

equal proportion of crayfishes besides piscivorous fishes themselves enemies of the commercial species. The author does not believe that destruction of the birds is called for.—W. L. M.

Insect Food of the Black-headed Gull.—Doctor Collinge has recently demonstrated¹ that the Black-headed Gull (*Larus ridibundus*) like our Franklin's Gull is decidedly insectivorous. About a third of the total food is insects and a full fourth is composed of destructive species. The consumption of wireworms and leather-jackets is prodigious and the bird must be regarded as an exceedingly beneficial species. The present seems to be an advance report on analyses of a collection of more than 600 stomach contents, and it is assumed there will be a later and fuller paper covering all elements of the food.—W. L. M.

The Ornithological Journals.

Bird-Lore. XXIX, No. 4. July–August, 1927.

A Pet Kittiwake. By E. R. Warren.—Involving an account of Prof. Hyatt's cruise to the Gulf of St. Lawrence in 1881.

Variation in the Song of the Meadowlark in Edgar Co., Illinois. By John Steidl.—One thousand songs were recorded, ranging in number of notes from one to eight, while of these there were 112 variations.

Nest-Stealing Tactics of the Starling. By G. M. Sutton.—Condemns this "interloper" in favor of our native species which it tends to drive away.

The Mourner of the Slashings. By Clarence M. Beal.—A study of the Mourning Warbler.

The Canyon Towhee. By Angeline M. Keen.

The Migration and Plumage studies of N. A. Birds covers the Red-bellied, Golden-fronted and Gila Woodpeckers.

There are excellent photographs of the Black Skimmer by Henry Carey; Nighthawk by F. M. Weston and Horned Grebe by H. H. Pittman.

Dr. A. A. Allen has a very clever article entitled Jenny Wren's Diary based on his several years' study of the bird. It gives, perhaps, the better idea of the life and troubles of the species than anything previously published.

The Condor. XXIX, No. 4. July–August, 1927.

John Ridgway's Drawings for the Bendire Plates. By Harry Harris.—Personal recollections of Mr. Ridgway communicated to the author.

Cormorants in Relation to Fisheries. By Arthur H. E. Mattingley.—Discusses the problem as it is presented in Australia but the same conditions are present elsewhere. Before the advent of man both fish and Cormorants were more abundant than they are today, but with the

¹ The Ibis, April, 1927, pp. 196–201.