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EDITORIALS

The time for the Tenth Anniversary Meeting is rapidly approaching. Every member should make a serious attempt to be present, for it is likely no opportunity of a similar nature will again present itself till our Twentieth Anniversary—and that is too uncertain to be counted

on! Such a meeting as we
TENTH ANNIVERSARY MEETING hope for cannot fail to have a very wholesome influence, both upon the members, and upon the future work of the club. We are so scattered that it is only a comparatively few who enjoy the frequent meetings. Those who live at a distance are thus denied the benefits of the social side of the club—the association of members and the interchange of ideas and schemes which characterize our informal meetings.

The California meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union seems likely to be a success, as a circular describing the excursion has already been sent out by the committee. From this circular we learn that the "plan is to leave Chicago May 3, to reach San Francisco on or about May 13, and to hold a special meeting May 15-16 in conjunction with the California members of the A. O. U. and the members of the Cooper Ornithological Club." Already a local committee of arrangements has been appointed.

At the last meeting of the Northern Division, March 7, it was definitely decided that the Tenth Anniversary Meeting should be held at the Academy of Sciences in San Francisco, May 15 and 16, in conjunction with this special meeting of the A. O. U. The advantage of this arrangement is at once evident, and every one should be present, not only to make the two meetings a success in point of interest, but to become acquainted with those who attend. It is not often that our Eastern friends brave a journey to the "wild and wooly," and we should one and all assemble to help make their

trip to the West both enjoyable and long-to-be-remembered.

A committee now has the matter of the meeting and program in hand. You are cordially invited to write to the editor on the subject, so that we may gain some idea of who are coming. Later when plans are perfected notices will be sent to each member.

The A. O. U. Bird Bill, thru the activity of Mr. Wm. Dutcher, Dr. T. S. Palmer, Professor Wm. E. Ritter and others, has been introduced into the State Legislature. There seems to be

a strong sentiment in favor of the measure, which should insure its speedy passage. The bill, which aims to give an adequate protection to our non-game birds, is essentially like the Cooper Club measure which was introduced two years ago, but which failed, as will be remembered, to secure the governor's signature. As the legislature adjourns within a few days, the fate of the bill will shortly be made known thru the daily press.

Both the editor and the business manager will be far removed from the scene of action during the coming summer. It is therefore requested that all longer articles intended for the July issue be mailed to Palo Alto not later than May 15. It will be necessary to make

A NOTICE up the July number very much earlier than is usual, as the proof sheets will have to make a round trip of some 6000 miles. As we examine at least three proofs the reason for the request is evident.

We regret that thru lack of space the FIELD AND STUDY section has been omitted in this issue. Many short notes will appear in the May number.

Owing to an unfortunate mistake the advertising pages in the January issue were numbered 31 and 32. These numbers have been duplicated in the present issue (frontispiece, as we do not publish 'plates').

It is probable that we will hold the May issue over a few days in order to include a report of the meetings. As we expect plenty of members here on the 15th the issue will not be missed!

Notice to Members of Southern Division.

At the meeting of this division held on February 28, 1903, a committee was appointed to make preliminary arrangements toward the revision of Grinnell's "Birds of Los Angeles County." It is proposed to collect all material notes, etc., that will in any manner bear upon the species known to occur in the territory outlined in the above mentioned list. Members are especially requested to report all early and late nesting dates that come under their notice during the coming season with whatever migratory notes they may have.

A more detailed account of the work ex-