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EDITORIAL

Remember the second annual meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Club, which will be held in Chicago, Illinois, on December 29 and 30, 1914. The first opportunity for a gathering of ornithologists in the central part of the United States was presented at the 1890 American Association for the Advancement of Science held at Indianapolis. The writer attended that meeting, where he met Mr. O. Widmann, Dr. B. W. Evermann, Dr. A. W. Butler, Dr. Morris Gibbs and others. The next opportunity was offered in February, 1914, at Chicago, when we met last spring. We ought to make this third opportunity count big by planning now to attend.

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In anticipation of the Chicago meeting, plan to present a paper. Send the title to the chairman of the program committee, Lynds Jones, Oberlin, Ohio, not later than December 1, but as soon as you can. Plan to place these papers in the hands of the editor for publication in the Wilson Bulletin, to be published after the meeting.

There are large numbers of ornithologists throughout the central districts of the United States who are not now affiliated with any organization but who ought to be for their own sakes. Such persons would probably be glad to join our Club if its existence and aims were made known to them. Be a missionary and help all such known to you to find themselves among our number this year.

There are too few short field notes. As the Wilson Bulletin grows this lack ought to be supplied. It is an easy matter to write up a short account of some happening worth recording, as compared with preparing an article of some length. If written at the time of the happening, in first draft form or in permanent form, the thing is done. Try it.

We regret to have to say that on account of the Pan-European war Rev. W. F. Henninger's work on the Ne-arctic Ornis will be indefinitely postponed. The first part was about ready for mailing when the war began. Mr. Henninger has our sincere sympathy in this bitter disappointment.

TO MEMBERS OF THE WILSON ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB:

The next meeting of the Club will be held in Chicago on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 29th and 30th. It is probably not possible to select a date suitable to every one, but we have done the best we could do, taking all things into account.

Now, we hope this will be a great meeting, and things even now point to a large attendance. Last spring we had a very good meeting, without very long notice in advance. This year the notice is ample, and we hope that every one will plan to attend who possibly can do so.

In the meantime cannot each member do a little toward strengthening our membership? It is our hope to greatly increase our membership before the next meeting. Will each member try to secure at least one or two new members, and send to the officers the names of others who may be solicited?

We need a larger membership in order to publish a larger Bulletin. Coöperation at this time will mean a great deal to the future of the Club.

Sincerely yours,

T. C. STEPHENS.