

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AND WESTERN BLUEBIRDS.—Both these species are fairly common about dwellings but rarely seen in the country.

LONG-CRESTED JAY.—Abundant in the mountains among the Pinons.

SLENDER-BILLED NUTHATCH.—Tolerably common in the city, where it feeds on the trees in the plazas and parks, often accompanied by the Creeper.

PINK-SIDED JUNCO.—Abundant in small flocks near the settlements and towns.

COOPER'S HAWK.—Fairly common in the country districts.

SPOTTED OWL.—Rare. Two observed about twenty miles from here, but unfortunately had no gun with me so could not procure them for perfect identification, but am almost certain as to their identity.

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## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

The year 1898 opens with much that is encouraging to the true student of birds. There has been notable progress in genuine ornithological science; and there has been general and evident success in efforts for creating proper sentiment towards birds, among the general public.

Ornithological journals are showing a very welcome increase in articles and notes bearing evidence of careful and intelligent observation of birds.

The life history of the bird, from the time it leaves the egg, and its relations to other birds, is our field. This is the province of the Wilson Ornithological Chapter. Its committees are working earnestly on subjects of ornithological importance.

We have great reason to be proud of Mr. Jones' "Grackle BULLETIN." It represents careful and extended field work and is highly deserving of the praise which it received through leading ornithological journals. This report is a striking example of what one man with intelligence and perseverance may accomplish, even in these times when we think there are comparatively few new things in ornithology for us to discern.

There are many ornithologists who are able to observe a few good things which, published alone, might attract little attention and quite likely would sooner or later pass into scientific oblivion; but these notes combined with the observations of other workers make a sum total of ornithological information that will command respect and interest in every library. This system of co-operation which gives the observer credit for his efforts and produces results of significance is the plan of our chapter.

Mr. Jones, as general chairman, has outlined the work of these committees in previous BULLETINS, so it is not necessary for me to refer to it more extendedly.

As President of the Chapter, I wish to encourage to the fullest extent the active co-operation of the members in the various movements toward the protection of birds, which are now on foot. We can do much by our example and influence. "Bird Day," "Audubon Societies," etc., all deserve our earnest and united support. The whole chapter should constitute itself a committee on bird protection.

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### EDITORIAL.

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A photograph from which one of the plates in *Gleanings from Nature* is to be made is at hand. If the picture is an index of the work as a whole, Mr. Jacobs has a rich treat in store for us, in this number (No. 1) of the series, which treats of abnormalities of eggs and sets. The plates will illustrate I, abnormal coloration. II, abnormal size. III, abnormal size and shape. IV, shape and coloration, size and coloration, size, shape and coloration.

The Schaller Audubon Society, Schaller, Iowa, Miss J. E. Hamand, Secretary, sends a neat leaflet issued in the interest of the protection of birds. The rapid increase in the membership of these societies for the protection of birds is a gratifying indication of a changing sentiment toward the birds. The mere collector is being rapidly relegated to the back-ground and will soon be a thing of the past. We have far more need of the birds than of their skins.

Calls for BULLETINS 1, 2 and 3, long since out of print, have become so numerous and persistent that we have decided to reprint them under one cover, provided sufficient advance subscriptions are received to pay for the printing. The price per single copy, containing the three BULLETINS, will be 25 cents. Those desiring this reprint should send their request at once to the editor. The money need not be paid until the copy is delivered.

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### PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

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