

EDITORIAL

In this issue we have presented some papers of greater length than in recent years. They reflect the careful and painstaking research done by the authors over a considerable period of time, and should serve as a model for our less experienced naturalists, as to how research into natural history should be carried out, with uncompromising accuracy and thorough documentation.

Whilst I deplore the continued reluctance of the younger generation of naturalists in the Club to engage personally in worthwhile research and to document it in this journal, I must welcome the opportunity to publish the results of some work done at the New York Zoological Society's research station at Simla. The Society's contacts with the Club over the past two decades have been most fruitful, both at the scientific and the personal level; but the accounts of research produced at Simla have normally appeared in the international journals, which rarely find their way to the homes of our local naturalists. We are, therefore, most grateful for the chance to present here accounts of some work with bats which cannot fail to interest Trinidadian students of natural history.

I should like to voice here what I know is the generally felt regret of all field naturalists at the recent announcement of the closing down of the New York Zoological Society's station and its departure from our shores. We hope that students and research workers connected with that organisation will still be able to visit Trinidad, even on a more temporary basis, and give us the benefit of their stimulating company and sound scientific approach.