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EDITORIAL

The Editor will begin his annual automobile trip to the Pacific coast on the morning of June 18. He will return to Oberlin about August 20. Mail should be addressed to him at 143 West College Street, Oberlin, O. The points of especial interest that will be touched are Black Hills, Yellowstone, Glacier and Rainier parks, and the Pacific Ocean at Mora, Washington.

The Bird Banding work, under the able direction of Messrs. Baldwin and Lyon, seems to be much the most active work that is being done at present. We may confidently look for some valuable results from the season's activities. There are many interesting problems that can be worked out single-handed, as Mr. Baldwin has demonstrated, but there are at least as many more that require the coöperation of many workers. Lend your aid.

Time was when a mere enumeration of the birds that were to be found in some political division could be looked upon as a contribution to our knowledge of the science of Ornithology. For a large part of North America that is no longer true. In the case of a very large proportion of our native birds the general outlines of distribution are well enough known already. What is wanted is specific information about the species—just where in the political division it is to be found, just what its natural environment is, not only during the breeding season, which is by far the most important activity of every species, but also at other times, if there is any difference. It is not possible, at this time, to go into this matter at length. That will be done at a later date. Meanwhile your Editor wishes to say to any contributors who are contemplating the preparation of local lists of birds that he does not believe that mere enumerations of the species warrants the cost of publication.