

THE JOURNAL.

The present style of printing the separate articles without heads, has been adopted for the sake of saving space and expense. Each article is so short that a heading seems superfluous. This number of the JOURNAL is edited by the President and Secretary jointly.

At the recent election, twenty Active and three Honorary members were elected to the Chapter. The names of the new members will be found in our regular list of membership. Members are requested to send their dues, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, Willard N. Clute, Binghamton, N. Y.

After compiling the notes on the Owls into a report, they were handed to President Ballard who kindly published them in the May number of the *Popular Science News*, page 70. The report speaks for itself. No one can fail to recognize the necessity for more and fuller and more carefully prepared reports upon the birds studied. We must show what we are capable of doing this year of the World's Fair. Let the notes come in!

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Every member of the Wilson Chapter should be a subscriber to *Popular Science News*. This old and well-known magazine deals with the popular side of all the natural sciences, and is especially valuable for all who wish to keep abreast of the progress in science. The magazine is the official organ of the Agassiz Association, and this year will contain much news of our Chapter. Prof. H. H. Ballard, Pittsfield, Mass., has offered the magazine to *new* subscribers from our Chapter at half price. The regular price is \$1. If you wish to get it on trial for a year send 50 cents to the above address and state that you are a member of the Chapter.

In order that all members may have a complete file of the Chapter's publications it has been decided to send a complete file of all back issues of all of our publications to every member who will forward fifteen cents in stamps to pay the postage. Send your order at once.

Charges of sufficient seriousness have been preferred against Messrs. J. W. P. Smithwick and F. T. Pember to warrant their expulsion from the Chapter. A majority of the Executive Council have voted to remove their names from our roll. Their crime is fraudulent methods in Oology.

Attention is called to some important omissions in the published constitution.

Article III. section 3, clause 1, should read, "Any student of birds," etc., "may be admitted to Associate membership by a majority vote of the Executive Council."

Article VI. section 5, is entirely omitted. Here it is:

Clause 1—Any Active member may place in nomination during the month of September one eligible member for each elective office. No person shall be a candidate for more than one office at one election.

Clause 2—In all cases in which less than two nominations have been made for any office, the Executive Council shall have power to fill such vacancies by nomination.

Clause 3—All nominations shall be sent to the President.

Clause 4—It shall be the duty of the President to notify all Active members of the nominations at least thirty days previous to election.

The following amendment to the constitution is offered:

Article III. Section 10—Any member in arrears for dues shall neither vote, hold office, nor receive the Chapter publications.

Your silence will give consent to this proposed amendment. But if you do not favor it your vote is to be sent to the President before June 30.

Mr. Frank L. Burns is still at work on the breeding habits of the crow. Cannot every member send him a few notes that his report may be full and valuable? Do not delay, but send what you have at once.

Now that so many new members have come in and so many new localities represented, we are sure of a very interesting report on the Warblers. By the time this JOURNAL reaches the members the migrations will be nearly over and nesting well begun. Get to work compiling your migration notes at once and send them in as soon as finished. The work of tabulating the reports will then begin. In studying the

breeding habits, the food eaten by the parent birds and that given to the young should be carefully studied at every opportunity. Also learn how long a nest is in building, and what is the period of incubation of the eggs. Determine to what extent environment influences the nest material used and the food eaten.

Remember that two prizes are offered for the two best reports received, whether upon this study of the Warblers or upon any other species you may choose.

