Mr. Stephen J. Adams, Cornish, Me., has consented to take charge of the study of the Swallows, A. O. U. Nos. 611-617 inclusive. He is ready to receive general notes relating to any and all species. Let every member contribute something to this report, which will be ready about July, 1897.

Other special subjects will be announced as they can be arranged for. It is hoped that a number of members who have not yet decided to attempt some special work will consider the matter favorably, and consult with the General Chairman about it.

## NEW MEMBERS.

Mr. Sidney S. Wilson, 420 S. 10th St., St. Joeseph, Mo., and Mr. G. M. Burdick, Milton Junction, Wis., apply for active membership. Only adverse votes need to be sent to the Secretary.

## PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

The Oologist. Vol. XIII., No. 5. May, 1896. The present number consists of fourteen pages of reading matter, exclusive of the ten pages of advertisements, etc. The excellent character of this paper is too well known to require mention here.

The Muscum. Vol. II., Nos. 6 and 7. April and May, 1896. The present numbers consist of about twenty-eight pages each, sixteeen of which are devoted to interesting articles on general natural science. Special mention need not be made here of a paper so widely known.

The Iowa Ornithologist. Vol. II., Nos. 2 and 3. January and April, 1896. This "Quarterly Magazine, devoted to Ornithology and Oology, published for The Iowa Ornithological Association," presents a pleasing appearance externally, and contains much matter of interest and value to ornithologists over the entire country as well as in its own state. It is published by David L. Savage, at Salem, Iowa.

The Observer. Vol. VII., No. 4. April, 1896. The official organ of the Agassiz Association. "For People who See and Think." Pleasing in appearance, containing matter in all branches of natural science