

A close vote for members of the Executive Council makes it necessary to defer announcement of that result.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Members of the Chapter :

If you will look up the official reports for the last year you will find that Mr. Jones had to contribute about twenty-three dollars toward the expenses of publishing the BULLETIN. In a personal letter Mr. Jones informs me the deficit this year will be about forty dollars. We all realize that it would be impossible for the Chapter to keep in existence without some means of communication. The BULLETIN furnishes the means needed. As the membership dues are not enough to meet the expense of publication, let us each contribute a little to make up the present deficit, so as not to put the burden too much on one. Are we not willing to blot from our account book this item ; "Contributed by the editor of the BULLETIN—forty dollars" ? Let us also try to secure a large enough subscription list to make the BULLETIN self-supporting.

Fraternally,

MILTON JUNCTION, WIS.

G. M. BURDICK.

[NOTE.—The reason why this year's deficit will be larger than last year's is, first, because we began last year with a little over seventeen dollars on hand and, second, because this year a special BULLETIN has been issued, costing about ten dollars more than an ordinary number.—ED.]

ERRATA.

The following corrections should be made in the note on the breeding of Ruby-throated Hummingbird, p. 62. In line two read "May 29, 1896," and in line eight read "May 29, 1887."

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

Some Common Birds, by P. M. Silloway. The Editor Publishing Company, Cincinnati, Ohio. In this volume, without the formality of a

preface or an introduction, we are at once transported to the meadows and there introduced to the feathered inhabitants. The series of essays—each a "sketch" of a single species of birds—are arranged in eight groups, each group preceded by a well chosen essay descriptive of the natural division of the landscape of which it treats, and giving a hint of the bird life to be found there.

These essays are "Sketches of Some Common Birds," and hence, he who expects exhaustive or purely scientific treatment of the species, will be disappointed. The author's aim has been to present that and that only which he has learned while with the birds in the field, without any greater attention and labor than can be given by any busy person; to make both attractive and profitable strolls into fields and woods by introducing to the reader the birds which must certainly come within the range of vision in such places; to open the eyes and unstop the ears of those who go out of doors only into the orchard, or garden, or tree-lined street, there to see and hear the many birds about them, perhaps wholly unnoticed before.

All of the eighteen full page illustrations, are half tones of photographs from life, many of them being of the young and nest after Shufeldt.

The chief defect is the lack of an index, which is not fully compensated for by a table of contents. The 331 pages of matter should be made easily accessible by a complete index.

The volume is to be commended for its pleasing presentation of the habits and characteristics of our common birds, thus interesting many in them who have never noticed them before. In these days of awakening interest in the birds, there is great need for such books to point out methods of study while teaching the names of birds.

Birds of Maine, by Ora W. Knight, B. S. In this catalog Mr. Knight has shown us what can be done by organizing the forces at command and working toward a common end. It is by such methods that future state lists will be made approximately complete and therefore the geographical distribution of all species thruout the country more completely mapped. The list is admirably arranged both with reference to the accessibility of the information at his command and the credit due to contributors. May such lists from other states speedily follow.

A Study of the Philadelphia Vireo (Vireo philadelphicus) by Jonahan Dwight, Jr., M. D. From 'The Auk,' Vol. XIV, No. 3, July, 1897. In this admirable "Study," Dr. Dwight has given us a hold on the characteristics of the Philadelphia Vireo which will enable us to distinguish him in the field with certainty.

The Auk, Vol. XIV, No. 4, October, 1897.

The Osprey, Vol. II, Nos. 2 and 3, October, November, 1897.

The Museum, Vol. III, No. 12, Vol. IV, No. 1, October, November, 1897.

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Popular Science, Vol. XXXI, Nos. 9, 10, 11, September, October, November, 1897.

Birds, Vol. II, No. 4, October, 1897.

Stories from Nature, Vol. I, Nos. 5, 6, October, November, 1897.

The Microscope, Vol. V, Nos 7 to 10, July to October, 1897.

Quarterly Book Review, Vol. I, No. 3, October, 1897.

The Fern Bulletin, Vol. V, No. 4, October, 1897.

The Plant World, Vol. I, No. 2, November, 1897.

The Iowa Ornithologist, Vol. III, No. 4, October, 1897.

