

### Protecting Nesting Sites

Editor of 'THE AUK:'

The attached copy of a resolution of the Council of the Ottawa Field Naturalists' Club is forwarded for your information. It is the feeling of the Council that rare birds may occasionally be seriously endangered by the publication of some items concerning them. Your cooperation in forwarding the aims expressed in this resolution is solicited by the Club.

Yours very truly,

HOYES LLOYD.  
President.

Whereas—many of our finest and most interesting birds that formerly bred in what are now settled localities are so seriously reduced in number as to be in danger of extermination and,

Whereas—we are occasionally discovering stations still occupied by these birds in territories that are easily accessible to those who have not the welfare of these birds at heart. Therefore

Be it resolved—that the Ottawa Field Naturalists' Club places itself on record as believing,—

That whilst it is important that all such information should be brought to the attention of science it is inexpedient to publish the same where it may become common property. They therefore

Recommend that such information be filed only in the records of duly accredited and continuing institutions that have a serious interest in the study and preservation of wild life and where it may be available for qualified research students of approved discretion, for future generations or until the wider dissemination of the information can do no harm to the species concerned.

Further, that all who discover such information are urged to transmit it to such institutions as are particularly interested and equipped for recording such confidential information and to no one else on whose discretion they cannot rely.

Further that such institutions record the information so received in such a manner that its confidential nature will not be violated, that it may be available at any time to those who have a legitimate interest in it, and that it may not be lost or forgotten through lack of present publication.

However, be it understood that nothing in these resolutions be deemed to prevent the information being given privately and under the seal of confidence to such students who have a legitimate interest in it and will not use it improperly or cause or permit others to do so.

### Up to Date Names

Editor of 'THE AUK:'

In Book News and Reviews of 'Bird Lore,' March, J. T. N. writes "The editorial policy of following latest supplements to the A. O. U. Check-List as regards generic names in faunal papers, quite noticeable in this number

of 'The Auk,' seems to the reviewer a questionable one. The names in the latest published edition of the Check-List (followed by standard bird books) will always be more familiar to ornithologists who do not happen to be particularly concerned with the vagaries of nomenclature." Those ornithologists who do not happen to be particularly concerned with the vagaries of nomenclature should confine themselves to the 'Check-List,' and go by the common names in 'The Auk.' After the supplement has been published in 'The Auk' every faunal paper that has enough character to be called scientific should follow it. In fact wherever in 'The Auk' there is occasion to use a scientific name it should be followed. After a name has been accepted as correct it can not be called a vagary, unless the whole system of nomenclature founded on priority is a vagary. After a bird's name has been accurately determined and accepted it cannot in truth have any other.

I think A. C. Bent is right in using the latest scientific names in his works if he is sure they are right, but there should be some way to identify them.

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Hartford, Connecticut.

[Our correspondent apparently does not realize that there are two classes of nomenclatural changes, one based on priority and similar definite rules; the other (creation of new genera by splitting up old ones) based on personal opinion. In the latter, one name is as "right" as another, and for that reason more than ever the innovation should be avoided in faunal or general papers until it is endorsed by the A. O. U. Committee.—W. S.]

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#### NOTES AND NEWS.

THE Stated Meeting of the Union this year will be held in Cambridge, Mass., during the week of October 8th. The time has been chosen by the Local Committee in deference to a generally expressed desire for an early date for the Meeting. Records show that in eastern Massachusetts this part of October has the best prospect of fine weather in the whole autumn, and it is hoped that visiting members will be able to make some interesting excursions into the country.

Members planning to present papers to be illustrated by cinema, are requested to notify Dr. Glover M. Allen, Museum of Comparative Zoology, Cambridge, not later than September 1st.

REV. JAMES HIBBERT LANGILLE, an Associate of the Union, died at Forest Glen, Maryland, on April 9, 1923, having been struck by a train while crossing the tracks of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Mr. Langille