

conscientious attention to details, which characterizes the first volume.

The second volume begins with the well known but now nearly extinct Carolina Parakeet and ends with the Boat-tailed Grackle, thus comprising the orders Psittaci, Coccyges, Pici, Macrochires, and the families Tyrannidæ, Alaudidæ, Corvidæ, Sturnidæ and Icteridæ of the Passerine birds. The first volume treated of the Gallinæ, Columbæ and Raptores. The present volume is hence some hundred pages larger than the first volume. In execution it is, if anything, superior to the first volume.

The descriptions of eggs are supplemented by seven lithographic plates on which are 201 excellent figures of eggs, all natural size. These alone make a volume of inestimable value to the working ornithologist, and when supplemented as they are, by detailed accounts of habits and haunts and the description of notes and song, form a basis for intelligent field study of characteristics of the birds which it would be impossible for a work of this sort to touch upon. We congratulate Maj. Bendire on the success of his great work, and we congratulate ourselves in having this illustration of the possibilities of aiding our fellow workers in science.

*The Osprey.* November, 1896. Vol. I, No. 3. The present number fully sustains its high character both in a scientific and literary sense, and in the excellence of the illustrations. It seems certain of success.

*Transactions of the Texas Academy of Science.* Vol. I, No. 4, 1895. Contains the following valuable papers: The Law of Hypnotism, R. S. Hyer; County Roads, Charles Corner; The Soil of Texas, E. T. Dumble; Genesis of Certain Ore Veins, W. H. von Streeruwitz; Bio-geography of Texas; C. H. Tyler Townsend.

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## ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

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An unofficial note from Mr. Fank L. Burns, Judge of Elections, announces the election of the following officers:

*President.*—R. M. Strong.

*Vice-President.*—Ned Hollister.

*Secretary.*—J. E. Dickinson.

*Treasurer.*—Lynds Jones.

Announcement of the members elected to the Executive Council is deferred, on account of a close vote between two members.