

### The New List of Members.

The next BULLETIN published by the Chapter will contain a list of all members in good standing. Those who have not yet paid their dues are earnestly requested to do so at once so that their names may be enrolled with the others. The Chapter is at last free from debt and much more can now be accomplished than ever before. It should be remembered that Active members six months in arrears for dues cannot vote, hold office, or receive the Chapter publications, and are liable to suspension.

### Information Wanted.

The forty-second parallel of North Latitude seems to be the limit of the Black Snowbird's northern range in winter. In some parts of the country the birds breed south of this line, and it is not uncommon for others to winter north of it. It would be interesting to know what it is that determines whether the birds shall stay in a particular place or not, and information upon the subject is requested with the idea of getting a definite knowledge of these causes. One case is on record of the Snowbird's breeding in southern New York and in certain parts of northern Pennsylvania the birds are common in

summer. Since they love a cool retreat in which to breed it will be correctly inferred that the latter locality is the higher of the two; yet in winter when the birds flee south to escape the cold, they are still found plentifully in the Pennsylvania locality while they are absent from the other. Members living within a hundred and fifty miles of the forty-second parallel are requested to aid in this investigation, by sending answers to one or all of the following questions: What is your latitude? What is your altitude? Does the Snowbird winter in your locality? Is it present in both mild and severe winters? Is it a summer resident in your vicinity? If you are north of the forty-second parallel, to what do you attribute its presence in winter—food-supply, altitude, plentiful shelter, the nearness of large bodies of water, a river-valley extending north and south, etc. If near this parallel and the birds do not winter, to what do you attribute their absence? If south of this parallel, and the birds breed, to what do you attribute the fact? In this investigation every member in the territory covered can help, for all know the Juncos. Even if you can answer but one of the above questions it will add to the results. A full report of the matter will be published and everyone who

contributes will be given due credit. Send all notes relating to the subject to Willard N. Clute, Binghamton, N. Y.

**Notes.**

Several times lately the robin has been heard singing his full song *sotto voce*. Although very near the observer the bird sounded as if he was a great distance away. Except for the fact that the bird was singing "to himself" the song did not differ from the ordinary one. Has any other member noticed this?

Among the new members proposed at this election will be noticed the name of one Associate member who wishes to become an Active, and also the name of an old Active member who had dropped out of the Chapter, but now wishes to join again. This is an indication that our affairs are looking up.

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