

EDITORIAL

The steadily increasing interest in the Wilson Ornithological Club Library and the activity of the Library Committee have enabled us to publish in this issue a record list of donors for the last three months. The Book Purchase Fund has made possible the purchase of several recent books which had been in demand; the original Fund has now been largely expended, and further contributions will be needed if we are to keep our Library abreast of ornithological progress.

The Roll of Members published in this issue has been prepared with great care by our Treasurer, Burt L. Monroe, who requests that any necessary corrections or alterations be sent to him as soon as possible. Those who regret the use of *Bulletin* space for the Roll (which by itself, perhaps, makes dull reading) are reminded that the principal means of contact for our group of widely scattered ornithologists is provided by the Roll and that the *Bulletin*, therefore, performs one of its major functions by regularly publishing an up-to-date list. In an average year our hard-working Treasurer records over six hundred changes in the Roll.

Many members and friends have helped materially to improve the accuracy and completeness of the *Bulletin* in 1947. Special thanks are due to Harrison F. Lewis, A. D. Moore, Max M. Peet, L. L. Snyder, M. B. Trautman, A. J. van Rossem, and Alexander Wetmore, who repeatedly gave special assistance in their particular fields; to Ernst Mayr and Henry van der Schalie for expert advice on translations and other matters; to W. J. Breckenridge, Roger T. Peterson, and Arthur E. Staebler for invaluable help with illustrations; and to President George Miksch Sutton for his untiring labors on illustrations and on all phases of putting the *Bulletin* through the press.

The 1947 Annual Meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Club was held in Columbus, Ohio, on November 28 and 29, while this issue of the *Bulletin* was going through the press.

The new officers elected were: President, Olin Sewall Pettingill, Jr.; Vice-Presidents, Maurice Brooks and Walter J. Breckenridge; Secretary, James Boswell Young; Treasurer, Burt L. Munroe. A full account of the meeting will be published in the March 1948 issue of the *Bulletin*.

OBITUARY

MICHAEL JARDEN MAGEE, banker and ornithologist, died at Sault Ste Marie, Michigan, on August 22, 1947, aged eighty-four. He had been a leader in bird-banding and had published extensively on the birds of northern Michigan for nearly thirty years.

COURTENAY BRANDRETH, noted bird painter and landscape artist, died at his home in Ossining, New York, on November 3, 1947, at the age of fifty-six.

ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

N. B. Kinnear, President of the British Ornithologists' Union, has been appointed Director of the British Museum (Natural History).

R. E. Moreau has succeeded Claude H. B. Grant as Editor of the *Ibis*, the oldest ornithological journal in the English language.

W. L. McAtee, who founded *Wildlife Review* in 1935, has retired from the editorship after publishing 51 issues. His successor is Neil Hotchkiss, Patuxent Research Refuge, Laurel, Maryland.