

River west of here. It was through my friend, Ruthven Deane, of Chicago, and to the effect that one farmer near there was poisoning the Prairie Hens, as a result of the damage they were doing to his crops. What a mind and what reasoning! This of course is an isolated case. Otherwise it would offer a splendid opportunity for effective institute work.

Miss Eldridge mentions the Flickers as wintering in her locality this season.

It is interesting to note that our first spring arrival here this year was the Flicker, two being seen February 26. To-day, March 3, Robins are in evidence, and in song.

December 8 was made memorable by the presence of the Pine Grosbeak on our place. With us, a rare late fall and early winter visitant, my records are few. There were two on this occasion, one a rich red male, the other in female dress. The writer discovered them together at 1 p. m. feeding upon the persistent fruit of the snowberry, *S. racemosus*. It was an interesting sight; the birds, and the clusters of partly withered fruit; the snow-covered ground, and bright sunlight, making in all a combination of rare merit.

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Personals

OUR MEMBERS HERE AND THERE.

Mr. W. M. Dutcher, we understand, is critically ill at his home in Plainfield, N. J. We hope he will be spared to continue his great work for the protection of birds.

Lately we read in a newspaper that the father of Dr. Jon. Dwight, Jr., died at the ripe old age of eighty years. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the Doctor in his bereavement.

W. Lee Chambers has moved from Santa Monica to Los Angeles.

Bradshaw H. Swales spent the beginning of the new year in the East.

Dr. Louis B. Bishop has been spending the winter in northern Africa, at Biskra, Algiers, studying the birds and mammals of the northern Sahara. Decidedly "dry" territory!

Prof. Wilfred Osgood, our new member, is in Venezuela collecting for the Columbia Field Museum of Chicago.

We welcome Dr. Howard E. Jones, of Circleville, Ohio, one of the famous "old timers" of Ohio in Ornithology, in our midst.

Mr. John Lewis Childs of Floral Park, N. Y., has sent us the

last copy of the "Warbler," containing a catalog of the mounted birds, nests, and eggs of his great museum. It appears to be thoroughly scientific, well equipped, and evidently second to none.

J. Parker Norris, Jr., of Philadelphia, Pa.; Troup D. Perry, of Savannah, Ga.; Gerard Alan Abbott, of Chicago, Ill., all well known Oölogists, have recently joined our ranks. The Wilson Club is glad to get good Oölogists any time.

Isaac E. Hess, of Philo, Ill., is spending February in the Everglades region of Florida on business. He will keep a sharp lookout for the birds.

Prof. James S. Hine, an entomologist of international repute, and Prof. W. C. Mills, an able Librarian and great archaeologist, both from the Ohio State University, and both good ornithologists too, have come into the fold, the first men of that institution to be with us. We hope others will follow!

Prof. Zeno P. Metcalf, of Raleigh, N. C., spent part of his six weeks' vacation last fall at the O. S. U. in Columbus, Ohio, where we had the pleasure of making his personal acquaintance.

Prof. G. Clyde Fisher, of Funiak Springs, Fla., is spending a year at the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.

Mr. Norman A. Wood reports quite a good many interesting bird notes from his trip to the Shively Islands last fall, but he says there were no mammals at all!

We understand that our member, A. C. Bent, of Taunton, Mass., is to fill the position of the late Maj. Chas. E. Bendire and Dr. W. I. Ralph, as Oölogical Curator at the U. S. Nat. Mus. We think the selection is a good one and that he is splendidly fitted for the position. Wilson Club men are rapidly coming to the front!

Rev. P. B. Peabody was quite successful in his search for the nest and eggs of the Yellow Rail in North Dakota last summer, and also in the finding of Henslow's Sparrows eggs at his home in Kansas.

Mr. Frank M. Chapman, the distinguished editor of Bird-Lore, and Assistant Curator of the Am. Mus. of Nat. Hist. in New York City, etc., etc., has joined the Wilson Club. We hope the learned author will prove a great help to our Club and Bulletin!

Louis Agassiz Fuyertes, the famous artist, and Dr. Wells W. Cook, of the Biol. Survey, the great record keeper of bird migration in the U. S., have become members of our Club, which is adding many new celebrities to its ranks.