

NOTES AND NEWS

The XII International Ornithological Congress will take place in Helsinki, Finland, from June 5 to June 12, 1958. Dr. C. H. Blake, formerly of Lincoln, Mass., and now of Hillsboro, N. C., is planning to attend, and will serve as the official delegate of the Northeastern Bird-Banding Association.

Though we are receiving a number of good papers, the greater length of issues enables us to offer early publication. We can now handle individual papers up to 40 printed pages, or more, in a single issue, and will consider still longer papers if it is feasible to run them in installments.

Some readers have gained the impression that only papers involving banding are acceptable for *Bird-Banding*. While preference has always been given to such papers, the scope of the journal has never been limited to them. We welcome good papers on many aspects of field ornithology, particularly migration, population dynamics, nidification and reproduction, or plumages and molts.

The editor has a much-used set of Section *Aves* of the *Zoological Record* from 1923 to date, but lacking the number for 1940 (volume 77), which has been out of print for a long time. If any reader knows of a copy of this number for sale, word of it would be deeply appreciated.

The first draft of the index to *Bird-Banding* for 1941 through 1950 has been completed on card form, and as this issue goes to press, substantial progress has been made on typing the second draft. While we are not in a position to set a definite publication date, it should be in the near future.

At its annual meeting, on September 28, 1957, the Northeastern Bird-Banding Association accepted, with regret, the resignation of Daniel P. Johnson as Secretary-Treasurer. Mr. Johnson had ably carried the burdens of that office for three years. After several years as chief executive of the Cape Cod Council, Boy Scouts of America, he has been called to Boston for a more responsible Boy Scout job.

Mr. Johnson's office as Secretary-Treasurer will be filled by Roland C. Clement of Rhode Island, an active ornithologist who is Executive Secretary of the Audubon Society of Rhode Island. All correspondence about dues, subscriptions, missing issues, back issues and similar matters should now be directed to Mr. Clement, at the address shown on the inside back cover.