

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

The Proceedings of our excellent 1967 meeting, held during 15-18 June at the Crawford House, New Hampshire, appear elsewhere in this issue, as recorded by Pershing B. Hofslund, who has completed his fifth and final year as the dedicated Secretary of this Society. As I express to him the grateful appreciation of all of us for the fine work which he has done, I would welcome, with similar gratitude, his successor, Jeff Swinebroad, who was elected Secretary at the June meeting.

This specific example of one good man taking over from another illustrates a general point which one of our esteemed Past Presidents, Maurice Brooks, has made. Writing to me, shortly after the meeting, Dr. Brooks commented: "The setting was great, the crowd excellent, and the spirit encouraging as always." He then said: "I never cease to marvel at the viability of this organization; year after year it comes up with devoted people who get the jobs done."

The continuing devotion of Past Presidents, as exemplified by Maurice Brooks, is a large part of the viability of the Wilson Society. This continuity of devotion also can be seen in the fact that the symposium on nocturnal migration and orientation, which was an outstanding feature of the papers sessions at the meeting, was proposed by a Past President, Sewall Pettingill, and was organized and chaired by one of our Vice Presidents, William Gunn. Two Past Presidents, moreover, participated in the Saturday evening program, after the Annual Dinner: Dr. Pettingill as Toastmaster, and Dr. George Sutton as the speaker of the evening.

Next year's meeting, to be held at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois, 2-5 May, 1968, will provide still another example of a Past President's contribution to the viability of the Wilson Society. Roger Peterson will be the Chairman of a symposium on the preparation of state and regional bird books. In writing to say how pleasant the 1967 meeting was, Dr. Peterson said that he will enjoy planning and chairing the 1968 Symposium. The latter will be concerned with a subject of timely relevance. No one who is interested in North American birds can afford to miss it. But the point is that, busy man though he is, Past President Peterson is sufficiently devoted to the Wilson Society to take the time to organize this important symposium for next May's meeting.

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(As we go to press, we learn that an unexpected commitment will make it impossible for Dr. Peterson to attend the Carbondale meeting, but we expect to continue with the symposium which he had planned.—Ed.)

CORRECTION

The following correction should be made in the article, "A new subspecies of the Boat-tailed Grackle from Mexico," *Wilson Bull.*, 78:129-131 (1966). In Table 1 the weight data for females of the subspecies *prosopidicola* should read: (6) 117-137.6
(125.2)