

### EDITORIAL

As we take over for 1939 the editorial responsibility which Dr. Stephens has carried so successfully for fourteen years, we view with greatest admiration and respect the work he has done. Few of our members can properly visualize the work that has gone into the careful editing and publishing of fifty-six *Bulletins*, over four thousand pages. During his editorship the *Bulletin* has continued to grow and improve and much of the resulting growth of the Club should be credited to his tireless efforts. As President and Editor Dr. Stephens has been actively employed in the Club's interests during seventeen years. Probably no one but Dr. Lynds Jones himself has put more work into the Wilson Ornithological Club. Fortunately we may look forward to his continuing as a member of the Executive Council to help in directing the Club's policies.

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Preparations are already being made for the next Annual Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky on December 1 and 2. The Local Committee is: Leonard Brecher, Floyd S. Carpenter, William H. Clay, Evelyn Schneider, Mabel Slack, James Boswell Young and Burt L. Monroe, Chairman. They wish it announced that they are arranging to have an exhibit of bird photographs. Further details will be given in our next issue or may be obtained by addressing the committee.

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There is sometimes raised the question of whether the *Bulletin* should publish reviews and lists of literature. Positive answers to this question appear in two places in Dr. Pettingill's article on "The Wilson Ornithological Club of Today" elsewhere in this number. In reply to his questionnaire, 65.4 per cent of our members expressed a desire for more reviews than have appeared in the past. Our Secretary also brought out the fact that only about 40 per cent of our members also belong to the American Ornithologists' Union and thus have access to the reviews appearing in the *Auk*. We may assume that most of the rest of our members are dependent on the *Bulletin* for their knowledge of what is being published on birds.

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We sincerely hope that this and future numbers of the *Bulletin* will elicit many frank suggestions and comments from our members. Otherwise it will be impossible for us to publish a *Bulletin* truly representing the Club.

#### ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

Frederick M. Baumgartner has accepted an Assistant Professorship at Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

On February 9 Joseph Beal Steere, noted explorer and author of papers on the taxonomy and zoogeography of South American and Philippine birds, celebrated his ninety-seventh birthday at his home in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

George M. Sutton and Thomas D. Burleigh have left for Mexico where they will be joined later by J. B. Semple. They expect to work in Tamaulipas, Nuevo Leon, Coahuila, and Vera Cruz. Fred Loetscher, a Cornell graduate student, will meet the party in Vera Cruz.

Pierce Brodtkorb and Arthur E. Staebler left February 14 to work in Chiapas, Mexico.

The Illinois State Natural History Survey, in cooperation with the Department of Zoology of the University of Illinois, the Illinois Department of Conservation, and the National Association of Audubon Societies, is conducting a comprehensive program of research into the life history, ecology, and economic relations of the Crow in Illinois. They wish to stimulate widespread interest in the banding of Crow nestlings, especially in the northern states and Canada. If persons not possessing bird-banding permits locate crow nests, they are urged to obtain bands from C. T. Black (204 Exper. Zool. Laboratory, Champaign, Ill.) or from R. H. Pough (Nat. Assoc. Aud. Soc., 1006 Fifth Ave, New York City).