

## NOTES AND NEWS

WITH the completion of this volume of 'The Auk,' I am pleased to acknowledge and thank the many people who have assisted in preparing it. The members of the Editorial Committee have continued their helpful work, and I am particularly grateful to A. J. Berger, W. R. Dawson, and P. S. Humphrey for finishing the July issue during my absence. Mrs. Jane Gabel, Miss Elsa Hertz, Mrs. Helen M. Staebler, and L. C. Binford have done secretarial work, read proof, and offered valuable suggestions.

The Committee of Biography and the many contributors to the recent literature section have continued their good work, and William A. Lunk has again prepared several illustrations. Colonel L. R. Wolfe has kindly prepared the index. Alden H. Miller and A. Starker Leopold have edited important manuscripts. Josselyn Van Tyne has again given much valuable time and advice.

Finally, I wish to express my appreciation to those who have contributed money toward the publication of 'The Auk.' The costs of publication continue to rise, and it is increasingly difficult to remain within our budget.

## SEVENTY-THIRD STATED MEETING

THE seventy-third stated meeting of the A.O.U. will be held in Boston, October 25 to 30, 1955. Registration will begin on the first day, there will be three days for the program, and the meeting will conclude with two days of field trips. The chairman of the local committee on arrangements is C. Russell Mason, 1376 Walnut Street, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts.

Tentative plans have been made to hold the seventy-fourth stated meeting in Denver.

THE American Ornithologists' Union has joined a distinguished list of organizations in affiliating with the American Institute of Biological Sciences. This affiliation, voted at the 1953 A.O.U. meeting, became effective January 1, 1954.

The American Institute of Biological Sciences was organized in 1948 under the sponsorship of the National Research Council. It was formed to provide a unifying agency for the separate organizations in the biological sciences.

One of the benefits to A.O.U. members from this affiliation is the opportunity to register with the Placement Service at a reduced fee. Registration brings publication of a resume of qualifications in four quarterly lists distributed to prospective employers. The cost to members of affiliated organizations is \$5.00; the cost to non-members is \$10.00. For further information write Placement Service, American Institute of Biological Sciences, 2102 Constitution Avenue, Washington 25, D. C.

## BRITISH ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION

The British Ornithologists' Union was founded in 1858 for the advancement of the science of ornithology. Its quarterly journal 'The Ibis' contains up to six hundred pages per year of original matter embracing the whole field of international ornithology. At intervals numbers are devoted to particular subjects such as migration, ecology, and behavior, with authoritative contributions from distinguished specialists throughout the world. Each issue contains a large number of critical notices of recent ornithological literature, classified by subjects. Scientific meetings are arranged, and in international ornithology the Union plays a leading part.

The annual subscription to the British Ornithologists' Union is £3 and the Hon. Secretary will be glad to send particulars and to welcome prospective American members.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR OF 'THE AUK'

Dear Dr. Storer:

During the present critical period in the conservation movement, I am anxious to keep in touch with all A.O.U. members who are interested in helping promote better protection and management of our natural resources.

For that purpose I have for the past several years maintained a list of those known to me to be interested and have received prompt and effective response to information furnished them. The coming years promise to be no less critical and I would be glad to add to this list anyone interested in helping. A note to me at my office, 709 Wire Building, Washington 5, D. C., will put another name on the list.

Sincerely,  
Ira N. Gabrielson  
President, Wildlife Management Institute