

EDITORIAL

THE TWENTY-SECOND MEETING of the Wilson Ornithological Club was held at the Chicago Academy of Sciences on November 27 and 28. A full report of this meeting will be given as usual in the March number.

THE RECENT MEETING at Pittsburgh of the American Ornithologists' Union afforded a splendid program of ornithological papers, and brought together a large number of the well known ornithologists of the country. This meeting was honored by the presence of M. Jean Theodore Delacour, of France. Perhaps the most important event of the meeting was the announcement of the retirement of Dr. Witmer Stone as Editor of the *Auk*, after a term of twenty-five years of distinguished service. It was announced at the same time that Dr. Glover M. Allen, of Boston, would assume the editorial duties with the beginning of the 1937 volume.

AT THE RECENT October meeting of the National Association of Audubon Societies Mr. John H. Baker, Executive Director, announced that the Association is establishing a number of Fellowships in educational institutions which are willing to cooperate. These Audubon Fellowships will afford an annual stipend of about \$1500 to cover the investigator's living and traveling expenses. It is expected that the institution will contribute a like amount in services and equipment. The ecological problems to be studied under these fellowships will not be limited to "game" animals, nor will they be selected on the basis of economic considerations. We understand that the purpose is to encourage unbiased biological research on problems of predator control, ecological effects of introduced exotic species, mosquito control, use of poisons, the rôle of fish-eating birds near hatcheries, the status of numerous disappearing species, etc., etc. We believe that this is one of the most noteworthy of the recent steps taken in furthering the cause of wild life. It will be most interesting to watch the development of this plan.