

## NOTES AND NEWS

MR. JAMES L. PETERS, President of the A. O. U. and Assistant Secretary of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, has been elected Vice-President of the Commission to succeed the late Dr. C. W. Stiles.

DR. ALEXANDER WETMORE, lately appointed Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, has been elected to membership in the National Academy of Sciences.

DR. ALBERT KENRICK FISHER, one of two surviving Founders of the A. O. U. and a former President, was given a surprise dinner by a number of his friends in Washington on the evening of March 21, in celebration of Dr. Fisher's 89th birthday. His long association with the A. O. U. and with the U. S. Biological Survey (now the Fish and Wildlife Service) and his numerous publications of birds, including the well-known 'Hawks and Owls of the United States' (1893), have made his name familiar to many ornithologists who have not had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Fisher in person.

CONTRIBUTORS to 'The Auk' who have not received the reprints of their papers in recent numbers of the journal are asked to be patient with the editor and the printers. Present conditions have delayed the printing of these extracts but the orders are on file and the copies will be sent as soon as they are off the press.

COPIES of the Twentieth Supplement to the A. O. U. Check-List, published in this issue, may be obtained from the Business Manager, Mr. Frederick C. Lincoln, Fish and Wildlife Service, U. S. Dept. Interior, Washington (25), D. C. Price 25c.

THE TREASURER of the A. O. U. is happy to announce that the funds of the Society have been enriched by the generous gift of \$1000.00 presented by Vice-President Hoyes Lloyd of Ottawa, Canada. This is a welcome addition to our resources and should serve as an incentive to other members and friends of the Union.