

NOTES AND NEWS.

THE EDITOR is overwhelmed with material received for publication far in excess of the funds available for the purpose, which entails long periods of waiting on the part of the authors. He has heretofore tried to keep the 'General Notes' up to date, but in order to include all of the notes received he has been compelled to go over each one and cut out all unnecessary detail and extraneous matter. We trust that contributors will realize the necessity for this editing in order that the important facts of all the notes may appear.

Even so it will be necessary in future to return some communications as we shall have room only for records of occurrence of State-wide importance and not those of merely local significance. The latter should find a channel of publication in local journals, where such exist.

Lack of funds has made it necessary also to curtail reviews to some extent and the entire elimination of the reviews of journals, which the present editor inaugurated when he assumed the editorship, may be necessary. The wishes of our readers are so varied that they afford little help. Some suggest dropping 'General Notes,' others the 'Reviews,' still others all historical and biographical matter, etc., so that the burden of choice seems to rest upon the Editor!

AN IMPORTANT advance in bird protection is the organization of 'The Hawk and Owl Society' the object of which is to save these valuable birds from extinct termination. Warren F. Eaton, 128 Wildwood Ave., Upper Montclair, N. J. is Secretary and the Society is cooperating with the National Association of Audubon Societies. Local Representatives have been appointed in various of the states. The greatest destruction of the birds at present is at Cape May, N. J. and Dreherstown, Pa., at both of which places migrating hawks collect during migration and are ruthlessly destroyed by gunners.

THE ALLEN VOLUMES OF 'THE AUK.' The first 28 volumes of 'The Auk,' from 1884 to 1911, were edited by Dr. J. A. Allen, those from 1912 to date by Dr. Witmer Stone. The Allen volumes include the first series, 1884-1900; the second series, 1901-1910; and the first volume of the third series. One half of these volumes include numbers which are now out of print and several of the early volumes can no longer be supplied.

The only 'Allen Volumes' which are now available are those for 1887, 1891, 1892, 1894-1900, 1902, 1904, 1907 and 1909, and some of these numbers are becoming scarce. Members who are interested in securing early volumes should look over their sets and communicate with the Secretary regarding any odd numbers or volumes which they may need.

It will be of interest to all workers in Biology to learn that the Council of the Biological Society of Washington, at its last meeting, has voted the granting of a special price reduction on the following of its publications: "Natural History of the District of Columbia," by W. L. McAtee, 142 pages, inset map, octavo, paper, 1918, \$1.00, postpaid \$1.15; "The International Rules of Zoological Nomenclature," 28 pages, octavo, paper, 1926, 50c; "Birds of the Washington, D. C., Region," by May Thacher Cooke, 79 pages, octavo, paper, 1929, 50c. These can be obtained, postpaid, from the Society's corresponding secretary, J. S. Wade, U. S. Bureau of Entomology, Washington, D. C., at the prices indicated. Requests should be sent promptly as only a very limited number of copies remain.

MR. FRED J. PIERCE, editor of 'Iowa Bird Life,' Winthrop, Iowa, desires to know of any full sets of 'The Iowa Ornithologist' that may be in the libraries of members of the A. O. U. The publication is quite scarce and he is compiling a list of the full sets that are extant.

A WIDE SPREAD invasion of Dovekies all along the Atlantic Coast from New England to Florida took place during the latter part of November and early December and extended some little distance inland. Many notes regarding the flight have reached 'The Auk' but rather than publish them at present it has been thought better to combine them in a single paper and Dr. Robert Cushman Murphy, of the American Museum of Natural History, New York, who has already collected much data, will be glad to hear from anyone who has information on the flight that has not already been sent in. He has kindly offered to prepare a summary of the invasion.