

EDITORIAL

WE CAN NOT BE SURE that this issue will reach our readers much in advance of the Annual Meeting on December 29-31. While *Science* included the W. O. C. among organizations having headquarters at the New Jefferson Hotel, we presume that Secretary Hicks' letter is correct in assigning us to the Melbourne Hotel. A special tour of the Missouri Botanical Garden (Shaw's Garden) has been arranged for Saturday (the 28th, 1.30 P. M.) for our members. A field trip is also planned for Sunday morning. For details of these excursions consult the Local Chairman, Mr. A. F. Satterthwaite, 118 Waverly Place, Webster Groves, Mo. Monday and Tuesday will be filled with the program of papers, with the annual dinner on Tuesday evening.

TWO GENERAL INVITATIONS for coöperation have reached this office. One is from the National Association of Audubon Societies, to the effect that data are being gathered for a popular booklet on the owls. It has not been decided at the present time whether this material will be incorporated in a second edition of Dr. May's book on the hawks, or issued as a separate and similar book on the owls alone. In either case the Association will be glad to receive any notes on the distribution, food habits, and behavior of all North American owls. Such contributions may be addressed to Mr. Warren F. Eaton, in charge of the N. A. A. S. Hawk and Owl Campaign.

The second invitation relates to the series of life history bulletins by Mr. Arthur Cleveland Bent, issued by the United States National Museum. Mr. Bent informs us that since Bulletin 162 on the gallinaceous birds was published in 1932, the manuscripts have been completed for two volumes on the birds of prey, including the vultures and owls. As yet these volumes have remained unpublished because funds were not available for the purpose. There seems to be some hope that at least one of these volumes may appear during the coming year.

However, Mr. Bent is continuing his labor on a third volume, which will be the twelfth in the series, and which will cover the groups of parrots, cuckoos, kingfishers, woodpeckers, goatsuckers, swifts, and hummingbirds, and in the sequence of the third A. O. U. Check-List. Mr. Bent is now ready to receive notes on habits and photographs relating to any of the birds in these groups. There is no doubt about the wisdom of carrying forward the completion of these manuscripts, and hoping for their publication at an early date. Those who are in a position to do so will undoubtedly assist by sending their contributions to Mr. A. C. Bent, Taunton, Mass.

THE INDEX has been delayed but will be printed and furnished to all members and subscribers.