

NOTES—HERE AND THERE

Conducted by the Secretary

Dr. T. C. Stephens of Sioux City, spent a goodly part of the summer preparing data and manuscript on the summer birds of the Lake Okoboji region in Iowa.

Perhaps the finest ornithological library in the middle west is that of the Crerar Library in Chicago. In addition to the splendid collection of books, here may also be found complete files of most of the bird magazines of consequence which have been published in this and other countries. The Library has recently removed to permanent quarters in the Marshall Field Building on Wabash avenue.

Dr. Wilfred H. Osgood is now Curator of Zoölogy at the Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago. Dr. Osgood will take over the ornithological work of the late Dr. Charles B. Cory of that institution.

Prof. Thos. L. Hankinson, one of our former Secretaries, has accepted the chair of Biology at the State Normal School at Ypsilanti, Mich. Professor Hankinson had been with the New York School of Forestry at Syracuse.

Some years ago, when the present Secretary took up his new duties, friend Bales of Circleville, Ohio, wrote him that "the Club has a lot of mighty fine fellows in it." The truth of this remark has become more and more apparent as time goes on and the writer would amplify it only to include the ladies.

Mr. George M. Sutton of the Carnegie Museum in Pittsburg, is preparing the colored plates for H. H. Bailey's forthcoming book on the birds of Florida. Mr. Sutton's work has attracted well deserved attention and he birds fair to rank high among our bird artists.

A method of securing copies of pages from rare books, or of illustrations, manuscripts, etc., is afforded by the use of the Photostat, with which most of our larger libraries are now equipped. To ornithologists, engaged in research work or in getting together literature pertaining to any particular area, this photographic process permits securing facsimile copies of the originals and at a smaller cost than for typewritten copies. The New York Public Library filled over 5,000 orders during 1920 at a cost of about 13 cents per page. The Crerar Library of Chicago and the Chicago Public Library are among the western institutions which render Photostatic or similar service.

Mr. C. J. Pennock of Kennett Square, Pa., with whose Florida writings our readers are quite familiar, is spending the winter again in southwestern Florida, at Punta Gordo.

The splendid oological collection of the late John Lewis Childs of Floral Park, N. Y., is being disposed of to the public. Half "Lattin's rates" is said to apply throughout.

Dr. and Mrs. George R. Mayfield of Nashville, spent the month of September in and about Chicago, getting acquainted with the birds of that area. Dr. Mayfield's specialty is the call notes and songs of the warblers.

The John Burroughs Memorial Association has been launched for the purpose of acquiring and maintaining, for permanent memorials to the famous author, the properties upon which he spent most of the eighty-four years of his life.

Mr. Richard C. Harlow of State College, Pa., spent six interesting weeks in southern Canada the past summer. He reports good success in collecting, including the finding of some nice sets of the rarer warblers.

By proclamation, the governor of Kentucky has recently set aside "The Old Kentucky Home," at Barstow, Ky., as a permanent sanctuary for bird life. It is a finely wooded tract in which is situated the old colonial mansion in which was written the famous song, "My Old Kentucky Home."

Mr. Herbert L. Stoddard of the Milwaukee Museum, did some intensive field work and collecting in southern Wisconsin during May and June last. A vacation, which came in December, found Mr. Stoddard back in his old tramping grounds among the Indiana Land Dunes of Lake Michigan, where he has made many valuable records in the past.

In mailing out the usual annual circular letter it has been found that, largely due to the good work of our membership teams, the Club membership now lacks but a few names of reaching the 600 mark. The distribution, by states, territories, etc., is as follows: Ala. 2, Alaska 1, Ark. 1, Calif. 19, Canada 14, Colo. 6, Conn. 9, Cuba 2, Del. 1, Dist. of Col. 17, Fla. 6, Georgia 7, Idaho 1, Ill. 70, Ind. 21, Iowa 51, Kans. 5, Kentucky 8, La. 6, Maine 3, Mass. 18, Md. 6, Mich. 16, Minn. 9, Miss. 3, Mo. 18, Nebr. (Nebr. Orn. Union) 53, N. Ver. 14, N. York 31, N. Car. 1, N. Dak. 3, Ohio 69, Okla. 2, Ore. 5, Penna. 18, Porto Rico 1, P. I. 1, R. Island 3, S. Car. 3, S. Dak. 7, Tenn. 18, Porto Rico 1, P. I. 1, R. Island 3, S. Car. 3, Wis. 21, Foreign 5. The Bulletin also has a list of subscribers which includes most of the important libraries and museums in the country.

The Secretary is interested in keeping our mailing list correct in every way. If your name is misspelled, or your address incomplete, write him promptly regarding it.

One of the finest collections of Japanese and Oriental bird skins

in this country is that of Mr. Henry K. Coale of Highland Park, Ill. Mr Coale has for years enjoyed the friendship and exchange agreements with some of Japan's best ornithologists. In looking over a part of this collection, the writer noted the firmness of the filling used in these skins and also the brown paper band circling each bird at the breast. The latter one he has put into practice in his own collection and finds it most effective in keeping the wings of large birds close against the body.

The annual meeting of the Wilson Club will be held at Chicago on December 26th and 27th, a circular letter to this effect having been recently sent to all members. We have been accorded the privilege of meeting in the new Field Museum of Natural History and the opening session of the first day has been set at 10 a. m. A committee of our Chicago members have our program in hand and a pleasant and profitable time may be expected. Many matters of importance will be brought up and a large attendance is desired.

The matter of enlarging and improving The Wilson Bulletin will be finally disposed of at the coming meeting. A year ago we stepped up from 32 pages to 48, with illustrations. The expansion has proven entirely inadequate to the care of the meritorious material offered for publication and it is desired that we print 64 pages per issue. Associate members have received for their dollar dues, a book of 200 pages, filled with articles of importance and current items of interest. This may be properly compared with current scientific books of limited circulation, for which a price of five dollars and more is being asked. All dues go into printing and postage; the considerable amount of time devoted to the work by the officers is done gratuitously and with pleasure, for the advancement of ornithology.