

### NOTES AND NEWS

A DINNER celebrating the 80th birthday of Arthur Cleveland Bent was held at the University Club in Boston under the auspices of the Nuttall Ornithological Club on November 25, 1946. About 110 ornithologists and friends of Mr. Bent were present. Hoyes Lloyd of Toronto acted as toastmaster and brief addresses were made by the guest of honor, by Alexander Wetmore, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, and by W. Elmer Ekblaw of Clark University. Among those attending from more distant points were H. C. Oberholser and H. W. Brandt of Cleveland, Ohio; F. C. Lincoln of Washington, D. C.; James P. Chapin, Roger T. Peterson, John H. Baker and Carl W. Buchheister of New York; B. S. Bowdish of Demarest, N. J., and Alfred O. Gross of Brunswick, Maine. Mr. Bent was presented with a scroll signed by all those present.

THE American Ornithologists' Union has suffered the loss of two Members in recent months. Major Edward A. Goldman died in Washington, D. C., on September 2, 1946, and Ernest Thompson Seton, in Santa Fe, New Mexico, on October 23.

### THE SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL A. O. U. MEETING

The American Ornithologists' Union will hold its annual meeting this year in Toronto, Ontario. The date of the meeting, determined by available hotel accommodation, is from October 20 to 24. Business meetings will be held on Monday the 20th at the Royal York Hotel. Registration and public sessions, consisting of the reading of papers, will commence on the 21st and continue through the 23rd at the Royal Ontario Museum. Friday the 24th will be a field day. Other social events will be arranged.

The Royal Ontario Museum, the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests, and a number of other institutions and clubs in Toronto are sponsoring the meeting. This will be the second meeting of the Union in Toronto and the fourth for Canada. The Royal York Hotel has been designated as the official headquarters. Make your reservations early.

The Local Committee on arrangements consists of J. L. Baillie, Jr., C. H. D. Clarke, O. E. Devitt, F. H. Emery, W. W. H. Gunn, F. H. Kortright (Treasurer), R. J. Rutter (Secretary), R. M. Saunders, T. M. Shortt, and L. L. Snyder (Chairman).

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A Summer Meeting of the British Ornithologists' Union in conjunction with the Scottish Ornithologists' Club has been arranged to take place in Edinburgh from June 20 to June 23, 1947. Members of the A. O. U. are cordially invited to attend. An extended motor-bus tour of the Scottish Highlands has been arranged for overseas visitors, from June 24 to June 28. The cost of this tour, including transport, hotel accommodations and meals, will be approximately £10. Sleepers from London to Edinburgh and hotel accommodations in Edinburgh are being arranged but are limited. Those persons intending to attend the meeting should communicate at once with Miss Barclay-Smith, Secretary B. O. U., British Museum (Natural History), Cromwell Road, London S.W. 7, from whom further details may be secured.