

EDITORIAL

The twenty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Club, held November 21 to 23 at the University of Minnesota Museum of Natural History in Minneapolis, was one of the largest and most successful we have ever had. Details and proceedings of the meeting will appear in the March *Bulletin*.

The Club needs very much copies of the December, 1908, and March, 1916, *Wilson Bulletin*. Members who know of copies which are not being used are asked to communicate with the Editor.

In response to the requests which have come in, we are having made a few reprints of the "Short Papers" section of this issue. These copies will be printed on only one side of the paper so that they may be cut up to form card index bibliographies of current literature or special topics. We will have a limited number of extra copies to supply those who have not ordered them in advance.

The Wilson Ornithological Club wishes to thank Mr. J. B. Semple of Sewickley, Pennsylvania, for his generous gift which makes it possible to publish the handsome colored plate that illustrates this issue.

A gift from William Youngworth of Sioux City, Iowa, enables us to publish two more large photographs in this issue than would otherwise have been possible.

We wish to express here our sincere thanks for the editorial assistance received during the past year from Maurice Brooks, Helen T. Gaige, Harry W. Hann, Harrison F. Lewis, Waldo L. McAtee, Theodora Nelson, and Max M. Peet.

OBITUARY

FRANCIS H. HERRICK died on September 11, 1940, in his eighty-second year. He was the leading authority on Audubon and was the author of the definitive biography of that great naturalist. Professor Herrick was one of the very early leaders in the field of bird photography and published in 1901 one of the first books on the subject. He also spent a number of years studying the nest life of the Bald Eagle, but even more important in the development of American ornithology were his invaluable, pioneering papers on the psychology and nesting habits of birds.

FRANK S. HALL died on July 7, 1940, while returning by train from Puget Sound to Spokane. After serving on the staff of the University of Michigan Museum from 1907 to 1909, he went to Washington to serve as curator of the Washington State Museum and later as director of the Spokane Public Museum. Long a leader in natural history work in the Pacific Northwest, he was principally responsible for the founding of the Pacific Northwest Bird and Mammal Society and its excellent journal, *The Murrelet*.

WILLIS W. WORTHINGTON, noted naturalist and bird collector, died at Shelter Island, New York on October 4, 1940, in his seventy-ninth year. He was famous for his skill in the field, and his excellent bird skins are familiar to every museum worker. He had made many trips, especially for Carnegie Museum, to Mexico, the West Indies, and various parts of the United States.

ROBERT W. WILLIAMS, Chief Counsel of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, died in Washington, D. C., on September 19, 1940. He had served the United States government in various kinds of conservation work for nearly forty years and had a notable record of accomplishment.