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EDITORIAL NOTES

Messrs. Chambers and Law have filed with the two Divisions of the Cooper Club their report of the organization's finances for the year 1916. This report shows a remarkably healthy state of affairs when one considers the rather perplexing conditions under which publishers have had to labor the past year or so. To our Business Managers is due the Club's heartiest thanks for the intelligent attention they have devoted to its affairs. The following are some of the outstanding features of the report. The total receipts for the year amounted to \$2143.39, derived as follows: Dues, \$1281.35; subscriptions to Condor, \$223.45; advertising, \$4.00; sale of back Condors, \$71.59; sale of Avifaunas, \$338.00; life memberships, \$225.00. Expenditures involved \$1991.61, covering the following items: Printing Condor, \$1167.56; half-tone cuts and other illustrations, \$124.65; separates, \$8.21; Editorial expense, \$22.94; Managerial expense, \$149.05; Division expenses, \$59.20; balance on Avifauna xi, \$460.00. In bank on January 1, 1916, \$88.08; on January 1, 1917,

\$239.86. Against this latter fund, however, should be debited advance dues and subscriptions received on 1917 account; indeed, an actual deficit is figured for 1916, of \$142.25. Nevertheless the outlook for 1917 is not discouraging, in spite of the world events which are bound to have a depressing effect on every enterprise for the production of other than the basic necessities of life and war. It is quite likely that a reduction in the size of THE CONDOR for 1918 will be necessary. It is planned to establish a reserve this year to cover possible decrease in income in 1918. Ornithological periodicals the world over have already shown more or less reduction in size; some of them have suspended altogether. We have been until now the most fortunate, and prospects with us are still far from serious.

The Cooper Club suffered the loss of a useful and widely known member in the death of Norman DeWitt Betts who, on May 21, 1917, was instantly killed by lightning at his cattle ranch in northeastern Utah. Graduated from Cornell University as a mechanical engineer, and employed for several years in the United States Forest Service, Betts's work had taken him into the field in several states of the middle west. At the time of his death he was thirty-seven years of age and was therefore at a period which promised much for ornithology, for he had become practiced as a field observer and had begun to record notes of much general interest on the bird-life in the little known region of his new home. His first publications were in *The Auk* and *Bird-Lore* and were written from St. Louis in 1909 and 1910. Later, notes in the same magazines were contributed from Boulder and from Madison. In THE CONDOR of July, 1916, appeared an account written by Betts relative to the birds encountered during his trip to Montana in the summer of 1915. Of greatest interest, however, is his list of the birds of Boulder County, Colorado, a paper of fifty-five pages published by the University of Colorado as Number Four of Volume Ten of their "Studies".—O. WIDMANN.

PUBLICATIONS REVIEWED

HOW TO MAKE FRIENDS WITH BIRDS | What to do to make one's home grounds attractive to | bird life. From nesting boxes to winter feeding | By NIEL MORROW LADD | President of the Greenwich Bird Protective Society. | Member of the Linnaean Society | [design] | More than 200 illustrations | Garden City New York | Doubleday, Page & Company | 1916. Pp. 8+228, illus., as above, some colored.