

EDITORIAL

War conditions again prevent our holding an Annual Meeting. The election of officers will be carried out by mail as was done last year. We have not yet been notified of the appointment of the Nominating Committee, but that may be expected shortly, and we shall be glad to forward to that committee the suggestions and opinions of members sent in our care.

Annual Meetings have always been of vital importance to the growth of the Club. There is real danger that the Club may lose ground during the war unless our members give the Club special support in its membership campaign and in its publishing and other activities.

We are sorry to report that the pressure of his duties in the U. S. Army Air Corps has caused George Miksch Sutton to resign from his position as President of the Club. His place is taken by Vice-President S. Charles Kendeigh of Champaign, Illinois.

ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

Our Associate Editor, Frederick N. Hamerstrom, Jr., has joined the U. S. Army Air Corps and is now at Randolph Field, Texas, where he is doing research in aviation physiology.

The 1943 annual meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union has been canceled, but the Council will meet in New York, on October 20, to transact necessary business.

Following the death of Bayard Christy, founder and editor, *The Cardinal* has ceased publication. The Audubon Society of Sewickley Valley (Pennsylvania) had published the journal under Christy's distinguished editorship since January, 1923.

OBITUARY

NORMAN A. WOOD, Emeritus Curator of Birds in the University of Michigan Museum of Zoology, died at Ann Arbor, September 7, 1943, at the age of 86. He had been a member of the University faculty for 48 years and had done extensive field work on birds and mammals in Michigan, North Dakota, Florida, and China.

WILLIAM E. SAUNDERS, dean of Ontario ornithologists, died in London, June 28, 1943, at the age of 82. A very active and skillful field naturalist, his remarkable knowledge not only of birds but also of mammals and plants was widely recognized. He was President of the Wilson Ornithological Club in 1912 and 1913.

BAYARD H. CHRISTY of Sewickley, Pennsylvania, died June 20, 1943. He will perhaps be best remembered as founder and editor (through all of its 21 years) of *The Cardinal*, for it reflected so well his unusual ability as a writer and editor, his knowledge of birds, his interest in history, his zeal and courage as a wildlife conservationist, and his high scientific standards.

JAMES MOFFITT, Curator of Birds and Mammals in the California Academy of Sciences, was killed in an airplane crash at Dutch Harbor, Alaska, on July 2, 1943, while serving with the U. S. Navy. He had published extensively on game birds, especially water fowl, and was an authority on the geese of North America.