

FROM THE SECRETARY.

Again I thank you for the honor you have conferred on me the second time, and shall try to perform my duties to your entire satisfaction. During the year 1895 we began a four year's study of the Mniotiltidae. Three members were appointed to supervise as many departments of the work. Have we assisted these members as much as we were able? Do we fully realize the time and money each of these chairmen must spend, and their responsibility? Can we hold those who have assumed such positions responsible for the report they must make, if we do not assist them? Let us flood those chairmen with so many notes, in the next three years, that they will have to hire help to get from beneath the pile! If we *all* send just such notes as we make in a season what a volume it would make! and the Chapter would fill the position it is destined to fill.

Respectfully,

J. E. DICKINSON.

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 1, 1896.

RECEIVED.

Balance on hand from 1895,	\$ 6 26
Annual assessments from various members,	34 00
For publications, current and back numbers.	17 90
Contributions for publishing Bulletins Nos. 4 and 5,,	40 50
Total received,	—————\$98 66

PAID.

Expressage and postage on publications,	\$ 5 81
Postage on Treasurer's notices to members,	1 35
Election Bulletin and postage on same,	2 06
Bulletin No. 4, Warbler Report,	22 00
Bulletin No. 5, Crow Report,	50 00
Total paid,	—————\$81 22
Balance on hand,	\$17 44

ELECTION REPORT.

MR. R. M. STRONG, President W. O. C.

Dear Sir:—I find the vote for officers of the Wilson Ornithological Chapter to be as follows :

For President—R. M. Strong, 12; W. A. Oldfield, 3.

For Vice-President—Ned Hollister, 8; Walton Mitchel, 6.

For Secretary—J. E. Dickinson, 8; David L. Savage, 5; Paul Bartsch, 2.

For Treasurer—Lynds Jones, 11; J. W. Jacobs, 3.

For Executive Council—John H. Sage, 11; O. W. Knight, 9; H. E. Miller, 7; A. H. W. Norton, 6; Chas. A. Ely, 6; H. C. Oberholser, 3.
F. L. BURNS, *Judge of Election*.

I find this statement correct, and the following officers to be elected for 1896:

President—R. M. Strong, Oberlin, O.

Vice-President—Ned Hollister, Delavan, Wis.

Secretary—J. E. Dickinson, Rockford, Ill.

Treasurer—Lynds Jones, Oberlin, O.

Executive Council—John H. Sage, O. W. Knight, H. E. Miller.

R. M. STRONG, *President*.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

GENERAL CHAIRMAN ON SPECIAL INVESTIGATION.

The work which was begun a year ago under the new system of dividing the investigations of the group under consideration among several committees, has been going steadily on. Statements of the heads of these committees appear later in this Bulletin.

It is evident that it will not be possible to publish the life histories of all of the Warblers in one Bulletin, even if it should seem best to combine all reports in one. Therefore, each committee will occupy an entire Bulletin with its report, taking ample space to go deeply into the subject considered, even to the minutest details. Thus the *Migration* Committee will be able not only to give the approximate time of arrival and departure of each species at any given locality, and the exact time of arrival and departure in specified years, but also to give the relative time of the arrival of the adults and young, and of the males and females; the state of plumage, numbers of individuals during the migrations, condition of weather, effect of weather, and many other little known phenomena. Contributions of such a nature should be given in your reports to the chairman of this committee whenever possible.

The committee on *nesting* will also have ample room in which to elaborate its report. In addition to determining more definitely the