

## EDITORIAL

The Officers of the Club, particularly the Treasurer and the Editor, wish to thank the Members for their prompt payment of 1947 dues and for the many changes upward in class of membership. Members are again reminded that they may be saved the nuisance of an annual cheque for dues: a Life Membership (\$100.00, payable in four installments if preferred) includes a lifetime subscription to the *Bulletin*.

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We are greatly indebted to W. J. Breckenridge and Roger T. Peterson of our Illustrations Committee for providing important assistance in the preparation of this issue of the *Bulletin*. We are especially pleased to be able to reproduce in color T. M. Shortt's fine watercolor of the hitherto unfigured downy Tattler.

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We hope that many Members will answer the request of the Illustrations Committee (published on another page of this issue) for assistance in their search for photographs. Please remember that, for the *Bulletin*, only unpublished pictures are acceptable.

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In view of the greatly increased cost of reprints, we are forced to consider carefully whether the *Bulletin* should continue its policy of providing inexpensive reprints of the Bibliography section. Unless more Members wish to subscribe for the section, this service will probably be discontinued. Interested Members are asked to send their opinions or suggestions to the Editor.

## OBITUARY

ERNEST INGERSOLL, naturalist and writer, born in Monroe, Michigan, died November 13, 1946, at Brattleboro, Vermont, at the age of ninety-four. He had studied at Oberlin and then at Harvard, where he worked under J. A. Allen at the Museum of Comparative Zoology and under Louis Agassiz at Penikese. Ingersoll was one of the founders (1873) of the Nuttall Ornithological Club, the oldest ornithological society in America. He served as naturalist on the F. V. Hayden Survey in 1874. His early writing included an important scientific report on the oyster industry and an excellent but now extremely rare work, "Nests and Eggs of American Birds," illustrated with colored plates; later he wrote many books and articles of a more popular type, dealing with a variety of natural history subjects.

## ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

It was found necessary to change the time of the 1947 meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union from the October date announced earlier. The meeting will be held September 8-12 in Toronto.

*Behaviour*, a new international journal of comparative animal behavior, is announced by the publisher, E. J. Brill, of Leiden. There is an editorial board of four: H. Hediger (Switzerland), P. Palmgren (Finland), W. H. Thorpe (England), and N. Tinbergen (The Netherlands).

Charles F. Batchelder, who has edited the *Proceedings of the New England Zoological Club* for forty-seven years, has just issued in that series a bibliography, beautifully printed, prepared by Barbara Lawrence, of the scientific papers of Glover M. Allen.