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EDITORIAL.

As announced by postal, this issue of the BULLETIN is a month late because the Editor spent the month of June on the Washington coast with Rev. W. L. Dawson, studying the birds of that little known part of our Pacific coast. Some of the results of that study may be expected in subsequent BULLETINS. It is sufficient here to remark that the value of the month's experiences cannot be measured in current values.

Notices of publications received and book reviews must again be deferred because the time at the editor's disposal will not permit the proper attention to such reviews. He wishes to express his thanks to authors and publishers for courtesies thus received, with the promise of careful review at the earliest possible date.

As announced on the cards sent out in June, the September number of the BULLETIN will also be somewhat late because of the expected absence of the Editor in Porto Rico during the better part of August. But the lateness of that issue will be largely determined by the con-

tributors to that number. If copy can be made ready for the printers before the departure of the Editor everything can be in readiness for the final make-up immediately upon his return.

Members of The Wilson Ornithological Club will please take notice that the address of our Treasurer, to whom all membership dues should be sent, has been changed to Grosse Isle, Mich. Members will also please report promptly to both the Secretary, Benj. T. Gault, Glen Elly, Ill., and to the Editor, any change in their address. Many copies of the BULLETIN are lost because changes in address are not promptly reported.

The Executive Council of The Wilson Ornithological Club have decided upon and are now acting upon a plan whereby candidates for membership must apply for membership to the Secretary, who will see that they are properly brought before the active members at the annual election of members. Hereafter the names of the officers will be printed at the head of the editorial page so that names and addresses may be generally known.

It is expected that with the beginning of the volume for 1908 the WILSON BULLETIN will be enlarged to 48 pages for each number, more illustrations introduced, the general tone of the matter printed in it of a higher quality, and the price advanced to one dollar a year to persons not members of The Wilson Ornithological Club. Advance subscriptions for 1908, which have already been received, and subscriptions at the fifty cent rate for the year 1908, which are received before December, 1907, will be honored for the 1908 volume only. Membership dues will not be changed, and although Associate members pay only fifty cents a year they will receive the BULLETIN without further charge. The Editor has many times been asked by many persons how the BULLETIN could be made to pay for itself at that subscription price. The secret is that it has never paid. It has been maintained at a loss for the good of the cause, and he feels certain that it has been a paying investment, however inconvenient at times. The enlargement and advance in price are made at the demands of readers of its pages and therefore clearly represents growth in appreciation of the value of bird study. Do you approve of the plan? Write.

FIELD NOTES.

Dickcissel (*Spiza americana*), in Wayne county, Mich.—In the WILSON BULLETIN, Vol. XII, No. 2, p. 66, and Vol. XIV, No. 1, p. 33,