

One feature of the year's campaign is that Associate members are to be on an almost equal footing with the Active, except in voting. We want to draw out what material we know there must be in our Associate ranks. You are to have just as much to do in the investigations as any member, and you have the privilege of making petitions and offering plans of work.

We mail to every person who has ever been connected with the Chapter, a copy of our first JOURNAL. There are others to follow at intervals of three months, but hereafter copies will be mailed only to *paid up* members. Assessments should be sent to the Secretary, Mr. W. N. Clute, Binghampton, N. Y. \$1.00 for Active and 50 cents for Associate members.

Members and subscribers who have not received *Quarterlies* to the amount of their subscriptions or assessments may order back numbers of the *Quarterly* or *Semi-Annual*, or current numbers of the JOURNAL in full payment.

LYNDS JONES, *President*.

SCHEME OF WORK.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE OOLOGICAL COMMITTEE.

FRANK L. BURNS, BERWYN, PENN.

Two years ago the President of the Chapter appointed the writer Chairman of this committee. Doubtless the members who have kindly contributed notes, have dispaired of ever seeing the oft-promised report in print. Allow me to explain the delay.

During the season of 1890 I wrote to many Active and Associate members, soliciting notes on the breeding habits of the American Crow, and Cooper's and Sharp-shinned

Hawks. I received more or less complete reports from six states and ten observers. Though valuable, the notes seemed too few to form an interesting comparison; hence they were not prepared for publication.

I am requested to continue the work until a final and successful report is assured, by the active co-operation of the members.

Our membership now extends into 29 states and Canada. Nearly all are active, working ornithologists. Many have data and specimens from which notes can be taken at any time. Could not all devote a little time and a few pages to this end?

I propose to further reduce the species, and the members are earnestly urged to contribute notes on the breeding habits of the American Crow and sub-species. I desire notes from many different localities for an elaborate comparison on the breeding habits, nests and eggs, and any other interesting features.

I will gladly supply all who desire to aid in the work with schedules and plans. All notes, however small or incomplete, are solicited.

FRANK L. BURNS, Berwyn, Penn.

FROM THE SECRETARY.

At the beginning of my term of office as your Secretary, I am requested to say a few words to the members regarding the new plan of work for the year.

In addition to the regular work, the Chapter offers, in 1893, two prizes and five honors for the best reports by Active members on any subject pertaining to ornithology or oology. The prizes have not yet been selected.

The best report will receive first prize. Second best, second prize. The third best will take first honor, and the