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Iowa Ornithologists' Union

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Dear Fellow Member:

It is now two years since our organization, and it is a great satisfaction to know that we have, this year, gained a little on our membership of the first year.

There are many bird lovers throughout the state who have not yet affiliated with our organization. There may be many other reasons for this, but possibly they do not know of it, or we do not know of them. We should all try to remedy this by advertising our Union to our friends, and to our friends' friends.

The Annual Meeting of the Iowa Ornithologists' Union will be held this year, as it was last year, at Ames, in conjunction with the Iowa Conservation Association, February 19-20-21 and Saturday, February 21 is to be especially our program. In addition to this Mr. Walter Bennett of Sioux City, is to give one of his fine lectures illustrated in color, on Friday afternoon. The subject will be, "Island Bird Life".

We have several other good things promised and a program will be sent, when printed, to each member. There will be reports from the two large ornithological meetings held at Pittsburg and Nashville, and Dr. LeRoy Titus Weeks will give two of his delightful talks on "Birds of Sixty Years Ago" and "Poetry on Wings".

There are other papers by old friends and new, that will help to make up a very interesting program and I am sure you will want to be there.

I wish I might make all of you know the advantages and enthusiasm of these meetings, but those of you who attended last year do know, and we count on your being there again. We have many on our roll, however, who are new members this year, or who were not able to attend the meeting last year, to you I can only say, do not let anything keep you away this year, it is so well worth while. If it is possible to do so, plan for the three full days, as the rest of the program is as interesting as that of the Iowa Ornithologists' Union. Come and bring others who are interested.

The dues for the year 1925 are due and payable after the first of January and we would appreciate attention to this matter as soon as possible, if you have overlooked it. The dues are the same as last year and the affiliation with the Wilson Ornithological Club has not made any difference, but we urge that all our members also join the latter as that keeps us in touch with members of other states through the Wilson Bulletin which is now edited and published in our state. At the meeting of the Club at Nashville, Dr. T. C. Stephens, Vice-President of the Iowa Ornithologists' Union was elected Editor and the next number of the Bulletin will be under his supervision.

Keep the dates of the meeting at Ames before you and let this be a reunion of old friends.

Yours very truly,

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Secretary.