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## EDITORIALS

The other day we received for publication in THE CONDOR an article which filled us with the joy of approval. The subject-matter was good, and that was appreciated; but what aroused our immediate admiration was that it was in every way in a form to forward to the printer at once without our having to make a single correction or alteration.

To begin with, this article was written on only one side of the paper; a left-hand margin of an inch or so was considerably left on each page, so that we found space to write instructions to the printer; the text was paragraphed and indented properly; altho written by hand, it was clearly legible—type-writing would have been but little plainer; the author had taken pains to punctuate, capitalize and spell correctly (what a *rare* instance!); the author had looked up the style we were accustomed to use in running general (10-point) articles, and he had put the title at the head followed directly beneath by his name, and at the end of his article he had written his home address.

Now, if all the articles submitted for publication were as carefully written as this ideal, what a "snap" an editor would have. He could put in his extra time in studying how to improve the make-up of his magazine instead of grinding away evening after evening correcting, or re-writing, carelessly composed manuscript.

Contributors, get the idea?

In retiring from the Business-Management of THE CONDOR, Mr. H. T. Clifton leaves the

affairs of the magazine in a better condition financially than it has ever known before. The routine drudgery of the work has been performed uncomplainingly, and only unavoidable demands upon his time from another source have now compelled Mr. Clifton to insist on resigning. The Editor takes this opportunity of acknowledging the cordial cooperation and active help always freely granted him by Mr. Clifton whenever called upon. And we want our fellow Cooper Club members to remember that a very large proportion of whatever of success our magazine attains is due to the exertions of the Business Manager.

Mr. J. Eugene Law has been elected to the office of Business Manager of the Cooper Ornithological Club. This means also, of course, that the affairs of THE CONDOR are from now on under his direction. Mr. Law brings into this work a banker's knowledge of business methods, and we feel confident that the Club may expect continued growth in the size and mechanical quality of our magazine. Let it be remembered that henceforth all subscriptions and dues should be paid to J. EUGENE LAW, HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA.

The index to Volume IX, printed as part of this issue, was prepared by Mr. Walter P. Taylor.

Don't forget that the price of this magazine is now \$1.50 per year, and that subscriptions will not be accepted for less. The Club dues remain the same as before—\$2.00.

One of the most enjoyable events in the Club's history was the Southern Division meeting held at Pasadena, October 3, 1907, reported in another column. The members had the pleasure of meeting Dr. C. Hart Merriam, and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Bailey, who are now carrying on Biological Survey work in southern California. Dr. Merriam told in a fascinating manner many of the California Indian legends pertaining to birds.

Mr. Harry S. Swarth, of Chicago, author of "The Birds of the Huachuca Mountains, Arizona," is now doing bird work again in Arizona. This time he is exploring the Santa Catalina and Chiricahua Mountains.

Dr. Walter K. Fisher, of Stanford University, has been granted a leave of absence for the first semester, and is spending the time in Washington, D. C.

During July, Mr. G. Frean Morcom visited Chicago and the bird men of that city.

Mr. G. Willett took an ornithological outing into the San Bernardino Mountains in June, where the Editor also spent nearly his whole summer vacation.

As for 1908, we have already on hand some strong, healthy articles, with striking photos. The ending and beginning of volumes will mark no metamorphosis in the character of our Magazine; we expect to continue to publish fresh western ornithology.