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EDITORIAL

The Editorial Committee of the Nigerian Ornithologists' Society sincerely regrets the delay in appearance of the Bulletin.

The reasons have already been explained to members. Philip Hall, who had volunteered to take over the job found that his extensive touring duties prevented him from producing the Bulletin. The stencils from which this Bulletin was produced, were however all typed by him and we are indebted to him for what he has done to keep the Society going. In the absence of John Elgood and Hilary Fry in Australasia I was very fortunate in finding a willing volunteer for the laborious task of duplicating, preparation and despatch of the Bulletin and we are all very grateful to Mrs F.E.Warr for kindly undertaking this.

We hope that members of the Society who are still on the coast will be stimulated to send in articles for publication. We intend that the Bulletin will be circulated more widely in future, and invite contributions from all West Africa.

We are very pleased that Joe Heigham at A.T. & P. Sapele has taken over the post of Joint Secretary/Treasurer and we are conducting negotiations with Professor Brian Harris at A.B.U. Zaria with a view to his taking over the Editorship next year.

I am at present compiling the ringing reports for 1972 and 1973. If any members have any press reports of ringed birds being found in Nigeria I will be very pleased if they can let me have them.

If any members of the Nigerian Ornithologists' Society in U.K. wish to attend the Annual Gathering of the Nigerian Field Society at Stourhead, Wiltshire on Saturday, September 9th, would they please contact me.

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