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EDITORIAL NOTES AND NEWS

The lateness of the present issue is due to the necessity of carrying on the editorial functions of proof-reading, etc., from the field. A certain corner of Mono County, California, by the way very interesting ornithologically, is some six days distant by mail from San Jose, in the same state, where *THE CONDOR* is printed.

The National Association of Fish and Game Commissioners met in San Francisco early in September, with several Cooper Club men interested in game conservation taking prominent part. The educational method of enforcing game-laws, a policy recently adopted by the California Commission, was the theme of the paper spoken of as the most important one of the session. Much of the success of the convention was due to the energetic efforts of Mr. Ernest Schaeffle, Secretary of the California Fish and Game Commission.

The magazine *Blue-bird*, published by Dr. Eugene Swope, at Cincinnati, Ohio, is running a series of very creditable colored plates of birds' eggs, evidently reproduced from autochrome photographs. Further possibil-

ties in this line are thereby suggested, so that with perfecting of methods, especially as to the speed of autochrome plates, we may expect before long color-photos of living birds.

As noted on page 212, the Cooper Club's list of Honorary members has been increased by the addition of the name of Henry W. Henshaw, now Chief of the Bureau of Biological Survey, and at one time active as a field ornithologist in many parts of the west. It will be noted that the small number of elections to this class of membership denotes special distinction,—a sort of emeritus recognition of creditable work in western ornithology in earlier days when workers were few and the stimulus of fellowship perhaps less in evidence than now as a spur to effort.

The Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was addressed at its September meeting in Berkeley by Dr. William T. Hornaday, who spoke on the question: "Shall we increase our big game on a food-supply basis?"

Ewen S. Cameron, well known for his many excellent articles on Montana bird-life, died on May 25, 1915, at Pasadena, California. Cameron was born in Scotland, December 19, 1854, and latterly carried on the business of cattle-ranching for many years in the vicinity of Marsh, Montana. While thus interested, all his spare time was devoted to ornithology, in which pursuit his wife aided through her successful work with the camera. Scores of articles under the authorship of "E. S. Cameron", creditably describing different phases of the bird-life of Montana and Dakota, have appeared in various magazines, notably *The Ibis*, *The Auk*, *Recreation*, *Country Life*, and *Field* (English).

COMMUNICATIONS

FAIR PLAY FOR THE COLLECTOR: AN OPEN LETTER

Dr. Harold C. Bryant,
Game Expert, in Charge Education, Publicity and Research, State Fish and Game Commission, Berkeley, California;

My dear Sir:

It is with great pleasure that I learn of your advancement in the service of the California Fish and Game Commission; and I am informed that your new duties will include that of issuing permits to scientific collectors. You are to be congratulated upon these new honors, so well deserved; and we who collect congratulate ourselves upon having to deal with a man of broad and well-balanced sympathies, as well as of scientific training and field experience.

Your working chief, Mr. Ernest Schaeffle, was so good as to propose that I offer you a few suggestions regarding the execution of these new duties; and you will receive in good part, I am sure, from so sincere a well-