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EDITORIAL.

We have no disposition to close this volume of the Bulletin with a glorification resumé of past achievements nor to look into the future through rose-tinted glasses. We hope that the Bulletin has approved itself to all readers and has justified the increased subscription price, and we confidently expect to give to 1909 readers more pages, more illustrations, better matter, and stare at them with fewer errors. The faults have been painfully evident to the editor and seriously detract from the satisfaction he has felt in what he believes is improvement. The time at his disposal is so scanty that he has been obliged to leave unfulfilled some cherished plans which he expects to carry to fruition during the coming year.

There will appear in the next volume a series of papers which will cover the whole group of Falcones, possibly also covering the Vultures. The papers will be well illustrated with a view to depicting the recognition characters of each species, and brief life history sketches will accompany comprehensive descriptions of plumages. These papers are to be presented in response to numerous requests for something that will really make field identifications possible. Notes along the lines indicated, relating to any species, will be welcomed.

Another feature of the 1909 volume will be a list of the Birds of Cedar Point, Ohio, which lies opposite Point Pelee. This list will take the form of a comparative faunal list with frequent comparisons and comments relative to the two regions. It is believed that this comparison and discussion will throw some light upon the phenomena of migration as it occurs there and in adjoining regions.

Mr. Frank L. Burns promises a continuance of his interesting and valuable articles on Alexander Wilson. Few readers can appreciate the great expense of time and the wide range of reading which articles of this kind require. Most of us probably know very little about the life of the Father of American Ornithology and of the privations which were his in the preparation of his monumental work on American birds. We have only to remember that his was practically an untrodden field, and that interest in the birds needed to be awakened, in order to get any picture of him in the working out of his self-imposed task. Mr. Burns is enabling us to see Alexander Wilson as a real man.

There is involved in the editor's ideal for the Bulletin for 1909 the publication in liberal quantity of field work results which will make real contributions to our knowledge of the birds. Toward this end he earnestly hopes that every reader will become a co-laborer in making some definite study of some phase of bird-life, work the results over for the purpose of determining if some contribution has actually been made, and then without fail send it to the editor for publication. If a large number of persons interested in the birds will do something of this kind there is hope for large results. We are supposed to be a coöperating organization. Let's prove it this coming year.

As hitherto, an Index to the present volume will be mailed with the March number. It has not been possible to prepare it to incorporate in the present number.

FIELD NOTES.

NESTING OF THE PRAIRIE WARBLER IN OHIO.—On June 18th of this year I found a nest of the Prairie Warbler with four young, in the crotch of a small bush on a hillside near Bloom Switch, Scioto County, Ohio. This is the first authentic record of its breeding in the state, as I had only seen it building its nest on May 31, 1905, at the same place, but had to leave before the nest was finished and eggs were laid.
W. F. HENNINGER, *New Bremen, Ohio.*

RESULT OF A HAILSTORM.—In July a violent hailstorm just before dark at Boulder, Colorado, is reported to have destroyed in a single