THE FLICKER REPORT.

Chairman Burns writes that he is in need of material for the "Flicker Report." Notes on identification and measurements of eggs are especially lacking.   It ought to be possible for many members to make observations this spring ; for instance, as to choice of nesting hole above the ground, manner of excavation, etc.   There are many interesting things to be seen if one has the time and patience to watch the work of excavation regularly for a few hours every day, from under cover.   The time of incubation, appearance of young when hatched, and the general life history of the Flicker furnish a fine field for original investigation of the highest grade.   Careful study of the habits of one bird offers the best chance of discovering something really new to ornithological science.

R. M. STRONG, *President*.

INFORMATION WANTED.

Responses to the call for 1898 migration records for Kildeer, Meadowlark, Bronzed Grackle, Robin and Bluebird have been numerous and gratifying, but a fuller report is desired before publishing the records. Will not *all* who have not already sent their records do so at once?   Address Lynds Jones, Oberlin, Ohio.

EDITORIAL.

There is now before us a pamphlet entitled, *The Destruction of Our Birds and Mammals*, by William T. Hornaday.   Extracted from the report of the New York Zoological Society.   March 15, 1898.

The appearance of this pamphlet, at a time when interest in nature study, and particularly in birds, is becoming so widespread, is cause for congratulation.   The unimpeachable character of the author and the reliable sources of his information make us feel that the conclusions reached are absolutely accurate.   No doubt many of us have realized in a general way, and with hardly any definite feeling about it, that the birds and mammals are really becoming fewer year by year.   Those who may not have remained in one place or section of the country for more than a few years at a time probably attribute the greater scarcity to the different region, while others have given it no other attention