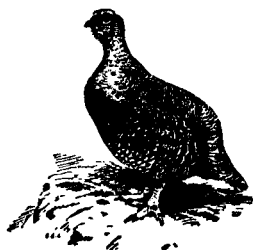


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EDITORIAL

FIFTY YEARS AGO our issue of 1st June 1909 began with an Editorial announcing "with great satisfaction" the names of two "excellent ornithologists" who would thenceforth assist in the task of editing the magazine. One of these was Dr. Norman F. Ticehurst, M.A., F.R.C.S., M.B.O.U. His name appeared at the head of the contents then, and it has stood there on every one of the six hundred issues since. We are sure that our readers will wish to join with us in congratulating him on this great record, remarkable not only for its length but for its broad and varied contribution to British ornithology. We are delighted that his services should have been so aptly recognized by his recent election as Vice-President of the British Ornithologists' Union at its most successful Centenary Meeting at Cambridge during March. One of Dr. Ticehurst's special interests has always been the history of ornithology; by his long and fruitful activity he has made history as well as written it.