

EDITORIAL

THE TWENTY-FIRST MEETING of the Wilson Ornithological Club was held at St. Louis, Missouri, on December 30 and 31, 1935. This was the second meeting in St. Louis. The first meeting, in 1919, was marked by the presence of Mr. Otto Widmann. While our second St. Louis meeting has been exceeded in the matter of attendance, yet the program continued to maintain a high level of scientific interest. Both of our St. Louis meetings have been with the American Association for the Advancement of Science. In 1919 all sessions of the Association were held under one roof, the Soldan High School. This was found to be a most convenient and satisfactory arrangement, although the meeting room to which we were assigned at that time would hardly have accommodated the audiences we had in 1935. At this last meeting of the A. A. A. S. the various sessions of the forty-seven participating societies were scattered from Dan to Beersheba, and consequently most of us remained in one place. The W. O. C. was comfortably housed and conveniently located. We were much indebted to our Local Committee for the comfort and precision with which our meeting was conducted.

The 1936 meeting of the W. O. C. will be held in Chicago, at the Chicago Academy of Sciences, on November 27-28. In 1937 the meeting will be held at Indianapolis, with the American Association, during the last week in December.

The following figures give a statistical summary of the organization for the past five years.

	Cleveland 1930	New Orleans 1931	Columbus 1932	Pittsburgh 1934	St. Louis 1935
Local Attendance	41	11	92	49	24
Out-of-town Attendance	122	81	65	129	88
Total Attendance	163	92	157	178	112
Dinner Attendance	98	35	69	72	70
Titles on the Program....	33	27	35	39	38
Honorary Members	7	7	7	6	6
Life Members	7	7	10	12	11
Sustaining Members	58	57	75	44	42
Active Members	227	214	175	154	189
Associate Members	479	461	469	507	538
Total Membership	775	744	734	721*	784
New Members Added....	241	162	113	112	141
Pages in BULLETIN.....	312	334	256	288	318
Total Income	\$2451	\$2686	\$2191	\$2230	\$2494
Fiscal Balance	\$675	\$731	\$547	\$842	\$767

It was with much regret that the Club accepted the resignation of Mr. W. M. Rosene as Treasurer. Mr. Rosene's services in caring for our funds, without loss, through the perilous depression days can not be too highly appreciated. And we may say that Mr. Rosene has won a high place in the esteem of all members of the organization. Mr. Samuel E. Perkins III, of Indianapolis, was elected to the office of Treasurer, succeeding Mr. Rosene. We are confident of Mr. Perkins' ability and desire to maintain the high efficiency in this office.

It was a general agreement among officers and members at this meeting that an effort would be made in 1936 to eclipse all previous records in the development

*This number in last year's summary was in error by 100.

of the Wilson Ornithological Club. All members are therefore urged to be ready to give assistance when called upon, and to volunteer whatever aid may be within their power to give toward this end. The objective is to reach or exceed two hundred new members. The Secretary can tell us that this goal can not be reached without some hard work. Let us help him, therefore, in every possible way to report success at the next annual meeting. The Editor promises to increase the size of the WILSON BULLETIN as rapidly as our finances will permit.

We shall be glad to have our readers send us any notes on the effects of the past cold winter season on the bird life.

Dr. Tracey I. Storer, of the University of California, has recently completed his file of the WILSON BULLETIN. Prof. George M. Sutton, of Cornell University, is anxious to secure any or all of the following numbers to complete his file of the WILSON BULLETIN: Serial number 11, 1896; 12, 1897; 15, 1897; 19, 1898; 20, 1898; 22, 1898; 23, 1898; 25, 1899; 26, 1899; 27, 1899; 29, 1899; 30, 1900; 34, 1901; 35, 1901; 36, 1901; 37, 1901; 46, 1904; 60, 1907; 65, 1908; 94, 1916; 97, 1916.

We have reached the conclusion that it is bad practice to change the original paging in the reprinting of articles. Retention of the original pagination enables one to make a citation from a reprint. If the author wishes to omit the running magazine heads with original folio numbers perhaps it would be better to omit page numbers entirely. The alternative is to authorize the printer to reset the folio line with the original folio numbers only.

THERE WAS HELD at Washington on February 3-7, of this year, the organization meeting of the North American Wild Life Conference. From the "invitation" and prospectus it is not very clearly determined who were expected to attend. Our "invitation" was received less than a week before the opening date of the conference. So we presume that such general invitations were more or less perfunctory, and that the conference was a more or less set-up affair. A national wild life conference of this kind is much needed, and it should be democratic rather than bureaucratic. We doubt if a hot-house convention of this sort will win general support. It is not representative. We believe it would be more effective to organize a half dozen or more regional conferences, the latter to elect delegates to a national conference. Then the national conference would have the force of representation. Wisdom or power superimposed from above is bound to be less effective than the same developed and organized from below.