

each office. You will thereby show your interest in the affairs of the Chapter, and in so far encourage the officers to plan for the future. The existence of such an organization depends upon the interest and activity of every member. The officers can only carry out the ideas submitted by the membership as a whole; they cannot hope to enlist interest in plans which may run contrary to the opportunities and inclinations of others, as any arbitrary plans are likely to do. Before you have time to forget about it make your nominations and send them to the President, Lynds Jones, Oberlin, O.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

The following persons make application for membership in the Wilson Chapter:

For Active membership—

Rev. W. F. Henninger, Tiffin, Ohio.

Mrs. Leland L. Gibbs, Antigo, Wis.

Mrs. Stephen Cobb Goss, Hyde Park, Ill.

For Associate membership—

Harold Bowditch, Jamaica Plain, N. Y.

Henry A. Slack, Hurstville, N. Y.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

PACIFIC COAST AVIFAUNA, No. 3. Check-List of California Birds, by Joseph Grinnell. Cooper Ornithological Club of California.

This is more than merely a check-list, for besides the serial and A.O.U. numbering, the scientific names with double authority, and the vernacular names, a scientific synonymy and the "status" of each of the 491 species and 33 hypothetical species, is given. The "Status" includes both the time of year during which the birds are in California, and the regions where they have been found. Two colored maps giving the life zones and faunal areas of the state add materially to the value of the pamphlet. The author is to be heartily commended for his attitude of conservatism toward all questionable records. The relegation of questionable species to the Hypothetical List does no one injustice, and saves the list from criticism. We must admit to a

feeling of startled surprise in being confronted with such familiar personages as Cooper Hawk, Anthony Green Heron, and the like. Omission of the apostrophe and final s is a great convenience in the preparation of manuscript, but at first sight a list looks bob-tailed without them. We would not be sorry, however, to have Mr. Grinnell's system prevail. It is hard for one to appreciate the great difficulties which must be overcome before anything like a complete or correct list of the birds of a state situated like California can be made. The Cooper Club gives evidence, in this list, of the stuff of which it is made and of the men who compose its membership. Mr. Grinnell proves his right to a place at the top.

THE BIRD CALENDAR, by Clarence Moores Weed. The Nature Calendar Series. Rand, McNally & Co., Publishers, Chicago, New York, London.

In this Bird Calendar Professor Weed recognizes "that the most important part of Nature Study in schools is to get the pupil to see for himself and to record his observations accurately." This Calendar is designed to meet the need for some guide to the young student of Nature. First of all a list of 80 species is printed, with space at the bottom of each page for several more to be written in if necessary, with space at the right for recording the date of arrival and the date of nesting of each species. The right-hand page is reserved for remarks. Following this list for migration and nesting records, a half-page is given for records for each day from March 15th to June 30th. For each day two lines are given to each of the following: New arrivals; New nests; I saw these birds to-day; I recognized the voices of these. At the close of each month space is left for a summary of the month. The last nine pages contain directions for "Observations on Nest." The Calendar is in good form for permanent preservation and should prove a valuable aid in the Nature Study work in the schools. Single copies are 10 cents; per dozen \$1; per hundred \$7.

OUR BIRDS IN THEIR HAUNTS. Rev. J. Hibbert Langille, M. A. Published by the Author at Kensington, Md.

This well known book, written from the standpoint of a true lover of the birds and all Nature besides, comes to us in a new dress which adds to its attractive appearance. A better binding than the old style makes a volume which school children can use without fear of tearing it to pieces at once. It is a book well adapted, for the most part, for use as a reader in the middle and higher grades, tending strongly to stimulate intelligent study of of the birds in particular and Nature in general. The keen sym-

pathy of the writer in all that he has seen and writes about can but create in the reader something of the same warm feeling for what surrounds us. It is rarely the case that a book of this style is so free from errors of identification. The author has made wise use of the gun for purposes of certain identification, while relying largely upon the field-glass for most of his work. One feels sure that he is not being led astray in these pleasant rambles through Birdland.

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