

mated by earnest and intelligent attention during the opportunities for study. The mind must be trained to receive the impressions which eye and ear are constantly bringing to it. Probably the most of us are able to retain enough of a song, even once heard, so that we shall be able to recognize it weeks or years afterwards if it be repeated, but I doubt if more than a chosen few could imitate successfully even a small pittance of the more common songs and notes heard nearly every day. Then a secondary mission of our Chapter must be the training of the faculties for more careful and profitable study.

What have we done that will furnish assurance of future success? There is but one published report that is worthy of our high ideal—the Crow Report, BULLETIN No. 4—, but there are others under way. Mr. Frank L. Burns, the compiler of the Crow Report, has a similar work on the Flicker well under way, besides the several other investigations mapped out, for which see BULLETIN No. 19, page 26. It is earnestly hoped that these reports may be pushed to an early completion and published. Your investigations will contribute largely to this end.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

Bird Tablet, for Field Use. By Josephine A. Clark, 1322 Twelfth St. N. W., Washington, D. C. Price twenty-five cents. Special rates to schools and classes.

In this *Bird Tablet*, Miss Clark supplies the need which every beginner must feel of a printed form which will at once furnish a record book which will enable the student to go to his key with a fair prospect of arriving at the correct identification of the bird seen, and also train him to look for the more essential points of structure, markings and habits. The beginner is too often led to stop with general impressions, giving little or no attention to details. This *Tablet* will correct that tendency, and prove to be an educator to eye and ear, and lead to a habit of discrimination, so necessary in the study of birds. There are fourteen main heads, with sub-heads under the most of them, and usually ample space left for annotations, besides two full pages for "Notes." While the printed descriptions are not intended to be exhaustive, they are sufficiently detailed to furnish a basis for intelligent work. Beginners in bird study will find this *Tablet* a useful field companion.

The Summer Birds of Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania. By Francis R. Cope, Jr.

After a few introductory remarks relating to the literature, location and fauna of the county, the author presents a pretty fully annotated list of the birds which are known to nest in Susquehanna county. The list comprises ninety-one species, five of which the author considers hypothetical, not having been actually found breeding by him. Similar lists, prepared by as trustworthy observers, throughout the country, would give us a basis for maps of life areas which would need very little future modification.

Charts of North American Birds. Published by Nature Study Publishing Company, Chicago.

These charts comprise eighteen sheets, representing 142 plates of birds and three plates of eggs. One of the bird plates is repeated, thus leaving 141 species of birds represented, while there are forty-nine species of eggs represented on the three plates. These plates have already appeared in that unparalleled magazine—*Birds*—and so need not be given individual attention here. For the first time they are here grouped in more or less natural order, as one finds them associated together in the fields. These groupings must be seen to be appreciated. They are certainly a work of art. It is too much to expect that a work of this kind should not have some defects or some possibilities for improvement, but it is cause for congratulation that there are so few necessary changes. The third cover-page is devoted to an outline bird at the top with the printed names of all the parts illustrated. It is cause for regret that this figure and the labelling is unworthy of the company in which it has been placed. It is earnestly hoped that it will early be supplanted by an accurate figure. The lower half of the page presents an alphabetical list of all the birds represented on the plates, with first, the A. O. U. number, common name, small figure referring to the collection from which the subject is taken, scientific name, and the plate number. In this list we notice only two errors. The generic name of the Belted Kingfisher should read *Ceryle* instead of *Alcedo*, and the Nonpareil, or Painted Bunting should be given the A. O. U. number 601. One can appreciate the difficulties of an undertaking of this kind only when he attempts any arrangement of the Nature Study plates of birds. These charts are printed on strong manilla paper, which is reinforced on three edges with cloth. The twenty sheets are securely fastened in a solid oak stick which is supported on an adjustable tripod, the whole weighing but a few pounds. We predict a wide sphere of usefulness for these charts.

At You-All's House. A Missouri Nature Story. By James Newton Baskett. Published by the Macmillan Company, New York.

In this little book of thirty-five chapters and 346 pages, we are treated to a natural country love-story with a most pleasing setting of Nature. The author discovers rare familiarity with country life and manners, and an artist's pen in the nature descriptions. It is a pleasure to note that the true influence of Nature upon the personalities of the story is given a fair share of notice. • The reader cannot but feel the refining influence of natural surroundings because he is led to realize something of the mission of such surroundings. He who reads this little book will find in it both pleasure and profit, and will finish it with a clean taste in his mouth. It will give him a desire to know more of the natural objects which are his daily surroundings.

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