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## TREASURER'S REPORT.

*For the year ending December 31, 1898.*

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For membership dues from various members	\$35 00
“ subscriptions to the BULLETIN	3 50
“ back numbers of publications	9 25
“ advertisements	24 25
“ contributions toward deficit	11 00
From the editor to balance	17 50
Total	————\$100 50

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“ “ “ 19	18 50
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“ “ “ 21	13 50
“ “ “ 22	13 50
“ “ “ 23	13 00
“ postage on BULLETINS, current and old	1 76
“ “ “ Treasurer's notices to members	74
“ 2000 envelopes	2 00
Total	————\$100 50

It will be remembered that sixteen pages for each issue during 1898 was promised at the beginning of the year. That number of pages was given just as long as the copy received by the editor made it possible. Sixteen pages will be the number during the present year, or as long as you express your desire for that number by sending in notes and articles.

The attention that our BULLETIN and our work is receiving every where is a clear indication that they are needed. The work that you have accomplished for the committee on Geographical Distribution has received high praise from those who know its true value. Original field work of this sort is surely needed in these days of great specialization. It is healthful, profitable, inspiring.

The work of the other committees, at least two of them, will be found in the BULLETIN proper. Won't you take this matter of aid to these committees seriously in hand *now*, so that their work may go rapidly forward! Our plan is co-operation; let us carry out the plan and reap the results.

With the appointment of Mr. J. Warren Jacobs to undertake the financial part of the BULLETIN, there is great likelihood of the best year we have yet seen. Members should not fail to place Mr. Jacobs in communication with any persons who might desire advertising space, subscriptions or membership. We should have fifty new active members this year and an unlimited number of associates. *You* can materially aid in increasing our roll of members. The work needs them; the BULLETIN needs them.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

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The year 1898, so full of great events and political changes, was also eventful for American ornithological journalism; and certain enterprises came to an untimely end, while others still occupy precarious positions. The publication of a scientific journal which is not primarily an advertising medium for its proprietors, is at all times a problem and must be a labor of love more or less entirely.

The publications of the Wilson Chapter have been managed with the greatest possible economy, but their maintenance has always been a cause of more or less considerable expense to those immediately connected with its publication. For the past three or four years the duties of editor and publisher have fallen almost entirely on the shoulders of Mr. Lynds Jones, and he has bravely performed these labors besides contributing a large share of the material for the BULLETINS. Recent advancement in his position on the Oberlin College faculty with extra responsibilities attending have made it necessary for Mr. Jones to ask for some relief, and Mr. J. Warren Jacobs has kindly consented to assume the duties of business manager of the BULLETIN, and is hereby appointed to that position. Mr. Jacobs, I am sure, needs no introduction to the Chapter. His wide acquaintance and experience as an ornithologist especially fits him for advancing the interests of the BULLETIN. With the help of Mr. Jacobs, the BULLETIN ought to meet with still greater success and receive the financial support so necessary to the success of any publication.

The BULLETINS of the Wilson Chapter are regularly sent to the large institutions of learning and are read by our most prominent ornithologists. Each issue is regularly represented on the tables of the reading room in the Harvard Museum of Comparative Zoology, and is read by ornithologists and students.

We need members who are willing to work intelligently and conscientiously on the various committees and who are far sighted enough to see that such work is especially profitable and meets with desired recognition.

R. M. STRONG, *President W. O. C.*