

these more or less local lists, because it is by these that we shall ultimately come to be certain of the true range of our birds. It is usually true, also, that these catalogues contain something of value relating to the life history of at least some of the birds enumerated. Complete life histories of any of our birds have yet to be written. The nearest approach to a complete life history of any bird is Mr. Frank L. Burns on the Flicker, published as Bulletin No. 31, of the Wilson Bulletin series.

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While we are in entire sympathy with the efforts put forth to protect our native birds, and rejoice to note the effective ways adopted to bring about better protection, we have also shared the feeling that there was too little respect of persons in the effort of protecting the birds. We feel that too heavy restrictions have been laid upon those who find it necessary to do strictly scientific collecting for legitimate purposes. We still believe that some restriction should be placed upon even the scientific collector, but the "Model Law" should not be made practically prohibitive. It is a pleasure, therefore, to state that at the last meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union the bonding clause of the "Model Law" was so modified that strictly scientific collecting will no longer be so greatly hampered. It behooves those who are benefited by this needed change not to abuse the privilege.

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#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1904.

The following persons have been elected to fill the offices of the Club for 1904:

President—Lynds Jones, Oberlin, Ohio.

Vice President—W. L. Dawson, Columbus, Ohio.

Secretary—John W. Daniel, Jr., 3146 Q St., Washington, D. C.

Treasurer—Frank Burns, Berwyn, Pa.

Executive Council—H. C. Oberholser, Washington, D. C.

John H. Sage, Portland, Conn.

Benj. T. Gault, Glen Ellyn, Ill.

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#### ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS.

For Active membership, O. H. Pease, Hope, Kansas.

H. H. Skinner, Oberlin, Ohio.

For Associate membership, N. C. Gilbert, 615 Lake street, Madison, Wis.