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Additional comment on the annual meeting after the reading of the report of that meeting by the Secretary seems almost superfluous. But the writer has followed the course of the Club from its beginning, and he may, therefore, be permitted to remark that this meeting left him with the conviction that whatever of uncertainty there may have been in the past about the continued functioning of the Club its future is now secure. Such a spirit of good fellowship, mutual understanding of differing points of view, and such earnestness in the work of accumulating facts relating to our particular field of endeavor can mean nothing else than increasing value of the results of our work. And let us begin now to plan to make the next meeting better than our best so far.

The creation of a board of coöperating editors was one of the most significant and valuable actions of the last meeting. This first number of the new volume illustrates this point. It not only lightens the task of editing but insures material of a higher character to choose from, and adds a more personal touch to our journal. Each of these coöperating editors would ask for your coöperation in securing material for publication. This is probably even more true of the Secretary, upon whom falls the task of preparing the more personal material. You would be doing him a service of you would not wait for him to ask you for items of interest, but would keep him informed of trips or journeys which you have planned, or any such which you know others have in contemplation. You would also be doing the readers of the Wilson Bulletin a service, because everybody wants to know what is going on in the way of bird study.

It was voted to advance the subscription price of the Wilson Bulletin to \$1.50 a year to non-members. All members, whether Associate or otherwise, receive it free, if their membership dues are paid up. This action was necessary because the cost of four numbers exceeds a dollar, and because there is no immediate prospect of any material reduction in the manufacturing costs in the printer's trade. It is true that there has been a small decline

in the price of paper, but paper is a small item in the cost of manufacturing printed matter.

Your special attention is called to the statement of the Committee on Ways and Means, in this column. Parallel with this effort of this committee is that of the Secretary, with his teams of helpers, in soliciting new members. Upon the response to these efforts depends to a large degree the character of your official organ. Present expectations of income make possible a 200 page volume with a few illustrations. A 50% increase would mean a 300-page volume, with more illustrations, including at least two colored plates. If every member should get one new member this would be accomplished. Haven't you some friend who ought to become a member, and probably would if you asked him to?

From the Ways and Means Committee.

Your Ways and Means Committee would like to make a brief statement to the Club on its recent activities. In response to the circular letter sent out to the membership under date of January 25 \$232.00 has been received to date, from which \$13.00 must be deducted for expenses. We wish to thank the contributors for their generous support. In due time the money will be turned into the treasury of the Club and applied to the expense of publishing the Bulletin. The fund will be held open for a while longer, so that those who desire may still send in contributions. The Club is conducting a well organized drive for increasing the membership. A larger and better illustrated Bulletin will help greatly in this enterprise, and conversely, the larger membership will support the better periodical. Your contribution is asked at this time to help bring about this happy equilibrium.

Those who do not wish to make direct contributions are invited to accept classification as active or sustaining members. If a considerable number of associate members would volunteer to become active members the increased income from the dues would make a great difference in the Club's budget. Any associate or active member will likewise be welcomed as a sustaining member. Concerning these changes in classification please notify the secretary, Mr. A. F. Ganier, 2507 Ashwood Avenue, Nashville, Tenn., or the treasurer, Mr. Geo. L. Fordyce, Youngstown, Ohio.

Respectfully,

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