

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

writer will receive 25 copies of it; the fourth best second honor, and 20 copies; the fifth best third honor and 15 copies; etc. Every member is entitled to one copy of these reports when published.

Our Associate members have been remembered. Two paid-up active memberships for one year are offered for the two best reports from them. Every report that is of enough interest will be published whether it takes a prize or honor or not.

Our Chapter was established to encourage original research. We want *original* reports; nothing that can be found in books will answer. Reports must be sent to the President not later than September 1, 1893. Some one not a member of the Chapter will act as judge of the articles.

A word to the Associate members. A majority of you I know either by correspondence or from your printed articles. All are capable of making good Active members. But the number to which Active membership is limited is being rapidly approached. Therefore your chances of being elected to Active membership are fast growing less. You can afford to lose no time in making your application.

Yours, very truly,

WILLARD N. CLUTE.

---

GENERAL WORK ON THE WARBLERS (MNIOTILTIDÆ).

---

We shall study this interesting group this year.

I. Send to the President at once, a list of the Warblers found in your locality, with notes on their relative abundance.

II. Carry a field note-book in which enter notes *in the field*. Note carefully the first ones of a species seen as to number, sex, in bright or worn plumage, singing or not, where seen, weather, temperature, direction and force of