

## NOTES=HERE AND THERE

Conducted by the Secretary

The Wilson Ornithological Club will hold its annual meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio, with the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The A. A. A. S. will hold its meetings from December 27, 1923, to January 2, 1924. The present plan is for the W. O. C. to hold its all-day meeting on Monday, December 31. The Secretary has communicated with all the related societies so as to be sure we are not conflicting with any of the programs our members would like to attend. Make your plans now to attend and, more important still, to take part in the program. If you have a paper to read or other matter which would be of interest to the society, please communicate with the Secretary before November 15, at which time the last "copy" for this department in the December Bulletin must be in the hands of the printer. A little later in the season a circular letter will be mailed to all members, outlining the coming meeting. Let's make all the time we are in Cincinnati be of interest and profit to our society.

The August, 1923, National Geographic Magazine has a long and profusely illustrated article on "Hunting Birds with a Camera," by Dr. William L. Finley of the National Audubon Societies. The illustrations, which are very unique, are only another proof of the fascinating sport to be found in the wild, even without a gun. Dr. Finley is contributing editor of Nature Magazine, also, and is writing some excellent illustrated articles monthly for that new and delightful magazine.

Another feature of Nature Magazine is a series of articles by Howard Taylor Middleton entitled "Jimmie and the Professor." The August article deals with birds and is abundantly illustrated, with splendid reproductions of photographs of birds in characteristic attitudes.

One of the most delightful of the recent articles on Birds is by Alexander Dawes Du Bois in the July Auk. It is entitled "The Short-eared Owl as a Foster-mother" and tells how he removed the Owl's eggs and substituted hen's eggs instead. The photographs accompanying the article are clear and show very effectively the habitat of the Owl.

One of the members, Professor E. D. Crabb, formerly connected with the University of Oklahoma, is now Associate Lecturer of the Public Museum of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. We welcome him to his new position and hope that he can join us in all our programs hereafter at our annual meetings.

Our good friend, Franklin P. Metcalf, formerly with the United States Biological Survey at Washington, D.C., will reside hereafter at Foochow, China, where he is a member of the faculty of Fukien Christian University. Though we hate for him to go so far away, he must write us of the birds he sees in China. It is needless to say, the Wilson Bulletin will go with him.

On September 9, 1923, will occur the centenary of the birth of Joseph Leidy, M.D., LL.D., the great American naturalist. The various scientific

institutions with which Dr. Leidy was connected are to hold a commemorative meeting in his honor in the hall of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia at the Parkway and Nineteenth Street on the afternoon and evening of Thursday, December 6, 1923. Mr. Joseph P. Norris, Jr., will represent the Wilson Ornithological Club on this occasion.

William G. Fargo, Jackson, Michigan, one of our new members, is now in the wildness country near James Bay, Canada. Dr. Fargo has spent his summer vacations in this region for several years and has found it one of the "wonderlands" of America. He is a skilled woodsman, an agile canoeist, and is, like so many others of us, an enthusiast about birds. His specialty on this trip is to see the water birds on the west shore of James Bay.

Two of our members, George M. Sutton and W. E. Clyde Todd, both of them connected with the Carnegie Museum at Pittsburgh, left that city on August 17 for James Bay, by way of Abitibi River, to secure material for the new Blue Goose group which is to be erected in the Museum under the direction of Mr. Sutton. While they are in the great North woods, we hope they may meet with Mr. Fargo and his companion, mentioned elsewhere in this column.

Our President, Professor T. L. Hankinson, is doing field work for the state of Michigan this summer and is located at Traverse City. His special problem this summer is the relation between birds and fish.

Our Editor, Dr. Lynds Jones, has spent the entire summer in charge of an Ecology trip through Illinois, Iowa, North Dakota, Montana, Idaho, to the Pacific coast. The party went in automobiles and at the last accounts were finding their plans working out as they had anticipated. I suggest that our Editor tell us in an early issue of the Bulletin something of the purpose and the results of his journey.

Our former Secretary, A. F. Ganier, spent ten days at Reelfoot Lake, Tennessee, May 17-27, and made another short trip there in early June. In many ways this is the most unique freshwater lake in the interior of America. It was caused by the tremendous earthquake in 1811, at which time the great untouched forests of the Mississippi bottom sank. There are yet many remains of the old submerged trees. The lake is surrounded by marshes which are grown up in water plants and which are almost as wild as the tropical jungles. Mr. Ganier has studied this interesting place for many years and is recognized as an authority on the birds of the Mississippi River section. We are looking forward to a lengthy article on his investigations there.

Owing to the serious illness of our Secretary last spring, he has been spending his vacation recuperating, not trying to take any extended trips of observation. He has consoled himself by camping on his own little river and reviving his long field trips around his home.