

## CORRESPONDENCE

## Editions of the 'Check-List.'

Editor of 'THE AUK:

As it will be some time before the new 'Check-List' makes its appearance, I should like to suggest the desirability of issuing two alternative volumes, one to resemble the old in arrangement, the other—invariably more expensive—to be interleaved with plain paper. The idea is not original, for Witherby's 'Handlist of British Birds' was produced in this manner years ago and in the interleaved form had, I believe, a very large sale. Amongst many advantages the primary one is no doubt that one can keep the list up to date without defacing the printed pages or obliterating the original entries which still have an historical interest long after their day has passed.

It might be possible through publicity in your pages to ascertain whether such an edition would be worth while or not, i.e. if there would be any demand for it. If those interested would signify the fact now, arrangements for such an edition could be completed in plenty of time. I, myself, found Witherby's interleaved volume a great boon and should appreciate a similar edition of the 'Check-List' just as much. I would certainly purchase this in preference to the ordinary one if the chance offered.

Yours truly,

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[The editor would be pleased to receive such indication of a desire for an interleaved edition, as Prof. Rowan has suggested.]