

Townsend's Solitaire (*Myadestes townsendi*).—An accidental winter visitor. For an account of a straggler seen January 9, 1911, see *The Auk*, April, 1911, p. 270.

Wood Thrush (*Hylocichla mustelina*).—Breeds abundantly in Vermilion and in the wooded ravines.

Willow Thrush (*Hylocichla fuscescens sativicola*).—Common during migrations and rare during the breeding season.

Gray-cheeked Thrush (*Hylocichla aliciae aliciae*).—A common migrant.

Olive-backed Thrush (*Hylocichla ustulata swainsoni*).—An abundant migrant.

Hermit Thrush (*Hylocichla guttata pallasii*).—A rare migrant.

Robin (*Planesticus migratorius migratorius*).—An abundant resident. During the winter the robins form large flocks, which spend most of the time in the groves of the Missouri valley, where they feed extensively upon the berries of smilax.

Bluebird (*Sialia sialis sialis*).—A few pairs nest each year in this county.

THE SECOND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WILSON ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB was called to order at 9 a. m., in the Assembly Room of the New Morrison Hotel, Chicago, by President T. C. Stephens. The whole morning was devoted to the completion of the reorganization, as unfinished business from the last annual meeting, and with the consideration of new business. The roll call of members showed twenty-three members in attendance, of whom four were women. A long list of new members was acted upon favorably. Plans for an active campaign looking toward advertising the existence of this organization in the central districts of the country, and securing their coöperation were perfected, and committees appointed to carry the plans through.

After the convening of the members in the afternoon, and the completion of routine business, the following papers were presented:

Food of the Virginia Rail, by Alvin R. Cahn, of the University of Wisconsin.

Nest-Life of the Grosbeak, by Ira N. Gabrielson, of the Marshalltown, Iowa, public schools.

Birds from an Upstairs Window, by Mrs. O. M. Schantz, of Cicero, Ill.

Birds of Cedar Point, Ohio, and Vicinity—A Supplementary Report, by Lynds Jones, of Oberlin College.

Birds by the Wayside: I. India in January, by Miss Althea R. Sherman, of National, Iowa.

The evening session was given over to a report by District Inspector E. A. Cleasby upon the results of the Federal Migratory Bird Law, for the district of which Wisconsin is nearly the center. This report elicited a considerable discussion from members and others present.

At the Wednesday morning session the following papers were presented: June Birds of Laramie, Wyoming, by Rev. W. F. Henninger, of New Bremen, Ohio. Discouraging the English Sparrow, by Thomas H. Whitney, of Atlantic, Iowa. Field and Other Notes, by Rev. C. W. G. Eifrig, of Oak Park, Ill. (Illustrated.) A Nest Study of the Western Meadowlark, by Jay Kempkes, of Pella, Iowa. (Illustrated.) The Waterfowl of Illinois, by Gerard Alan Abbott, of Chicago. (Illustrated.) Birds of the Mid-Pacific, by Homer R. Dill. (Read by title.) Notes on the Raptorial Birds of Iowa, by B. H. Bailey. (Read by title.)

Dr. T. C. Stephens, of Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa, was reelected President, Mr. George L. Fordyce, of Youngstown, Ohio, reelected Vice-President; Prof. Thos. L. Hankinson, of Charleston, Ill., was elected Secretary, as the former Secretary, Mr. O. M. Schantz, wished to be relieved; Mr. P. B. Coffin, 3232 Groveland Ave., Chicago, was reelected Treasurer; and the Executive Council appointed Gerard Alan Abbott, 1543 E. 61st St., Chicago, Ill., Business Manager, and Lynds Jones, Oberlin, Ohio, Editor of the Wilson Bulletin.

This second annual meeting was a decided success, and it means that each gathering that is to be will increase in interest and value to those who attend. The field which we cover is large and the need for coöperation correspondingly great. Let everybody plan to be present at the third annual meeting.