

EDITORIAL

We are grateful to Roger Tory Peterson for his splendid painting of the Arizona Junco reproduced as the frontispiece of this number and of the sixtieth volume of *The Wilson Bulletin*.

Our Endowment Fund Committee has been working steadily to increase our roll of Life Members (whose payments are added to the Club's Endowment Fund), and the Committee had a remarkable report to make at the end of 1947. During the year the number of Life Memberships increased by thirteen, bringing the total to fifty-seven.

The 1947 Annual Meeting held in November at Columbus, Ohio—one of our largest and most successful—is described in later pages of this issue of the *Bulletin*. Members who failed to attend the 1947 meeting should begin now to plan for the 1948 meeting, which will be held in Madison, Wisconsin; those who participated in the 1947 meeting will need no reminder.

OBITUARY

HUBERT LYMAN CLARK died at Cambridge, Massachusetts, July 31, 1947, aged seventy-seven. A world authority on echinoderms, he was also an ornithologist of distinction whose some two dozen publications on birds include notable contributions to our knowledge of bird anatomy, distribution, and pterylography.

JOHN B. SEMPLE, trustee of Carnegie Museum and of Carnegie Institute of Technology, died on November 13, 1947, at Sewickley, Pennsylvania, at the age of seventy-nine. The published results of the several ornithological expeditions that Mr. Semple conducted to Canada, Mexico, and the Western States represent major advances in ornithological study.

ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

Robert W. Storer has been appointed Assistant Editor of the *Condor*.

We are sorry to report that the plan for distributing copies of the Aves section of the *Zoological Record* through an American agent—announced earlier in *The Wilson Bulletin* (September 1944)—has been abandoned. Copies can be purchased from the Secretary, Zoological Society, Regent's Park, London, N.W. 8, England.

The Louisiana Ornithological Society was founded on December 6, 1947. Officers elected at the initial meeting were: *President*, Earl R. Greene, of New Orleans; *Vice-President*, George H. Lowery, Jr., of Baton Rouge; *Secretary-Treasurer*, Gladys S. King, of New Orleans. One of the new society's chief objects is "to unite interests and activities of bird students over the state in gathering information on selected projects concerning bird life within its boundaries."

A COOPERATIVE STUDY OF NOCTURNAL BIRD MIGRATION

To the Editor of *The Wilson Bulletin*:

Studies in recent years at Louisiana State University have demonstrated the practicability and desirability of making counts at night of migrating birds by use of a small telescope focused on the moon. The number of birds seen in this measurable portion of the sky furnishes an index to the total number passing over a given observation station. The telescopic method also provides a means of computing the direction and altitude of flight. From these data it will be