

1898 ELECTIONS.

As no nominations have been made for the offices of the Wilson Chapter for the ensuing year, I see no other course than to announce that the present officers will remain in their respective positions awaiting the further pleasure of the Chapter.

The BULLETINS of the Chapter are read and praised by many of the most prominent naturalists of the country; but to continue their publication another year is a burden which ought not to fall so largely on the shoulders of Mr. Jones as it has in the past. With a fair increase in membership and a more general contribution of notes it will be possible to keep up the BULLETINS. If the members of the Chapter wish to see a good work go on, the time is ripe for an expression to that effect. The chairmen of committees have informed me at various times that their work moves slowly through the lack of support in the way of notes and data. The committee work certainly offers excellent opportunities for original investigation by men who have a more or less limited amount of time for field work. Observations, though they may be few, if they have value find opportunity in the committee reports for publication and coordination. An aggregation of reports of various members such as the Sparrow and Crow Reports has permanent value, whereas the individual reports in most cases, if published alone in the regular journals, would have soon passed out of sight.

I should like to add another committee to the Chapter's sections to take up the study of variations of species as shown by skins and eggs with the use of curve criteria. My plan is to select some group like the Ground Sparrows or the Horned Larks. I shall be glad to hear from members who may be interested in this subject.

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EDITORIAL.

The delay of an entire month in the appearance of this number of the BULLETIN has been unavoidable, but it will not occur again. It should be needless to remind the reader that the prompt appearance of copy upon the editor's table will always ensure the prompt appearance of the BULLETIN. To ensure the prompt appearance of the November number contributions are solicited now. Please give this matter your immediate attention.

It is likely that Bluebird, Robin and Meadowlark will have seriously begun the southern movement before this copy is mailed. May we not have reports from every member and every reader concerning these movements for publication in the next number? Won't you send your notes to the editor at once?

We greatly regret that Mr. Walter A. Johnson is no longer able to attend to the editorial duties of the well known *Osprey*, on account of ill health. It is to be hoped that the valuable publication will be continued with as able management.

It gives us pleasure to announce that our President, Reuben M. Strong, is engaged in graduate study in Harvard University this year, and that a part of his work is to be in Ornithology. There is certainly no department of science which is more worthy of study than our chosen one, and it is gratifying to know that this fact is now recognized by our best educators.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.

G. M. Burdick, to New Auburn, Minn.
 Walton I. Mitchell, to Albuquerque, N. Mex.
 R. M. Strong, to 11 Mellen St., Cambridge, Mass.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

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