

The possession of the octavo Audubon led him as a boy to the study of birds, and when he was 15, with his neighbors, Rodman Peabody, Robert Walcott and James Whittemore, he founded the Wilson Ornithological Club which kept the interest of its members until they joined the Nuttall Club of which, during his last year in Cambridge, White was the Secretary, and for many years thereafter a member of the Council, never permitting the journey from Concord to hinder his attendance.

From the beginning of his residence at Concord, N. H., White gave careful attention to the birds of that territory; the results he published in a 'Preliminary List of the Birds of Concord, N. H.' printed at his expense, an indispensable aid for the bird lover in that location and a joy to all who appreciate accurate observation and lucid yet poetic English.

He was a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and Massachusetts Audubon Society, Vice-President of the New Hampshire Audubon Society and Past President of the New England Bird-Banding Society.—  
ROBERT WALCOTT.

---

#### NOTES AND NEWS

THE Editor wishes to announce that, due to increasingly heavy demands on his time, he has felt obliged to tender his resignation to the Council of the A. O. U. to take effect at the completion of the current volume of *The Auk*. He takes this occasion to thank the many contributors during his term of office who have co-operated in his effort to make the journal a record of study and observation in the field of ornithology, and who have been sparing of criticism for its shortcomings. It is with genuine regret that he withdraws from the post.

At the time of going to press it is impossible to announce the new Editor who is to be elected at the forthcoming annual meeting, although it may be a matter of record by the time these pages are read. Prospective contributors are asked to withhold their manuscripts until details are available. An early effort will be made to advise the editors of publications on the exchange list of the new address. *Personal exchanges* of the retiring editor will still be welcomed at his current address which has not been altered.

Editorial thanks are again due to Dr. and Mrs. Charles Vaurie for their generous assistance in the preparation of the section of 'Periodical Literature,' and to Miss Constance Sherman for the compilation of the annual 'Index' and other efficient secretarial help.