outside receipts. Its permanence therefore is established two-fold, and it is hoped that the fourth volume may mark the production of a magazine better in many respects than has been the volume just completed.

To those who have not known THE CONDOR intimately, we would ask a perusal of the 200 pages of text constituting Volume III. To its old friends we would merely mention a few contemplated improvements for the coming volume. It is proposed to use permanently 100-lb. coated paper which will lend an improved typographical effect and also improve the illustrations, while an artistic new cover will help in making THE CONDOR attractive outwardly.

With the closing of Volume III the artist lays aside his peculiarly innocent camera which has produced sundry "snapshots at prominent ornithologists" during the year. While most ornithologists are seriously earnest in their work and sometimes give the impression that jocoseness is foreign to their make-up, we believe that none can have objected seriously to the series of cartoons, good-natured in their intent, and that the feature as a whole has been favorably received. Further comment on the passing of Volume III seems unnecessary, other than to extend thanks for the generous patronage afforded, and to all friends who have assisted in the betterment of the magazine.

The new constitution of the Club which is now in effect, prescribes that the annual dues of \$2, shall accompany each application for membership and it will be well for members to observe this requirement in soliciting new members. This clause was considered well by both divisions of the Club and subsequently adopted. It is intended as a guarantee of good faith on the part of the member-elect, and does away with efforts to collect dues subsequent to election. Too often through the absence of new members from home, unintentional neglect and other causes, the business office is forced to assume the duties of a collection agency in securing the first year's dues. This is radically wrong; each member should spare the officers of the Club any unwarranted demands upon their time, for the rapid increase in volume of the business affairs of the Club leaves absolutely no time to devote to work which is and should be unnecessary. For these and other reasons it has been deemed proper that the first year's dues accompany each application for active membership. Members should act accordingly and may secure the proper form of application for membership from the business manager.

We commend to Club members the remarks of Mr. John J. Williams on another page with reference to individual work. Were each member to analyze the purposes of the Club and feel the responsibility of individual duty as has Mr. Williams, the Club would at once greatly increase its scope of usefulness.

We extend thanks to *Camera Craft* for the use of the two striking half-tones in this issue, portraying gulls on the wing. Of the difficult subjects with which the ornithological artist wrestles, none is perhaps more difficult than to secure detail in flying birds. The photographic magazines now allot considerable space to ornithological subjects and we recommend to our readers *Camera Craft*, a high-class photographic magazine published at 220 Sutter St., San Francisco. It is an acknowledged leader in photographic journalism and is well worth the subscription price of \$1.50 per year.

In the election of Drs. David Starr Jordan and Charles H. Gilbert of Stanford University to active membership, the Cooper Ornithological Club adds to its roster two of the leading zoologists of the Coast. Its membership had previously included several leaders in the science from the two great universities of the State,—all of which evinces the great interest which centers about the Club and its scope of work.

Club members are requested to consult freely the directory of members published in this issue, which has been carefully brought down to date together with addresses. Each member should learn the value of co-operation and should correspond or personally become acquainted with those members residing nearest to him.

It is expected that the index for Volume III will be mailed with our January issue as usual. Mr. R. C. McGregor, whose valued offices as "official indexer" for the two preceding volumes has spared the editors that labor, is engaged on U. S. S. *Pathfinder*, and should nothing prevent will complete the index in good season for mailing in January.

The authors of the list of Sierra Nevada birds in the present issue desire to announce that it was originally the intention to publish the list as a *Pacific Coast Avifauna*. This was later reconsidered, and the list, although personally published, becomes a part of THE CONDOR, in addition to which appears the regular 24 pages of the magazine.



LIVE WOODPECKERS WANTED.

The Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry of the Territory of Hawaii is desirous of securing a supply of live woodpeckers and writes Mr. W. Otto Emerson as follows: "I am desirous of obtaining a number of the downy woodpeckers to be introduced here on the different islands. Will you kindly let me know where I can obtain say 100 or 200 and the probable cost?" Those who can assist in the matter are urged to communicate with W. Otto Emerson, Haywards, Cal.

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