

tenderly remembered, and the hope is expressed that his health will soon be restored.

Mr. Witmer Stone was elected to succeed Dr. Allen as Editor of 'The Auk.'

The next meeting of the Union will be held in Cambridge, Mass., the date to be determined later.

JNO. H. SAGE,  
Secretary.

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### GENERAL NOTES.

**The Laughing Gull at Marshfield, Massachusetts.**— On May 30, 1911, while making a trip along the "South Shore," I observed at Marshfield a single Laughing Gull (*Larus atricilla*) sitting on the water a little distance out. The black head and the solid black outer primaries showed up very conspicuously, making identification sure. Also it was noticeably smaller than the Herring Gulls which were near it. This is, I believe, a new record, not only for Marshfield, but also for Plymouth County, of the Laughing Gull, as I have not been able to find any previous date.

Again, on July 29, 1911, while Mr. J. Archibald Hagar, Mr. H. D. Mitchell, and I were sitting on the cliff at the mouth of the North River, we saw four black-headed gulls fly up into the mouth of the river. We watched them for some time and identified them plainly as Laughing Gulls.

The next day (the 30th), we three, accompanied by Mr. J. C. Hagar, in a boat on the South River, near the mouth, saw a pair of these same gulls on the flats, so near that we could see the white eye-ring and the reddish bill. They were very handsome birds and seemed to be much smaller than the Herring Gulls which were around them.

It is to be hoped, and these records may possibly indicate that the Laughing Gull is extending its range a little farther northward in Massachusetts.— HAROLD L. BARRETT, *Jamaica Plain, Mass.*

**Franklin's Gull (*Larus franklini*) at Philadelphia.**— Mr. Philip Laurent recently submitted to me for identification a gull recently presented to him by Mr. Charles Liebeck who had shot it October 22, 1911, on the Philadelphia "neck," the open swampy ground lying below the built up portion of the city, above the juncture of the Delaware and Schuylkill rivers. The bird was in immature (juvenile) plumage, largely ashy gray, with a gray tail and black terminal band, almost a counterpart of the Laughing Gull (*L. atricilla*) in similar plumage except for the smaller