

best for all. As it will be possible for any ornithologist, eager to advance our knowledge of this science, to become an active member, and the association members being those who aid us by reporting all the observations they are enabled to make, but who, either from business or any other cause, cannot give as much time to the subject of governing the Chapter, as is necessary to intelligent action, and who now omit to vote when opportunity offers, the government of our affairs will not be practically changed from the present condition.

Therefore as the proposed change can do no injury but will give more stability to our organization, it should be made, unless a stronger sentiment against it should be manifested than any yet observed.

If this plan is adopted, all present members will become active members, who qualify for membership within a reasonable time, after which the selection of active from associate members will be made by the active members, semi-annually, on recommendation by the Executive Council.

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#### REPORT OF THE MELOLOGICAL COMMITTEE.

##### *Mr. President and Members of the Chapter:*

Considering that this committee of the Chapter was not organized until the latter part of last May, and then with only three members, including myself, the work accomplished has been quite satisfactory.

The songs of several of our birds have been investigated, and considerable data of a miscellaneous character has been collected; but not sufficient to form any tables or deductions, which are, of course, very desirable and which we earnestly hope to present another season.

The difficulty in studying the songs of birds intelligently is great, and a certain knowledge of their habits and of their common, and also of their scientific names is requisite. It also requires great patience and perseverance.

In the report now before you we have endeavored to incorporate the subject-matter of all data collected by us, and to present it in a form satisfactory to all; and if in any way we are mistaken in