

EDITORIAL

THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING of the Wilson Ornithological Club was held at the Chicago Academy of Sciences on November 27, 28, and 29, 1936, the Inland Bird Banding Association meeting in conjunction. It had been ten years since our last meeting in Chicago. At this meeting we missed the presence of a number of our Chicago colleagues who have added to the pleasure of other meetings. Messrs. P. B. Coffin and Chreswell J. Hunt have passed away since we last met. Messrs. B. T. Gault and E. R. Ford were unable to be present. It is a common experience that friendships are made at these gatherings, the renewal of which is looked forward to from year to year. The twenty-third annual meeting will be held at Indianapolis during the Holidays of this year.

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

	New Orleans 1931	Columbus 1932	Pittsburgh 1934	St. Louis 1935	Chicago 1936
Local Attendance	11	92	49	24	62
Out-of-town Attendance	81	65	129	88	70
Total Attendance	92	157	178	112	132
Dinner Attendance	35	69	72	70	54
Titles on Program.....	27	35	39	38	27
Honorary Members	7	7	6	6	5
Life Members	7	10	12	11	11
Sustaining Members	57	75	44	42	40
Active Members	214	175	154	189	212
Associate Members	461	469	507	538	640
Total Membership	744	734	721	784	906
New Members Added....	162	113	112	141	170
Pages in BULLETIN.....	334	256	288	318	336
Total Income	\$2686	\$2191	\$2230	\$2494	\$2222
Fiscal Balance	\$731	\$547	\$842	\$767	\$581

SEVERAL CHANGES in our official personnel are to be recorded. During the years since our Library was first established Mr. F. P. Allen, of the University of Michigan Library Staff, has served as our Librarian. Those of us who have been in a position to see him and know his work have realized his interest in building a substantial and useful library. Within the past year Mr. Allen has been called from our territory, thus automatically severing his relations with us. His successor in the University is Mr. F. Ridlen Harrell, who has consented to assume charge of the W. O. C. Library. We express our gratitude to Mr. Allen for services rendered, and our greetings and best wishes to Mr. Harrell.

Dr. L. E. Hicks resigned as Secretary after having served for five years. This is the longest service in this office in our history, and has been equalled only by Mr. B. T. Gault and Mr. A. F. Ganier. Dr. Hicks' term has been one of marked activity. During these years a total of 650 new members have been added to the roll. He has built four annual programs and has managed four annual meetings. The number of pieces of mail sent out from his office has been many thousands. In addition to this work for the Club he has published 105 notes or longer articles in the various fields of his interest. He is succeeded in office by Dr. Olin S. Pettingill, Jr., of the Department of Zoology, Carleton College, Northfield, Minn. We welcome him as a co-worker, and with the gentle admonition that he is in a line of able men; and for him we wish the utmost success.

At the beginning of 1925 Professor M. H. Swenk joined the writer in assuming editorial direction of the WILSON BULLETIN. Through twelve years that association has continued. Professor Swenk now feels that he must relinquish this duty. During these years he has most faithfully performed his allotment of work on the BULLETIN. The record shows that he has prepared for the printer 638 short communications, covering 363 pages of the magazine. As a further measure of achievement we wish it were possible to indicate the number of readers of this material. It is only by such a cumulative retrospect that it is possible to appreciate labor of this kind. We express our own personal appreciation for Professor Swenk's unfailing services and loyalty. We hope there is ample reward in the knowledge of work well done. This work will be carried on by Professor O. A. Stevens, of the North Dakota Agricultural College.

The normal size of the WILSON BULLETIN is sixty-four pages. The last two issues for 1936 contained, however, ninety-six pages each. This increase was made possible by the splendid work of Dr. Hicks in enrolling new members to fill the places of those who dropped out. Credit is due no less to our many loyal members who assisted by securing new members or by sending names of prospective members to the Secretary. It is our policy to increase the size of the BULLETIN to the extent of our financial resources. We do, however, try to begin the year modestly, with reference to volume, and make our best showing in the last two issues of the year. We feel sure that our members and readers will be just as generous in their support of Dr. Pettingill's efforts to build up our membership as they have been with past secretaries.

IN JANUARY of this year the National Association of Audubon Societies announced the establishment of two Audubon Research Fellowships. One is located at Cornell University under the direction of Dr. A. A. Allen, and has for its objective the study of the status, ecology, and best methods of preventing the extermination of the Ivory-billed Woodpecker. Mr. James Tanner has been appointed to this fellowship. A second fellowship has been located at the University of Arizona under the direction of Professor Charles T. Vorhies, and has for its objective the study of the status, ecology, and best methods of preventing the extermination of the Desert Mountain Sheep of the southwest. Mr. A. A. Nichol has been appointed to this fellowship. The project of these fellowships now seems to be launched under the most favorable conditions.