

situation and composition of the nest, deposition of eggs, incubation, and the various other topics commonly discussed, this committee will be able to indicate any geographical variations in nesting habits, nests, color of eggs, any effects of climate on nesting, effects of the sun on the color of the eggs and on incubation, distribution of pigment on the egg shell, and many other not less interesting topics as yet little known. The chief value of this report must be directly proportionate to the amount of material which the chairman will have at his disposal, resting as it will upon full reports from many localities. *You* may, therefore, greatly enhance its value by sending him *any* notes you may have, be they either old or new. Careful description of sets of eggs, period of incubation, and relations of the sexes in building the nest and in incubation, will be especially valuable.

None of the committees on the Warblers will be ready to make a final report this year, but a Bulletin containing a final report may be looked for next year. Meanwhile the work of the special committee on the Flicker is progressing, promising some very valuable additions to our knowledge of the subjects discussed.

LYNDS JONES, *Chairman.*

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## CHAIRMAN OF THE MIGRATION COMMITTEE.

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MR. PRESIDENT :—

As soon as possible after assuming the chair of this department, I wrote personally to each member, as given in Bulletin No. 3, outlining the work for the year and requesting a reply, that I would know the stations which would be represented. Replies were received from nearly all, the majority promising their aid; a few could not on account of business or study. The balance made no reply, although in many cases written to the second time. Schedules were then prepared for recording the migration of species and sent to each member, also to a number of other observers. The few which have thus far been returned, are from such widely separated stations that it is impossible to trace the movement of any species over any particular territory. They all agree, however, in this, that the representatives of the family were much less common than usual. This year an extra effort will be made to induce the members to contribute notes, and also to obtain the aid of many observers who are not yet members. I shall issue and send a circular letter and schedule before the vernal migration. I request those who have not sent in notes to do so as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

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