

## EDITORIAL

The TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING of the Wilson Ornithological Club was held in Indianapolis on November 27-28, 1937. As predicted, it proved to be the largest meeting we have ever held. We hesitate to say it was the best, simply because we have had many excellent programs in the past, and comparison would be difficult. Plans for the meeting had been very carefully laid, and everything connected with the meeting moved along with smoothness and precision. Much of the success of the program was doubtless due to the fact that our officers had arranged for the rental of our own projection apparatus, which was constantly on hand and ready for use.

The following figures give a statistical summary of the organization for the past five years:

|                           | Columbus<br>1932 | Pittsburgh<br>1934 | St. Louis<br>1935 | Chicago<br>1936 | Indianapolis<br>1937 |
|---------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Local Attendance.....     | 92               | 49                 | 24                | 62              | 60                   |
| Out-of-town Attendance    | 65               | 129                | 88                | 70              | 178                  |
| Total Attendance.....     | 157              | 178                | 112               | 132             | 238                  |
| Dinner Attendance .....   | 69               | 72                 | 70                | 54              | 100                  |
| Titles on the Program.... | 35               | 39                 | 38                | 26              | 41                   |
| Honorary Members .....    | 7                | 6                  | 6                 | 5               | 5                    |
| Life Members .....        | 10               | 12                 | 11                | 11              | 9                    |
| Sustaining Members.....   | 75               | 44                 | 42                | 40              | 41                   |
| Active Members.....       | 175              | 154                | 189               | 212             | 187                  |
| Associate Members.....    | 469              | 507                | 538               | 640             | 596                  |
| Total Membership.....     | 739              | 721                | 784               | 906             | 838                  |
| New Members Added....     | 113              | 112                | 141               | 170             | 150                  |
| Pages in BULLETIN.....    | 256              | 288                | 318               | 336             | 320                  |
| Total Income .....        | \$2191           | \$2230             | \$2494            | \$2222          | \$2212               |
| Fiscal Balance .....      | \$547            | \$842              | \$767             | \$581           | \$395                |

SINCE we have no reviews in this number, we take the liberty of mentioning the new work by Dr. Witmer Stone entitled "Bird Studies at Old Cape May", issued in January, 1938, though dated 1937. The work consists of two volumes, totaling 942 pages, 120 plates, and many text figures, and sold for \$6.50 postpaid. Besides being a record of the occurrence of species along this portion of the Atlantic coast, the pages abound with Dr. Stone's observations on the habits of the birds, many of which occur in other parts of the country.

ERRATUM. The date of birth of John Maynard Wheaton was May 13, 1840, rather than May 18, as erroneously stated in the WILSON BULLETIN of December 1937, page 276. This was a typographical error. Those who preserve their Bulletins are invited to make this correction.