

EDITORIAL

THE WILSON ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB will hold its Twenty-second Annual Meeting in Chicago on November 27-28, of this year. The sessions will be held in the Chicago Academy of Sciences, with the Inland Bird Banding Association participating. Mr. W. I. Lyon is Chairman of the Local Committee. Those who expect to present papers on the program are asked to notify Dr. L. E. Hicks, Secretary of the W. O. C., Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

OUR READERS are again reminded that notes on the effects of the drouth on bird life are of much interest at this time. Have any definite observations been made on the effects of drouth on birds that use mud in nest building? Or on the fall movements of shore birds? Have there been as many northern records as usual of "white herons" and egrets, or have the dried-up sloughs retarded this movement? Has there been a scarcity of berries and winter fruit, which has had any effect on the usual abundance of birds in a given area? Has the abundance of certain foods, such as "grasshoppers", brought any increase in certain birds? Have rails, coots, and grebes nested in their accustomed haunts?

The *Ibis* for July, 1936, contains a most instructive summary of recent literature on the migration of birds, by Dr. A. Landsborough Thomson, author of "Problems of Bird Migration". This paper covers the literature of a ten-year period from 1926 to 1935, inclusively. The year 1926 brought out three important books on bird migration, namely, those by Wachs, Wetmore, and Thomson. The present paper by Thomson is valuable in collating the scattered literature since that time. The accompanying bibliography contains 209 titles, not counting secondary references. As a matter of curiosity we were interested to know whether our own periodical contributed its share of this literature. A count shows that American ornithological journals were each cited the following number of times: The *Auk*, 13; the *Condor*, 7; the WILSON BULLETIN, 6; *Bulletin Northeastern Bird Banding Association*, 4; *Bird-Banding*, 2. Using this bibliography as a test it was found that the WILSON BULLETIN occupied seventh place, tying with three others, among the ornithological periodicals of the world, in the matter of frequency of citation.

THE UNITED STATES BIOLOGICAL SURVEY has again failed in its opportunity to give the wild fowl of the continent a respite from hunters. It had seemed to us that the stage was nicely set for a closed season. We wish we might know a little more about the mysterious pressure which seems to bear on government officials.

Dr. Carl P. Russell has been appointed Chief of the Wildlife Division of the National Park Service, taking the vacancy caused last spring by the death of George M. Wright.