

## PROCEEDINGS

## REPORT OF THE SECRETARY FOR 1933

Columbus, Ohio, December 31, 1933.

*To the Officers and Members of the Wilson Ornithological Club:*

During the past year, the intensive campaign for new members was continued by the Secretary, to aid in offsetting the unusual membership and financial losses due to present economic conditions. The work was handicapped by the continued high postal rates, which made solicitation on a large scale impossible, by the banking situation of the early part of the year, and by the further retrenchments of expenditures, which prevented dozens of interested prospects from affiliating with our organization. The membership as a whole rendered valuable assistance by sending in nominations. If the members of the Wilson Ornithological Club, during the coming year, make a special attempt to acquaint friends with the benefits of the organization and forward to the officers the names of several membership prospects, it is believed that the 1934 report will show a gain instead of a loss in total members. Also a little encouragement will induce many present members to carry on in spite of financial difficulties.

The membership campaign was quite successful considering the difficulties involved. In 1932, 113 new members were secured. In 1933, 114 new members were added to our rolls as follows: Sustaining, 3; Active, 18; Associate, 93. These new members were distributed through 34 states and provinces: Ohio, 17; Michigan, 14; New York, 10; Illinois, 8; Iowa and Massachusetts, 6 each; Indiana, Vermont, and Ontario, 5 each; California, 4; Missouri and New Jersey, 3 each; Pennsylvania, Texas, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Connecticut, and Maine, 2 each; Idaho, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Montana, Minnesota, North Dakota, New Mexico, Tennessee, South Dakota, Utah, District of Columbia, Alberta, West Virginia, Quebec, and Wyoming, 1 each. Records of new subscribers are kept by Editor Stephens and Treasurer Rosene. Disregarding some duplications in nominations, the various members responsible for the applications of the new members, were as follows: Lawrence E. Hicks, 99; T. C. Stephens, 13; W. M. Rosene, 4; Jesse M. Shaver, 3; L. H. Walkinshaw, 2; William B. Taber, Jr., Lynds Jones, Rudolf Bennitt, Maurice Brooks, Miles D. Pirnie, Mrs. Stanley B. Mulaik, and Harold C. Jones, one each.

In spite of these increases, the Wilson Ornithological Club has fewer members than last year, due to the unusually large number of resignations and delinquencies for 1933 forced by present conditions. The list of drops is larger than that of last year, partly because fewer delinquents have been retained on the rolls past the first of the year. The total number of members lost during the year 1933 was 189, 32 being Sustaining, 21 Active and 136 Associate. Life members increased by 2. Thus there has been a total loss of 73 members during 1933.

This leaves the present membership of the Club at 661, distributed as follows: Honorary, 7; Life, 12 (two also are Honorary); Sustaining, 46; Active, 172; Associate, 426.

Respectfully submitted,

LAWRENCE. E. HICKS, *Secretary.*

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR 1933

From November 21, 1932 to December 30, 1933

## RECEIPTS FOR 1933

November 21, 1932, Balance on hand as per last report.....	\$ 547.52
The following was collected as dues from members:	
1 Active member for 1931.....	\$ 2.50
2 Associate members for 1932.....	3.00
2 Active members for 1932.....	5.00
322 Associate members for 1933.....	483.00
138 Active members for 1933.....	345.00
35 Sustaining members for 1933.....	175.00
44 Associate members for 1934.....	66.00
8 Active members for 1934.....	20.00
2 Associate members for 1935.....	3.00
1 Active member for 1935.....	2.50
1 Active member for 1936.....	2.50
Life membership of L. E. Hicks in instalments.....	100.00
Total from membership dues.....	1,207.50
The following was collected from subscribers:	
1 Subscriber for 1932.....	1.50
76 Subscribers for 1933.....	114.00
20 Subscribers for 1934.....	30.00
1 Subscriber for 1933 at.....	2.50
19 Foreign subscribers and members.....	35.29
12 Fractional subscriptions.....	13.65
Total from subscriptions.....	196.94
The following were miscellaneous receipts:	
Total donations for the year 1933.....	12.50
Sale of extra copies of Bulletin.....	31.60
Publication fund.....	15.00
Miscellaneous receipts.....	59.10
Total receipts.....	\$2,011.06

## ENDOWMENT FUND

November 19, 1932, Balance on hand from last report.....	\$1,142.71
December 1, 1932, Interest from City State Bank.....	18.23
June 1, 1933, Interest from City State Bank.....	18.65
Life Membership, Charles H. Rogers.....	100.00
Life Membership, Lawrence E. Hicks.....	100.00
December 30, 1933, Balance on hand.....	\$1,379.59

This balance is deposited in the Savings Department of the City State Bank of Ogden, Iowa, at 3 per cent interest, and is covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance. Nothing has been paid out of this fund during the year.

DISBURSEMENTS FOR 1933

Printing four issues of Bulletin.....	\$754.73
Cost of halftones, zincs, etc.....	49.27
Other expenses in Editor's office.....	80.13
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Publication costs .....	\$ 884.13
Expenses, President's office .....	4.69
Expenses, Secretary's office .....	230.65
Expenses, Treasurer's office .....	53.75
Expenses, Library (freight, drayage).....	32.35
Subscriptions refunded .....	2.35
Exchange on Canadian checks.....	1.72
Membership in Ecological Society.....	1.00
Transferred to Endowment Fund (Life membership).....	100.00
Check returned .....	1.50
U. S. Tax on 52 checks at 2 cents each.....	1.04
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General costs .....	429.05
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Total disbursements .....	\$1,313.18
Balance on hand, December 30, 1933.....	697.88
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Total .....	\$2,011.06

(An itemized list of disbursements with vouchers is attached for the Auditors)

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. ROSENE, *Treasurer.*

Ogden, Iowa, January 22, 1934.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

Winthrop, Iowa, January 27, 1934.

We, the undersigned Auditing Committee, have examined the report of the Treasurer of the Wilson Ornithological Club for the fiscal year ending December 30, 1933, and have found it correct in all details. The statement of receipts and disbursements is accurate and the accounts are balanced. The vouchers as submitted to us have been checked against the itemized list of disbursements and the latter has been found correct. We commend to the attention of the membership the painstaking work and ability of Treasurer Rosene in handling the Club's funds, which stand at a very satisfactory figure at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) FRED J. PIERCE.  
OSCAR P. ALLERT.

## REPORT OF LIBRARIAN FOR 1933

Ann Arbor, Michigan, January 30, 1934.

I have the honor to present herewith the third report of the Librarian of the Wilson Ornithological Club.

**EXCHANGES.** During the past year the Library has received regularly on exchange *Iowa Bird Life* and the University of Iowa *Studies in Natural History*. In January, 1933, the Editor sent to the Library the following titles which he receives on exchange:

*Natural History, Condor, Bulletin Société Zoologique de Geneve, Ibis, Beiträge zur Fortpflanzung-biologie der Vogel, Vogelzug, Kocsag, Danske Fugle, Journal of the Tennessee Academy of Science, Cardinal, Yearbook of the Milwaukee Public Museum, Alauda, Journal für Ornithologie, Transactions of the Kansas Academy of Science, Annalen, Naturhistorischen Museum, Vienna.*

The exchange of the Bulletin for not only domestic but also foreign journals will be of inestimable scientific value to the Club and its Library in the field of research. In this field the exchanges may quite naturally become the very backbone of the research library.

**BINDING.** Many of the journals received from the Editor have been bound by the University bindery in green cloth at no expense to the Club. In this way we hope to properly preserve these periodicals, many of which are irreplaceable.

**REPRINTING.** On the matter of reprinting out-of-print numbers of the Bulletin some progress has been made. With funds available from the sale of back numbers, the Librarian has negotiated with the firm of Edwards Bros., of Ann Arbor, for the reprinting of Bulletin No. 10 (September, 1896). One hundred copies are being made by the new lithoprint process and will be ready for sale before the appearance of the March Bulletin at \$1.00 per copy to non-members and 80 cents to members. Members may recall that Bulletin No. 9 was reprinted in 1932 by the same firm and is available at the same price as No. 10.

**STOCK.** During 1933 the stock of Bulletins in the custody of the Librarian was augmented by a shipment from the Editor of Bulletins covering 1925-32, with certain few exceptions.

**BOOK PLATE.** As yet no book plate has been adopted by the Club, although several have been submitted.

**DONORS.** The Librarian takes pleasure in acknowledging gifts to the Club Library from the following during 1933:

- Mr. F. L. Burns, Berwyn, Pennsylvania.
- Mr. W. E. Collinge, York, England.
- Mr. Leon Kelso, Washington, D. C.
- Miss Margarette Morse, Viroqua, Wisconsin.
- Mr. W. J. Willis, New York City, N. Y.

The gifts to the Library for 1933 total 36 bound volumes and 298 separates, reprints, and unbound numbers of periodicals. This makes a total for the three-year period of the existence of the Library of 156 bound volumes and 1,145 separates.

Respectfully submitted,

F. P. ALLEN.