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### CHAIRMAN'S NOTICE

All too often it falls to my lot to say an inadequate 'thank you' to some-one leaving Nigeria who has given outstanding help to the Society. It is now the turn of Jo Heigham, who has for years assisted ably the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer. After many years in West Africa he seems to have said good-bye to Nigeria; I say 'seems', because I have previously written here about Hilary Fry and Bob Sharland when they left Nigeria, but both are still very much in action on the Society's behalf. One knows that Jo will not lose touch, and he might even find his way back to Nigeria again : overtures are being made for his services by Zambia and Iran, but who knows ?

Jo Heigham and his wife Phyllis first came to Nigeria in 1958, having already spent 14 years in Ghana. They were in Ibadan for four years at a time when I was there myself, although we never met! I think they heard me address the Field Society and found me such a bore that they steered clear. They say now that they were only beginners and too shy to bother me - an unlikely tale! From 1962 to 1967 they were in Britain but returned to Lagos for the next six years. During that period I spent six months at Lagos University and not only did we meet at last but enjoyed a good deal of birding together, when I learned a great deal from him. For the last two years the Heighams have been based on Sapele and that is when Jo made his great contribution to the Society. We are all greatly indebted to him for his useful pamphlet 'Comparative Nomenclature of Nigerian Birds for the Amateur' (produced, incidentally, at his own expense), and also for helping to keep interest in the Society alive during the period when the irregular appearance of the Bulletin very nearly sounded its death knell. An important paper on the birds of Mid-Western Nigeria will appear in the next number of the Bulletin.

The Society is most grateful for all you have done, and we would like to wish you good fortune in your quest for new fields to conquer; may you yet return to Nigeria!

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### SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Committee regrets that under Rule II (2) individual and corporate membership dues for the current year have to be raised to ₦ 2.50 or £2.00. 1976 subscriptions are now due and should be paid either direct to the Society's account at Lloyd's Bank, Ringwood, Hants, U.K. or to the Treasurer at P.O. Box 342, Kano, Nigeria. The Treasurer would be grateful if those members who have already paid by Bankers' Order at the old rate would now pay the difference by amended Bankers' Order; a form for the purpose is enclosed.