

predator consumes during its whole life. Where the food species are essentially the same from an economic point of view, it would seem that the value of a greater predator is not impaired by its feeding upon a lesser.—
W. L. M.

Publications on Bird and Game Preservation.—The constantly increasing number of educational publications dealing with the study and protection of our wild life is a most welcome sign of the general awakening of the public to the importance of this work. Among the journals before us 'The Blue Bird' continues to stand as a model for local Audubon or bird lovers organizations. Recent numbers contain among other articles a sketch of the Meadow Lark by Edwin L. Jack (April), 'The Genii of the Garden' [Robin and Chipping Sparrow], by Cordelia J. Stanwood (May), and 'The Hermit Thrush on its Nesting Ground' by Edwin L. Jack — all well illustrated. 'California Fish and Game' for July includes Teachers' Bulletin No. 7 on the control of the English Sparrow, a problem which is attracting widespread interest, 'Fin, Feathers and Fur' continues to keep Minnesota sportsmen and bird lovers posted on matters of interest. Louisiana contributes an excellent report of State Ornithologist Stanley C. Arthur in the 'Annual Report of the Conservation Commission of Louisiana' on bird protection in the State, while Mr. E. A. Mellhenny reports on game breeding on the State game farm. Mr. Earle A. Brooks, has prepared a notable report on 'The Food of West Virginia Birds' published by Hon. H. E. Williams, Commissioner of Agriculture. The whole question of the economic value of birds is treated in an attractive way backed by data from recognized authorities, and well illustrated.

Abroad, 'Bird Notes and News,' summer number 1916, tells of a revival of the attempt in England to pass the plumage importation bill while the 'Ornithologische Monatsschrift' for May and June, 1915, which has just reached us, contains an extended article on bird song by Messrs. Stadler and Schmitt as well as the usual local notes.—W. S.

The Ornithological Journals.

Bird-Lore. XVIII, No. 4. July–August, 1916.

Birds of Monument Valley Park, Colorado Springs, Colorado. By E. R. Warren.

A Home in the Forest. By Florence M. Bailey.—A Study of Nesting Sierra Creepers.

A Merganser Family. By May D. Lewis.—In the Adirondacks.

A Successful Bird Exhibit. By Frederick Greenwood.

Notes on the Plumage of North American Birds. By F. M. Chapman, with colored plate by Fuertes. Covers the Pipits and Dipper.

The Educational Leaflet treats of the Veery.