

FLEMING TAKING TRIP TO NEPAL.

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Sometime during the final six weeks of this year Mr. Robert L. Fleming, accompanied by Mr. Karl Taylor and Harold Bergsma, is taking a trip to Nepal.

Their main object is to get the rare Nepalese *Kyokias* pheasant from the actual region of its habitation. Up to this time no one outside of the Nepalese have been able to go to that region.

Originally Mr. Fleming had planned to go to the part of Nepal near Katmandu, its capital, but Mr. Ripley, who recently conducted an American expedition to Nepal, advised him against this. Mr. Ripley advised that Mr. Fleming go to the more unexplored regions in the west of the country, near Jumla district.

Mr. Fleming chose the latter part of the year for the trip because the birds which have migrated from Europe will be found in Nepal at that time.

From Mussoorie Mr. Fleming will leave for Dehra Dun, and from there he

will go by train to Lucknow. The party hopes to drive by jeep across the border to Natangua, and then to Bathwal. At Bathwal they will start their hike to Jumla. The trip to the border from Lucknow will take two days,

The party plans to explore the upper regions of the Kali River. They will, it is believed, hike up the region 200 miles. During the trip the members will collect flowers, ferns and birds.

Ordinarily the hike to the interior place which Mr. Fleming plans to visit would take fifteen days, but when collecting, it takes approximately fifty days.

Permission for the trip was obtained from the Nepalese ambassador in Delhi through the American Charge d'affairs.

The Chicago Museum of Natural History will be part sponsor of the expedition, "We would like to take a number of boys with us," stated Mr. Fleming in a recent interview, "but the Chicago Museum cannot sponsor such a large group."

Mr. Karl Taylor is a former Woodstock student. Harold Bergsma is returning this September from furlough in the States to finish his high-school

* *Aphriza superciliosa*
* Not collected by Harold Bergsma

EXPEDITION TO NEPAL

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