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### EDITORIAL.

The editor will be in Chicago, Ill., from October 1st, until June 25. All communications and publications should be addressed to him at the University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill., between those dates, or until further notice.

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The editor spent another delightful summer at Woods Hole, Mass., and the islands in the vicinity, in company with Mr. N. L. Baird and Mr. I. A. Field. Nine days were spent on Muskeget island with Mr. Baird, and the other places of interest to an ornithologist were visited. Many interesting things were learned about the gulls and terns which will be shared with our readers later. A short trip among the lake Erie islands furnished an interesting comparison between the salt water and fresh water Common Terns. Much more consecutive time is needed before the whole history of the terns nesting in either region can be learned.

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We hope that many bird students have undertaken a careful study of the autumn migrations, which began more than a month ago. We are now just in the midst of the southward movement, when fall work becomes the most interesting. The most important part of this fall work are the exact records of southward departure, or at least of that part of the work which remains of this season. Record should be kept of both last seen and the departure of the bulk of the species. Very few migration note books contain much information about any phase of the southward movement. Some of us have to be stay-at-homes all summer, and to such must we look for complete records of the southward movement.

We are pleased to note that Mr. Frank M. Chapman, the best known writer on birds at the present time, has undertaken the task of collecting a complete life history of our warblers by the co-operative methods upon which our Club was founded. Let every member of this Club and every reader of this BULLETIN aid him in his good work to the full extent of your ability. There are possibilities in this field almost beyond conception if all who can will lend their aid. One great part of our work as a Club has been in raising up a generation of bird lovers who would know how to study the birds for furthering our knowledge of them. Now that an opportunity offers let us show Mr. Chapman that our efforts have been productive.

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We are also pleased to note that SCIENCE, for August 26, announces the establishment of 'A Station for the Study of Bird Life' by Mr. Charles C. Worthington, at Shawnee, Monroe county, Pennsylvania, with Mr. William E. D. Scott in charge. Mr. Scott is well known as the Curator of the Department of Ornithology at Princeton University. He has written of his experiment with birds there, particularly in regard to inheritance of song. This station is under the charge of the Worthington Society. All phases of bird life will be studied, under normal as well as artificial conditions. We may expect some valuable results from this establishment.

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Members and readers will be interested to know that Mr. J. Warren Jacobs' collection of the 'Eggs of Native Pennsylvania Birds' is now on exhibition at the St. Louis Worlds Fair. It is installed with the Pennsylvania economic zoological exhibit in the Palace of Agriculture. It contains the eggs of 159 species which have been known to nest within the state, several having been added to the collection since it was exhibited at the Chicago Worlds Fair, eleven years ago. All will be interested to see the collection about which Mr. Jacobs has written so entertainingly.

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Ill health has hastened the removal of our Vice-president, Rev. W. L. Dawson, to the Pacific coast. For the present his address will be Blaine, Washington. We trust that the bracing air and salubrious climate of that region may speedily restore him to complete health and vigor.

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N. B.—The editor has concluded to issue a sheet of errata with the index, both to appear with the December BULLETIN. He will be grateful for notice of any errors appearing in contributed articles. He will also be grateful for articles and notes intended for the December BULLETIN. Everything intended for the December BULLETIN should reach the editor at his Chicago address not later than November 15.