

NOTES—HERE AND THERE

Conducted by the Secretary

At the meeting at Cincinnati during the holidays President T. L. Hankinson exhibited some remarkable photographs of bird life made by one of our newest members, Mr. Walter E. Hastings of South Lyon, Michigan. The pictures were particularly clear and showed to great effect characteristic poses of some of our common and even less common birds, together with backgrounds which suggested typical habitats.

Mr. I. H. Johnston, State Ornithologist of West Virginia, presented each member present at the annual meeting a copy of his splendid handbook recently reviewed in this column, "Birds of West Virginia."

A bulletin entitled, "Mammals, Reptiles, and Birds of Kentucky" is now in press. The author is Professor W. D. Funkhouser of the Department of Zoology of the University of Kentucky. Dr. Funkhouser has been collecting materials for this book for several years and has received the cordial assistance of all the leading observers of Kentucky.

The Stratford Company of Boston has recently issued a handsome volume from the pen of one of our members, William Butts Mershon, of Saginaw, Michigan. It bears the attractive title of "Recollections of My Fifty Years Hunting and Fishing". It is profusely illustrated and highly readable, being accounts of a number of his great hunting expeditions: with Emerson Hough, with the Wells-Stone party, with the Nichols and Shepard deer-hunting party, and others. It is regarded as one of the finest contributions of its kind to the literature of sportsmanship and the outdoor life.

Mr. Amos W. Butler, of Indianapolis, Indiana, is preparing a new edition of his well-known "The Birds of Indiana". It will be issued by the Indiana State Conservation Commission.

The Reverend Angus McDonald, for many years a member of our club, and one of the Vice-presidents of the active Tennessee Ornithological Society, died October 17, 1923. At the time of his death he lived at Knoxville, Tennessee.

Houghton Mifflin Company published in November, 1923, Volume II of "A Natural History of the Ducks," by John C. Phillips, Associate Curator of Birds at Harvard University. The first volume was published more than a year ago and has already become famous and authoritative.

Mr. C. H. Morris of McConnelsville, Ohio, in a letter to the Secretary, reviews in a very interesting fashion the pioneering work in ornithology he did 35 years ago, recalling some delightful experiences with our Editor, Dr. Lynds Jones, and our good friend W. Leon Dawson of Los Angeles. Mr. Morris is not a very active ornithologist now, he says.

Mr. R. H. Dean of Anniston, Alabama, is especially interested in the

Pine Siskin and is at present conducting some experiments in connection with his banding operations. He hopes all bird men north of him will keep a sharp lookout for the Siskins.

In Nature Study Review for January there is a very delightful article by Lucile W. Wilkerson entitled "James Maurice Thompson, Nature-Poet." It emphasizes especially his bird poems and his classic little book of outdoor essays, "Byways and Bird-notes."

One of the Vice-presidents of The American Nature Study Society is one of our new members, Miss Theodosia Hadley of Kalamazoo, Michigan. Miss Hadley is also one of the associate editors for 1924 of the society's publication, "The Nature Study Review."

Herbert Friedmann of Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, contributes to the November-December Bird-Lore an illustrated article on "Evening Grosbeaks at Ithaca."

William G. Fargo, whose trip to James Bay last summer was mentioned in this column, has an article in the same issue of Bird-Lore on "Birds Seen in Florida in February, 1923."

Dorrance and Company of Philadelphia have recently published, "Birds: Their Photographs and Home Life," by Dr. A. H. Cordier of Kansas City, Missouri. Dr. Cordier has the unique distinction among ornithologists of having never shot a bird except with the camera and his new book is designed to show some of the delights of studying birds in this way.

Dr. T. S. Palmer of the United States Biological Survey makes a splendid suggestion, that there ought to be at least one complete set of the AUK and the WILSON BULLETIN in each state. Just recently the Secretary received a letter from Dr. Casey A. Wood of Chicago, who said that the Emma Shearer Wood Library of McGill University, Montreal, Canada, has a complete set of the Bulletin since its first issue and that he intends to see that the set is not broken.

The Secretary is now making his annual drive for members. Since we took in 66 last year, I see no reason why we should not hope for 100 this year. That is the goal set and all efforts will be bent in that direction. If every reader of this magazine, whether a member or just a subscriber, would send in the name of a prospect, the Secretary would gladly try to secure even more than the proposed goal. The problem of membership is for the whole society, though the Secretary has better opportunities to find out prospects than most of the other members. Do not forget! It's 100 for the year 1924!

Though some of the newly elected officers are well-known to the readers, it might not be out of place to tell briefly who they are. Our new President, Albert F. Ganier, Nashville, Tennessee, is head draughtsman of the Nashville, Chattanooga, and St. Louis Railway and the President of the Tennessee Ornithological Society, recently affiliated with the Wilson Club. For five years he served faithfully as Secretary, re-

signing a year ago in favor of the present incumbent. Our Vice-President, William I. Lyon, Waukegan, Illinois, is a real estate dealer, Secretary of the Inland Bird-Banding Association, and for 1923 was Treasurer of the Wilson Club. Our Treasurer, Ben. J. Blincoe, Dayton, Ohio, is a florist. He formerly lived at Bardstown, Kentucky, and has contributed some excellent articles to the ornithological magazines on birds in that section. Of the Councillors, W. M. Rosen, Ogden, Iowa, is president of the Ogden State Bank and also President of The Iowa Ornithologists' Union, which adopted articles of affiliation with the Wilson Ornithological Club when its annual meeting was held at Ames, Iowa, on March 8, 1924. H. L. Stoddard is assistant curator in the Milwaukee Public Museum; T. L. Hankinson, Ypsilanti, Michigan, is the head of the Zoology department of the State Normal College at Ypsilanti and served in 1922 and 1923 as the President of the W. O. C., besides a long, active service in other capacities in the Club. Since the Editor and the Secretary are "hold-overs", it will not be necessary to remind the readers that they are college professors in their respective institutions. As "old-timers" the two "hold-over" members extend their best wishes to the new officers and bespeak for them a happy year with the Club and its interests.

We regret to learn of the death of Mrs. H. P. Knapp of Painesville, Ohio, on September 26, 1923. Mrs. Knapp has for a number of years been a vigorous supporter and member of the Wilson Ornithological Club.

Mr. C. F. Jenney of Boston, Massachusetts, another of our members, died on November 29, 1923.

Mr. E. R. Davis of Leominster, Massachusetts, has been very active recently teaching the economic value of birds, appearing before bird clubs and schools. He writes the Secretary under date of February 16: "It is very cold weather now, but soon I shall be going about conducting bird walks and doing what I can to induce both children and adults to take a deeper interest in the protection of birds. As I sit writing this, there are more than a dozen different birds within a few feet of me, on the hard-frozen snow and ice by my window, eagerly partaking of the food I keep constantly on hand for them.

"At present I am feeding daily five Chickadees, two Hairy Woodpeckers, two Downy Woodpeckers, two White-breasted Nuthatches, one Red-breasted Nuthatch, one Junco, one Golden-crowned Kinglet, three Blue Jays, five Evening Grosbeaks, and twenty-four Tree Sparrows. They have become very tame and confiding, and watch for me to place the food for them and then immediately appropriate it. Although I live in the heart of the city, I have the birds with me at all seasons."

The Iowa Ornithologists' Union is making big preparations for its annual meeting, which is to be held at Ames, with the Iowa Conservation Association, on March 8. A good program has been arranged, including papers by such well-known people as Dr. T. C. Stephens, Miss Althea Sherman, C. J. Spiker, and Professor J. E. Guthrie. Though a young state organization, the I. O. U. already has a large membership and promises to become a power in its state and neighboring ones.