

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1898.

The annual election of officers begins November 20 and ends December 5. The officers to be elected are : President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and three members of the Executive Council. Very few nominations have been made, hence the list is incomplete. Members are always at liberty to vote for whomsoever they please, even when the nominations are full.

Mr. Frank L. Burns, Berwyn, Pa., has been appointed Judge of Elections, and all ballots should be sent to him. Our Constitution provides that ballots must reach the Judge of Elections by December 5, in order to be counted.

Only active members are privileged to vote, but those in arrears for assessments are denied the privilege, unless their assessments reach the treasurer before November 20.

The following nominations have been made :

For President.—Reuben M. Strong, Lake Forest, Ill.

For Vice-President.—N. Hollister, Delavan, Wis.

For Secretary.—Walton I. Mitchell, St. Paul, Minn. ; W. L. Dawson, Oberlin, Ohio.

For Treasurer.—Lynds Jones, Oberlin, Ohio.

For Executive Council.—John H. Sage, H. C. Oberholser, J. Warren Jacobs, H. C. Higgins, W. A. Oldfield, J. E. Law.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS.

The following names are here proposed for Active membership : John W. Daniel, Lynchburg, Va. ; Geo. W. Dixon, Watertown, S. Dak. ; A. C. Parker, Box 6, White Plains, N. Y. ; A. H. Howell, Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. In accordance with the Constitution, proposed members will be considered elected unless there are adverse votes.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.

It is very important that changes of address, or any errors in the present mailing list, should be attended to before the close of the present year. Unless you give notice to the contrary, your name and address

will be printed in the next list of members as they appear on the wrapper of this BULLETIN.

President Strong's address will be Lake Forest, Ill., until further notice.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

The "special" nature of BULLETIN No. 15, prevented the acknowledgement of publications in that number, hence the present list is both late and longer than usual.

The Blue Jay and Its Food, by F. E. L. Beal, Assistant Biologist, U. S. Department of Agriculture. [Reprint from the Year-book of the Department of Agriculture for 1896, pp. 197 to 206 inclusive, with three cuts in the text.] The evidence brought forth by the careful investigations conducted by Professor Beal may be summed up in his closing sentence. "In fact, the examination of nearly 300 stomachs shows that the blue jay certainly does far more good than harm."

Bulletins Nos. 84, 85, 86, and 79, of the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station, of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, Auburn. Valuable contributions to Horticulture and related subjects, by officials of the station.

Bulletin No. 20, Department of Agriculture, Kansas State Agricultural College, Manhattan, Kan. A compilation of experiments with wheat.

Bulletins No. 80, 81, and 82, Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station, Wooster, Ohio. Valuable contributions to Horticulture and related subjects, by officials of the station.

Birds, Vol. II., Nos. 1, 2, and 3, July, August, and September, 1897. It could have no greater praise than mention of its immense and constantly increasing circulation. Our constant surprise is that there are not more inferior pictures, realizing, as we do, that perfect subjects for illustrations are not always obtainable. The species selected for representation in the September number are among the more difficult ones. Here we notice that the chief defect is a lack of light in the eye, which is also more or less in evidence in previous plates. A steady improvement is evident throughout the magazine, and we have only hearty words of praise for the good work it is doing in putting the birds before the eyes of an appreciative public whose need of just such a magazine is made clear by their eagerness to know the birds through its pages.