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Conducted by the Secretary

## THE ANNUAL MEETING

All the attention of the Secretary is now bent on the annual meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Club, which will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, in conjunction with the American Association for the Advancement of Science, with which it is affiliated, on Monday, December 31, and Tuesday, January 1. The forenoon program on Monday will be held with The Ecological Society of America, several of whose important members are also members of the Wilson Club. The papers and discussions given at this program will bear on the relations of Ornithology and Ecology. The afternoon session will be taken up with papers on various phases of ornithology, titles of which are coming in rapidly now. Tuesday morning will be devoted to Bird Banding, with our Treasurer, Mr. William I. Lyon, in charge. He has promised some interesting and valuable contributions. Since he is Secretary of the Inland Bird-Banding Association, he can secure the help of many of the prominent members of that excellent organization. Tuesday afternoon will be devoted to additional papers and discussions on matters of interest to members of our club.

The sessions and the places of meeting have been arranged as follows:

Monday, December 31, 9:00 A. M.—Hanna Annex No. 18.

Monday, December 31, 1:00 P. M.—MacMicken Hall No. 3.

Tuesday, January 1, 8:30 A. M.—McMicken Hall No. 3.

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Hotel Gibson has been designated as the headquarters of the W. O. C. Reservations should be made in advance, either at the headquarters hotel or in some other good hotel. The many people attracted by the A. A. A. S. meetings will necessitate this, if one desires to be saved unnecessary trouble. Mr. Edgar Dow Gilman of the University of Cincinnati, has been chosen as the local representative of the A. A. A. S., to whom inquiries should be sent relative to phases of the general program. He does not, however, make reservations for rooms.

Begin now to plan for a trip to Cincinnati as a part of the holiday season this year.

A folder called Bird Leaflet No. 1 has just been issued by the Carnegie Museum of Pittsburgh, the material having been prepared by our good friend and member, George M. Sutton. The front page has an excellent photograph of the Family Group of the Red-shouldered Hawk in the Carnegie Museum. The folder is a plea for bird students to learn and protect the birds.

The New England Bird Banding Association is planning a very unusual course in the study of birds. Dr. Glover M. Allen, President of the Nuttall Ornithological Club, will give a series of ten lectures on the Elements of Ornithology. Though these lectures will be given in Boston, provision has been made to have the lectures in printed form sent

out to any one desiring them, a small fee being charged for the course. An additional lecture on Bird Banding will be given by Professor Alfred O. Gross of Bowdoin College. This is a worthy movement and deserves the hearty coöperation of all well-wishers of ornithology and its allied sciences.

The Yearbook of the Public Museum of the City of Milwaukee for the year 1922 is a credit to any group of scientists. There are found in its pages records of all sorts of investigations by members of the staff, ranging from totem poles to fossils. Articles which are especially interesting to ornithologists are the following: A Collecting Expedition to Bonaventure Island, by George Shosbree; Notes on a Side Trip to the Gaspé Cormorant Colonies, by H. L. Stoddard; Collecting for the New School Loan Groups, by Owen J. Gromme; "Stuffed Birds," by H. L. Stoddard; and the European Starling in Milwaukee, by H. L. Stoddard. Messrs. Stoddard and Shosbree are members of the W. O. C., active, vigorous ones, too. R. S. Corwin, another one of our members on the Museum staff, contributes an article to the Yearbook entitled The "Use" in Museum.

Mr. Edward von Siebold Dingle, Assistant Ornithologist in the Charleston, South Carolina, Museum, and one of our members, has attained a wide reputation as a painter of bird life, especially Southern birds. In April, 1923, an exhibition of his pictures was given at the Convention of American Museums.

The Inland Bird-Banding Association, so closely related to the W. O. C. because of the numerous members who belong to both organizations, is doing a new and original piece of work. I am sure all of our members who attend the meeting at Cincinnati will want to hear the part of the program—Tuesday morning—devoted to bird-banding.

The Century Company has recently published a delightful book called *The Importance of Bird Life*, by George Inness Hartley, Research Associate of British Guiana Zoölogical Expedition. Mr. Hartley, it will be remembered, is the author of *Boy Hunters in Demerara*.

One of the "catchiest" appeals to the ornithologist which have come to the Secretary's desk recently is a reprint from the April Bulletin of the Massachusetts Audubon Society, *The Gentle Sport of Bird-Banding*, by Helen Granger Whittle.

The writer of items in this department is always glad to find something of interest about our members. It is a real joy, then, for him to acknowledge the receipt of an excellent bound volume from one of our newest members, Mr. I. H. Johnston, state ornithologist of West Virginia, the volume being entitled "Birds of West Virginia." It contains thirty or forty colored plates from the drawings of Louis Agassiz Fierstes, with an elaborate description of the bird, its habits, its economic value, and its aesthetic qualities. There are articles on ways to attract birds, on bird-gardening, bird-banding, and other interesting phases of practical ornithology. The bulletin combines the scientific and the popular in a very unique way, and forms a book which should be used ex-

tensively in the schools and homes of that state, in addition to furnishing a model for other states planning a similar state publication.

Professor Edward Drane Crabb, formerly Curator of the museum of the University of Oklahoma, and now Associate Lecturer of the Milwaukee Public Museum, issued, just before leaving the University of Oklahoma, a bulletin entitled *A Handbook on Preserving Museum Specimens in the Field*. It contains some very practical suggestions for campers, with additional chapters on the preservation of game heads, large mammals, small mammals, skeletons, birds, collecting bird eggs and nests, preparing fish and reptiles, preparing insects, shells of various kinds, fossils, alcoholics, and tanning. It is a comprehensive handbook for all types of collectors, as the headings above will show, and will prove of great value to amateur and professional alike.

The University of Iowa devoted its Service Bulletin of September 8, 1923, to *The Migration of Birds*, with a brief discussion of Bird-Banding. Though the bulletin is unsigned, it bears the ear-marks of our Vice-President, Professor Dayton Stoner, the head of the Department of Zoölogy of that university. The bulletin is a wise suggestion to other schools and colleges in advertising their practical interest in problems of an economic or aesthetic nature.

The American Ornithologists' Union held its Forty-sixth Stated Meeting in the halls of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy in Cambridge, Massachusetts, October 9-11, 1923. It will be remembered that the W. O. C. held its 1922 session jointly with the A. O. U. at Chicago. Further notes on the meetings at Cambridge will appear elsewhere in this issue.

Mr. Eugene Swope, Mount Healthy, Cincinnati, Ohio, until recently field agent for Ohio for the National Association of Audubon Societies, will go to Oyster Bay, Long Island, about the first of 1924 to develop the Roosevelt Bird Sanctuary. We wish him joy in his new work, but we hate to lose his presence and aid here in the Middle West.

The Tennessee Ornithological Society, of which Albert F. Ganier, our former Secretary, is President, took their annual field-list on Sunday, October 23, along South Harpeth River, in Cheatham County, Tennessee. This has become an annual event of great importance to the Tennessee bird lovers.

Professor T. C. Stephens of Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa, and a member of the Editorial Staff of the *Wilson Bulletin*, spent two weeks the past summer at McGregor, Iowa, as a member of the lecture staff of the Wild Life Conference. Earlier in the summer, in company with Mr. W. W. Bennett, he made an auto trip to northern Minnesota for the purpose of studying bird life in that region. His especial work was to make photographs of the scenery and habitats of the birds. Mr. Bennett worked in color photography, using the Paget process. He secured some excellent color pictures of different warblers on their nests. The two naturalists camped on the shore of Little Mantrap Lake, just outside the boundaries of Itasca State Park. During their trip of 1000 miles they made 300 photographic exposures.

In late August Professor Stephens made another trip into Minnesota and North Dakota: to Grand Forks, Devil's Lake, Bemidji, the bird refuge at Stump Lake, and Itasca State Park, covering 1800 miles in an automobile and adding 200 more photographs to his collection.

In making up the membership-list for the September Bulletin some unavoidable mistakes were made. The Secretary has appreciated the fact that his attention has been called to some of these mistakes. Errors were made in the case of the following, which have been reported:

Sustaining Member—Weir R. Mills, Pierson, Iowa (name omitted).

H. B. Bailey, Box 112, Newport News, Virginia (name omitted).

Miss Althea Sherman, National, via McGregor, Iowa (address wrong).

Sustaining Member—F. M. Woodruff, Lincoln Park, Chicago (name omitted).

Active Member—Amos W. Butler, 52 Downey Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana (name omitted).

Active Member—R. M. Strong, 706 S. Lincoln Street, Chicago (name omitted).

Miss Adah M. Hood, 1002 Ninth Street, Sioux City, Iowa (name omitted).

*If any other errors are found in the list, the Secretary would deeply appreciate having his attention called to them.*