

An almost unoccupied field for original investigation is to be found in the study of "Nestling Down." Mr. Howard P. Mitchell, Mt. Sterling, Wis., has charge of this work.

Notes on the food and song of birds should be sent to Mr. Lynds Jones, Oberlin, Ohio. The study of the food of birds is of the greatest economic importance and it would be hard to find anything more fascinating than the study of bird song. A good ear and some knowledge of musical scale are necessary in studying bird songs.

Members are referred to Bulletin No. 8 and 9 for further information concerning committee work and to the chairmen themselves. The bulletins of the Wilson Chapter are in great demand and the work of the committees is highly praised. It is an honor to be a contributor to one of the reports, which may not be lightly esteemed.

I am sure that all have read with much interest the article entitled "Bird's Nests, No. 1." in Bulletin No. 9, by Mr. V. H. Chase, Wady Petra, Ill. It is a suggestion that much may be done toward a far better understanding of birds' nests and bird mind as exhibited in the preparation of the most important office of the bird's life—propagating its kind—by a careful study of the nest after the young have left it to take care of themselves. Mr. Chase proposes to take charge of a committee which shall have for its object such a study of nests, and the publication of the results of the work in a special bulletin. This study need not be confined to the summer months, but nests may be preserved and studied during the winter when outdoor work is at a minimum. Many old nests could be obtained now in a good state of preservation. Of course the positive identification of the nest is of the first importance. I trust that this committee will have the earnest and enthusiastic support of every member.—R. M. STRONG, *President*.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The annual election of officers for the Wilson Ornithological Chapter will begin November 25th and close December 5th. The following persons have been nominated to fill the several offices of the chapter.

For President—R. M. Strong, Ned Hollister.

For Secretary—J. E. Dickinson, A. T. Wayne.

For Treasurer—Lynds Jones, Ora W. Knight.

For Executive Council—John H. Sage, V. H. Chase, W. I. Mitchell, B. T. Gault, J. C. Galloway, H. C. Oberholser.

NOTE—In accordance with a recent amendment to the Constitution, the nominee for president who receives the second higher number of votes will be declared vice-president.

In accordance with the constitution of the W. O. C., Article 111, Section 11, Mr. Frank L. Burnes, Berwyn, Pa., has been appointed Judge of Elections. All ballots must be sent to him to be counted. Members in arrears for dues will be eligible to vote, provided their dues reach the treasurer, Lynds Jones, Oberlin, O., before Nov. 25.

It is earnestly hoped that every active member will not fail to cast his vote for some candidate for office for the coming year. The list of candidates is placed before you to give you an opportunity to vote for such as have received the highest number of nominating votes, if you chose to. But you are not confined to the nominees whose names appear in this Bulletin in your choice of officers. You have the privilege of voting for any active member of the chapter, if you prefer. Your vote need not wait until Nov. 5, but can be cast and forwarded to the Judge of Elections, Mr. Frank L. Burns, Berwyn, Penn., at once. You will stimulate interest in your fellow members, but particularly in the officers of the chapter and give them great encouragement in the future work of the chapter, by casting your vote for some member. Do not fail to do so.

EDITORIAL.

This number of the Bulletin has been delayed in order that all lists of nominations for officers for the ensuing year should be in. The November number will also be delayed a few days for the purpose of announcing the result of the election, which closes December 5. The editor feels that members prefer it so rather than to wait two months before learning of the result.

Members are requested to send their notes for publication to the editor as soon after receiving this number as possible, giving plenty of time for arranging them in the best order. As the close of the season of migration and active outdoor study approaches, each must have at command many notes which should be put where fellow workers can learn them. Facts discovered and hoarded are likely to be forgotten, in any case they are barren of results. It is only as we let others know about our work that we shall be recognized as active students of our beloved science.