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EDITORIAL

By means of further subsidisation by Ahmadu Bello University Press this issue is twice its usual length. The substantial backlog of contributions awaiting publication has thereby been eliminated, and we hope that authors will not again have to encounter delays greater than the publication intervals of the Bulletin of five and seven months. The Society expresses its gratitude to the Press for its continued support.

Some important recent events : The Gambia Ornithological Society has been constituted and publishes an annual bird report (Secretary : P.O. Box 757, Banjul, The Gambia) ; in March 1977 the long-awaited 'A Field Guide to the Birds of West Africa' by W. Serle and G. J. Morel was published (Collins, London, £5.95). A review will appear in an early number of The Nigerian Field ; and also in March the East African Natural History Society launched its new journal of ornithology, *Scopus* (see p. 84).

LIST OF MEMBERS

This will appear in No. 44 in October.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Treasurer would like to remind members that annual subscriptions were increased in January 1976 to N2.50 or £2.00 for Ordinary Members and to N6.00 or £5.00 for Corporate Members. Letters will be sent to any members who have not paid or changed their Bankers' Orders in accordance with Rule II (4). It would be of great assistance to the Society if those Members who can easily do so would kindly make payment of their dues in the U.K.

