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AMERICAN CROW,
(CORVUS AMERICANUS.)

With Special Reference to its Nest and Eggs.

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PREFACE.

In 1891, Mr. Frank L. Burns was appointed chairman of a committee on special investigations by Mr. Lynds Jones, who was then President. Mr. Burns decided to begin a careful and thorough study of the American Crow, and his committee has been at work ever since that time, with this report as the result of four years' labor.

I believe that this report is the most comprehensive treatment of the American Crow ever attempted. It presents many facts of value, both to the popular reader and to the scientist. The food, habits, characteristics, etc., of the Crow are pretty fully discussed. There is much of interest to be found in the report, also, concerning adaptation to changed environments. An excellent series of descriptions of eggs will prove of value to the oologist. Among several tabulated arrangements, there is one of particular interest, showing the gradation in the size of eggs from the south, northward. Mr. Burns deserves great commendation for his careful and patient work on this report, and congratulations upon his success.

This is the first of a series of similar reports to appear in the future. Those who have contributed to its preparation, must certainly feel much satisfaction at the results of their efforts. This BULLETIN, as well as the Sparrow and Warbler Reports, is a fair representation of what the Chapter aims to do.

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