

EDITORIAL

Our Annual Meeting, held recently in Omaha, was very successful and well attended. The full proceedings will be published in the March issue of *The Wilson Bulletin*.

William E. Hill has generously presented to the Wilson Club Library a number of books and magazines from the collection of his late brother, Walter P. Hill, of LaGrange, Illinois. Included are a group of very useful reference works by such authors as W. B. Alexander, A. A. Allen, W. B. Barrows, F. M. Chapman, A. H. Howell, and Florence A. Merriam.

As the *Bulletin* goes to press we have received an advance copy of the "unrevised reprint" of A. C. Bent's "Life Histories of North American Diving Birds," published by Dodd, Mead, and Company, November 11. A review will appear in the next issue of the *Bulletin*.

A number of Wilson Club members and friends have given valuable editorial assistance during 1946. Especial mention should be made of: Harley H. Bartlett, Alfred E. Brandt, Frances Hamerstrom, Burt L. Monroe, A. D. Moore, Kenneth W. Prescott, Alexander F. Skutch, George M. Sutton, Milton B. Trautman, A. J. van Rossem, and Augusta White.

We are extremely grateful to our Treasurer, Burt L. Monroe, for having undertaken the exacting task of preparing the membership roll for this issue of the *Bulletin*. In the coming weeks, dues notices will be sent to all unpaid members. Please send in your dues promptly or notify the Treasurer that you are continuing your membership and will pay your dues later. Thus much time and expense will be saved in the preparation of the mailing list for the March issue of the *Bulletin*.

OBITUARY

ERNEST THOMPSON SETON, famous naturalist, died in Santa Fe, New Mexico, on October 23, 1946, at the age of eighty-six. He was elected an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union at its first meeting (1883) and was made a Member in 1901. His "Birds of Manitoba" (1891 and 1909) remains a standard source book, and his use of diagrammatic duck pictures to teach the essentials needed for identification (1903) provided the inspiration for our finest modern field guides. He was a talented artist, and a number of his drawings were published in ornithological journals; in 1897 he illustrated "Bird Life" by Frank M. Chapman. His wild animal stories reached millions of people and had an important part in creating the present widespread interest in wildlife and its protection.

EDWARD A. GOLDMAN, mammalogist and ornithologist, died September 2, 1946, in Washington, D.C. He was best known to ornithologists for his biological survey of Panama and for his many years of exploration in Mexico with E. W. Nelson. He had an important part in the preparation and adoption of the Migratory Bird Treaty between the United States and Mexico.

CLEMENT S. BRIMLEY, long an authority on the animals of North Carolina, died in Raleigh, July 23, 1946, aged eighty-two. He was an entomologist by profession but had published important papers on the reptiles, amphibians, and mammals

of North Carolina as well as a great many short notes and papers on birds. With his brother, H. H. Brimley, and T. G. Pearson, he was co-author of "Birds of North Carolina" (1919 and 1942).

ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

The Leidy Medal of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia was awarded on October 2 to Ernst Mayr. The award is made once in three years for distinguished contribution to the natural sciences. Dr. Mayr is the first ornithologist to be thus honored.

At the annual meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union, held in Urbana September 2-6, President Hoyes Lloyd, Vice-Presidents Robert Cushman Murphy and Josselyn Van Tyne, and Treasurer Frederick C. Lincoln were reelected; Olin S. Pettingill, Jr., was elected Secretary. The new Council members are: George H. Lowery, Jr., S. Charles Kendeigh, and F. A. Pitelka; new Fellows: James Bond, H. G. Deignan, Jean Delacour, Hildegard Howard, and Alexander F. Skutch; new Members: Logan J. Bennett, Victor H. Cahalane, Donald S. Farner, Harvey I. Fisher, R. A. Johnson, A. Starker Leopold, Howard L. Mendall, Allan R. Phillips, Arthur C. Twomey, and Emil Witschi. Pontus Palmgren of Finland and David Lack of England were elected Honorary Fellows. The 1947 meeting will be held in Toronto.

Olin S. Pettingill, Jr., has resigned from the Whooping Crane investigation because of the pressure of other work. The assignment has now been taken over by Robert P. Allen, who will devote full time to it.

Reuben M. Strong, one of the Founders of the Wilson Ornithological Club, has retired as Professor of Anatomy and Chairman of the Department of Anatomy of Loyola University and has moved to Chicago Natural History Museum to devote himself to ornithological research and the publication of his "Bibliography of Birds."

NEW LIFE MEMBER



JOHN KIERAN is a graduate of Fordham University. He is a Life Member of the Linnaean Society of New York, a Director of the National Audubon Society, and Contributing Editor of *Audubon Magazine*. He has published a book and many articles on natural history subjects. His great interest in natural history was evident even in the sports column which for sixteen years he wrote for the *New York Times* and in the general column he later wrote for the *Sun*. He is perhaps best known as the natural history expert on a popular national radio program.