

NOTES AND NEWS

The fifty-sixth stated meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union, held in Washington, D. C., October 17-21, 1938, brought out the largest attendance in the records of the Union. The program of fifty-eight papers was noteworthy for the high average quality of the contributions. A new feature, much to be commended, was a symposium on "The Problem of the Individual *vs.* the Species in Bird Study." Led by Herbert Friedmann, the symposium was contributed to by Francis H. Herrick, G. K. Noble, Margaret M. Nice, Frederick C. Lincoln and N. Tinbergen. Mr. Waldo L. McAtee asked to be relieved of the duties of treasurer of the Union after his many years of service, and Mr. Rudyerd Boulton was elected to this office. Three vacancies on the Council were filled by the election of W. L. McAtee, Robert T. Moore and John T. Zimmer. Otherwise, the officers remain the same. One Fellow was elected, Ira N. Gabrielson, of Washington, D. C. Eight members were elected: Herbert G. Deignan of Washington, D. C.; S. Gilbert Emilio of Salem, Mass.; Thomas T. McCabe, of Berkeley, Calif.; Harold Michener of Pasadena, Calif.; Gayle B. Pickwell of San Jose, Calif.; Austin L. Rand of New York City; Alexander Frank Skutch of Baltimore, Md.; and E. Lowell Sumner, Jr., of San Francisco, Calif. The next meeting, which had already been set for California, was announced for June 19-23, 1939, in the San Francisco Bay area, with headquarters in Berkeley.—A. H. M.

It has become almost a yearly custom since 1929 to acknowledge the assistance of Miss Selma Werner in preparing the annual index of the *CONDOR*. It is a pleasure again to do so this year. Her continued efforts are especially appreciated by the editors who have learned to expect a sheaf of neat and carefully prepared index copy for each November issue.

"Formation of geographic races is probably the most usual method of differentiation of species both in the animal and plant kingdom . . ." (Dobzhansky, *Genetics and the Origin of Species*, 1937, p. 47). There should be no criticism of the attention given geographic races of birds, but only of the methods employed in studying them.—A. H. M.

MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

SOUTHERN DIVISION

AUGUST.—The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held at the Los Angeles Museum, Exposition Park, Los Angeles, California, on Tuesday,



Fig. 70. Wilson C. Hanna, member of the Cooper Ornithological Club since 1902, and contributor of many articles on the nesting habits of birds.

August 30, 1938, at 8 p.m., with about 180 members and guests in attendance. In the absence of the president, Mr. George Willett presided.

The minutes of the Southern Division for July were read and approved; those of the Northern Division were read by title only. Three applications for membership were read as follows: Louis M. Moos, Soil Conservation Service, Great Falls, Montana, proposed by Mrs. N. Edward Ayer; Mrs. Caroline Wells Rogers, 1006 McConnell Avenue, Route 4, Santa Rosa, Calif., by John McB. Robertson; and James S. Bancroft, 64 Sharon Avenue, Oakland, Calif., by Ralph W. Chaney.

Mr. Willett announced the marriage of two Cooper Club members, Laura Law to Harold H. Bailey, and asked all of their friends to sign the note of congratulation from the Southern Division of the Club. Mr. Willett further called attention to several new publications of interest to ornithologists: Dickey and van Rossem's *Birds of El Salvador*, Oberholser's *Bird Life of Louisiana*, Bent's *Life Histories of North American Birds of Prey*, Part 2, and two contributions from the California Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, Mary Erickson's paper on the wren-tits and Lawrence Compton's on the pterylosis of the *Falconiformes*.