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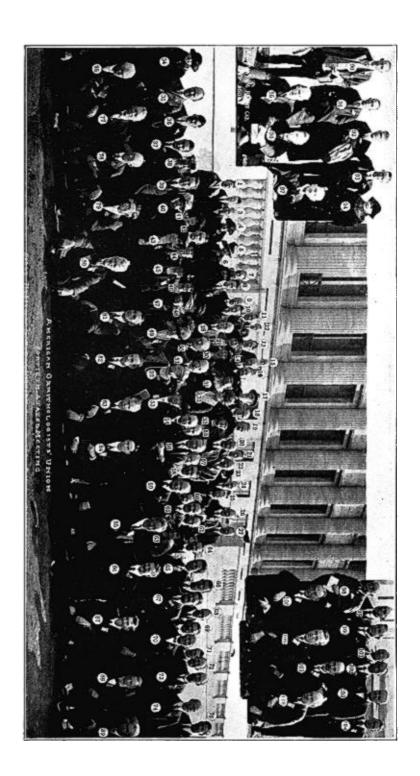
As a courtesy to the American Ornithologists Union and in honor of its first meeting in the Middle West, we have prepared the plate used as a frontispiece for this issue. In addition to the many visitors from the east, west and Canada, the central area furnished a full and representative delegation, and it is a source of satisfaction to be able to say that nearly all of those depicted are members of The Wilson Club as well as of the A. O. U.

The collecting of the names of the 108 people shown in this picture was no small undertaking. When the writer had reached the mark of 80 he found it necessary to send out an S. O. S. call for assistance. With much appreciated help from Secty. Palmer, of the A. O. U., Mr. P. B. Coffin, Mr. Ruthven Deane, Miss Althea Sherman and Mr. Wm. I. Lyon, the names of all but half a dozen have been gathered and are enumerated below.

The picture was taken just after lunch and it is to be regretted that some of our well known members, who were present, tarried so long at satisfying their gastronomic cravings that they came out too late for the photograph.

The names of the half dozen not as yet identified will be gladly received and published in a subsequent number. In order that the reproduction would show the figures as large as possible, the ends have been cut away and superimposed in spaces in the upper corners.

| 1 Jesse L. Smith | 15 R. M. Barnes | 30 Miss M. Fairman |
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| 2 L. J. Walters | 16 C. W. Eifrig | 31 Mrs. P. B. Coffin |
| 3 Benj. Gault | 17 Victor Kutchin | 32 Mrs. W. D. Rich- |
| 4 Mrs. Witmer Stone | 18 C. H. Rogers | ${f ardson}$ |
| 5. Mrs. C. E. Hellmayr | 19 Courtney Brandreth | 33 Mrs. C. B. Corey |
| 6 Mrs. V. M. Reichen- | 20 Lynds Jones | 34 Mrs. H. W. Brandt |
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| 7 W. H. Bergtold | 22 L. A. Fuertes | 36 W. B. Tyrell |
| 8 C. C. Sanborn | 23 Mrs. Cramp | 37 N. J. Leopold |
| 9 | 24 J. H. Fleming | 38 Mrs. Margaret Nice |
| 10 Warner Taylor | 25 F. M. Woodruff | 39 H. B. Conover |
| 11 Harry Harris | 26 | 40 |
| 12 Dix Teachenor | 27 | 41 Mrs. J. W. Wheeler |
| 13 A. C. Weed | 28 G. Deane | 42 K. P. Schmidt |
| 14 Dr. Lyon | 29 | 43 Miss M. T. Cooke |
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| 44 Mrs. Deane | 66 R. C. Murphy | 88 John H. Sage |
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| 45 Mrs. T. S. Palmer | | 89 Wm. B. Barrows |
| 46 Mrs. H. J. Taylor | 68 J. T. Nichols | 90 F. W. Rapp |
| 47 Mrs. Irene Wheelock | 69 C. E. Hellmayr | 91 |
| 48 Miss C. A. Mitchell | 70 Otto Widmann | 92 Casey Wood |
| 49 Mrs. Levey | 71 Herbert L. Stod- | 93 Arthur C. Bent |
| 50 T. S. Roberts | dard | 94 Miss McGregor |
| 51 E. H. Forbush | 72 H. C. Oberholser | 95 Hoyes Lloyd |
| 52 Mrs. Harrington | 73 P. A. Taverner | 96 |
| 53 Miss Althea Sher- | 74 Jonathan Dwight | 97 R. N. Davis |
| man | 75 D. R. Dickey | 98 Ruthven Deane |
| 54 W. E. Clyde Todd | 76 Rev. Geo. Bennett | 99 W. E. Praeger |
| 55 Thos. L. Hankinson | 77 H. K. Coale | 100 C. W. Richmond |
| 56 Amos W. Butler | 78 A. H. Cordier | 101 S. N. Rhoads |
| 57 A. H. Wright | 79 H. H. Ninninger | 102 R. M. Strong |
| | | 103 H. B. Ward |
| 58 Ludlow Griscom | 80 W. E. Saunders | |
| 59 Frank M. Chapman | 81 Albert F. Ganier | 104 Prof. MacBride |
| 60 Francis Herrick | 82 Wilfred H. Osgood | 105 Witmer Stone |
| 61 Leon J. Cole | 83 S. Prentiss Baldwin | 106 W. L. McAtee |
| 62 Arthur A. Allen | 84 Fred C. Lincoln | 107 T. S. Palmer |
| 63 Mrs. H. C. Miller | 85 Wm. I. Lyon | 100 H. J. Perry |
| 64 Wm. Kilgore | 86 Dr. W. C. Herman | • |
| | 87 W. H. Shedd | |
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CONDITIONS OF THE BREEDING GAME BIRDS IN NORTH DAKOTA, EXPEDITION OF THE CHICAGO ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

BY FRANK M. WOODRUFF

In completing the Chicago Environs Groups in the Chicago Academy of Sciences, it was found necessary to take a trip to North Dakota to obtain the young of the various Ducks and Waders which were once found in great numbers nesting in our Calumet Region.

In the early forties Canada Geese, Canvas-back and Redhead Ducks nested with us and as late as 1880 Mallard and Teal could be found nesting in Cook County.

On the invitation of Mr. H. E. Peck the writer left for Kenmare, N. D., on the upper DuLac Lake arriving July 12, 1915, finding Mr. Peck an enthusiastic bird student, always ready to help the scientist. I have never met a more generous or a bigger hearted man than Dad Peck as he was called by all that knew him. Mr. Peck placed his work rooms and his high powered Jack rabbit car at my disposal, and every day we toured the country visiting the Lakes for seventy miles around, enabling us to obtain all of the specimens necessary to complete our groups and also to get a fair idea of the conditions of the nesting game birds.

After the death of Mr. Peck, which occurred in 1919, I was