

Hornaday's 'Wild Life Conservation in Theory and Practice.'¹

— The lectures published under this title in the attractive volume before us, were delivered before the Yale Forest School, through the efforts of Prof. James W. Toumey and their delivery and publication represent, in the language of the author, the "Awakening of Yale University" to the necessity of aiding by educational methods the preservation of the wild life of America. In his preface Dr. Hornaday says further, "What is needed — and now demanded — of professors and teachers in all our universities, colleges, normal schools and high schools is vigorous and persistent teaching of the ways and means that can successfully be employed in the wholesale manufacture of public sentiment in behalf of the rational and effective protection of wild life. Thus far the educators of this country as a class and a mass have not done a hundredth part of their duty toward the wild life of the United States and Alaska. Let him who doubts this very sweeping statement ask the next young university graduate that he meets how much he has learned in his university about the practical business of protecting wild life."

The five chapter headings are: 'The Extinction and Preservation of Valuable Wild Life'; 'The Economic Value of Our Birds'; 'The Legitimate Use of Game Birds and Mammals'; 'Animal Pests and Their Rational Treatment'; 'The Duty and Power of the Citizen in Wild Life Protection'.

Dr. Hornaday has gleaned his facts from reliable publications and from his wide personal experience and has assembled them in a convincing manner, so as to make clear the economic side of the question. On the matter of practical preservation of wild life he argues in his well known forceful manner, condemning without mercy the "game hog" and all enemies of conservation, pointing out at the same time the duty of the government, the official and the citizen in furthering the work.

Dr. Hornaday's volume will serve admirably as a text book for furthering in other educational institutions the work that the Yale Forest School has inaugurated, or as a handy work of reference for the public in general. We can heartily recommend it as a valuable contribution to the cause with which Dr. Hornaday has for years been so closely identified.— W. S.

Hartert's 'Die Vögel der palaarktischen Fauna.'²— This installment covers the remainder of the Aquilidæ, including the Vultures and

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² Die Vögel der palaarktischen Fauna. Systematische Uebersicht der in Europa Nord-Asien und der Mittelmeer-region vorkommenden Vögel. Von Dr. Ernst Hartert. Heft IX (Bd. II. 3) seite 1089-1216 mit. 31 Abbildungen. Ausgegeben im Oktober, 1914. Berlin.