

EDITORIAL NOTES AND NEWS

The date for the next annual meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union has been set as October 12-14, and the meeting is to be held in Ottawa, Canada. We already know of five westerners who are definitely planning to attend this meeting, and there will doubtless be others. Anyone desiring further information concerning it should make enquiry of Mr. Hoyes Lloyd, who is Secretary of the Local Committee of the A. O. U., in charge of the Canadian meeting of 1926; address him care of Canadian National Parks, Department of the Interior, Ottawa, Canada.

We are pleased to announce that Mr. Harry Harris, until recently of Kansas City, has now become a permanent resident of California—a case of east-to-west migration, it will be observed. Mr. Harris has become associated with the Los Angeles Museum of History, Science and Art, becoming Membership Secretary of the Museum Patrons Association. Incidentally, this gives full opportunity for Mr. Harris to give valuable service to the Cooper Club, in the Business Manager's office, along with Mr. W. Lee Chambers.

Word comes from Mr. Joseph Dixon that he has obtained a set of the eggs of the Surf-bird, up until now, so far as known, absolutely lacking in any oological collection of the world. Mr. Dixon is carrying on field work in the Mount McKinley district of Alaska, under the combined auspices of Mr. John E. Thayer and the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology.

An increasing number of bird students are becoming interested in the formation of ornithological libraries. This means a rapidly advancing market value of nearly all books and serials relating to birds. Not many years ago a certain book that we are thinking of could be had for \$6.00; now there is a standing offer of \$25.00 for it. We would remind collectors of books that many of the publications coming from the press today will be the rarities of the future. The minor ornithological serials, most especially, are due to be "out of print" very shortly. Although such periodicals may be issued in considerable numbers of copies, most of these quickly disappear; few people save sets of the periodicals to which they subscribe. Such a series as "Yosemite Nature Notes", or "The Gull", is sure soon to possess high market value, that is, for a set kept intact.

Satisfactory progress is being made toward final publication of the Fourth Edi-

tion of the American Ornithologists' Union "Check-list of North American Birds." The A. O. U. Committee on Nomenclature is actively at work on this enterprise which, naturally, involves a much greater amount of labor than either of the preceding editions, since the first. The amount of literature that must be gone over in establishing the known ranges of the birds, down to date, is enormous. Then there is the matter of bringing the classification into accord with the latest findings of students of phylogeny. When the Fourth Edition appears, it is to be hoped that it will be adopted everywhere as the standard authority for the names of North American birds.

A CLOSE SEASON ON GOLDEN EAGLE EGGS.—The following letter from an officer of the State Fish and Game Commission was sent out, early in the season, to collectors in southern California, and in general was probably heeded, in the interest of future "crops" of eagle eggs if for no other reason.

"Conditions in San Diego County as regards the golden eagle deserve your consideration. Numerous sets have been taken through a term of years. Even though no diminution in numbers of the birds may be evident at present, yet with a long lived bird the real results of continuous removal of the eggs are likely to appear in the future, and suddenly. Furthermore, many nesting sites have been located, and rivalry among collectors has become so keen that the real purpose and justification of collecting is being overlooked. As a consequence it is planned, with your coöperation, to afford the golden eagles of this county complete protection for 1926. An attempt has been made to include the golden eagle among the exceptions on all San Diego County permits. If any collector did not find this exception noted on his permit, it was an oversight in this office."

COMMUNICATION

SAVING RARE PARROTS IN CAPTIVITY

To the EDITOR of THE CONDOR,

Sir:

As you are, I believe, aware, I am much interested in breeding rare parrakeets with the object of saving in captivity species that are threatened with extinction in a wild state. I have been trying to induce American aviculturalists to take up the experiment, and have received considerable assistance from Mr. Charles Metzger of 6312 S. Ashland Avenue, Chi-