

united work may come to you in form to study; that you may gain the benefit of a wider field of investigation than one alone could compass.

You will shape the course of our voyage: I shall simply direct the ship towards the port.

Many of you have expressed the desire to continue the committees which have in charge special lines of work. That seems the best course at present. In addition we shall have a course of general study for those who contribute to no one of the several committees. Many have expressed the desire to study the FRINGILLIDAE the coming season. If it is the general wish we shall be glad to study that group. Indeed, I am inclined to think that this group would gain greater interest than any other on account of its size and wide extent. This does not mean that the special committees shall study this group. They have the privilege of investigating any group, genera, or species they can to the best advantage, following out the special line in view; accomplishing but a single thing if that seems best to the committee.

Let us all unitedly lend our aid in our own way to the furtherance of our organization and the advancement of our favorite science. Each having a part in the work, each adding his part, be that small or great in his eyes—for without each brick the building cannot be erected—to the work in hand.

Cordially and faithfully yours,

LYNDS JONES.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE WILSON ORNITHOLOGICAL CHAPTER FOR THE YEAR
ENDING DEC. 5, 1890.

The growth of our Chapter has been steady, though not rapid. Early in the year it was decided by a vote of all the members to establish a constitution which should embrace two classes of members, instead of one as heretofore. These classes to be known as Active and Associate members, respectively.

Time was given for all those who desired to become Active members to send their dues, which were fixed at one dollar, (\$1) to the Secretary. Sixteen names were enrolled on the list of Active members. Many more expressed their desire to become Active members, but for some reason failed to forward their dues

According to a clause in the changed constitution, all Active members shall receive free all publications of the organization. Associate members, not being subject to a fee, are not entitled to the publications free of charge.

With the close of the year our roll shows a membership of 16 Active members, as above stated, and 75 Associate members. Not a few of our Associate members are only waiting for election to occur when they will become Active members, while several not yet members at all wish to join our ranks. The outlook is indeed bright.

The committees having special lines of work in charge are pushing their work with vigor, accomplishing valuable results and with the Semi-Annual to print their notes and encourage all to better work by its bright face, they will bring us reports that we can point to with pride. Mr. C. C. Maxfield, who now has sole control of the magazine, will push the work of editing the paper with renewed vigor. He needs no introduction.

Our finances are in good condition as shown by the report which appears elsewhere in this issue. We have nothing to fear, but much to hope for and look forward to with the surety of success. All are willing and eager to work and love our favorite science. Let us be up and doing with the determination to bring before our fellow laborers results of our investigations, which shall show our earnestness and our pains-taking, constant work. Our science has not been studied to exhaustion, but rather is in its extreme infancy.

Yours in the work,

LYNDS JONES, Sec'y.