

**NOTES AND NEWS.**

ATTENTION is again called to the Eighth International Ornithological Congress to be held at Oxford during the week of July 2-7, 1934, under the the presidency of Dr. Erwin Stresemann. Dr. P. R. Lowe of the British Museum is chairman of the Executive Committee and Rev. F. C. R. Jourdain, Secretary (Whitekirk, Southbourne, Bournemouth, England).

Excursions have been arranged to Lilford Hall, Fitzwarren and Whipnade, at the invitation of Lord Lilford, Mr. Ezra and the Zoological Society, while after the close of the meeting an excursion will be made to the islands off the coast of Pembrokeshire to see the colonies of sea birds. President James H. Fleming will represent the A. O. U. and it is hoped that as many members as possible from America will attend.

WE REGRET to see such a magazine as 'Country Life' (Garden City, N. Y.) joining those who are bent on the destruction of our Hawks and Owls. It publishes in the December, 1933, issue, an article under the title of "Protecting the Pheasant" evidently by a professional 'game keeper' which is very misleading. "The Hawk" says the article, "does more damage than all the others [enemies of game] combined. During the migration this relentless bird of prey destroys thousands of pheasants, quail and partridge. I shoot or trap about five hundred every season. Some naturalists say that the Marsh Hawk is an innocent bird, but it kills more pheasants than the notorious Chicken Hawk (Red Tail)." This alone is enough to show the utter lack of knowledge of the writer as to the several species of Hawk!

There is an illustration of a Hawk suspended from a pole trap, an instrument that should be outlawed in every state in the Union. Another photograph depicts the Short-eared Owl, probably our most beneficial species. Under it is the information "Like the Hawk he must be trapped ruthlessly." When owners of large game estates and publishers encourage such misleading information there is little hope of educating the public and of saving the remnants of our Hawks and Owls. After they are gone then will come the realization of the mistake that has been made!

MR. AUGUST J. SCHOENEBECK, a founder of the Milwaukee Public Museum, died in January last at his home in Advance, Shawano Co., Wisconsin. He was a correspondent of the late Col. B. F. Goss and an oologist of note. His collection of upwards of 9000 specimens of North American eggs is now in St. Joseph's Catholic Academy at Stevens Point, Wis.

MR. PAUL G. REDINGTON has at his own request been transferred from the Biological Survey, of which he has been Chief for some years past, to the Forest Service. Mr. J. N. Darling a noted conservationist and a member of the President's Committee on wild life has been appointed Chief of the Survey.