

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

wind. Make the same entries the next time it is seen, and so for every day. Particularly note number, sex, plumage.

III. Write up carefully each day a journal of your observations. Enlarge upon your pocket note-book entries, and as far as determined, note the *age* (whether young of the previous year or old birds); how *migrating*—slowly while feeding, or by long flights;—*night migration*; *fluctuations in numbers*; *last seen*.

IV. A few will remain to breed. Study their habits in your own way. Determine what becomes of the parents' eggs when they hatch a Cowbird.

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