

## NOTES.

ALBINO ROBINS.—Two years ago (in 1900) a Robin with numerous white feathers about the back and breast, and with two or three white tail feathers, was found raising a family on Morgan street in Oberlin. That same bird returned last year and this and raised a family. During July and August of last year (1901) a Robin with rather more white than the Morgan street individual possessed, made its appearance on North Professor street. To all appearance it was a bird of the year, and a female. Nothing was seen of this new individual during the breeding season, but during July and August, and to date, a Robin all white except the head and upper breast and one or two tail feathers and three or four wing feathers, has been a common sight, morning and evening, near the place where the second partial albino was discovered last year. In fact, not less than three partial albinos have been seen in Oberlin during the summer. The first one, the Morgan street female, was carefully protected, and the others have also been as carefully watched over, and it does not seem unlikely that we have developing in our midst a colony of partial albino Robins, at least one of the offsprings of which each year shows increasingly a tendency to albinism. If the birds were only content to remain with us all winter the possibility of preserving the colony would be good, but the dangers of migration make their return next season uncertain.

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CAPTURE OF AN AMERICAN EGRET (*Ardea egretta*) IN CHESTER COUNTY, PENNA.—Mr. Gallagher, of Berwyn Mills, one mile southeast of Berwyn, shot a male in summer plumage, in his father's meadow along Darby creek, early in the morning of July 26, 1902. It had probably wandered up the creek from the Delaware river during one of the rainy days of the unusually stormy July. Measuring: Bill, 4.25; tarsus, 6.20, and wing, 16.00, in inches; it shows up remarkably large in comparison with a Florida specimen secured recently from Frank B. Webster.—FRANK L. BURNS, Berwyn, Penna.

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## ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1903.

Active members of the Wilson Chapter have already received notice of the election of officers for the coming year. Let me urge upon each member the importance of making nominations for

each office. You will thereby show your interest in the affairs of the Chapter, and in so far encourage the officers to plan for the future. The existence of such an organization depends upon the interest and activity of every member. The officers can only carry out the ideas submitted by the membership as a whole; they cannot hope to enlist interest in plans which may run contrary to the opportunities and inclinations of others, as any arbitrary plans are likely to do. Before you have time to forget about it make your nominations and send them to the President, Lynds Jones, Oberlin, O.

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#### ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

The following persons make application for membership in the Wilson Chapter:

For Active membership—

Rev. W. F. Henninger, Tiffin, Ohio.

Mrs. Leland L. Gibbs, Antigo, Wis.

Mrs. Stephen Cobb Goss, Hyde Park, Ill.

For Associate membership—

Harold Bowditch, Jamaica Plain, N. Y.

Henry A. Slack, Hurstville, N. Y.

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#### PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

PACIFIC COAST AVIFAUNA, No. 3. Check-List of California Birds, by Joseph Grinnell. Cooper Ornithological Club of California.

This is more than merely a check-list, for besides the serial and A.O.U. numbering, the scientific names with double authority, and the vernacular names, a scientific synonymy and the "status" of each of the 491 species and 33 hypothetical species, is given. The "Status" includes both the time of year during which the birds are in California, and the regions where they have been found. Two colored maps giving the life zones and faunal areas of the state add materially to the value of the pamphlet. The author is to be heartily commended for his attitude of conservatism toward all questionable records. The relegation of questionable species to the Hypothetical List does no one injustice, and saves the list from criticism. We must admit to a