

Carter's 'Shooting in Early Days.'—In a neatly printed little pamphlet issued privately by Mr. Charles Morland Carter he describes his experiences as a gunner beginning about the year 1864. His early reminiscences deal with New England and are full of association with William Brewster and Ruthven Deane, two of his boyhood acquaintances. Later come his experiences in Iowa, Kansas, Oklahoma and other portions of the middle West.

Besides the interest that attaches to a personal narrative of this kind there is much of value to the ornithologist in the accounts of the Quail and Woodcock shooting of those times and the several mentions of Passenger Pigeons, especially of a trap shooting contest at Concord Junction in 1872, in which Deane and Brewster participated and in which the birds were 200 Passenger Pigeons purchased for the occasion.

If other sportsmen whose experiences date back to the sixties, would follow Mr. Carter's example we should have preserved many valuable records of the early abundance of game birds which otherwise will be lost forever.—W. S.

Recent Publications on Conservation and Education.—The April 1920, number of the 'Nature Study Review'¹ is a bird-study number containing many short articles on various species. The most noteworthy contribution is by Anna B. Comstock: 'Suggestions for a Graded Course in Bird Study' which will be welcome to many teachers. The suggestion is made of collecting one or more old nests and mounting them in cardboard boxes beside which may be mounted a standard outline drawing of the species colored by the student. The use of colored drawings instead of mounted birds or skins will soon become a necessity as the supply of old birds in museums, etc., becomes exhausted.

Mr. John H. Wallace's 'Alabama Bird-day Book'² is as usual an admirable assistant to teachers engaged in conducting Bird-Day exercises. This year's issue contains a special article by E. H. Forbush on the migration of North American birds into the countries to the south of us and the importance of securing co-operation there for their protection as has been accomplished with Canada on the north.

Miss Althea R. Sherman has an interesting 'Historical Sketch of the Park Region about McGregor, Iowa, and Prairie Du Chien, Wisconsin'³ in 'Iowa Conservation' Vol. III. Nos. 1 and 2, in which she advocates the establishment of a park or reservation on the Iowa side of the Mississippi, opposite the one secured by Senator Robt. Glenn at the mouth of the Wisconsin River.

¹ Shooting in the Early Days, from 1863 to 1919. By Charles Morland Carter, St. Joseph, Missouri. December, 1919. Printed for Private Distribution. Grogg Printing Co., pp. 1-38.

² Nature Study Review. Ithaca, N. Y.

³ Alabama Bird-Day Book, Dept. of Game and Fish. Montgomery, Alabama.

³ Iowa Conservation, Vol. III.