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## EDITORIAL.

The editor spent a profitable and pleasant week, from August 26 to September 2, inclusive, with Dr. T. M. Taylor, on a sailing cruise among the islands of Lake Erie. The object of this cruise was to determine, if possible, whether or not the birds actually cross Lake Erie by this half land route in preference to crossing the broad expanse of water elsewhere. The most favorable point for this work proved to be the south point of Pelee Island, where most of the time was spent. The work was planned to be done in conjunction with Messrs. B. H. Swales and P. A. Taverner, of Detroit, and A. B. Klug and W. E. Saunders, of Ontario, who were to make observations upon the southern point of Point Pelee, but it was not found possible to join forces. A report upon the work accomplished may be looked for in the December number of this Bulletin, or in the next number of the Michigan Bulletin.

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The proposed July All Day Work did not call many into the field. The weather at Oberlin was too stormy, during the first week of that month, to make field work practicable. We may hope for better weather and a larger number of lists next July.

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It is not too early to begin planning for the winter work. It is always interesting to make at least three field studies during December for the purpose of determining what species may linger in to the month, and what species are tardy about arriving from the north. If the later records are clearly understood, these December records are of great importance. It is essential to know when winter has really begun.

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The editor is obliged to announce that the department of Publications Received must go over until the next Bulletin. Several pa-

pers of more than usual interest and value have been received, which merit more attention than it has been possible to give them during the broken summer time.

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Members of the Wilson Ornithological Club should not fail to remember the annual election of officers. The constitution provides that nominations for officers should be made during the month of September. If notices from the Secretary have not reached you do not wait but send a full nomination card to Lynds Jones, Oberlin, Ohio, at once. Your interest shown in the Club in this way will be a great encouragement to the officers.