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EDITORIAL

The new cover design is from the pen of Karl Plath of Chicago. It was hoped that in some way a likeness of Alexander Wilson, the "Father of American Ornithology," might be used in an appropriate design, but this proved not feasible. Wilson's Phalarope is well adapted both in form and coloration for the purpose, and its range, even if covering the whole of America, is more particularly in the interior of North America in summer—the field which the Wilson Ornithological Club essays to cover.

The editor dared to hope, last year, that there would be generous response to his call for May horizons or even censuses. Those which reached him were so few that there was hesitation about publishing them. But in the hope that their publication may be the means of stimulating many to undertake the work for this coming May these lists are presented elsewhere in this issue. If it is desired to make the largest possible list the time chosen for the region of Oberlin should be near May 20. The best time will vary with the locality. Can we not have a large number of May lists for 1916?

Elsewhere in this issue there appears the Secretary's account of the Columbus meeting of our Club. Those who were in attend-

ance at that meeting need no assurances that it was worth the while of those who could attend. If no program of papers were presented it would yet be well worth while for us to get together for the personal acquaintance and the interchange of experiences and viewpoints. We of the central districts have all along lacked the impetus which has been gained by the people of both coasts through the personal acquaintance which has obtained there to so considerable a degree. While our distances are greater we may, and we expect, to largely offset this handicap by holding successive meetings at places which can be easily reached by practically all in the central districts, in the course of a four-year period.

Minutes of Third Annual Meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Club

(Columbus, Ohio, December 28 and 29, 1916.)

President, T. C. Stephens.

Secretary, T. L. Hankinson.

(Archæological and Historical Museum.)

Business.

Treasurer's report read and accepted and an auditing committee appointed.

Names of fifty applicants for membership were read, and these were elected to membership by vote of the members present.

The overtures of the Nebraska Ornithological Union resulting in the affiliation of this organization with the Wilson Ornithological Club were accepted by a vote of the members present.

The articles of agreement that were read are here published:—

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

for an

AFFILIATION

between the

NEBRASKA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION

and the

WILSON ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB

The following Articles of Agreement, looking toward an affiliation between the Nebraska Ornithologists' Union and the Wilson Ornithological Club, are to be presented to the N. O. U. at its Annual Meeting at Omaha, May 7, 1915, and to the W. O. C. at its Third Annual Meeting at Columbus, Ohio, December 28, 1915.

In the event of their constitutional adoption by both Societies,