

NOTES FROM ILLINOIS.—The first Bluebird call was heard March 4th, inaugurating spring, as it seems, and a most pleasing sound to hear after our long, cold winter, the hardest for nearly thirty years, so it is said, barring possibly, the season of 1892-'93.

Mr. Isaac E. Hess, of Philo, Champaign county, reports the first Robin February 14th.

Miss Elizabeth Eldridge writes of seeing a Flicker about their place, near Plainfield, Will county, 'till the very last of December, notwithstanding the arctic spell of weather which reigned throughout the month.

We naturally would expect some far northern visitors this winter, and, for the first time in many years, the Snowy Owl has been reported as spending a portion of the season here in DuPage county, one having been seen in Addison township, December 29th, by Mr. G. A. Abbott, of Chicago, and later, for the first two weeks of February another appeared quite frequently on the outskirts of this village. Unfortunately it was not the writer's privilege, owing to illness, to witness this visitation.

In some portions of the state Quail are said to have suffered.

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OUR MEMBERS HERE AND THERE.

Our president, Frank L. Burns, is very busy with his monograph of the Broad-winged Hawk, which promises to eclipse his former monographs of the Crow and the Flicker.

Mr. Isaac E. Hess of Philo, Ill., whose recent article in the "Auk," "Breeding Birds of Central Illinois," has caused so much favorable comment, has joined our ranks. We bid him a hearty welcome in our midst.

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The Farmers' Bulletin 383 of the U. S. Dept. of Agricult. entitled "How to destroy English Sparrows," was prepared by our fellow-member, Dr. Ned Dearborn. It is a good piece of work, practical and useful to the farmers. The only fault—not Mr. Dearborn's to be sure—is the poor picture, but we have never seen a good picture in any of the Government's publications to the farmers.

Rev. Gustave Eifrig has moved to Addison, Ill., where he now holds a professorship. We hope to have an article on birds from his pen ere long.

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Our member, the Hon. R. M. Barnes, of Lacon county, Ill., the able editor of the "Oologist," enjoyed a California vacation trip to