

est and a record of present and past conditions that will be of ever increasing historic value as time passes.—J. A. A.

Proceedings of the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club.—‘Cassinia’ for 1904¹ appears promptly with its 80 pages of articles and notes on the “Ornithology of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware,” including an ‘abstract of the proceedings’ of the Club for 1904. The first paper, by Witmer Stone, is a biographical notice of the late Dr. Samuel W. Woodhouse, with portraits, the text of the article being in substance the same as Mr. Stone’s notice of Dr. Woodhouse in ‘The Auk’ for January, 1905, but fuller in respect to details. The frontispiece is an excellent likeness of Dr. Woodhouse as he appeared in his later years, while in addition two early portraits are given and a view of one of the camps of the U. S. Topographical Engineers, in the Indian Territory in June, 1850, with Dr. Woodhouse and other officers in the foreground, from daguerreotypes.

Other papers are: (2) ‘A Chimney Swift’s Day,’ by Cornelius Weygandt, giving a day’s observations of a family of Swifts, describing in detail their manner of entering and leaving their chimney quarters, etc.; (3) ‘That Feathered Midget of our Tide-water Swamps—the Long-billed Marsh Wren,’ by Chreswell J. Hunt; (4) ‘The Short-billed Marsh Wren (*Cistothorus stellaris*) in Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey,’ by LaRue K. Holmes; (5) ‘The Barn Owl (*Strix pratincola*) in Chester County, Pennsylvania,’ by Thomas H. Jackson, with plate from life, showing old and young birds; (6) ‘Summer Birds of Pocono Lake, Munroe County, Pennsylvania,’ by John D. Carter; (7) ‘Summer Birds of Port Alleghany, McKean County, Pennsylvania,’ by Thomas D. Keim,—an annotated list of about 70 species; (8) ‘A Glimpse of Winter Bird Life in Delaware,’ by Charles J. Pennock; (9) ‘Report on the Spring Migration of 1904,’ by Witmer Stone—based on 50 schedules, the results being given in tabular form by localities, followed by a supplementary annotated list. Following these papers is the usual ‘Abstract of Proceedings’; ‘Bird Club Notes,’ mostly personal in character and including notices of deceased members; and the list of officers and members, the latter numbering 19 Active, 57 Associate, and 33 Corresponding. Sixteen meetings of the Club were held during the year, with an average attendance of 23 members, the largest number at one meeting being 37. Such a record of attendance and general activity denotes a remarkable and well-sustained interest. The officers for 1905 are: President, Spencer Trotter, M. D.; Vice-President, William A. Shryock; Secretary, William B. Evans; Treasurer, Stewardson Brown.—J. A. A.

¹Cassinia. Proceedings of the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club of Philadelphia, 1904. 8vo, pp. 80, 3 pl. and map. Philadelphia, Pa., Feb., 1905. 50 cents.