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EDITORIAL

The Ahmadu Bello University fire and Dr. Fry's departure for the United Kingdom - not to mention the grave developments in the country's political life - must have given rise to doubts whether the progress of the Society, so encouraging to date, would be continued. The Secretary/Treasurer and the Editor are pleased, therefore, to present Bulletin Number 15, and with its appearance we hope that the Nigerian Ornithologists' Society has succeeded in surmounting the difficulties of 1967. That the Bulletin has become an effective instrument for the dissemination of data and to an increasing extent the co-ordination of effort, has been due in large measure to Dr. Fry's energy; now that Hilary Fry has left Nigeria we are more aware than ever of the enormous debt owed to him by West African Ornithology. We wish Sue and Hilary every happiness at Aberdeen. The present issue includes a tribute from Professor J.H. Elgood.

An invaluable service Dr. Fry performed before leaving Nigeria was to secure the continued good offices of the Zoology Department of Ahmadu Bello University in the technical production of the Bulletin. I should like to express the Society's appreciation of Professor A.P. Mead's kindness in continuing this favour.

Bob Sharland, the Treasurer requests all members who have not paid their subscriptions for 1967 (15/-) to contact him: R.E. Sharland, Box 791, Kano. Cheques on either British or Nigerian banks accepted.

Finally may I thank all those who contributed to this issue. Material is urgently needed for Bulletin Vol.4 No. 16 (December 1967), which should appear early in the new year.