

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

The Museum, Vol. II, Nos. 8 and 9, June and July, 1896. Each number contains articles of interest to ornithologists.

The Observer, Vol. VII, Nos. 5, 6 and 7, May, June and July, 1896. Articles of special interest to all ornithologists appear in each number.

The Linnæan Fern Bulletin, Vol. IV, No. 3. It is full of interest to students of ferns.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS.

Nominations for officers of the Chapter for the year 1897 must be made before the close of September. Since the next BULLETIN will not be out before the last of the month, this opportunity is taken to remind members that each active member in good standing is entitled to make one nomination for each office in the Chapter. This includes one nomination for each of the offices of President, Secretary and Treasurer, and three nominations for members of the Executive Council. In accordance with an amendment to the Constitution, the nominee for President having the second highest number of votes shall be declared Vice-President. Hence, no nomination for Vice-President need be made.

Members should regard the privilege of making nominations in the light of duty, and not fail to make nominations for every office in the Chapter. A list of present officers may be found in BULLETIN No. 6. All nominations should be sent to the President, Mr. R. M. Strong, Oberlin, Ohio.

The semi-annual election of new members occurs in October. Nominations for active membership should reach some officer of the Chapter before September 15, to insure publication in BULLETIN No. 10. Nominations for associate membership may be made at any time. They should be sent to the President.

The attention of members is called to the fact that notes sufficient for the space in the BULLETIN are not in early enough to give ample time for setting up the copy and reading the proof. Notes should reach the editor before the fifteenth of the month of publication. Elaborate articles are not called for, but only carefully written notes recording the rare find or interesting observation. The function of the editor is to collect and arrange for publication matter of interest to the readers of

the BULLETIN, not to create matter to fill space. Notes which may seem common and without interest locally, often prove of great interest when placed before the reading public. Do not hesitate to send in your notes because they may seem unworthy. Give the editor an opportunity to pass upon them.

OUR OFFICIAL ORGANS.

The Wilson Ornithological Chapter of the Agassiz Association was organized at Fall River, Mass., December 5, 1888. Its official organ was *The Curlew*, a twelve page monthly published by O. P. Hauger, Orleans, Indiana. The first Chapter matter appeared in Vol. I, No. 3, December, 1888. Publication was suspended with No. 7. Space was then secured in *The Ornithologists' and Oologists' Semi-Annual*, a forty-eight page magazine published by W. H. Foote, Pittsfield, Mass. With Vol. III, the magazine passed into the hands of C. C. Maxfield, Danbury, Conn., who published one number, when the Chapter assumed control and issued *The Wilson Quarterly*. *The Quarterly* ran through two numbers, and then gave place to *The Journal*, which, after the issue of two numbers, gave place to our present BULLETIN.

In view of the fact that the entire edition of *The Curlew*, and the first number of Vols. I and II, of *The O. & O. Semi-Annual* are now out of print, while other numbers are becoming scarce, it seems advisable to issue a table of contents of all Chapter literature down to the beginning of the present year. In the Table of Contents which follows, the contents of numbers in which no Chapter matter appears, as well as the entire contents of numbers largely made up of other than Chapter matter, is given, so that the table of contents of each number may be complete. Chapter matter is designated as Wilson Chapter Matter, and all other matter as Other Matter.

For the convenience of any who may desire copies of any of these publications, the following list of the numbers which are *not* obtainable is given: *The Curlew*, the entire edition. *The O. & O. Semi-Annual*, Vol. I, No. 1; Vol. II, No. 1. BULLETIN, Nos. 1, 2 and 3.

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