

Several days later he collected a number of swallows which were flying over the beach at the village. I have not yet received these specimens but he was able to identify positively a Barn Swallow, *Hirundo rustica*, and from his description I believe he obtained several Cliff Swallows, *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*.—RAYMOND A. PAYNTER, JR., *Osborn Zoological Laboratory, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut.*

NOTES AND NEWS

The Recent Literature section of 'The Auk' is an important component of our journal as a working tool for research in ornithology and in keeping the entire membership informed of progress in this field. It was the general consensus of opinion at the Council Meeting in Minneapolis that the section needs to be strengthened by better coverage of world literature and by an increased number of annotations and critical reviews of important studies in books and journals. Later perhaps the material will be classified by fields of interest. These suggestions will be followed as rapidly as possible.

Also of significance in our attempts to improve 'The Auk' is the appointment of an Illustrations Committee, now in progress. This committee will aid the Editor in the selection and preparation of material for graphs, maps, photographs, and colored plates. It is still expected that authors will prepare illustrations with the greatest of care, but they, as well as the Editor, will have the benefit of suggestions from the committee when papers are submitted.

In the future all advertisements will be limited to the back part of 'The Auk.' Anyone wishing a new frontispiece for the October, 1950, number, *without* the advertisement on the back of it, may secure a copy simply by writing to Dr. R. A. Moser, our Treasurer.

The Japanese journal of ornithology 'Tori' has honored Dr. Nagamichi Kuroda by issuing volume 12 (59), published in December, 1949, as a Commemoration Number. Dr. Kuroda has played an important rôle in Asiatic ornithology.