

President's Address.

Fellow Members—At the beginning of another year in the history of our Chapter, it may be well to pause for a survey of the past as well as to plan for the future. Those not conversant with the affairs of the Chapter cannot understand why so little was done in 1893. But the matter is easily explained. When it was proposed, in 1892, to issue the Quarterly, the scheme was submitted to the Chapter, and only two votes against it were received. The publication was accordingly begun, but the expense was so great, that the second number plunged us deep in debt; since then it has taken the bulk of our funds to settle this debt, and the final payment has only just been made. The prospects for the present year are very encouraging. We have a greater number of members than ever before, and all are capable of doing excellent work in our chosen science; the revenues of the Chapter for this year, as yet untouched, will enable us to publish much more than we have in any year of the past; and the only thing necessary to make this a most successful year, is the *active* interest of every member. And every member can help. No one is so circumscribed that he cannot learn something *new* in ornithology. It is safe to say that there is no bird, in whose life-history

every fact is well known. Only the few can make the great discoveries; but all of us can make many minor ones. Then study closely the common birds. You will be surprised at the many interesting facts to be learned. This year we purpose issuing numerous Bulletins for the publication of these facts, and every member is earnestly requested to report frequently. The study of special groups will go on as before, and we shall be glad to hear from any who wish to study new groups. The election of active members in April should not be forgotten. It is probable that this election will fill all the places in the Active list. Those who have friends that desire to join should propose their names at once. Thanking you for the honor of an election to the presidency, I remain, very truly yours,

WILLARD N. CLUTE.

From the New Secretary.

It is with pleasure that I take this opportunity of thanking you for the honor you have bestowed on me. You could easily have found a man better qualified for the responsible position of secretary, but you would have considerable difficulty in finding one who is more in love with the chapter, or who will do more to advance its interests. The present