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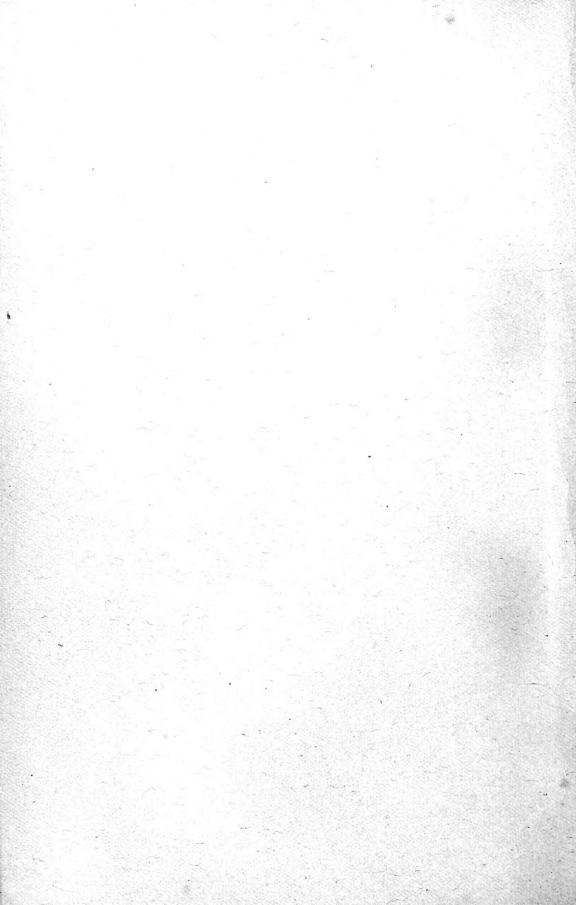
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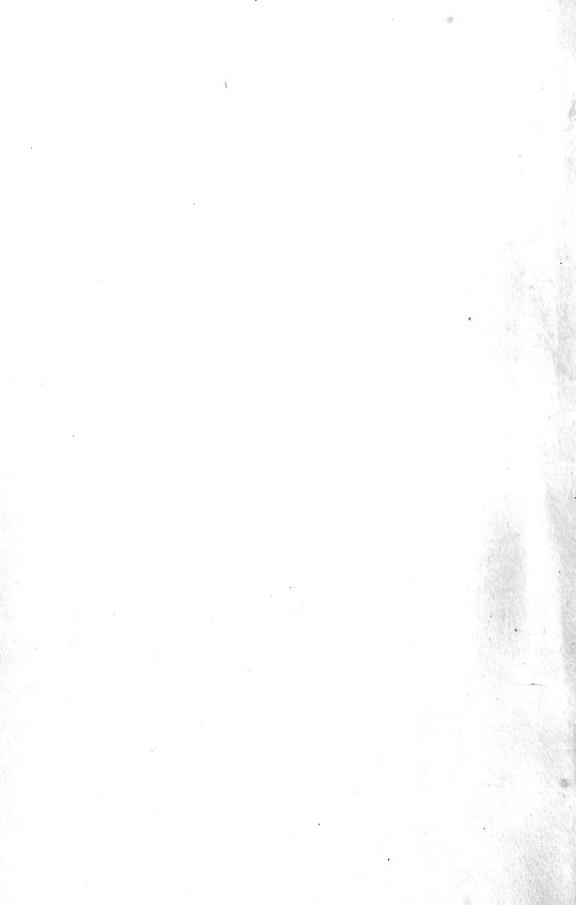
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First Annual Report of The New Jersey Audubon Society

The New Jersey Audubon Society was incorporated December 15, 1910, and the initial meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at Newark, December 29, 1910. The Audubon Society of the State of New Jersey, which had previously occupied the field, dissolved December 27, 1910, and the Secretary-Treasurer of that organization turned over to the new one the funds and property of her organization at the Trustees' meeting.

The New Jersey Audubon Society immediately inaugurated a campaign for increased membership, and soon after introduced in the Legislature an amendment to the plumage clause of the non-game-bird law of New Iersey. Much misunderstanding of, and opposition to, this measure had to be overcome; but it was passed in the Assembly, March 15, 1911, and by a unanimous vote in the Senate, April 10, notwithstanding the fact that a similar bill could get but four votes a year before. The bill was signed by Governor Wilson, April 17, and became effective August 1. To secure this victory, the members of the Society and the friends of bird protection were circularized several times, as were also the members of the Legislature. Hundreds of letters were written by members and friends to their constituents, the coöperation of women's clubs was enlisted, and the Secretary made two trips to the state capitol, and spent several days there working for the passage of the bill. As a result of this legislation, New Jersey now ranks with New York in having one of the strongest laws for the protection of non-game birds ever enacted.

When this law went into effect, the press of the state and country was immediately flooded with misstatements regarding its effect. Corrections of these reports were at once sent out by the Secretary.

The campaign for membership has been pushed as actively as possible. A number of members have been very active in this work. At the initial meeting of the Board of Trustees, two patrons and two life members were secured. The membership now stands as follows: patrons, 2; life members, 4; sustaining members, 35; members, 164; associate members, 91; junior members, 773; total, 1,076. While there is reason to feel some pride and satisfaction in this number of members secured in less than a year, yet the coming year should see a much greater gain.

Following the recent killing of birds in Montclair, the Society, through the

Secretary, investigated the matter and gave out a statement to the press, setting forth the facts and correcting the absurd exaggerations that had gone abroad. It is also coöperating with the Fish and Game Commission to secure the punishment of the man or men who violated the laws.

Three meetings of the Executive Committee have been held since the Trustees' meeting of December 29. At these meetings, the "Guide to New Jersey Birds" was authorized, and an edition of 10,000 copies, free to patrons, life members, sustaining members and members, 40 cents to associate and junior members and the trade, and 60 cents to others, will be ready for distribution October 10. An arrangement was made to send BIRD-LORE free to patrons, life members and sustaining members, and for 60 cents a year to other classes of membership. An exhibition at the Interstate Fair at Trenton, September 25-29, was arranged for and very successfully conducted. On September 28 alone, more than 50,000 people viewed an educational exhibit consisting of bird-books, pictures and charts, bird-boxes, camera, opera-glasses and notebooks, with other features, including a specially valuable demonstration of the economic value of birds, nine species being shown feeding in characteristic manner on insects, weed-seeds and mice, the group being set off by an artistic and natural painted background. Leaflet Number I on the Chickadee, and soliciting the support of the public, of the work of the Society, was distributed during the Fair to some seven thousand people.

The Treasurer's report shows the receipts for the year to have been \$912.23, and an expenditure of \$718.14, leaving a balance of \$194.20.

A course of lectures on the economic value of birds, by the Secretary, before Farmers' Institutes, during November and December, has been arranged for. The Secretary also spoke on the work of the Audubon Society at the Montclair and South Orange Schools, in June.

The immediate, urgent work before the Society for the coming year is the perfecting of a program of bird-study for the Associate and Junior Members, and the building up of membership.

BEECHER S. BOWDISH, Secretary

October 3, 1911

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

NEW JERSEY AUDUBON SOCIETY

(INCORPORATED)

OCTOBER 15, 1912



Feeding a "Wild" Nuthatch.

DURING THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 15, 1912 THE

NEW JERSEY AUDUBON SOCIETY

INCREASED ITS MEMBERSHIP

From 1,076 To 10,485

(I IT INTRODUCED BIRD STUDY INTO THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF 138 TOWNS AND FORMED 411 CLASSES, TOTAL-ING 8,910 CHILDREN.

THE AUDUBON PLUMAGE LAW WAS ENFORCED

AND THE

SALE OF WILD BIRD PLUMAGE

WAS PREVENTED

ANNUAL MEETING AND PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

The Second Annual Meeting of the New Jersey Audubon Society was held at the Washington, Newark, October 15, 1912.

The business session was called to order at 4.15 P. M. by President Batten, who gave an informal address touching the various phases of the Society's work, a synopsis of which was as follows:

The President was enthusiastic over the growth of the Society and congratulated the members on the increase from one thousand to ten thousand, and gave credit for the splendid work that had made the growth possible largely to the efficient Secretary. He expressed the hope that the enthusiasm would continue so that at the end of 1913 the Society might have one hundred thousand members.

Reports of Secretary and Treasurer were read and accepted. The Board of Trustees was unanimously re-elected.

An Auditing Committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer was appointed by the President, to consist of Messrs. Pearson and Grant.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees was held immediately after the meeting of the Society. All of the officers were unanimously re-elected. The membership of the Executive Committee was increased from five to six, Messrs. Miller and Nichols being elected and Messrs. Batten, Bowdish, Kuser and Grant being re-elected.

The public session of the annual meeting was held at 8.00 P. M. Mr. T. Gilbert Pearson, Secretary of the National Association of Audubon Societies, gave an illustrated lecture on "Audubon Work," and Mr. Frank M. Chapman, Curator of Birds of the American Museum of Natural History of New York City, gave an illustrated lecture on "A Search for a Flamingo City."

REPORT OF SECRETARY.

OCTOBER 15, 1912.

The Society has made very good progress along the lines of its various activities during the second year of its existence. It has lost a few members by death, removal and resignation, but against this loss has added 4 new Patrons, 5 Life Members, 14 Sustaining Members, 91 Members, 22 Associate Members and 8,920 Junior Members, making a total membership of 10,485 as against 1,076 for October 3, 1911.

There being no Legislative bills introduced by the Society, its activities in this line were confined to advocating certain desirable measures introduced by the Fish and Game Commission and opposing some undesirable bills. On February 13, 1912, circular letters were mailed to the members of the Society asking their influence with representatives in Senate and Assembly as follows: Endorsing Senate Bills 105, in the interest of game conservation; 106, which provided for an increase of ten in the game warden force: Assembly Bills 136, prohibiting hunting and possession of firearms by aliens; 137, permitting Fish and Game Wardens to carry firearms; 161, forbidding trespass and vandalism on State fish hatchery and game farm lands; 162, providing for the acquisition of lands for State game farms; 202, prohibiting the sale of certain game; 208, shortening the open season on water-fowl; 213, shortening the open season on shore birds (approved with suggested amendment to make the open season from August I to December 31, instead of June I to December 31); 213, simplifying and making more uniform the law regarding shipment of game. Opposing Senate Bills 115, repealing night shooting law; 153, repealing resident hunters' license law. On March 15 there was mailed to all members a circular letter discussing at length Assembly Bill 50, providing for the payment of a bounty on the scalps of Hawks, Owls, Weasels and Foxes, urging strong opposition and citing the reasons therefore. The most vital legislation introduced during the 1912 session of the Legislature from an Audubon standpoint was undoubtedly the bill providing a bounty on the scalps of Hawks, Owls, Foxes and Weasels. In its original form it cov-



New Jersey Audubon Society's Exhibit of the Economic Value of Birds, Shown at the Mount Holly Fair. (Also shown at the Trenton Fair in 1911.)



ered all species of Hawks and Owls except the Fish Hawk, thereby annulling that portion of the present non-game bird law dealing with these birds. It was subsequently amended to apply only to such species as are not protected under the present law.

The plea in defense of the bill was, of course, the stock complaint of certain sportsmen, that native game could not be increased nor introduced game successfully propagated unless these predatory creatures were exterminated or reduced in numbers. This plea takes no account of certain facts familiar to naturalists, namely, that predatory creatures are nature's own device to hold in reasonable check creatures on which they prey: that man alone can and does disregard nature's laws and permanently upset her complex and delicately established balance, and that man alone is responsible for the decrease in the game and other forms of wild life of our country, hence it is against man only that we need to direct our restrictive laws; finally, that even were there more justice in the claim against predatory creatures, still the agricultural interests, with their need for protection against destructive rodents and insects, would be entitled to greater consideration than sportsmen in proportion as their claim is more important.

It is fortunate indeed that New Jersey had a Legislature so responsive to the public need that they refused to seriously consider this bill, otherwise our State might now be suffering the disastrous results experienced by Pennsylvania following her Hawk and Owl bounty act of 1885.

New Jersey is also fortunate in the possession of a Fish and Game Commission keenly alive to the economic value of nongame birds. The Audubon Plumage law passed in 1911 has been wisely and energetically enforced by the Commission, and it has not been necessary for the Audubon Society to devote any attention to this matter. Two prosecutions in Trenton for violation of this act netted \$460 in fines, and a considerable number of plumes were confiscated.

The Secretary gave a series of 12 lectures before the Farmers' Institutes as follows: Vineland, November 11; Blairstown, November 24; Newton, November 25; Moorestown,

December 1; Blackwood, December 4; Williamstown, December 5; Lakewood, December 8; Elmer, December 11; Woodstown, December 14; Shiloh, December 18; Marlton, December 20, 1911, and Freehold, March 8, 1912. Public lectures were also given at Woodbury, November 17, 1911, and at the Y. M. C. A. Boys Camp, Lake Wawayanda, August 12, 1912.

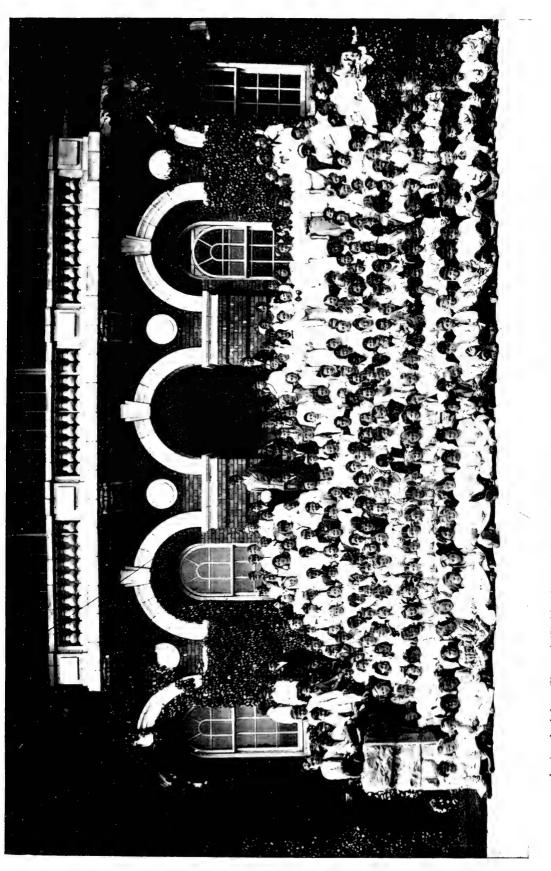
One of the principal fields of activity on the part of the Society during the past year has been the stimulating of bird study in the schools. By a plan of co-operation with the National Association of Audubon Societies a scheme for such study was offered to the teachers of the State. Every teacher forming a Junior Audubon Class of ten or more members, and sending in the names with dues of ten cents each, received the magazine Bird-Lore for one year free. She also received a number of special leaflets on bird study and protection for herself, and a set of ten Educational Bird Leaflets with colored plates and outlines for coloring for each member of her class. Each member of such class received a Goldfinch Audubon button and became a Junior Member of the Society.

By this means there were formed in the State of New Jersey 411 Junior Audubon Classes with a total membership of 8,910 prior to the close of the class season, June 15. This was nearly half of the total result of such work in 18 States operating under this plan, showing how readily the teachers and school children of New Jersey appreciated the importance as well as pleasure of such study.

The largest Junior Audubon Class organized (in New Jersey or elsewhere) was that formed by Miss Ina C. De Witt, of Tenafly, comprising 279 members. The second largest class was organized by Miss Florence Cook, of Passaic, with 80 members.

The first class, 25 members, was sent in by Miss Hilda E. Pierson, of Lawrenceville, on February 26, and the last, 11 members, by Miss Vera Stearns, of East Orange, June 3.

The 411 classes were scattered through 138 towns and every county in the State. Newark led with 54 classes; Bayonne was next with 19; Perth Amboy had 17; Montclair, 16; Vineland, 12, and Woodbury, 11. Other towns ranged from 1 to 8. Bergen



Junior Audubon Class of 279 Members of Tenafly Public School. Organized March 14, 1912, by Miss Ina C. DeWitt, Teacher. (The largest Junior Audubon Class organized in any State.)



County furnished the greatest number of towns in which classes were organized, 18.

The manner in which the plan was received by teachers and pupils is indicated by the following extracts from teachers' letters:

Mrs. M. R. Salter, a teacher in Ocean City, N. J., adding four members to a class which she had previously organized, writes: "The exceptionally attractive leaflets and pictures, to say nothing of the pretty buttons, have awakened much interest in children as yet outside of the Society. But behind the novelty I have been interested to see that the idea of bird study and bird protection really appeals to the children."

Miss Adelaide C. Fitch, teacher of a Junior Audubon Class in the Spruce Cottage School at Vineland, N. J., sends an attractive picture of the class and writes: "My entire class are enjoying the work very much. Last week we went for a walk in the woods and secured a number of last year's nests for our collection. We are also studying the ways of the Robin, Blue Jay, Song Sparrow and Wren."

Mr. Roderick B. Thaw writes from New Germantown: "My pupils are very much interested in the work, and the movement meets with the approval and hearty co-operation of the parents."

"The children were much pleased with the buttons and pictures." Laura M. Blake, Bayonne, N. J.

"The children appreciate them greatly." Mabel F. Garrabrant, Newark, N. J.

"We are delighted with the bird studies and feel that we will have a very interesting time." Mrs. R. A. Casselberry, Paulsboro, N. J.

"We are greatly enjoying the work." Mrs. Florence H. Waggoner, Montclair, N. J.

"The children enjoy the leaflets with the bird plates and have colored them quite carefully." Annie E. Maxfield, Moorestown, N. J.

"The children are delighted with the pictures and literature, and I have found the pamphlets very helpful." F. I. Anderson, Newark, N. J.

"The children are quite anxious to receive the leaflets and hear all about the birds, as they are so interested in birds and flowers." Elizabeth McElhenny, Garwood, N. J.

"I am very glad to have a class started, as the neighborhood has not been educated to protect birds." Mrs. Bessie D. Sked, Titusville, N. J.

"Last week the pictures and bird leaflets came, and the children were very much pleased with them. One child told me that her mother was going to have the pictures framed for her. Some of the children from the other classes have asked if they might join, as they live in the country and are much interested in birds. So far we have taken up only the red-winged blackbird and shall do the robin this month. I am sorry it is so late in the season, but shall start in the Fall, and hope to accomplish more next year." Jessie C. Walker, Westfield, N. J.

"The children are very pleased with the buttons and leaflets." Jean Graham, Essex Fells, N. J.

"I wish to state that the children are very enthusiastic over the work, as well as some of the older folks at home. The coloring of the outline birds has been well done and some of the fathers are saving the pictures colored by the children for framing." Miss Julia C. Reilly, Newark, N. J.

"Our pupils are taking the greatest interest in the bird study." We propose to devote our nature period for the remainder of the term to their study. I hope to form a new class in September." Miss E. Josephine Rogers, Vineland, N. J.

"The children are enjoying the birds very much and are showing much enthusiasm in describing those they see on their way to school." Edith R. Phillips, Montclair, N. J.

"These leaflets have been a great help in the classroom, and the children are more enthusiastic over 'Bird Study' than they have ever been before. They save the leaflets and plates, as they color them, and most of the children are planning to have them bound for future reference.

"We teachers sincerely hope that we may be able to avail ourselves of this opportunity to study birds in the schoolroom another year." Minnie T. Pegrum, Montclair, N. J.



Junior Audubon Class of the Spruce Cottage School, Vineland, N. J. Organized by Miss Adelaide C. Fitch, April 4, 1912.



Mourning Dove on Nest. Ninety-two hundred weed seeds have been found in the stomach of a Dove.



"The children in my class have organized for bird study, and have paid the ten cent dues, and have received the Audubon buttons and literature. They are enthusiastic and grateful, and are proud members of the army organized to protect the wild birds." Teresa B. Clark, 254 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Newark, N. J.

The annual Montclair epidemic of Blackbirds and Starlings, with the attendant newspaper fuss, appeared on time. The Fish and Game Commission handled the matter with excellent judgment and, while the Society kept careful watch on the situation, it was not necessary to take any action. Wardens used various harmless methods to freighten the birds from the shade trees, and the tempest in the teapot was abated.

An exhibit was placed in the Mount Holly Fair, October 8, 9, 10 and 11, consisting of the mounted group of birds, showing economic value of food habits, exhibited at the Inter-State Fair, Trenton, last year; bird books; enlarged photographs from life of various birds; display of aigrette plumes, illegally offered for sale and seized by the Fish and Game Commission; colored bird charts and the sign cards of the Society.

The measure of success attained by the Society during its brief existence, and the importance of the work that demands its attention, suggests the earnest hope that some of the many wealthy and philanthropic people of New Jersey may see fit, by gift or bequest, to provide an endowment fund which shall insure permanency of financial resources.

BEECHER S. BOWDISH,

SECRETARY.

October 15, 1912.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

OCTOBER 10, 1912.

Balance in treasury, October 13, 1911	\$194.20
Interest on deposit in Citizens' National Bank, Englewood, for year ending October 10, 1912	5.17
Receipts from membership dues	
Contributions	11.40
Sale of "Guide to the Birds of New Jersey"	59.40
	\$2,046.57
Expenditures.	
Printing	\$266.13
Audubon buttons	155.81
Postage	462.52
Express	163.78
Freight	7.10
Cartage	10.30
Telegraph and telephone	4.93
Clerical labor	76.97
Stationery	41.28
Legislative bills, etc	14.00
Bird-Lore	27.00
Current items of interest	4.00
Carfare	2.01
Lumber	. 3.60
Corrugated paper	I.20
Miscellaneous expenditures	19.70
	\$1,260.33
Balance in Treasury, October 10, 1912	
	\$2,046.57

Loan from Anthony R. Kuser to defray expense of publication of "Guide to the Birds of New Jersey" \$	\$1,100.00	
Credit on loan by memberships	250.00	
Credit on loan by 300 copies of Guide	120.00	
Balance due on loan	\$730.00	
JOHN T. NICHOLS,		
Tre	asurer.	
Supplementary Report.		
Balance in treasury, October 10, 1912	\$786.24	
Receipts from memberships	85.00	
	\$871.24	
Expenditures.		
Printing	\$85.50	
Balance in Treasury, October 15, 1912	\$785.74	
Loan for "Guide to Birds of New Jersey" from		
Anthony R. Kuser, October 10, 1912	\$730.00	
Credit by 75 copies of Guide		
Balance due on loan, October 15, 1912	\$700.00	
John T. Nicho	LS,	

Treasurer.

NEW JERSEY AUDUBON SOCIETY

Organized and Incorporated December 15, 1912.

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OBJECTS.

- (1) To encourage the study of birds, especially to the end that their economic value to man shall be understood and appreciated and to use all lawful means for the protection of wild bird and animal life.
- (2) To discourage in all ways the traffic in plumage of wild birds for millinery or decorative purposes.
- (3) To discourage the destruction of wild birds and their nests and eggs, and
- (4) To labor for the accomplishment of these ends, especially in the State of New Jersey.

MEMBERSHIP.

Any person shall be eligible for membership who is in sympathy with the objects of the Society. There shall be six classes of members, who shall be known as Patrons, Life Members, Sustaining Members, Members, Associate Members and Junior Members.

Any person may become a patron on payment of one hundred dollars at one time.

Any person may become a life member on payment of fifty dollars at one time.

Sustaining members shall pay an annual fee of five dollars.

Members shall pay an annual fee of one dollar.

Associate members shall be teachers who are willing to use their influence with their pupils and others to advance the cause of bird protection, and shall not be subject to a fee.

Junior members shall consist of persons under the age of eighteen years, and shall pay an annual fee of ten cents. They shall be entitled to have an Audubon button, but shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Society, nor to receive notice of the meetings.

Patrons, Life Members and Sustaining Members receive the magazine *Bird-Lore* free and are entitled to one free copy of the "Guide to the Birds of New Jersey."

Members are entitled to one free copy of the "Guide to the Birds of New Jersey."

Junior Members receive a Goldfinch Audubon button free.

All members are entitled to subscribe to *Bird-Lore* through the Society at sixty cents per year and to purchase any number of copies of the "Guide to the Birds of New Jersey" at forty cents per copy.

Correspondence with the Secretary regarding pertinent matters is invited from members and others.

"GUIDE TO THE BIRDS OF NEW JERSEY."

The New Jersey Audubon Society announces the publication of a New Jersey Bird Guide, by Beecher S. Bowdish and Chester A. Reed.

This little volume is designed by the Society to serve as a pocket guide to the birds of the State and to assist students in learning to recognize them.

It contains 188 pages, enumerates all species of birds known to have occurred in the State, and includes COLORED PLATES of 64 of them. One free copy is furnished to each Patron, Life Member, Sustaining Member and Member. Members and the trade may purchase copies at forty cents each.

PRICE, SIXTY CENTS.

Orders may be sent to B. S. Bowdish, Secretary, Demarest, N. J.

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

NEW JERSEY AUDUBON SOCIETY

(INCORPORATED)

OCTOBER 7, 1913



Junco Feeding on Crumbs on Porch.

DURING THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 7, 1913

THE

NEW JERSEY AUDUBON SOCIETY

INCREASED ITS MEMBERSHIP

TO

17,275

Classes in the schools of New Jersey, with 8,326 members, more than one-fifth the total number of classes and members in 33 Northern States.

C Helped to secure the passage of the Federal Migratory Bird Law and the Plumage Proviso in the Tariff Law.

C Placed a valuable and attractive permanent exhibit at Atlantic City, illustrating the economic value of birds by showing their feeding habits.

• Received and disbursed, in the cause of bird protection, over one thousand dollars.

SYNOPSIS of PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

To the Members of the New Jersey Audubon Society.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

It gives me much pleasure to meet you on this occasion of the Third Annual Meeting of the Members of the New Jersey Audubon Society. It is indeed gratifying to me, as I know it is to all of you, that our work ever since the day of the reorganization of the Society has met with such universal public approval and support.

As a result of our activities, bird and game protective laws of this State have been very greatly strengthened. We have played our part in bringing pressure to bear in Washington in the national efforts which have been made to secure Federal legislation for the further protection of the wild birds of the country.

The work of the Society in the field of educational endeavor we point to with pride. Not only has the cause of bird protection been given wide publicity in the press through our efforts, but we have done much in the way of distributing literature to people in every county of the Commonwealth.

Our work in the important field of organizing Junior Audubon Classes has been unequalled, for in no State in the Union were so many classes formed the past year, and so many children enrolled, as in the State of New Jersey.

In this connection I wish to make the fact clear, which many of you already know, that to our worthy Secretary, Mr. B. S. Bowdish, is due, in large measure, credit for what we have accomplished. His energy, good judgment and devotion to the interests of the Society have been above praise, and we owe him an undying debt of gratitude,

It is with much confidence that we look forward to our work the coming year. More people are becoming interested all the time in the great subject of conserving our wild bird and animal life, and we certainly have every reason to believe that the New Jersey Audubon Society will every year grow in importance and usefulness.

GEORGE BATTEN, President.

REPORT OF TREASURER

OCTOBER 7, 1913

Balance in treasury, October 15, 1912	\$785.74	
Interest on deposit in Citizen's National Bank, Englewood, for year ending October 7, 1913 Receipts from membership dues	10.38 1,016.00 26.53	
Sale of "Guide to Birds of New Jersey"	20.53	\$1,838.65
Expenditures		
By exhibit at Atlantic City:-		
Carpentering		
Samuel Browne		
Mounting birds		-
Artist's services in painting background 350.00		
Accessories		
Signs		
Painting 22.03		:
Glass 55.00		
Traveling expenses 9.77		
Miscellaneous 25.33		
***************************************	\$700.13	
Stationery and printing	272.54	
Printing Annual Report	180.60	
Stenography	23.37	
Buttons	75.00	
Rubber Stamps	1.14	
Current Items of Interest	8.00	
Life Membership in the National Association of		
Audubon Societies	100.00	
Lectures	15.80	
Photography	21.00	
Prize for largest Junior Audubon class	2.45	
Legislative bills	10.00	
Postage	194.26	
Carried forward		\$1,604.29
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Brought forward		\$1,604.29
Expenses of Annual Meeting:—		
Room \$40.00		
Lantern services		
	\$55.00	
By Mount Holly Fair	36.98	
Bird-Lore	29.40	
Circularizing	21.75	
Telephone and Telegraph	4.15	
Express and Cartage	4.05	
Carfare	1.60	
Exchange on checks	1.00	
Miscellaneous	12.22	
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Balance in Treasury, October 7, 1913		\$68.21
Balance due October 15, 1913, on loan from Anthony		
R. Kuser to defray expenses of publication of		
"Guide to Birds of New Jersey"		700.00
Credit by 275 copies of guide	\$110.00	
Credit by Membership	50.00	
		160.00
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Balance due on loan, October 7, 1913		\$540.00

John T. Nichols, Treasurer.

We have examined the report of the Treasurer and find it correct.

W. W. GRANT,
T. GILBERT PEARSON,
Auditing Committee.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

OCTOBER 7, 1913

During its third year the Society has given special attention to certain features in its field of endeavor. It has not been possible to push the enlarging of membership as actively as might be desired. Nevertheless, several thousand appeals have been sent out and several members have co-operated by sending in new members. One or two have been especially active in this way. It is to be regretted that more members have not thus contributed to the enlargement of membership. If each paying member would send in one new member each year the membership would double annually from this source alone.

During the year the Society has lost 5 members by death, 8 by resignation, and 25 have been dropped from the rolls for non-payment of dues. This is the first year that the rule in the By-laws providing that members six months in arrears shall forfeit membership has been enforced, therefore the figures are really for two years instead of one. A rigid enforcement of this provision hereafter will show the actual working strength.

A mistake appeared in the numbers of members given in the Annual Report for 1912. For the past three years the numbers are as follows: 1911—Patrons, 2; Life Members, 4; Sustaining Members, 35; Members, 164; Associate Members, 91; Junior Members, 773; Total, 1,069. 1912—Patrons, 6; Life Members, 9; Sustaining Members, 49; Members, 255; Associate Members, 113; Junior Members, 9,693; Total, 10,125. 1913—Patrons, 6; Life Members, 13; Sustaining Members, 105; Members, 393; Associate Members, 217; Junior Members, 16,568; total, 17,275. The net gain thus shown for the year is: Life Members, 4; Sustaining Members, 56; Members, 138; Associate Members, 86; Junior Members, 6,875; total, 7,150.

While the Society has introduced no legislative bills of its own, yet the year has seen the most momentous legislative achievements in the history of bird protection, in the accomplishing of which the Society had its share. The Society took its

part in working for the passage of various beneficial State legislation and against harmful measures. In addition to this, members have been exceedingly active in contributing influence to securing the passage of the Weeks-McLean Bill, providing Federal protection for migratory birds, and the proviso in the Tariff Bill prohibiting the importation of wild bird plumage. These two measures constitute the most monumental advance in the cause of bird protection that the world has ever witnessed.

Early in the year the Executive Committee approved a project to publish, in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Audubon Society, a bulletin. The first issue of the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Audubon Bulletin was published under date of March 1st, and the second May 1st. Its object was thus set forth in the Introductory: "The New Jersey and Pennsylvania Audubon Societies greet their many members and friends and take pleasure in announcing that, commencing with the present issue, the Audubon Bulletin will be published at irregular intervals, as occasion justifies and requires. It is the intention that through this medium Audubon members and friends of bird life may be kept advised of developments in legislation, State and National, affecting bird life, and in the various fields of Audubon endeavor."

A number of lectures have been given, mainly in the interest of advancing Junior Audubon Class work, in the schools.

As during 1912, Junior Audubon Class work during the past year has been one of the most important activities of the Society. Three hundred and seventy-two Classes were organized, with a total membership of 8,326. This was 137 more Classes and 3.079 more members than the record of the next highest State. Of 33 Northern States in which Junior Audubon Classes were organized, New Jersey led with more than one-fifth the total number of Classes and members. The manner in which the work is appealing to teachers and pupils is indicated by the following extracts from teachers' letters:

"I wish to state that my pupils are very much interested in birds, and the little society we have formed is very active. We expect to have a lesson on the robin to-morrow. Many of the children have colored their pictures very nicely. They are very proud of their buttons, have built a 'lunch counter' for the birds and put suet in a tree. It has attracted chickadees and nuthatches so far. One little boy, seven years old, knows the name of nearly every bird pictured in Neltje Blanchan's 'Book of Song Birds.'" Miss Laura M. Folkner, Andover, N. J.

"My little dears of 'Junior Audubons' are very enthusiastic and much interested in bird study." Miss Leonia P. Bonney, Hackensack, N. J.

"I am glad to be able to tell you not only of the children's interest in the birds, but parents have become very much interested, and I am sending the special leaflets home with the children. I expect soon to try and form another class in one of the other grades among my former pupils." Miss Ivy W. Green, Paterson, N. J.

"Our society is growing, and we are learning much about the value of our feathered friends." S. G. Winans, Ringoes, N. J.

"We have meetings almost once a week, when we talk about birds we have seen or heard, and anything that relates to bird study in general. Many of our boys have bird-houses they have made in manual training or at home.

"At this time of year we try to take walks in the country for the purpose of seeing birds. A small group goes at a time, and while I realize that you cannot observe much if you have a party of children, yet it keeps up their interest and makes them observing when alone." Miss Alice Knight, Caldwell, N. J.

"The children are very much interested and enjoy the pictures. One bird table has been used by the birds all winter. The children are very much interested in the study of birds, and are anxious to do what they can to feed and protect them." Miss Genevieve Sherer, Plainfield, N. J.

"The forming of such a society for the study of birds is both interesting and instructive, and the majority of my pupils are anxious to become members of it." Miss Helen Bryson, Haddonfield, N. J.

"The children are perfectly delighted with the supplies, and one child remarked, 'I wish I had joined twice,' reasoning, I suppose, that she would then have a larger share of the spoils." Miss Edith L. Thomas, Collingswood, N. J.

"Please let us say the following to you concerning the booklets you sent us: I. Our pupils delight in observing pictures and coloring them. 2. We use one leaflet after another for a composition, both the ones on birds and the ones on the plume trade, and how to feed the birds in winter; our pupils are delighted because there is something to be learned. 3. We all observe, report and talk about birds and bird habits which we think we learn from the leaflets, through the Audubon Society.



Freehand Drawing of Blue Jay from Colored Plate by Robert Diehl, Junior Audubon Class 251, Teacher, Miss M. J. May, Elizabeth, N. J.



"We thank for your interest and enthusiasm in the movement and for favors shown us. We are sending letters to congressmen concerning the proposed aigret plume bill or part of bill." Charles E. Dietz, principal, Stanhope, N. J.

"The children are delighted with the leaflets and pictures. Their interest is so great that sixteen of them took a bird walk with me at 5.30 o'clock yesterday morning." Miss Clara C. Videto, Arlington, N. J.

"Last spring I organized in Cranford, New Jersey, a Junior Audubon Society of forty-five members. The pupils have shown much enthusiasm in the subject, and it has been of great value to them.

"A lecture, illustrated by slides and accompanied by bird calls on the violin, gave them much pleasure.

"We have also written compositions about birds, using the colored leaflets as covers. The children built bird-boxes, and, during the winter, have not forgotten to feed their little feathered friends.

"Personally, I have enjoyed 'Bird-Lore' very much. I intend to organize a new society very soon, as many children are asking for the leaflets." Miss Florence A. Brainerd, Westfield, N. J.

"We have been much interested in the winter birds in my second grade, and have taken them for nature-study lessons individually. We have a tree outside our school-room window on which we have hung a piece of suet. So far, we have had downy woodpeckers, brown creepers and white-breasted nuthatches come to it." Miss Mary M. Burch, Morristown, N. J.

"I wish to thank you for the copies of 'Bird-Lore' and various leaflets the Audubon Society has been sending me. My class is very much interested in birds, and has reported what (to me) seems a creditable number this season." Miss Anna C. Scott, Englewood, N. J.

"We have formed ourselves into a society for the protection of birds, and are studying each different kind by using your most interesting pamphlets. The boys and girls are very much interested, and are looking for signs of all kinds of birds already. They are proud of their society, in which they have the president and all other officers. They are also proud of their buttons. The children are now preparing to build boxes for the use of their little friends in the spring and summer.

"The children all join heartily with me in thanking you for this most useful material." Miss Laura Kinney, Trenton, N. J.

"The children are quite proud of the distinction of being the first class in Elizabeth, and are old enough to be impressed with the economic value of bird life, and the idea of conservation of natural resources. They are looking forward to a pleasant spring out of doors.

"The children are members of the seventh-year grade, and are old enough and strong enough to journey to the outskirts of the city." Miss

M. J. May, Elizabeth, N. J.

"The buttons and leaflets have arrived, and the children are greatly interested in the work. The subjects prove very delightful nature studies, auxiliary readers, models for drawing, besides teaching the protection and care of the birds. We have started a collection of nests, and the children have built several bird-boxes. Every day the pupils have something to tell of their observations, and we are keeping a bulletin of first birds seen by our members." Mrs. Ida Bonsall, Palmyra, N. J.

"The children are delighted with the buttons and colored plates. Some are pasting them in note books with leaflets.

"Four of the new members are boys who could not resist the temptation to belong when they realized all the good times coming to the other children." Miss Clara A. Stanhope, Hackensack, N. J.

"The Junior Audubon Society of Hammonton held two meetings before the close of the school term, elected officers and studied the robin and bluebird at the meetings. The children are very much interested in the work, and promised to report observations in the fall. We will make an effort at that time to enlarge the club. The members are delighted with the colored studies of birds, and are industrious in their efforts to protect nests." Miss Elizabeth Moore, Hammonton, N. J.

Suggested by the success in 1911 and 1912 of exhibits of mounted bird groups showing economic value of food habits, exhibited at the Trenton Inter-State Fair and the Mt. Holly Fair, the Society this year installed a permanent exhibit on the Heinz Pier at Atlantic City. Space was kindly granted free by the management. The Pier is open throughout the year, is free to the public, and is visited annually by many thousands of people from all parts of the world. While the outlay on this exhibit was very considerable for an organization of limited financial resources, yet it is hoped that the message that it will carry to people within our Commonwealth and from far parts of the globe will bring results to the cause of bird protection abundantly justifying the expenditure.



Junior Audubon Class 251. Teacher, Miss M. J. May, Elizabeth, N. J.





EXHIBIT SHOWING ECONOMIC VALUE OF BIRDS

A FEW OF THE 334 SPECIES FOUND IN THIS STATE NEW JERSEY AUDUBON SOCIETY



New Jersey Audubon Society's Economic Bird Exhibit at Atlantic City.

Reviewing the activities of the Society during the past year we are led to repeat the closing paragraph of the Report for 1912: "The measure of success attained by the Society during its brief existence, and the importance of the work that demands its attention, suggest the earnest hope that some of the many wealthy and philanthropic people of New Jersey may see fit, by gift or bequest, to provide an endowment fund which shall insure permanency of financial resources."

Beecher S. Bowdish, Secretary.

October 7, 1913.

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(In this list are included new members up to November 1, 1913)

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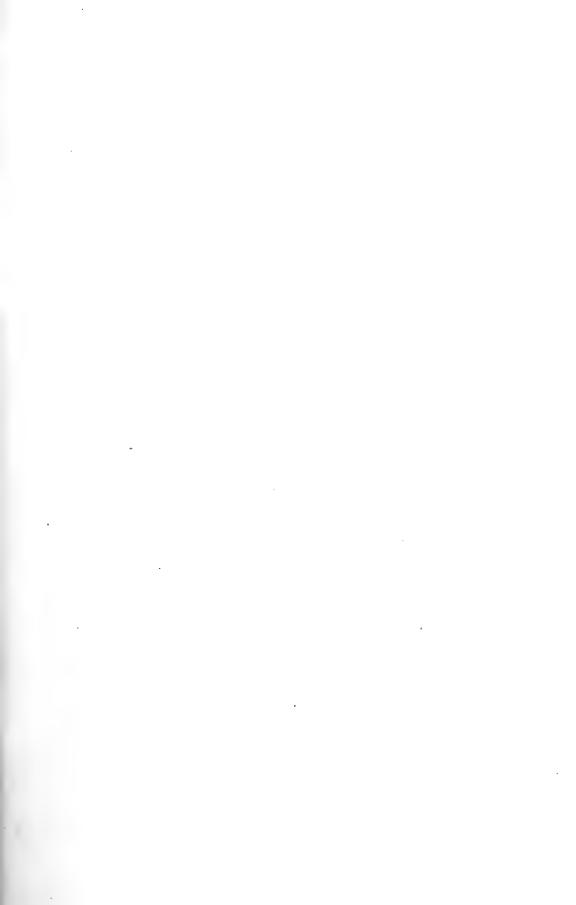
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OBJECTS.

- (1) To encourage the study of birds, especially to the end that their economic value to man shall be understood and appreciated and to use all lawful means for the protection of wild bird and animal life.
- (2) To discourage in all ways the traffic in plumage of wild birds for millinery or decorative purposes.
- (3) To discourage the destruction of wild birds and their nests and eggs, and
- (4) To labor for the accomplishment of these ends, especially in the State of New Jersey.

MEMBERSHIP.

Any person shall be eligible for membership who is in sympathy with the objects of the Society. There shall be six classes of members, who shall be known as Patrons, Life Members, Sustaining Members, Members, Associate Members and Junior Members.

Any person may become a patron on payment of one hundred dollars at one time.

Any person may become a life member on payment of fifty dollars at one time.

Sustaining members shall pay an annual fee of five dollars.

Members shall pay an annual fee of one dollar.

Associate members shall be teachers who are willing to use their influence with their pupils and others to advance the cause of bird protection, and shall not be subject to a fee.

Junior members shall consist of persons under the age of eighteen years, and shall pay an annual fee of ten cents. They shall be entitled to have an Audubon button, but shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Society, nor to receive notice of the meetings.

Patrons, Life Members and Sustaining Members receive the magazine *Bird-Lore* free and are entitled to one free copy of the "Guide to the Birds of New Jersey."

Members are entitled to one free copy of the "Guide to the Birds of New Jersey."

Junior Members receive a Goldfinch Audubon button free.

All members are entitled to subscribe to *Bird-Lore* through the Society at sixty cents per year and to purchase any number of copies of the "Guide to the Birds of New Jersey," at forty cents per copy.

Correspondence with the Secretary regarding pertinent matters is invited from members and others.

"GUIDE TO THE BIRDS OF NEW JERSEY."

The New Jersey Audubon Society announces the publication of a New Jersey Bird Guide, by Beecher S. Bowdish and Chester A. Reed.

This little volume is designed by the Society to serve as a pocket guide to the birds of the State and to assist students in learning to recognize them.

It contains 188 pages, enumerates all species of birds known to have occurred in the State, and includes COLORED PLATES of 64 of them. One free copy is furnished to each Patron, Life Member, Sustaining Member and Member. Members and the trade may purchase copies at forty cents each.

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FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

New Jersey Audubon Society

(INCORPORATED)

OCTOBER 6, 1914



BLUE JAY AT LUNCH COUNTER

DURING THE PAST FISCAL YEAR THE

NEW JERSEY AUDUBON SOCIETY

NEARLY DOUBLED ITS TOTAL MEMBERSHIP

BRINGING IT UP TO

27,106

¶ Organized **436** Junior Audubon Classes in the Schools of New Jersey, with **9,233** members, who thus received instruction concerning birds.

Distributed to the press of the State articles which were widely published, on winter feeding of wild birds and putting up bird boxes, by means of which thousands of birds were saved; "Cats versus Birds," and other timely subjects.

[¶] Received and disbursed in the cause of bird protection over twenty-six hundred dollars.

NEW JERSEY AUDUBON SOCIETY

REPORT OF TREASURER

October 6, 1914

RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury, Oct. 7, 1913	\$68.21	
Englewood, for year ending Oct. 6, 1914	2 00	
Dues and Contributions		
	2,186.76	
Advance from Guarantors	300.00	
Sale of "Guide to the Birds of New Jersey"	63.90	
Sale of Bulletin	13.50	
Subscriptions to Bird-Lore	7.40	
		\$2,642.86
DISBURSEMENTS.		
Stationery and Printing (including Annual Re-	**	
port)	\$700.00	
Salary of Secretary	625.00	
Postage (including registry)	625.35	
Bird-Lore for Sustaining Members	100.80	
Stenographic Work and Addressing Envelopes	88.59	
Printing Bulletin	73.45	
Rent, of Hall for Third Annual Meeting	50.00	
Moving Picture Machine, Annual Meeting	30.00	
Stereoptican Slides	11.05	
Telephone	19.79	
Telegrams	6.18	
Express	10.56	
Freight	3.93	
Cartage	2.50	
Carfare	17.93	
Addressers for Addressograph Machine	16.26	
Ledger	1.50	
Carried forward	\$2,382.89	

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B. S. BOWDISH,

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We have examined the report of Treasurer and find it correct.

T. GILBERT PEARSON,

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Auditing Committee.

NEW JERSEY AUDUBON SOCIETY

REPORT OF SECRETARY October 6, 1914

The fourth year of the existence of the New Jersey Audubon Society has seen a radical development—the installing of a salaried Secretary-Treasurer. The progress of the Society's affairs had reached a point where it was no longer possible to keep up with the growing volume of work and do justice to the cause, in this double office, within the limits of "spare time." Therefore, after due consideration of the matter at two meetings, the Executive Committee decided to offer the present incumbent a salary to devote his entire time to the work of the office.

While the incumbency dated from the last annual meeting, October 7, 1913, the salary and full time features did not go into effect until January 19th, last.

Owing to the heavy expense in some parts of the work. notably the placing of the Atlantic City Economic Value of Birds Exhibit, the treasury showed a balance of only \$68.21 at the last meeting, and including bills payable, an actual deficit existed. Thus the new regime started under a heavy handicap. for, not only had funds for the routine work of the Society to be provided, but the means with which to prosecute the moneyraising campaign must be secured as the work progressed. Messrs. Batten, Riker and Kuser had voluntarily made themselves responsible for any shortage that might occur in the running expenses and the salary of the Secretary-Treasurer. A report of the Secretary to these gentlemen showed that up to May 23 the expenditures in securing new members had amounted to \$934.80, while the receipts therefrom were \$889.00. That the first year's dues of new members did not equal the expenditure made in securing them was, of course, to be ex-The funds at that time in the treasury being insufficient to meet bills payable, Messrs. Batten, Riker and Kuser advanced \$100 each, to make up the shortage.

As the conditions at the commencement of the fiscal year rendered the raising of funds with which to carry on the work, the subject of first consideration, the principal achievements of the year have centred about this object.

During the year the Society has lost by death, 1 Sustaining Member and 6 Members; by resignation, 4 Sustaining Members, 12 Members and 6 Associate Members; by delinquency, 2 Sustaining Members and 27 Members. At the close of the last fiscal year the membership stood: Patrons, 6; Life Members, 13; Sustaining Members, 105; Members, 393; Associate Members, 217; Junior Members, 16,568; total, 17,275. Our membership at the close of the present fiscal year stands: Patrons, 7; Life Members, 18; Sustaining Members, 180; Members, 718; Associate Members, 217; Junior Members, 25,966; total, 27,106. Showing a total net gain of Patrons, 1; Life Members, 5; Sustaining Members, 75; Members, 325; Junior Members, 9,398. The increase in net gain over last year thus shown is very appreciable.

Legislation: No legislative bills were introduced on behalf of the Society. We, however, kept careful track of all bills introduced in the New Jersey Legislature, affecting birds and game, and through the Bulletin called the attention of members to the bearing that these bills, if passed, would have on wild life conservation in the State. All members were furnished with printed lists of State Senators and Assemblymen, so that letters could be written relative to proposed legislation. A special letter was also mailed to members under date of February 20, regarding certain bills.

Newspaper Work: A news article entitled "A Murder and Its Lesson," based on the killing of Game Warden Reinbold of Hackensack, and urging the people to support the legal authorities in the enforcement of laws for the conservation of wild life, was sent to all of the papers of the State, under date of October 25, and was widely published. Articles on "Birds Suffer from Cold and Hunger," urging winter feeding, and "A Summer in Bird-Land," recommending the putting up of bird boxes, were sent to the press of the State under date of January 17 and March 17, respectively, in which we of-

fered a free copy of a leaflet on these subjects to all applicants. A great proportion of the papers published both of these stories and from the first we received 46 and from the second 87 requests for leaflets. As noted in the Bulletin, there is no question that much benefit accrued to the bird life of the State. Incidentally it may be mentioned that at the home of the Secretary, a flock of more than 40 Purple Finches, many Juncos, Song Sparrows, Chickadees, Titmice, Nuthatches, Myrtle Warblers, Downy Woodpeckers, Crossbills, and Blue Jays were fed throughout the winter, over 100 pounds of sunflower seed and large quantities of other seed and suet being consumed. During the exceptionally severe weather of late winter and early spring, no doubt many birds' lives were saved through the active help stimulated by these press notices.

An article entitled "Cats versus Birds" went out to the New Jersey papers on August 29. It was generally published and will help in paving the way to reasonable legal supervision of this serious menace to bird life.

The Bulletin: During the fiscal year 5 issues of the Bulletin have appeared, Number 3, December 1, 1913; Number 4, February 1; Number 5, April 1; Number 6, July 1, and Number 7, September 1, 1914. The first three were published jointly with the Pennsylvania Audubon Society under the title of "New Jersey and Pennsylvania Audubon Bulletin." At a meeting of the Executive Committee on May 26, it was decided to publish the Bulletin independently and Numbers 6 and 7 appeared under the title "New Jersey Audubon Bulletin," on a better quality of paper and each containing a halftone illustration. Still further improvements are contemplated if financial resources justify.

Junior Audubon Class Work: Junior Audubon Class work in the schools has, as heretofore, claimed a very considerable part of our attention. Owing to the sudden stimulation of this work in New York, Michigan and Illinois, New Jersey dropped from the lead it had hitherto held to fourth place, being exceeded by Illinois, however, only by 3 classes, while the number of pupils in New Jersey classes exceeded those of Illinois by 1,208. During the year there were organized

in our State a total of 436 classes, with a membership of 9,233. That the enthusiasm of teachers and pupils for this work grows, is shown by the following extracts from teachers' letters:

"The class was well pleased with the leaflets and the children are very enthusiastic in their study of birds, reporting and asking about many birds that they have never noticed before. They have made several bird houses and spread crumbs all during the months of February and March when there was so much snow on the ground." Elizabeth W. Moore, Hammonton, N. J.

"The children are delighted with the pictures and I find a great amount of pleasant rivalry exists as to who shall be the first one to discover the various birds as they return. I think all of my associate teachers are informed concerning your work. Many of them are forming classes among their pupils." Helen F. Clarke, Roselle Park, N. I.

"We have worked hard to get the total membership of the school up to what it was last year, but I am pleased to say that we have succeeded in getting seven more members than we had last year. Our total enrollment for 1914 is 353 members.

"Great interest has been shown in the school, many of the pupils in the grades have brought enough money to help the poorer children, so they can be Audubon members, too." Ina C. DeWitt, Tenafly, N. J.

"The pupils are delighted with their birds, etc., and are very much interested. I trust that much good will result from it." Elizabeth Stryker, Elizabeth, N. J.

"The children seem very much interested in studying about the birds. They are building bird houses for the birds and also feed them every day. They are very proud of their bird buttons." Ethel L. Johnson, Garwood, N. J.

"The children of the Second Grade have taken an unusual interest, I think, in securing members. Twelve children not only joined, but helped others, who were poor, by giving a few pennies at a time. It was interesting to watch the list grow. One little boy sold a favorite marble for two cents, that he might raise Johnnie's amount from six to eight cents." Margaret M. Moore, Tenafly, N. J.

"My Third Grade scholars have become so interested in the work, and with spring coming on, they have become quite anxious to study more about the birds. We expect to go to the woods and

fields to learn all we can about their little habits and their calls." Bertha J. Richard, Oakhurst, N. J.

"The class is quite enthusiastic and every year I have been with them I have had 100 per cent. of members." Mrs. M. Healy, Tenafly, N. J

"The children were much pleased with the pictures and pamphlets and have taken renewed interest in our spring birds." Letitia Ebbs, Moorestown, N. J.

"The children of my Third Grade are very much interested in birds and their habits. There are now twenty-nine that want to belong to the Audubon Society. Wishing for the success of the Society, I am, sincerely," Natalie B. Wardell, Tenafly, N. J.

"Referring to Class No. 334, it gives me pleasure to tell you we're growing. The pins and booklets arrived Thursday, April 9, and we had the Society organized. Blackwell B. Mallery was elected President. The room was thronged with visitors, who were very much interested. I had a Victrola for the occasion and each child had some part in the program. As there are ten weeks left, we have decided to have one lesson a week." Eleanor G. Powers, Bedminster, N. J.

"It may interest you to know that the class has already manifested a great interest in the work of the Society." Marion Groginsky, Fairview, N. J.

"The children of Grade 1 B in School No. 2 have become interested in the study of birds and I am sending you herewith the names of twenty children who wish to receive the leaflets for bird study. The little folks in this grade are five and six years old so that formal meetings and work cannot be undertaken. However, we shall try to create a greater love for our bird friends and a desire to protect them." H. Marguerite Delany, Hackensack, N. J.

"The members of Class No. 83 are very much pleased with the leaflets that were received." Edith C. Miller, West New York, N. J.

"The leaflets and buttons arrived in excellent condition and were received with great pleasure by the young people." Alice M. Fletcher, Newark, N. J.

"The children in my room last year enjoyed the Club immensely. We had some very interesting bird walks. I met the children after the vacation, as they were to keep a list of the birds they saw during the vacation. Many of the children had seen a great number of birds. I am sure your Society is doing a

great good to the children and I appreciate it very much." Fanny Leigh Beckwith, Plainfield, N. J.

"The children seem to be intensely interested in finding out all that they can about the birds and I hope to take them out to look for them as soon as the weather becomes more settled and the birds begin to return." Katherine M. Beebe, Plainfield, N. J

"The class is very much pleased with the leaflets and we have had two lessons on the Flicker. The class is very much interested in the work and they surprised me by the amount of information they can give in this matter." Mrs. G. F. Schults, Ridgefield Park, N. J.

"The class is much interested in the work and has been feeding the birds during the last few weeks. One boy reported seeing two Blue Jays to-day." Emma L. Goldsmith, Freehold, N. J.

"The children are very enthusiastic and take pride in the coloring of the birds." Julia C. Reilly, Newark, N. J.

"We have very much enjoyed the work so far and the class was so delighted with the Summer Yellowbird which we saw last night when on a walk." Mayme Breads, Plainfield, N. J.

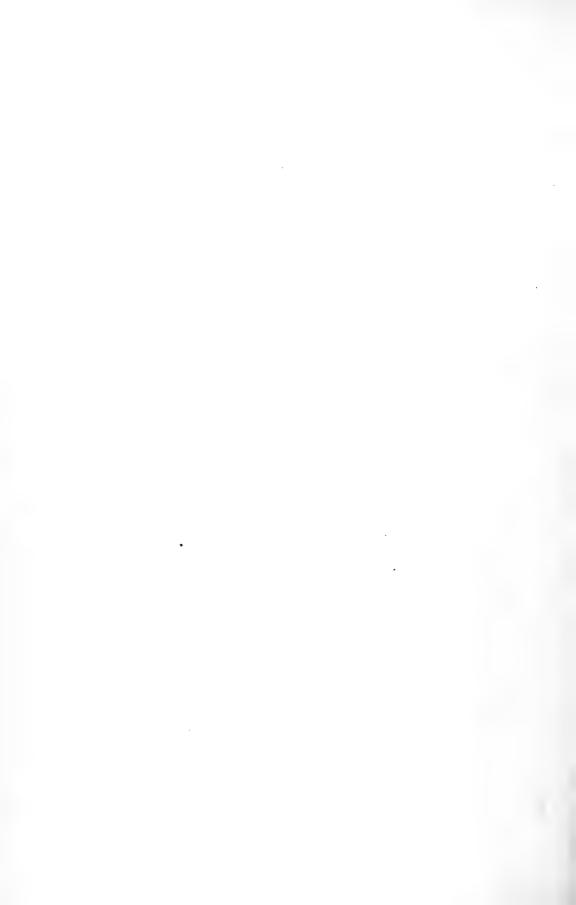
"Our Junior Audubon Society members are greatly pleased with the leaflets and bird plates recently received. They are pursuing their bird study with new zest." Jennie M. Roberts, Hackensack, N. J.

"A number of our teachers have accepted your offer in the past, in connection with the Junior Audubon Society and it has been a great help in interesting the children in the bird life about them. You are doing a fine work and I am sure that the interests of the boys and girls of to-day, who will be the men and women of to-morrow, are being developed along right lines." Louis DeWitt Deyo, Supervising Principal, Public Schools, Roselle Park, N. J.

Before closing this report, it may not be out of place to once more call to the attention of members how much might easily be accomplished by the individual effort of members. While a very few of our members have sent in new members, or materially aided us to secure such members by sending names of those who might be induced to join, by far the great bulk of our increase has been secured by means of general canvassing. A few of our members are so situated as to health or some other complication that they are unable to help us in this way, but the great majority could surely secure each one new



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member each year, with very little effort. If, during the coming year each of our 718 members and our 180 Sustaining Members were to secure a new member, the resulting increase would amount to 898, thus far exceeding what was accomplished with so much effort this year. If similar activity was displayed by our Associate Members among their fellow teachers, our Associate Membership would show an increase, instead of remaining stationary as was the case this year. We shall do all that we can; we trust that our members will bear in mind that any gain resulting from their efforts will be their gain as much as ours.

In summing up the activities of the Society for the past year and forecasting the possibilites for the coming one, and having in mind opportunities that, with present financial limitations it would be idle to now discuss, it is more than ever apparent that our success depends in very great part on the extent to which the people of the State realize the importance of what we are attempting, and the financial support that they accord us.

B. S. BOWDISH,
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REPORT OF THE RIDGEWOOD AUDUBON SOCIETY.

The Ridgewood branch of the New Jersey Audubon Society is entering its fourth year with fourteen members. Since our organization we have given thirteen of the best modern books on birds to the Ridgewood Public Library, and have distributed leaflets.

On several occasions we have learned that boys or Italians were killing birds contrary to the law, and have notified the County Game Warden, who on such occasions, promptly investigates.

Last winter we urged the making of bird houses in the public school manual training classes, and offered a prize of fifty cents for every occupied bird house which had been put up by the children at their homes. Our Superintendent of Schools is in sympathy with this work, and we were allowed to give out the prizes publicly, at the closing exercises of the schools.

We also arranged to have Mr. Edward Avis give his "Evening in Birdland," and we charged only a nominal admission, so that all who were interested could come. An audience of over three hundred, many having to stand, showed the wisdom of this course.

Some of our other endeavors, unfortunately, have not been so successful. A purple martin house was put up in the village last spring, but has had no tenants, and an English sparrow trap, purchased for the use of members, last winter, has only two sparrows to its credit.

We expect to continue our work in much the same way this coming season.

ALICE W. FERRES.

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OBJECTS.

- (1) To encourage the study of birds, especially to the end that their economic value to man shall be understood and appreciated and to use all lawful means for the protection of wild bird and animal life.
- (2) To discourage in all ways the traffic in plumage of wild birds for millinery or decorative purposes.
- (3) To discourage the destruction of wild birds and their nests and eggs, and
- (4) To labor for the accomplishment of these ends, especially in the State of New Jersey.

MEMBERSHIP.

Any person shall be eligible for membership who is in sympathy with the objects of the Society. There shall be six classes of members, who shall be known as Patrons, Life Members, Sustaining Members, Members, Associate Members and Junior Members.

Any person may become a patron on payment of one hundred dollars at one time.

Any person may become a life member on payment of fifty dollars at one time.

Sustaining members shall pay an annual fee of five dollars.

Members shall pay an annual fee of one dollar.

Associate members shall be teachers who are willing to use their influence with their pupils and others to advance the cause of bird protection, and shall not be subject to a fee.

Junior members shall consist of persons under the age of eighteen years, and shall pay an annual fee of ten cents. They shall be entitled to have an Audubon button, but shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Society, nor to receive notice of the meetings.

Patrons, Life Members and Sustaining Members receive the magazine *Bird-Lore* free and are entitled to one free copy of the "Guide to the Birds of New Jersey."

Members are entitled to one free copy of the "Guide to the Birds of New Jersey."

Junior Members receive a Goldfinch Audubon button free.

All members are entitled to subscribe to *Bird-Lore* through the Society at sixty cents per year and to purchase any number of copies of the "Guide to the Birds of New Jersey," at forty cents per copy.

Correspondence with the Secretary regarding pertinent matters is invited from members and others.

"GUIDE TO THE BIRDS OF NEW JERSEY."

The New Jersey Audubon Society announces the publication of a New Jersey Bird Guide, by Beecher S. Bowdish and Chester A. Reed.

This little volume is designed by the Society to serve as a pocket guide to the birds of the State and to assist students in learning to recognize them.

It contains 188 pages, enumerates all species of birds known to have occurred in the State, and includes COLORED PLATES of 64 of them. One free copy is furnished to each Patron, Life Member, Sustaining Member and Member. Members and the trade may purchase copies at forty cents each.

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FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

NEW JERSEY AUDUBON SOCIETY

OCTOBER 5, 1915



EXTEND THE HAND OF PROTECTION TO OUR FRIENDS, THE BIRDS



¶ During the Past Fiscal Year in spite of world-wide upheaval that has meant retrenchment, resignations, delinquencies and loss of income to all such organizations.

THE

NEW JERSEY AUDUBON SOCIETY

HAS INCREASED ITS TOTAL
MEMBERSHIP TO

27,416

¶ Organized **421** Junior Audubon Classes in the Schools of New Jersey, with **9395** members, the largest membership attained in any one year.

Maintained its Press and Lecture service, whereby the gospel of bird protection has been brought intimately to the people of the state.

¶ Received in membership fees and voluntary contributions nearly \$4000 and disbursed in the cause of bird protection over \$3500, and has turned the deficit of a year ago into a surplus of \$390.

REPORT OF TREASURER

OCTOBER 5, 1915

RECEIPTS

Balance in treasury, Oct. 6, 1914..... \$193.99

Interest on deposit in Citizens National Bank,	
Englewood, for year ending Oct. 5, 1915	5.93
Dues and Contributions	2,899.86
Advance from Guarantors	480.00
Special Contribution	300.00
Sale of Guide to the Birds of New Jersey	22.45
Sale of Bulletin	.54
Subscriptions to Bird-Lore	15.20
Refund on unused postal cards	1.17
Allowance on express damage claim	4.00
DISBURSEMENTS	
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Freight

Cartage	7.62	
Carfare	23.26	
Meals	11.25	•
Typewriter	35.00	
Office Supplies	16.47	
Addressers and Draws for Machine	16.04	
Stereopticon Slides	9.20	
Filing Report and Notary Fee	2.25	
Legislative Expenses	10.00	
Refund on Guide, sold and returned	.60	
Prize Book	2.69	
Exchange	1.15	
Checks Returned	12.10	
Lecture and Moving Picture, Fourth Annual		
Meeting	50.00	
		3,532.41
Balance in treasury, Oct. 5, 1915		\$390.73
ACCOUNT WITH COLONEL A. R. KUSER FOR PUBLICA-		
TION OF GUIDE TO THE BIRDS OF NEW JERSEY		
Balance due Oct. 6, 1914, on loan from Colonel A. R.		
Kuser to defray the expenses of publication of "Guide		

> BEECHER S. BOWDISH, Treasurer.

We have examined the report of the Treasurer and find it correct.

C. B. RIKER, Chairman,

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Auditing Committee.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

OCTOBER 5, 1915

The New Jersey Audubon Society has now reached its fifth milestone, and, thanks to the generosity of one of its Trustees, and the loval support of many members, has withstood the financial strain imposed by the assuming last year of a salaried office as well as the world-wide curtailment of benefactions. Not only this, but whereas at the last Annual Meeting the Treasurer's Report showed a deficit of \$455.47, at this time we have a balance of \$390.73, notwithstanding the handicap of debt instead of funds with which we commenced the year. This, then, is the solace that we find, with which to offset our regret over accomplishments made impossible by the necessity

of the sternest economy.

It will be remembered that last year, in inaugurating the policy of a full time, salaried Secretary-Treasurer, three of the Trustees generously and voluntarily assumed responsibility for any shortage of funds that might occur in the first year's experience under this policy. This obligation was discharged by them, with the closing of the year. One of these Trustees, Colonel Anthony R. Kuser, at that time volunteered a contribution of \$300, to be used as a campaign fund in securing new members. Since economy of necessity was the watchword, in this as in all of our lines of endeavor, it is easily appreciated how much it meant to us to have this campaign fund available. With it, even in this unfortunate year, we were able to increase the number of new Members over last year, even though falling short on Sustaining Members and failing to add any Patrons or Life Members.

During the year the Society lost 5 Sustaining Members by death, 13 by resignation and 5 by delinquency; 7 Members by death, 30 by resignation and 37 by delinquency; 1 Associate Member by resignation and 3 who sent no notice of change of There were added to the rolls, 49 new Sustaining Members, 340 Members and 22 Associate Members, making the net gain, Sustaining Members, 26; Members, 266; Associate Members, 18; Junior Members, 4,745. The Membership now stands: Patrons, 7; Life Members, 18; Sustaining Members, 206; Members, 984; Associate Members, 235; Junior Members, 25,966; total membership, 27,416.

Legislation: A cat license bill introduced by Assemblyman O. H. Hammond, had the very active support of the Society. Had our financial resources permitted the giving of more attention to public educational work and to missionary work, it is probable that this bill could have been passed. Its defeat was probably due to its not being taken seriously by the Legislature.

A bill was introduced on behalf of the Society, providing a permanent closed season on the bobolink or reed bird. This measure, too, was lost, largely because restricted finances did not permit of a sufficiently vigorous campaign in its behalf.

The continuation of the permanent closed season on wood ducks, and a bill prohibiting the carrying of firearms by aliens owning less than \$2,000 in real estate, both championed by the Society, represented the principal legislative gain. Several inimical, retrogressive measures, opposed by the Society, were defeated. Altogether, the principal value from the year's legislative experience, is the object lesson as to the necessity of such support of the Society as will provide for effective campaigning.

Newspaper Work: In addition to the newspaper publicity given to legislative campaigns during the year, special news articles were issued on "Feed the Birds," January 5, and "Bird Sanctuaries," September 14. The Society has secured a very satisfactory amount of attention from the press during the year, and the increasing willingness of the newspapers of the State to co-operate in the good cause, is most gratifying.

The Bulletin: Only three issues of the Bulletin have appeared during the year: Number 8, November 1; Number 9, January 1, and Number 10, March 1. Following the latter issue, publication was suspended for the balance of the year, as a measure of economy. Here, again, this enforced conserving of funds compelled a retrenchment, the necessity for which is greatly to be regretted.

Lectures: Lectures were given by the Secretary, as follows: At Ridgewood, December 9, before the High School pupils at noon, and the Grammar School pupils in the afternoon; at the State Street School, Hackensack, February 5; at the home of Mrs. E. B. Rice, Mahwah, before a gathering of some 75 adults, February 22 (\$10.00 contributed to the Society); at the Public School, Tenafly, in February; in the same place, before the Home and School Association, April 12 (\$10.00 contributed to the Society); at Montclair, May 4. Grove Street School, 1 P. M.; Central Presbyterian Church, for the Woman's Guild, 3.30 P. M. (6 new Members secured);

at the Social Centre, Chestnut Street School, 8 P. M.; Hackensack, May 7, Social Service House, 3.45 P. M.; same place, 8 P. M., collection, \$2.40 (contributed to the Society); before the Garden Club, Plainfield, September 22 (\$10.00 contributed to the Society).

Junior Audubon Class Work: Since it is feared that the fact may not be generally understood, we take pleasure in stating that we are able to continue this work only through the financial co-operation of the National Association. An even greater amount of attention than heretofore was devoted to the very important field of work in the schools. 421 Junior Audubon Classes were organized in the schools of the State, with a membership of 9,395, the largest membership attained in any one year. The continued interest and enthusiasm of teachers and pupils is attested, to some degree, by the following extracts from teachers' letters:

"Have organized a Junior Audubon Class numbering twenty-two and am doing all I can to get the boys and girls to protect and feed the birds, also build houses for them, which they have done. I also read Bird-Lore to them, and anything else that will help them to do as they should, as members of the Audubon Society. They also write compositions on birds and in other ways do what they can." Edith Scott, Woodbridge, N. J.

"Were the days and nights of a public school teacher not already overcrowded with work, I should be delighted to give time to this work. This year's is a particularly good group—they fairly swamp me in material, which they themselves find in the magazines and papers, of general interest in bird life. I was able to take them, one night this week, to Newark, to hear Mr. Avis. My students are eighth grade, therefore have almost an adult's appreciation of bird life. I spend one hour a month, at least, with the Class, and just as much more time as I can get." Rosalie Schumacher, South Orange, N. J.

"My children were delighted with the bird booklets and pictures. After seeing them, six more children have decided that they would like to belong." Edna M. Hardcastle, Somerville, N. J.

"I have received the leaflets and buttons which you sent to me. I thank you for your kindness and prompt attention. The children are delighted and are very eager for another lesson." Edith B. DeVoe, Belleville, N. J.

"The children were very much enthused over their leaflets and I think we are going to have a very interesting Audubon Society. Wishing you success in this great work." Rose I. Keys, Paterson, N. J.

"Our Eighth Grade Society is taking up the work in earnest. The members are putting up bird houses on their own grounds, and we are making arrangements to have a Christmas tree for the

birds. Our study in the school room at the various meetings we hold is made very interesting by aid of the balopticon, with which we flash bird pictures on the screen." Walter Elwood, Principal, New Market, N. J.

"The bird pictures, pins and pamphlets were received. We are delighted with them and more of the Third Grade wish to become members after Christmas." Marion O. Wikoff, Gladstone, N. J.

"We organized a Bird Class on the 21st inst., calling ourselves the 'Hamburg Junior Audubon Society.' We organized with twenty members in the Grammar Department and expect others to join us soon. I am hopeful of having a very interesting Audubon Class here at Hamburg and am glad of the fact that so many boys have joined." Myra E. Drake, Hamburg, N. J.

"We have derived much benefit from your leaflets and the children are very enthusiastic over the study of them." Mabel L. Bennett, Dunnellen, N. J.

"The children never find coloring the leaflets dull work." Molly Hand, Keyport, N. J.

"I am sending \$2.00 for twenty additional members of the Joseph Wood Audubon Society. The pupils were so delighted with their leaflets and buttons that it was no trouble to get the twenty new members. Our boys are working hard on bird houses; as soon as they have finished we will have the Society's picture taken and send one to you for your Report." Florence Dickinson, Trenton, N. J. (Miss Dickinson's original class numbered 50.)

"Our first meeting yesterday was a success and I am hoping for increased interest as the season advances." Myra E. Drake, Hamburg, N. J.

"Our High School pupils were very much pleased with the Audubon Society, and yesterday there were twenty-five more who wished to become members." Julia G. Pierce. Paterson, N. J. (Miss Pierce's class finally numbered 143, the largest for the year.)

"The first meeting of the Liberty Bell Junior Audubon Class was held January 19. The youngsters were delighted with the buttons. To make the little 'fellows' better acquainted, I selected the colored plate of the goldfinch for the first lesson. From the picture they learned much and after the outline is colored, we will study the leaflet. Enthusiastic children 'ask' questions. Please answer these two: why was the little goldfinch selected for the button? Last year the Liberty Bell button was a robin. The fact that a different bird was used excited curiosity. I could not answer the questions asked, nor tell why. Looking forward to the future, the children wanted to know if there were only ten pictures and what we should do next year if we still wanted to be a Club. I told them of a kind fellow living at Demarest, N. J., where the real home of the Audubon Society was, who said he'd be glad to answer any questions I'd write to him. This pleased them and their enthusiasm brought more members. One of my boys earned his fee by coloring the outlines belonging to my set of leaflets. I am proud of his work and he is proud of his membership.

"The children are bringing bird articles to read at our Club meetings. Last Tuesday one of the girls brought a Saturday Evening Post (February 6, 1915), asking me to read the article 'Laysan.' Most of this was unreadable for her, so she begged me to 'tell' it. If you have read it you will know that a teacher found abundant material to work up and to work with.

"I have fifteen or eighteen nests and know but two or three of them. They are all last year's nests and we are studying them relative to the construction and materials used. It is most interesting to watch the youngsters investigate. In one of the nests we found some gray strings. The children recognized them as their cotton warp, which we used last year to string our looms for weaving. Later we learned that the nest was found near the school house. We all agree that the birds' weaving beats ours, and bits of string are being placed about for the little builders." Sara S. Rainear, New Brunswick, N. J.

"The members of our Society are very much interested in what work we have done concerning the welfare of birds. They are so pleased with the leaflets that they wish me to thank you again for them." Marion O. Wikoff, Gladstone, N. J.

"Our Junior Audubon Society are greatly pleased with the plates and leaflets. They are very much interested and enthusiastic." Miss O. B. Atchison, Cresskill, N. J.

"The leaflets and buttons came and the children are delighted with them. We shall use them as a basis for part of our English work. Each child is going to keep a calendar of bird observations. Last spring over fifty different birds were observed by the various children. My children mostly come from the country, driving several miles to school, and they have grown keenly observant. Seven or eight bought bird books last spring. I have two grades and I have them compete in making greatest number of observations. We took several bird walks, with a large number of birds to our credit. This month the boys are interested in making bird boxes. Have you a pamphlet giving exact dimensions desirable, depth of cavity in log and diameter of entrance hole?" Elizabeth L. Gillingham, Moorestown, N. J.

"Enclosed please find seventy cents, fees for seven additional members of our Stockton Junior Audubon Class. The Class, of twenty members, which was formed in December, 1914, is very enthusiastic in our bird study. The leaflets and pictures create a great deal of interest, so much that these seven others have asked to join us. I wish you the very best of success in your splendid work." Sue E. Garis, East Orange, N. J.

"Our record for the entire school is not quite up to what it was last year. For the year 1914 we had 357 members, but for 1915 our school membership is 315. I think this falling off is not due to lack of interest, but on account of the hard times. This year, to create a little more interest, the class that has the highest percentage of members is to have the picture of Audubon framed and hung in the class room for one year. There has been considerable interest shown." Ina C. DeWitt, Tenafly, N. J.

"Enclosed find four dollars and sixty cents, Audubon dues, as I have forty-six, out of forty-eight pupils." Elma F. Bidwell, Tenafly, N. J.

"I am glad to say that these children are not only interested, but very enthusiastic about the birds and their welfare." Nellie L. King, Tenafly, N. J.

"Every member of my class is a member of the Audubon Society. The class is a fourth grade and consists of thirty-one girls. The children were delighted when they found that we had every child an Audubon member. They have shown a great interest in the birds. Almost every morning some of the children have interesting stories to tell us about the different birds they have seen around their homes. Others tell us about feeding the birds before they leave for school. The children are looking forward to having a picture of Audubon in the class room." Agnes McLeod, Tenafly, N. J.

"I have a class of fourth grade boys. There are thirty-one of them in all, and we have an Audubon roll of one hundred per cent. The boys have been very much interested in watching the list grow from day to day. One of my boys wrote a little story for our school paper, the 'Echo,' about how the birds protect the trees from the coddling moth." Belle Hazleton Clayton, Tenafly, N. J.

Sending in the names of 36 out of a class of 40, this teacher writes: "These are ninety per cent, of our class, and although the other four have not joined, they advocate the protection of bird life." Mabel E. Smith, Tenafly, N. J.

"The children were delighted with their leaslets and pins, and I think that they will take a new interest in the birds. A number of the boys have already made bird houses." Dorothy Bengler, Liberty Corner, N. J.

"Our little meetings are now being held out-doors on the lawn. Last week five or six of the older pupils asked permission to attend our bird meetings. This request is most delightful to me. The little class is deeply interested. We have found a 'new' bird (i. e., new to us), the towhee. To prove our love and the 'bird' atmosphere I wish to tell you that we are watching a mother robin on her nest near by. She is becoming quite tame. I was fearful for her life during the Saturdays and Sundays, but with joy and thanksgiving I found her still on her nest the past two Mondays, so I feel encouraged. Last year there were several cruel boys who did many wrongs to the birds. This year they belong to our Club and are 'protectors' of the birds, nests and eggs, and keen observers." Sara S. Rainear, New Brunswick, N. J.

"Birds were the topic considered by all the sixth grades in East Orange for art lessons during the month of April and first part of May and you may be sure we all enjoyed the study very much, particularly with the help of our leaflets. The children have become so interested that they wish me to send for extra copies for them. One of our boys has brought to our room fifty or more

birds from a collection that is at his home, and we have mounted them on branches fastened to a large, brown burlap panel in the rear of our 'school home.' Near them we have placed several varieties of nests, as well as colored pictures and paintings and drawings made by the children. Our visitors have been more than pleased, and we were all very sorry when the time set apart by the art department for bird study came to a close. However we are continuing our study in composition and science lessons. We wish to thank you for the help the leaflets have been to us, and trust that they may help many more to become acquainted with our feathered friends." Lydia M. Sonn, East Orange, N. J.

Our experience continues to emphasize the importance of co-operation on the part of members in: paying membership fees promptly when due (much time and postage has been expended during the year, in sending out delinquent notices); interesting friends in becoming members and thereby helping to increase the efficiency of the Society; lending prompt and hearty support to legislative campaigns, by writing and inducing friends to write, to representatives, in behalf of desirable measures and in opposition to undesirable ones. During the year some of our members have very greatly aided in increasing membership, and not only is there the direct benefit therefrom. but such co-operation is very encouraging. If each member will make the Society his Society, and "boost" for it on all occasions, not only may we see a bird sanctuary established in New Iersey, as has been done in Connecticut, but in other fields of endeavor, as well, surprising measure of success is possible of achievement.

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- (1) To encourage the study of birds, especially to the end that their economic value to man shall be understood and appreciated and to use all lawful means for the protection of wild bird and animal life.
- (2) To discourage in all ways the traffic in plumage of wild birds for millinery or decorative purposes.
- (3) To discourage the destruction of wild birds and their nests and eggs, and
- (4) To labor for the accomplishment of these ends, especially in the State of New Jersey.

MEMBERSHIP.

Any person shall be eligible for membership who is in sympathy with the objects of the Society. There shall be six classes of members, who shall be known as Patrons, Life Members, Sustaining Members, Members, Associate Members and Junior Members.

Any person may become a patron on payment of one hundred dollars at one time.

Any person may become a life member on payment of fifty dollars at one time.

Sustaining members shall pay an annual fee of five dollars.

Members shall pay an annual fee of one dollar.

Associate members shall be teachers who are willing to use their influence with their pupils and others to advance the cause of bird protection, and shall not be subject to a fee.

Junior members shall consist of persons under the age of eighteen years, and shall pay an annual fee of ten cents. They shall be entitled to have an Audubon button, but shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Society, nor to receive notice of the meetings.

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

NEW JERSEY AUDUBON SOCIETY

OCTOBER 3, 1916



A ROBIN AT THE BATH



¶ During the Past Fiscal Year, despite the continuing disturbance to business, and the unprecedented demands on all available philanthropic funds, due to the European war, and notwithstanding serious losses through resignations and delinquencies

THE

NEW JERSEY AUDUBON SOCIETY

HAS INCREASED ITS TOTAL
MEMBERSHIP TO

35,320

¶ Organized **344** Junior Audubon Classes in the Schools of New Jersey with **8226** members. ¶ Helped to secure the appropriation for the enforcement of the Federal Migratory Bird Law, and the Ratification of the Migratory Bird Treaty with Canada.

¶ Continued and increased its campaign of education in behalf of bird conservation by means of Press and Lecture service.

¶ Received in membership fees and voluntary contributions over \$3500 and disbursed nearly \$3000 in the furtherance of its objects; and increased its surplus to \$588.

NEW JERSEY AUDUBON SOCIETY

REPORT OF TREASURER

Остовек 3, 1916

RECEIPTS

Balance in Treasury, Oct. 6, 1915	39).73	
Interest on deposit in Citizens National Bank, Engle-		
wood, for year ending Oct. 3, 1916	7.39	
Dues and Contributions	3,053. 3 0	
Sale of Guide to the Birds of New Jersey	64.09	
Sale of Bulletin	4.43	
Subscriptions to Bird-Lore	16.60	
Commission on sale of books	4.12	
		\$3,540.66

DISBURSEMENTS

Salary of Secretary-Treasurer	\$1,500.00
Stationery and Printing (including Annual Report).	359.45
Postage	440.02
Bird-Lore for Sustaining Members and Subscribers.	104.60
Printing Bulletin	121.15
Stenographic work	72.94
Telephone	66.67
Telegrams	10.49
Express	14.09
Freight	5.87
Cartage	5.70
Traveling expenses	71.19

Exhibit expenses	29.45	
Addressograph and addressers	107.72	
Legislative service and Manual	11.50	
Filing report and notary fee	1.25	
Office supplies	16.44	
Lecture expenses	5.61	
Checks returned	8.00	
		\$2,952.14
Balance in treasury, October 3, 1916		\$588.52
ACCOUNT WITH COLONEL A. R. KUSER FOR	PUBLIC	CATION
OF GUIDE TO THE BIRDS OF NEW JE	ERSEY	
Balance due Oct. 5, 1915, on loan from Colonel A. R to defray the expense of publication of "Guide	to the	
Birds of New Jersey"	• • • • • • •	\$340.00
Balance due on loan, Oct. 3, 1916	• • • • • •	340.00
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Treasurer.

We have examined the report of the Treasurer and find it correct.

W. DE W. MILLER, Chairman,

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Auditing Committee.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

October 3, 1916

The sixth year of its existence, through which the New Jersey Audubon Society has just passed, has been in certain respects a peculiarly difficult one. The world-wide disturbance of business and social conditions, due to the European war, and the innumerable new demands on philanthropy arising from the same cause, have conspired to make of the past year the most difficult in our experience in the matter of securing new members and of retaining the support of those already enrolled.

During the year there have been new members enrolled as follows: Patrons, 1; Life Members, 1; Sustaining Members, 30; Members, 199; Associate Members, 10; Junior Members, 7.814.

During the same period the Society lost by death, 3 Sustaining Members, 9 Members; by resignation, 9 Sustaining Members, 37 Members, 1 Associate Member, also two Associate Members who removed and left no address; by delinquency, 11 Sustaining Members, 79 Members. This leaves a net gain for the year of 1 Patron; 1 Life Member; 7 Sustaining Members; 74 Members; 7 Associate Members; 7,814 Junior Members.

It would seem that the chances of individual solicitation for membership succeeding were far better than in the case of general circularizing. Almost every member knows one or more persons who would readily lend their aid to the cause and become a member, if the matter were personally laid before them in a persuasive manner. Solicitation of this sort is not agreeable to many people, but surely the cause is worthy and worth while. Some of our members have loyally done their part in the securing of new members. Much more of this good work is greatly needed. An adequate business office and an assistant to attend to detail work would render it possible for the Secretary to devote a good deal of attention to personal solicitation for new members and increased support of the Society's work.

Legislation: A cat license bill, identical with the one that was lost last year, was introduced on behalf of the Society by Assemblyman Simpson, and our bobolink bill of last year was re-introduced by Assemblyman Herrick. Despite the fact that a very active campaign was waged on behalf of the Society, in seeking the promotion of these measures, it seemed impossible to secure prompt consideration of either of them. The cat

license bill was passed in the Assembly a few days before the going into effect of the rule for consideration of certain legislation only; it was not rushed to consideration in the Senate as promptly as was to have been desired, and as a result failed without ever coming to a vote in the upper house.

The bobolink bill did not even get to a vote in the Assembly though favorably reported by Committee early in the session.

The almost annual bounty bill was introduced in the Senate, this time offering a bounty on all hawks except the fish hawk, and on crows, and providing that they might be killed at any time of year, being in this respect a little more vicious than similar bills heretofore. It was actively opposed by the Society and failed to pass.

In the National legislative field, also, the Society took its part, using its influence toward the securing of an appropriation for the enforcement of the Federal Migratory Bird Law, and for the ratification of the Migratory Bird Treaty with Canada, in conjunction with the other bird protection organizations working to the same end.

Newspaper Work: In addition to the regular mailing of the Bulletin and our other literature to the press of the State, and the contributing of minor local items, four specially prepared news articles have been sent out during the past year, as follows: "What the Birds Do in Winter," December, 1915; "Birds and Cats Have Their Day in State House," February, 1916; "Save the Bobolink," March, 1916; "Birds as Checks on Disease Scourges," September, 1916. As heretofore, these articles have been very well received, and our returns indicate a steadily increasing use of our articles by the press, and a consequent greater publicity for the activities of the Society.

The Bulletin: Since the commencement of the calendar year, we have been able to issue the Bulletin fairly regularly, as planned, at two month intervals. Five issues, Numbers 11 to 15, inclusive, have appeared, containing six half-tone illustrations and three special contributions from members. With continued support, both financial and literary, we hope not only to continue the regularity, but to improve the character of our little publication.

Lectures: Lectures were given by the Secretary as follows: At Fort Lee, January 18, 8 P.M., Cella's Hall, under the auspices of the Bergen County Sportsmen's Fish and Game Protective Association, about 250 present, nine new members se-

cured. \$1.25 contributed; Metuchen, January 21. School Auditorium, School Board Public Lecture Series, attendance over 300, \$10 contributed, one new member secured; Allendale, February 2, Borough Hall, Community Dinner under the auspices of the Board of Trade, thirty minute talk without illustrations, expenses paid: Demarest, March 2, 8 P.M., School Hall, under the auspices of the Home and School Association, attendance about 200, \$3 contributed, two new members secured; Bergen Grange Hall, Hackensack, April 19, under the auspices of the Bergen Grange, 8 P.M., attendance small; Clinton, May 2, 8 P.M., request of Mr. William M. Savin, for Boy Scouts and general public, attendance about 200, \$25 contributed by Mr. Savin; Park Ridge, May 18, 8 P.M., Public Hall, request of Mrs. C. W. Laws, for general public, to create interest in organization of a local society, attendance about 200; Englewood, May 23, Liberty School, for Junior Audubon Classes of Englewood, attendance about 150 children; Leonia, May 25, 8 P.M., Presbyterian Church, for the Leonia Bird Club, about 60 present, Sustaining Membership of Club secured; Glen Gardner, July 14, 8 P.M., State Tuberculosis Sanatorium, for the patients and staff of the Sanatorium by request of Messrs. William M. Savin and George A. Rutherford, about 300 present, expenses paid. \$25 contributed by Mr. Savin, one new member secured. The net results of these lectures were nearly two thousand people addressed on bird protection; fourteen new members secured: \$64.25 contributed to the Society's funds; ten lectures given.

The Secretary has also addressed the Teachers' Institutes of Somerset County at Somerville, September 26; Monmouth County at Ocean Grove, September 27, Sussex County at Newton, September 28, and Ocean County at Lakewood, September 29, in the interest of the Junior Audubon Class work in the schools.

Exhibit: The Englewood Bird Club held an exhibit in a vacant store on Deane Street, Englewood, during the week commencing October 11, 1915, in which the Society co-operated. The Club had on exhibit a large variety of devices for attracting and sheltering birds, including nesting boxes, food shelters and baths. One of the large show windows was occupied by the portable "Economic alue of Birds" exhibit belonging to the Society. The Vice-President of the Club and the Secretary of the Society were in charge of the exhibit, which attracted a good deal of attention and much favorable comment. A con-

siderable number of new members were secured for both or-ganizations.

Junior Audubon Class Work: As heretofore, co-operating with the National Association of Audubon Societies, the Society endeavored to still further develop this most important field of activity. Special effort was made to largely increase the number of Junior Audubon Classes in New Jersey, and it is a matter of serious regret that the results were not more satisfactory. In this field there is an opportunity for all active members to assist by assuring themselves that this work is being carried on in the schools of their sections. That the number of Classes organized (344), smaller by far than we had hoped, did not indicate a lack of pleasure and profit derived by those taking part in it was evidenced by many letters from teachers, from which the following quotations are taken:

"We have had many interesting meetings this fall. One of the children brought me the oddest nest, made of white horsehair and roots; a chipping sparrow's nest, I think." Mary L. Clayton, Freehold, N. J.

"The children are very much pleased with their pictures and buttons and take a great interest in the talks and study of bird life, which I have about twice a month. I enjoy Bird-Lore and the children like the stories of bird life which I read to them." Edith E. Stevens, Morris Plains, N. J.

"Last year a Club of ten was formed. We took walks and had some very good times, as well as instructive ones. As a consequence the Club has more than doubled in size." Ethel G. Spinning, Newark, N. J.

"We have enjoyed feeding the birds this winter and the chickadees, snowbirds, woodpeckers and nuthatches have grown very tame. We have given them suct, apples, crumbs and corn and can see them feed ng close to our school room windows.

The boys are making bird houses and feeding trays at school, and some are being made at home. We have read aloud 'The Song of the Cardinal,' by Gene S. Porter, and both boys and girls were greatly interested.

As soon as possible we will write to our Assemblyman and Senator asking them to support Assembly Bill 22—as your letter to-day requested." Blanche Graves Smith, West Orange, N. J.

"I am enclosing you money order for \$3.70, membership dues of the Seventh Grade pupils for the Audubon Society. I believe this is the first time the pupils of this Grade have reached the 100 per cent. mark and it speaks volumes for the r interest and enthusiasm in the conservation of bird-life." Mary A. Eagan, Tenafly, N. J.

"We all wish you great success in your noble work, and promise to do our best in spreading interest, and sympathy with the objects of the New Jersey Audubon Society." Rose Sweeney, Trenton, N. J.

In closing the report of a year's work, disappointing as it must be admitted to be in the matter of gain in membership, it is worth while to emphasize one most encouraging fact:

With absolutely no other financial support than the regular membership dues and contributions, the balance in the Treasury is larger than that of last year. This means that the co-operative work of the Society has reached a point where, with the same effort on the part of all, there need be no further fear as to the Society's ability to hold its own. A little more individual activity, generally diffused through the membership, and we can not fail to show a gratifying growth in every way.

Beecher S. Bowdish, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE RIDGEWOOD AUDUBON SOCIETY

The Ridgewood Branch reports increased interest in bird life among the public school children. For the third season the Society offered prizes for occupied bird houses at the homes of the children, and as the result, fifty-nine bird families were comfortably housed.

For prizes five childen chose subscriptions to Bird-Lore, nineteen preferred Reed's Land Birds East of the Rocky Mountains, and the rest selected the money prize. The child who sent the best written description of the little family in the bird house also received an award, and we hope eventually to arouse interest in bird photography.

Public School teachers known to be interested in bird preservation are made welcome in the Society as Honorary Members. Audubon leaflets are distributed and bird guides are provided at wholesale rates.

In March, under the auspices of the Society, Mr. William L. Finley, State Game Warden of Oregon, gave a motion picture lecture on western bird life, and his book Little Boy Blue was given to the Public Library and Earnest Harold Baynes' Wild Bird Guests to the Public Schools.

The Society has reported to the Game Warden for the County any violations of the bird protective laws that have come to its notice.

LILY M. ORNE, Secretary-Treasurer.

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OBJECTS.

- (1) To encourage the study of birds, especially to the end that their economic value to man shall be understood and appreciated and to use all lawful means for the protection of wild bird and animal life.
- (2) To discourage in all ways the traffic in plumage of wild birds for millinery or decorative purposes.
- (3) To discourage the destruction of wild birds and their nests and eggs, and
- (4) To labor for the accomplishment of these ends, especially in the State of New Jersey.

MEMBERSHIP.

Any person shall be eligible for membership who is in sympathy with the objects of the Society. There shall be six classes of members, who shall be known as Patrons, Life Members, Sustaining Members, Members, Associate Members and Junior Members.

Any person may become a patron on payment of one hundred dollars at one time.

Any person may become a life member on payment of fifty dollars at one time.

Sustaining members shall pay an annual fee of five dollars. Members shall pay an annual fee of one dollar.

Associate members shall be teachers who are willing to use their influence with their pupils and others to advance the cause of bird protection, and shall not be subject to a fee.

Junior members shall consist of persons under the age of eighteen years, and shall pay an annual fee of ten cents. They shall be entitled to have an Audubon button, but shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Society, nor to receive notice of the meetings.

Patrons, Life Members and Sustaining Members receive the magazine Bird-Lore free and are entitled to one free copy of the "Guide to the Birds of New Jersey."

Members are entitled to one free copy of the "Guide to the Birds of New Jersey."

Junior Members receive a Goldfinch Audubon button free.

All members are entitled to subscribe to *Bird-Lore* through the Society at sixty cents per year and to purchase any number of copies of the "Guide to the Birds of New Jersey," at forty cents per copy.

Correspondence with the Secretary regarding pertinent matters is invited from members and others.

"GUIDE TO THE BIRDS OF NEW JERSEY."

The New Jersey Audubon Society announces the publication of a New Jersey Bird Guide, by Beecher S. Bowdish and Chester A. Reed.

This little volume is designed by the Society to serve as a pocket guide to the birds of the State and to assist students in learning to recognize them.

It contains 188 pages, enumerates all species of birds known to have occurred in the State, and includes COLORED PLATES of 64 of them. One free copy is furnished to each Patron, Life Member, Sustaining Member and Member. Members and the trade may purchase copies at forty cents each.

PRICE, SIXTY CENTS.

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SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

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NEW JERSEY AUDUBON SOCIETY

OCTOBER 2, 1917



LEAST FLYCATCHER AT NEST.



¶ Notwithstanding the continuing and increasing general retrenchment during the past year, with aid in the great war relief work monopolizing to such great extent, the philanthropies of the people, and despite serious losses through resignations and delinquencies

THE

NEW JERSEY AUDUBON SOCIETY

HAS INCREASED ITS MEMBERSHIP,
ESTABLISHED ITS HEADQUARTERS OFFICE IN NEWARK
AND SUCCESSFULLY MET THE INCREASED
OBLIGATIONS DEVOLVING UPON IT.

¶ Conducted a greater and more effective Educational Campaign through the Press, Lectures and Work in the Schools than ever before.

¶ Organized **579** Junior Audubon Classes in the Schools of New Jersey, with a total of **14,382** members.

¶ Received in membership fees and voluntary contributions over \$5600 and expended nearly \$3000 in the furtherance of its objects, while increasing its balance to more than \$1400, over twice that of the previous year.

NEW JERSEY AUDUBON SOCIETY

REPORT OF TREASURER

OCTOBER 2, 1917

RECEIPTS

Balance in Treasury, Oct. 3, 1916\$	588.52
Interest on deposit in Citizens National Bank, Englewood, for year ending Oct. 2, 1917	20.92
Dues and contributions	4,909.31
Sale of Guide to the Birds of New Jersey	51.30
Sale of Bulletin	.26
Subscriptions to Bird-Lore	23.80
Commission on sale of books	.16
Sale of "Bird Playmates"	18.19

\$5,612.46

DISBURSEMENTS

Salary of Secretary-Treasurer\$	1,500.00
Salary of Assistant	272.00
Stationery and Printing (including Annual Report).	412.21
Rent of Office:	228.00
Postage	809.03
Bird-Lore for Sustaining Members and Subscribers.	119.60
Printing Bulletin	165 95
Multigraph Work	62.96
Telephone	57.40
Telegrams	2.11
Express	11.16

Freight	.89	
Cartage	16.00	
Traveling expenses	58 55	
Exhibit expenses	8.00	
Addressograph stencils	6.91	
Legislative service and Manual	11.50	
Notary fee	.25	
Office furniture and supplies	338.65	
Stereopticon expenses	12 35	
Bird Playmates	12.35	
Audubon buttons	70.00	
Blue Book, lists	12.92	
Labor	4.50	
Advertising	.54	
		\$4,193.93
Balance in treasury, October 3, 1917		\$1,418.53
ACCOUNT WITH COLONEL A. R. KUSER FOR	PUBLI	CATION
OF GUIDE TO THE BIRDS OF NEW J	ERSEY	
Balance due October 3, 1916, on loan from Colonel A. R to defray the expense of publication of "Guide	to the	
Birds of New Jersey"		\$340:00
Credit by 62 copies of Guide	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	24.80

B. S. Bowdish,

Treasurer.

\$315.20

We have examined the report of the Treasurer and find it correct.

C. B. Riker, Chairman,
Charles H. Rogers,
Auditing Committee.

Balance due on loan, Oct. 2. 1917.....

SYNOPSIS OF PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

To the Members of the New Jersey Audubon Society:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We greatly regret the inability of our President to be here to-day, yet we know he is with us in his desire to make this meeting a success and in his wishes for our future prosperity and our success in promoting the great work of conservation as exemplified in the protection of our native birds.

The untiring work of our Secretary and Treasurer in the promotion of protective legislation and his efforts to prevent the enactment of laws inimical to the increase of our bird life has met with success.

The interest in preservation of birds through winter feeding has been largely stimulated through our local societies and a generous distribution of pamphlets.

We have especially to thank the ladies for their enthusiasm and assistance in the formulation of local societies and the stimulation of popular interest in bird life and its preservation.

The moving of the offices of the Society to Newark brings us in touch with new opportunities for more effective work.

It is a satisfaction to be able to carry over in to our new year a substantial balance in our treasury, which I feel sure is augury of a successful and useful future.

The severing of the direct co-operation lent us in the past by the National Association is regrettable, but with the people of the Sovereign State of New Jersey as *our co-operators* we look forward with confidence to an increase in our usefulness and popular support accordingly.

CLARENCE B. RIKER,

President.



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President of New Jersey Audubon Society



REPORT OF SECRETARY

OCTOBER 2, 1917

During the past year, the seventh since the Society was organized, one of the most momentous events of its existence has taken place. As, in the early part of the year 1914-15, it was realized that the work of the Society had outgrown an arrangement of a part-time Secretary, so in the early part of the year now closing it was realized that our work could not properly continue and expand with an executive office housed in the home of the Secretary and removed from active business centres of the State. As in the former contingency there were found men who stood willing to personally meet the added cost of the needed change, so in this later requirement generous friends came to the front and the Society was established in its first real office, in a central location in Newark, the State's metropolis. The advantages of this development have made themselves apparent daily since the change was inaugurated, and with a return to normal world conditions will be still further assured.

Abnormal conditions, innumerable appeals of the most compelling character on the support of public spirited people, have made of this year, like the two preceding ones, trying times for the expansion of our work and the funds necessary to its maintenance.

During the year there have been enrolled 40 new Sustaining Members; 175 new Members; 19 new Associate Members; 7.874 new Junior Members. There were lost by death 5, by resignation 8, by delinquency 11, total 24 Sustaining Members; by death 9, by resignation 29, by delinquency 80, total 118 Members; by death 1, by resignation 2, removed and left no address 3, total 6 Associate Members. The net gain, therefore, has been 16 Sustaining Members, 57 Members, 13 Associate Members. Although the net gain in Members is smaller, the net gain in Sustaining Members is considerably better than that of last year, in addition to which there have been extra contributions of \$1,000, \$300 and \$100 respectively. A considerable amount of individual help from certain members has aided in building up membership and is gratefully acknowledged. We

feel sure that if members realized the great possibilities of a little individual effort, the gain from such source would be many times more.

Legislation: A cat license bill, essentially similar to those that the Society has championed for the past two years, was introduced in the last Legislature and was backed by the Society as earnestly as though it were our own measure. As heretofore, it appeared to meet with the same apathy in the Legislature as former bills, and failed to pass. Our bill for according permanent protection to the Bobolink was again introduced at the behest of the Society and despite a very energetic campaign on our part met with the same lack of sympathy and failed to pass. The annual bounty bill, this time providing for bounties on hawks and crows, was again introduced by the enemies of birds, and met with the same effective opposition that we have accorded such measures in the past. We rejoice to record that it was easily defeated.

Newspaper Work: In the field of publicity work, so important to our cause, we have steadily increased our activity. Three special news articles have been sent to the press of the State, "Aubudon Society Opposes Plan for Sparrow Extermination," December 8; "Birds as Crop Protectors," April 2; "Our Feathered Aviation Corps," July 16. The co-operation shown us by the press of the State continues to increase, and returns indicate a steadily growing use of these articles. In addition to these special news articles we have secured the publication of a number of local items which have been of interest and of great value to our cause. Chief among these may be mentioned an article, "Bird Lovers Rejoice that State Headquarters of Audubon Society have been Opened in this City," with which the Newark Evening News of February 12, greeted our advent in Newark; an article in the same paper of September 22, calling attention to the importance of our work in general and in the schools in particular, and a similar article in the Newark Sunday Call for October 14. All of these were prominent, illustrated display articles. In several instances various papers have made favorable editorial comment on our work, which has been of great value to us.

The Bulletin: We are glad to record that during the past year the Bulletin has been issued regularly at two-month intervals. Six issues have thus appeared, each containing a halftone illustration, and there have been eight communications

from members, besides a number of letters and essays by junior members published. With the increasing support thus shown, we hope to be able to increase the interest and value of our little publication, as, with a greater financial support, we might increase its size

Lectures: At the public session of our last Annual Meeting. in the Newark Free Public Library, we secured the services of Mr. Howard H. Cleaves for a free public lecture on "Experiences in Photographing and Attracting Wild Birds," which was greatly enjoyed, the attendance filling the room to comfortable capacity. Lectures have been given by the Secretary as follows: at the Public Museum, New Brighton, Staten Island, for the Staten Island Bird Club, October 11, \$10.00 contributed: Highwood Fire House, Weehawken, January 22, for Scout Masters' Conference; High School Auditorium, Plainfield, February 1, for the Sesame Club, school children and general public, attendance about 600, expenses paid by Club; Baptist Church, Flemington. Conference of Hunterdon County Young Men's Christian Association, by request of Mr. William M. Savin. February 2, attendance about 300, \$25.00 contributed by Mr. Savin; Public School Auditorium, Oceanic, Peoples' Course, February 6, attendance about 250; Newark Free Public Library, for Iunior Museum Association, February 17, attendance about 100; Presbyterian Church, Red Bank, for Woman's Club, by request of Mr. Theron McCampbell, February 23, attendance about 100, expenses paid by Mr. McCampbell, a number of new members resulted; Guild House, Christ's Church, Hackensack, for the Woman's Club of Hackensack, attendance about 100, April 2, a number of new members resulted: Plainfield, April 12, Washington School, 9.30 A. M., High School 10.45 A. M., High School 1.00 P. M., for pupils of schools, total attendance about 800. \$10.00 contributed; Burnet School, Newark, May 2, ten minute talk to Superintendent, Principals and Teachers on Junior Audubon class work. In addition to the foregoing, several minor talks have been given by the Secretary.

Bird Sanctuaries: Mr. Edward G. Kent, a member of this Society, has designated a piece of property of nearly one hundred and fifty acres, in Sussex County, as an Audubon Bird Refuge. Natural conditions on this property are such as to make it quite ideal for the purpose. Mr. Kent has posted linen warning notices against shooting and notices have been published in Newark and local papers. Mr. Ira Barrows, another

member of the Society, has, during the past few years, created an ideal Bird Sanctuary out of his beautiful ten acre estate at Rumson, and has enjoyed many gratifying, tangible results of his efforts. This is a line of activity in which the members of the Society will find the liveliest interest and to which the Society desires to lend every possible encouragement and assistance.

Junior Audubon Class Work: The new office and assistant have enabled us to devote even more attention and effort to our important work in the schools during the past year than heretofore. As a result our record was the best for this period that has been secured in the five years that it has been carried on. 579 Junior Audubon Classes were organized in New Jersey, with a total membership of 14,382. This has meant a very great expenditure of time and effort, as well as no small outlay of money, but the results are fully worthy of the activity thus devoted. The growing interest of teachers and pupils has been evidenced in many ways. Calls for bird talks in the schools are constantly increasing. Pupils are showing greatly increased interest in competing for prizes for bird drawings and essays. Some examples of growing enthusiasm in the work are contained in the following extracts from teachers' letters, a few out of the many we receive:

"I have formed classes the past two years under this plan and the boys and girls were enthusiastic over the work. They fed the birds in winter, and as spring came on built a great many bird houses and enjoyed immensely watching birds 'rent' them and establish homes." A. Margaret Speidel, North Plainfield.

"Your leaflets and buttons have given the children of Millstone great pleasure, and have aided them to receive further knowledge of the birds we have been watching continually." Magdalena Mayer, East Millstone.

"Enclosed are the names and dues of five more children who desire to become members of the Seventh Grade Junior Audubon Society of Manasquan. They were so pleased with the leaflets that the others received that they wished to become members also." Octavia E. Sparkles, Manasquan.

"The buttons and literature for our Junior Audubon Club were received and greatly appreciated by the children. I am enclosing the names of other children who have been inspired to join after seeing the enthusiasm of the members of the Club.

"I think your organization is doing a great good, and we expect to derive much pleasure from being affiliated with it." Katherine Jamison, Pennington.

"The children are delighted with the stories and more so with the pictures. We have a lesson on a new bird every week. That day every one is sure to be present. They draw the birds still larger than the pictures. About twenty of the boys and girls have made various kinds of bird houses. The girls make them nearly as good as the boys. Every day some one has a new story to tell about what he has seen new this spring about some bird. We had a large paper on the blackboard where the name of the bird and the date of its arrival was written with the child's name. This made others more eager to watch out for them.

"Out of the thirteen schools in our Township, I think Newfield School is the only one that has joined your Society. As it has been such a help to my pupils I will try to encourage the teachers to interest their pupils next year." Bertha I. Atkins, Franklinville.

"I think these Clubs are fine things for children. They learn to know many of the birds, and best of all, they learn to love them. Some of the parents have told me they were surprised at the number of birds their children knew when they were out in the woods with them." Addie D. Eastman, Plainfield.

"In previous years I have had very good results from the children and much interest has been aroused. In fact it sometimes seems to me that all the disabled or dead birds in town were brought to me." Florence A. Brainerd, Westfield.

"Wish to tell you how very much the leaflets, buttons, etc., appealed to the children. The set of ten were all taken at once and seven more want them. The material surely shows an understanding of children's interests and seems to me remarkably well gotten up. The children love to color the pictures and are delighted with the buttons. We went out early last Saturday morning and saw so many of the warblers, etc." Helen Paul, Moorestown.

"These pupils are first year High School, are very enthusiastic and have taken many bird trips with me. We hold a meeting every Friday after school where a program is given, arranged by the pupils. Our next program consists in answering questions asked by our President (a pupil) on the Purple Martin. On Decoration Day the Club, on an all day's trip, identified forty-two varieties of birds." Cordelia H. Arnold, Atlantic City.

Despite the deflection of many who, having put their shoulder to the wheel of bird protection, turn back, despite the difficulties that in these most trying times confront all efforts to overcome such deflection and to secure such numbers of recruits as to offset losses and add steady gain to our forces, the fact that the Society, accomplishing in no small measure the objects for which it is organized, year by year maintains itself and steadily, even if slowly, grows, proves that not only is the cause of our existence worth while and so recognized by the public, but that if there is united and persistent effort on the part of all, we

shall accomplish, without question, much if not all that we would wish.

With regret for losses, with pleasure and satisfaction in such measure of gains as have been ours, your Secretary pledges to the Society the best that is in him, which is all that he asks from any fellow member.

Beecher S. Bowdish, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE RIDGEWOOD AUDUBON SOCIETY

The Ridgewood Branch is a small organization having usually from 12 to 16 members, with average attendance at each meeting of but four or five members—work therefore is necessarily limited. Yet results each season among the school children show increasing interest in our song birds. Prizes are offered at the close of the school year for occupied bird houses put up at the children's homes, each child writing a letter describing the occupants, their daily life, number of young, kind of food given, etc. Seventy-five houses were reported taken by feathered tenants this spring, which meant much comfort for the birds, and a distribution of prize subscriptions to Bird-Lore and copies of Reed's Guide to the Birds East of the Rockies, as well as cash, to the forty-nine children.

On July 4th, the Ridgewood Branch occupied a booth at an outdoor Bazaar for the benefit of the Red Cross and there was not space to exhibit all the interesting material collected.

Bird houses and bird games were sold, suet logs and Simplex suet holders, copies of the Travels of Birds and of Bird Guides, which literature was given free.

In the early part of June, the Ridgewood Branch had a reproduction of "The Spirit of Audubon," given at the Ridgewood Moving Picture House. It is an instructive and charming film.

Respectfully submitted,

L. M. Orne, Secretary

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OBJECTS

- (1) To encourage the study of birds, especially to the end that their economic value to man shall be understood and appreciated and to use all lawful means for the protection of wild bird and animal life.
- (2) To discourage in all ways the traffic in plumage of wild birds for millinery or decorative purposes.
- (3) To discourage the destruction of wild birds and their nests and eggs, and
- (4) To labor for the accomplishment of these ends, especially in the State of New Jersey.

MEMBERSHIP

Any person shall be eligible for membership who is in sympathy with the objects of the Society. There shall be six classes of members, who shall be known as Patrons, Life Members, Sustaining Members, Members, Associate Members and Junior Members.

Any person may become a patron on payment of one hundred dollars at one time.

Any person may become a life member on payment of fifty dollars at one time.

Sustaining members shall pay an annual fee of five dollars.

Members shall pay an annual fee of one dollar.

Associate members shall be teachers who are willing to use their influence with their pupils and others to advance the cause of bird protection, and shall not be subject to a fee.

Junior members shall consist of persons under the age of eighteen years, and shall pay an annual fee of ten cents. They shall be entitled to have an Audubon button, but shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Society, nor to receive notice of the meetings.

Patrons, Life Members and Sustaining Members receive the magazine Bird-Lore free and are entitled to one free copy of the "Guide to the Birds of New Jersey."

Members are entitled to one free copy of the "Guide to the Birds of New Jersey."

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All members are entitled to subscribe to Bird-Lore through the Society at \$1.20 per year and to purchase any number of copies of the "Guide to the Birds of New Jersey," at forty cents per copy.

Correspondence with the Secretary regarding pertinent matters is invited from members and others.

GUIDE TO THE BIRDS OF NEW JERSEY

The New Jersey Audubon Society announces the publication of a New Jersey Bird Guide, by Beecher S. Bowdish and Chester A. Reed.

This little volume is designed by the Society to serve as a pocket guide to the birds of the State and to assist students in learning to recognize them.

It contains 188 pages, enumerates all species of birds known to have occurred in the State, and includes COLORED PLATES of 64 of them. One free copy is furnished to each Patron, Life Member, Sustaining Member and Member. Members and the trade may purchase copies at forty cents each.

PRICE, SIXTY CENTS.

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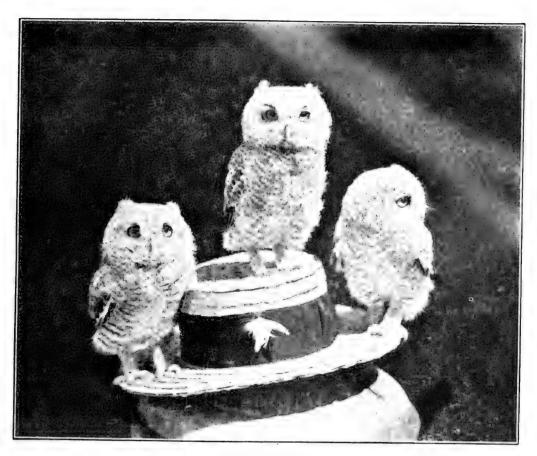


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OCTOBER 2, 1918



THE ONLY WAY TO PUT BIRDS ON A HAT



¶ During the past year, one of the most difficult that ever confronts such an organization, because of the necessity of concentrating public support on the work of the Government and the organizations in the direct conducting of the war

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HAS INCREASED ITS MEMBERSHIP,
MET THE CBLIGATIONS WHICH ITS OBJECTS IMPOSE,
IN SPITE OF THE HANDICAP OF INSUFFICIENT
FUNDS, AND DEVELOPED IN ALL RESPECTS
EXCEPT FINANCIAL RESOURCES.

¶ Increased its educational influence, through the Press, Lectures, and work in the Schools.

¶ Organized 373 School Bird Clubs, with a total membership of 8,419, and provided each of these 8,419 children with 10 Bird Study Leaflets covering 17 of our common birds,—four pages of text, a colored picture and an uncolored outline to be colored by the pupil with each leaflet,—at an expenditure of about \$2,000.

¶ Received in membership fees and voluntary contributions, together with balance from last year, nearly \$6,200 and expended over \$6,100 in the work which the war rendered doubly important, as well as doubly difficult.

NEW JERSEY AUDUBON SOCIETY

REPORT OF TREASURER

October 8, 1918

RECEIPTS

Balance in Treasury, Oct. 3, 1917\$	1,418.53
Interest on deposit in Citizens National Bank, Engle-	
wood, for year ending Oct. 8, 1918	11.97
Dues and contributions	4,667.47
Sale of Guide to the Birds of New Jersey	23.20
Subscriptions to Bird-Lore	40.90
Sale of books	4.26
Sale of leaflets	6.07
Sale of "Bird Playmates"	10.00

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DISBURSEMENTS

Salary of Secretary Treasurer\$	1,375.00
Salary of Assistant	560.00
Stationery and printing (including Annual Report).	1,975.81
Rent of office	385.50
Po'stage	930.97
Bird-Lore for Sustaining Members and Subscribers	256.00
Printing Bulletin	144.25
Multigraph work	67.96
Telephone	52.90

Telegrams	.39	
Express	16.45	
Traveling expenses	64.26	
Expenses of Seventh Annual Meeting	34.35	
Addressograph stencils	5.98	
Legislative service and Manual	11.50	
Recording amendment to Constitution and By-Laws	1.00	
Office equipment and supplies	64.58	
Dime banks	47.50	
Bird Playmates	9.38	
Audubon buttons	105.28	
Books	3.81	
Photographs	3.00	
Labor	7.75	
_		\$6,123.62
Balance in treasury, October 8, 1918		\$ 68.78

ACCOUNT WITH COLONEL A. R. KUSER FOR PUBLICATION OF GUIDE TO THE BIRDS OF NEW JERSEY

Balance due October 2, 1917, on loan from Colonel A. R. Kuser	
to defray the expense of publication of "Guide to the	
Birds of New Jersey"	\$315.20
Credit by 100 copies of Guide	40.00
Balance due on loan, Oct. 8, 1918	\$275.20

B. S. Bowdish, Treasurer.

We have examined the report of the Treasurer and find it correct.

P. B. PHILIPP, Chairman,
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SYNOPSIS OF PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Another year has rolled around, full of stirring events in which time every man has had all he could attend to and if he did not the Government wished to know the reason why, and would see that he did have the necessary additional work. In my case I have not had to appeal to the Government nor have I had time to give to the birds and their interests the attention which they deserve, not only from their economic but their aesthetic side. In these days of stress and sorrow we need their cheering voices and their winning ways to divert us from things only too gloomy and depressing.

I have lived in touch with birds since my boyhood only to see the Bluebirds, the charming harbingers of spring disappear from our door yards; the cheering whistle of the Quail become so infrequent an occasion as to arouse one's surprise. One may walk in the forest for days without hearing the whir of a partridge. Numerous species of birds, which a generation or two ago were common about our homes, are now exceedingly rare and infrequent. Much of this has been brought about by the ill advised doings of mankind, and were there no laws enacted bird life would be as little in evidence as it is in Italy where the note of a bird is almost unknown and where laws for their protection, if they exist are only of recent date.

It is necessary that some one shall be on guard and ready to advocate their cause, to further legislation for their protection, to oppose such laws as are contrary to common sense and the very existence of the birds. The New Jersey Audubon Society is that in New Jersey, and its one purpose is to initiate and perpetuate the love of birds in children and adults and to carry out work on the lines of legislation favorable to their increase.

The results of bird life in the economical equation of our country has been well defined by our Government so that it is to us now a matter of dollars and cents that the birds should be protected and our gardens and fields permitted to grow, unmolested by insect pests. What these pests can do is occasionally illustrated by the ravages of the brown tailed moth and other imported species. In the summer I saw in southern New Jersey thousandsof oak trees stripped of their foliage and the caterpillars so thick on the roads it was difficult to drive an automobile without skidding, due to the crawling larvae.

The New Jersey Audubon Society, when the war is over, will appeal with greater force, when the people will be awakened to the utilization of our resources and the closer utilization of all our available assets. Waste has been one of the most reprehensible failings of this country. We must reform; we will reform. It has been brought to our attention and it has been more than that. It has been brought to our tables and our pocket-books. No more emphasis can be given to any appeal than where it strikes these two most important functions of human economy. The New Jersey Audubon Society in the future will lead its crusade against all enemies of birds and its educational work among both children and adults.



REPORT OF SECRETARY

October 8, 1918

The eighth year of the Society's existence, just closing, has, without doubt, been the most trying that it has been called on to experience. The increasing financial stringencies due to the world war, and to the innumerable calls on the philanthropies of the people, during this year, and particularly the latter part of the fiscal year, reached a point where large expenditure of cash and effort in behalf of the upbuilding of the Society brought smaller results than we have ever known, while losses from resignations and delinquencies (in part due to departure for military service) have tended to increase. With no decrease in the general cost of maintaining our work, with the necessity of increased effort and consequent expenditure to offset membership and financial losses, with an advance in cost of postage and printing, two prime items in our expenditures, increase in rent and in most of the minor essentials, the Society at this time, in place of the gratifying balance shown at the close of the last fiscal year faces practically a deficit, and must either secure a greater measure of public support or cease its activities until such time as such support can be had. This would withdraw the state centre of stimulus to bird protection and encouragement at just the time when it is of greatest local and national. importance, and would open the door to enactment of retrograde legislation such as the Society has had to combat yearly, which might be impossible of repeal for years, and the evil effects of which might easily continue for a much greater period.

This is by no means the first time, in its comparatively brief career, that the Society has faced a critical period, nor is it the most serious experience. While the executive management has used every effort to secure more satisfactory conditions, it now becomes necessary to call on the members who realize the importance of our work at all times, and the fact that it is now a war work of greatly increased importance,

to contribute extra effort to its maintenance at this juncture. Many can, if they will, secure new members from among their acquaintances and friends. The amount of the annual contribution may be increased or special contribution made to meet the present emergency. And action taken promptly, will be of double value.

The Society has, during the fiscal year, enrolled one new Patron, five Life Members, 35 Sustaining Members, 148 Members, 16 Associate Members and 4,933 Junior Members. It has lost two Patrons by death, one its first President, Mr. George Batten; one Life Member by transference to Patron; 26 Sustaining Members, 4 by death, 7 by resignation and 15 by delinquency; 97 Members, 14 by death, 31 by resignation and 52 by delinquency; 20 Associate Members, 1 by death, 19 by removal without leaving address. There is therefore a net loss of one Patron; net gain of 5 Life Members; 9 Sustaining Members; 53 Members; net loss of 4 Associate Members.

Legislation: At the behest of one of its members, the Society had prepared and introduced in the Legislature a bill (Assembly 71) placing the starling with the list of nongame birds excepted from protection. This was the only measure it introduced, but it was active on behalf of Assembly 128, extending for another three years the permanent closed season on wood ducks; Assembly 245, a cat license measure practically identical with the one sought for several years past; Assembly 246, providing a five year closed season on quail or bob-white; and against the original Assembly 14, which would have transferred moneys received from hunting licenses to the State treasury and left them open to appropriation for any purpose at the whim of Legislatures.

The greatest energy of the Society and the help of its friends in and out of the Legislature was necessary to prevent an amendment to the starling bill, taking protection off from gulls from being enacted. Our effort was successful, however, and the bill was passed in its original form. Assembly 128 also passed, but bills 245 and 246 were lost, the latter because the legislators representing the southern part of the State preferred that hunters still have the privilege of killing the bob-white rather than that the farmers should have the benefit of the services of this prince of insect and

weed seed destroyers. Assembly 14 was amended so that funds from hunting licenses should be devoted to the object of game protection and propagation.

The Society has steadily had its part in influencing Federal legislation, and joins in the general gatification over the passage of the so-called "Enabling Act," which gives force to the treaty with Canada, protecting migratory game and insectivorous birds. One of the results is the promulgation of more stringent regulations, whereby bobolinks, unprotected by State laws, will be protected in this State by Federal regulation.

Newspaper Work: This publicity work field has been better developed than heretofore. Five regular news articles have been sent to the press of the State during the past year, as follows: "Audubon Society Meeting," October 4, 1917; "An Army of Children for Conservation," November 5, 1917; "Legislation and the Birds," February 8, 1918; "Birds and War Gardens," March 14, 1918; "Audubon Work in Schools," July 17, 1918. In addition to these general articles, six special articles were published, as follows: "Help Save Bird Friends," an appeal for public support on the editorial page of the Newark Evening News, September 25, 1917 (not mentioned in last year's report); "Through the Audubon Societies, Americans are Learning How to Utilize Birds in War Work" (illustrated, and dealing with the work in the schools), Newark Evening News, December 3, 1917; "Birds and 1918 Crops," editorial page appeal for support, Newark Evening News, January 31, 1918; "Even the Birds Can Do Their Part in Winning the World War" (illustrated, special feature), Newark Star-Eagle, February 9, 1918; "Protect Birds to Conserve Food," Newark Sunday Call, May 19, 1918; "Pussy's Knell Has Sounded; Her Doom Urged by Men and Women of New Jersey Audubon Society" (original title "Cats and the Audubon Society," a very moderate exposition of the Society's position favoring legal restriction of cats), Newark Sunday Ledger, July 14, 1918. The regular articles continue to have increased use by the press; the special articles have largely been feature items, and publicity results for the year have been very satisfactory.

The Bulletin: Regular issuance of the Bulletin at two months intervals, six issues during the year, has been main-

tained, despite increasing expense. The Bulletin is our means of communication among our members and its suspension would mean a serious curtailment of our functions, just as an increased size and attractiveness, made possible by increased support, would mean a notable contribution to the effectiveness of our work.

Mr. Henry Oldys, formerly of the Bureau of Biological Survey, United States Department of Agriculture, and representing the Federal Food Administration gave a lecture at the public session of the Annual Meeting of the Society in Newark on "Birds and Food Shortage," which was enioved by a good audience. Lectures have been given by the Secretary as follows. Marlton, Farmers' Institute, December 11, attendance about 100; Miss Craven's School, Newark, for the teachers and pupils, January 7; Girls' Vocational School, Newark, February 6, to Superintendents, Supervisors and Principals, a ten minute address on our work in the schools; Freehold, High School Auditorium. March 9, Monmouth County Y. M. C. A., Second Annual Farm Boys' Day, 100 boys present, \$5.00 contribution received: Trenton, April 4, in interest of work in schools, State Normal School, to about 100 senior students, 2.30 P. M.; Administration Building, 4.15 P. M. to about 40 nature and other teachers: Washington School, Kearny, April 10, for the School Bird Clubs and pupils; attendance 483, mainly teachers and pupils; Oceanic, April 15, Public School, thirty-minute address on building and placing bird houses, in connection with acting as one of the judges in award of prizes by Rumson Bird Club, to children building bird houses in contest; Red Bank, May 10, for Woman's Club of Red Bank, about 200 present, expenses paid by Club; Trenton, May 22, State Normal School, two addresses before biology classes, total attendance about 200; Sergeantsville, July 24, general audience of about 50, \$5.50 contributed; Camden, August 30, group meeting of rural teachers, brief address on School Bird Clubs; Hackensack, September 21, Principals' Association, 15-minute address on School Bird Clubs, about 100 present.

Bird House Contests: There has been a most gratifying development of bird house building and placing contests under various auspices within the past year or so. The contest held by the Rumson Bird Club has aleady been alluded to. The firm of L. S. Plaut & Co. of Newark, held the second annual bird house contest on April 9 last, your Secretary

acting as one of the three judges in deciding awards. One of the immediate developments from this was the enrollment of the firm of L. S. Plaut & Co. as a Life Member of this Society. The popularizing of bird house building and placing is a hopeful sign of the times.

School Bird Clubs: It will be recalled that up to the time of our last Annual Report, this Society had been cooperating with the National Association of Audubon Societies in the organization of lumor Audubon Classes in the schools. On that occasion it was possible to report the greatest results vet achieved in this work in New Jersey.—579 Classes organized, with a total membership of 14,382. In our November issue of the Bulletin, it was explained how the canceling by the National Association of Audubon Societies of the arrangement of co-operation had forced this Society to either abandon the highly important school work, or undertake it on an independent basis, involving an added \$1,500 of expense over what we had previously expended for such work. Leaflets, colored plates and outlines had to be prepared, which was accomplished and an adequate stock secured. School Bird Clubs were substituted for Junior Audubon Classes. results secured, 373 Clubs, with a total membership of 8,419 compared not unfavorably with the initial year of Junior Audubon Class work, 1911-12, when 411 Classes, with a total membership of 8,910 were secured. It also compares well with 174 Junior Audubon Classes, 4,885 members, reported for the past year by the National Association of Audubon Societies. It is to be regretted that a greater amount of public support for this as for other phases of the Society's work has not been forthcoming, since, unless conditions in this respect very greatly improve this work, which should be one of our most important endeavors, will have to be abandoned.

As proving that interest and enthusiasm among teachers and pupils remains unabated in the work, we submit a few sample extracts from the many letters received from teachers:

"The members of the St. Cloud School (West Orange) Bird Club are having a great treat and I thought it might be of interest to you to hear of it. A pair of cardinals have elected to spend the winter in the woods at no great distance from our school. They fly about very near the road and are seen almost every day by some of the children. Several of the children have had the honor of feeding them in their yards.

"I saw them for the first time about a week ago and shall never forget the beauty of the male against the snow. It was my first sight of an uncaged cardinal.

"We have had many chickadees at our feeding trays this winter and at present the children find great pleasure in watching a downy woodpecker eat the suet placed on a tree very near one of our school windows." Blanche G. Smith, St. Cloud, West Orange, N. J.

"I have always been exceedingly glad to have my boys and girls form a Bird Club and I am more than glad this year as the collection is an unusually interesting one and the pictures are more artistic than ever before.

"The children are very enthusiastic and children in a large city need some such stimulus as your leaflets and pictures to arouse their interest in the birds. It seems a pity that more people cannot be led to get into their lives that wonderfully beautiful influence for good, love for, and an intelligent knowledge of the birds.

"Much success and joy to you in your work." Sue E. Garis, East Orange, N. J.

"The children are greatly interested in the leaflets and especially like to color the pictures." Emilie A. Rogers, Delanco, N. J.

"The children are very enthusiastic about and have gained much knowledge by the use of the Study Leaflets. My Guide, for which I thank you, is very helpful. I am enclosing 90c for dues for nine new members to our class Club. Will you send the printed matter as soon as possible?" Frances B. Shaw, Westfield, N. J.

"I am enclosing a check for eighty cents. I would like two of the small books—New Jersey Bird Guides. I have offered one for the best house made by any of my pupils—mostly seven or eight years of age. The other book is for the best bird house brought in, made by a big brother or father. I will send you a picture of the children with their houses.

"One of the most attractive made by an older brother is of small birch boughs with a green shingled roof.

"I expect to form my bird club in a very few days.

"I also have the bank and I hope to fill it this spring, having bird walks. I have a Camp Fire, and I am sure the girls will help me." Fanny Leigh Beckwith, Plainfield, N. J.

"The children who have received the leaflets are delighted with them. Over 50% of my class belong and I hope to increase the number." Elsie T Johnson, Hightstown, N. J.

It may be well to commend to the attention of the members of the Society, as well as to the general public of New Jersey the fact that these are the times when it is most vital that bird forces be protected, increased and utilized to the fullest extent, that these are also the times when it is most difficult to secure adequate support for this cause. It follows that need for expenditures in other directions does not constitute an adequate reason for abandoning pre-war support of the Audubon Society, and that such abandonment will prove disastrous at a time when the work of the Society can least be spared.

Regretting the unfortunate lack of financial support that has been vouchsafed the Society during the past year, and the various unsatisfactory results therefrom, yet feeling assured that the people of the State will not permit a work such as ours to cease at the moment of greatest need for it, your Secretary feels that he can do no more than repeat the closing words of his last year's report, that he "pledges to the Society the best that is in him, which is all that he asks from any fellow member."

B. S. Bowdish, Secretary.

REPORT OF RIDGEWOOD AUDUBON SOCIETY

The Ridgewood Branch reports continued interest among the school children in the Occupied Birdhouse contest carried on during the past four years.

Forty-four new houses were occupied the past season, and a larger percentage of girls took part in the work than ever before. In prizes seven copies of F. M. Chapman's Travels of Birds were awarded, fifteen Guides to the Birds of New Jersey, and to the rest the cash prize of fifty cents, many of the children using the money for the purchase of Thrift Stamps.

The birds housed were bluebirds, wrens and chickadees.

In feeding winter birds the Society found it could reduce the expense these war times by investing in fifty pound quantities of bird seed, the members then dividing the amount according to the size of each one's bird counter. One hundred and fifty pounds were bought in this way, and part was donated to a feeding counter at one of the schools.

As the plan worked well, an earlier start was made this fall, and six hundred pounds of sunflower, hemp, young chick feed and scratch food were bought at wholesale rates and distributed among the members and a few outside bird lovers, at cost price, so the bird larders are full and winter will find feeding tables ready spread and the birds fortified for cold weather.

LILY M. ORNE, Secretary.

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Waggoner, Mrs. Florence H.
Wahlstad, Miss Elsie, M.
Waller, Miss Helen D.
Waltman, Miss Cora B.
Washer, Miss May
Weed, Miss Helen St. John
Weick, Miss Carrie R.
Wells, Mrs. William C.
Williams, Miss Adele
Williams, Miss Adele
Williams, Miss Evelyn
Winans, Seymour G.
Wolf, Miss Evelyn
Winans, Seymour G.
Woodhull, Miss Julia B.
Wright, Miss Genevieve
Wynn, Miss Abbie C.
Yarrow, Miss Edith M.

OBJECTS

- (1) To encourage the study of birds, especially to the end that their economic value to man shall be understood and appreciated and to use all lawful means for the protection of wild bird and animal life.
- (2) To discourage in all ways the traffic in plumage of wild birds for millinery or decorative purposes.
- (3) To discourage the destruction of wild birds and their nests and eggs, and
- (4) To labor for the accomplishment of these ends, especially in the State of New Jersey.

MEMBERSHIP

Any person shall be eligible for membership who is in sympathy with the objects of the Society. There shall be six classes of members, who shall be known as Patrons, Life Members, Sustaining Members, Members, Associate Members and Junior Members.

Any person may become a patron on payment of one hundred dollars at one time.

Any person may become a life member on payment of fifty dollars at one time.

Sustaining members shall pay an annual fee of five dollars.

Members shall pay an annual fee of one dollar.

Associate members shall be teachers who are willing to use their influence with their pupils and others to advance the cause of bird protection, and shall not be subject to a fee.

Junior Members shall consist of persons under the age of eighteen years, and shall pay an annual fee of ten cents. They shall be entitled to have an Audubon button, but shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Society, nor to receive notice of the meetings.

Patrons, Life Members and Sustaining Members receive the magazine Bird-Lore free and are entitled to one free copy of the "Guide to the Birds of New Jersey."

Members are entitled to one free copy of the "Guide to the Birds of New Jersey."

Junior Members receive a Goldfinch Audubon button free.

All members are entitled to subscribe to Bird-Lore through the Society at \$1.20 per year and to purchase any number of copies of the "Guide to the Birds of New Jersey," at forty cents per copy.

Correspondence with the Secretary regarding pertinent matters is invited from members and others:

GUIDE TO THE BIRDS OF NEW JERSEY

The New Jersey Audubon Society announces the publication of a New Jersey Bird Guide, by Beecher S. Bowdish and Chester A. Reed.

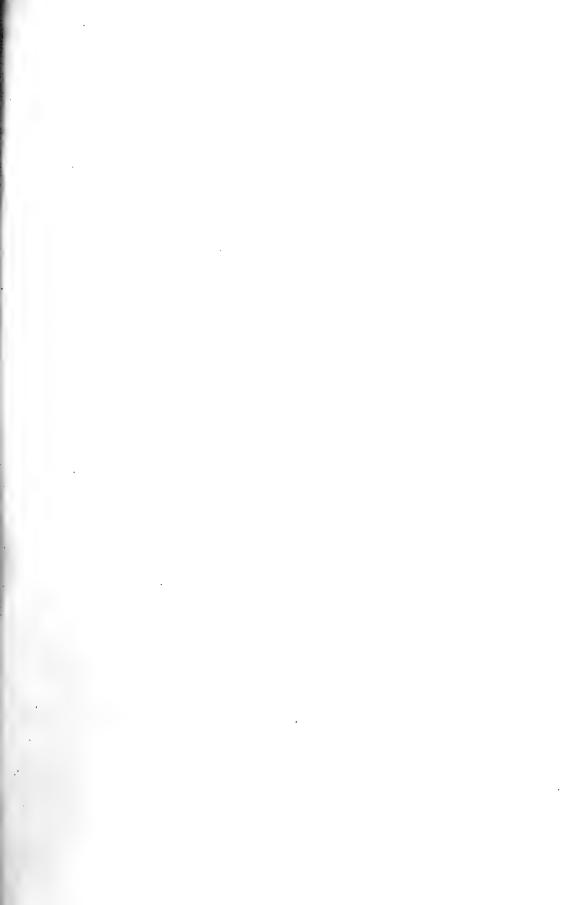
This little volume is designed by the Society to serve as a pocket guide to the birds of the State and to assist students in learning to recognize them.

It contains 188 pages, enumerates all species of birds known to have occurred in the State, and includes Colored Plates of 64 of them. One free copy is furnished to each Patron, Life Member, Sustaining Member and Member. Members and the trade may purchase copies at forty cents each.

Price, Sixty Cents.

Orders may be sent to New Jersey Audubon Society, 164 Market Street, Newark, N. J.







NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

NEW JERSEY AUDUBON SOCIETY

(INCORPORATED)

OCTOBER 14, 1919



A FAITHTUL MOTHER—BLACK AND WHITE WARBLER



¶ During the year past, the first of the reconstruction period, and as difficult for such an organization as any of the hard war years,

NEW JERSEY AUDUBON SOCIETY

HAS SECURED A NET GAIN OF THREE PATRONS,
TWO LIFE MEMBERS, THIRTY-EIGHT SUSTAINING
MEMBERS AND EIGHTY-FOUR MEMBERS: ACCOMPLISHED MUCH ALONG THE LINES OF
ITS LEGITIMATE OBJECTS, IN SPITE OF
TOTALLY INADEQUATE FUNDS, AND
DEVELOPED IN ALL RESPECTS.

¶ Developed its educational influence through Press, Lectures, work in the Schools and correspondence.

¶ With a 50% shortage in material, due to lack of funds, organized 315 School Bird Clubs, with a total membership of 4,953 school children members.

¶ Received in membership fees and contributions, including balance from last year, \$5,500; expended over \$4,100 where several times that amount was urgently needed, and developed a balance to carry into the new year of over \$1,300.

NEW JERSEY AUDUBON SOCIETY

Organized and Incorporated December 15, 1912

OFFICERS

President, J. DRYDEN KUSER, Bernardsville.

Vice-President, W. DeW. Miller, Am. Mus. of Nat. Hist., New York City.

Secretary and Treasurer, Beecher S. Bowdish, Demarest.

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NEW JERSEY AUDUBON SOCIETY

REPORT OF TREASURER

October 10, 1919

RECEIPTS

Balance in Treasury, Oct. 8, 1918\$	68.78
Dues and Contributions	5,403.71
Sale of Guide to the Birds of New Jersey	23.80
Subscriptions to Bird-Lore	12.30
Sale of Bulletin	2.40
Sale of Leaflets	3.00
Sale of "Bird Playmates"	2.83

\$5,516.82

DISBURSEMENTS

Salary of Secretary-Treasurer\$	1,625.00
Salary of Assistant	624.00
Stationery and Printing (including Annual Report)	408.40
Rent of Office	396.00
Postage	548.50
Bird-Lore for Sustaining Members and Subscribers	175.80
Printing Bulletin	69.15
Multigraph Work	49.94

Telephone	53. 77	
Telegrams	.94	
Express	4.54	
Traveling expenses	28.45	
Expenses of Eighth and Ninth Annual Meetings	61.10	
Addressograph stencils	8.67	
Legislative service and Manual	13.25	
Office equipment and supplies	78.24	
"Bird Playmates"	2.07	
Books	2.56	
Labor	2.00	
Notary Fees	.75	
		\$4,153.13
Balance in treasury, Oct. 10, 1919		\$ 1,363.69

ACCOUNT WITH COLONEL A. R. KUSER FOR PUBLICATION OF GUIDE TO THE BIRDS OF NEW JERSEY

As carried over without change from close of last fiscal year, October 8, 1918:

Balance due on loan, October 14, 1919.....\$ 275.20

BEECHER S. BOWDISH,

Treasurer.

We have examined the report of the Treasurer and find it correct.

P. B. Philipp, Chairman,

Charles H. Rogers,

Auditing Committee.

THE PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD

To the Members of the New Jersey Audubon Society:
Several years ago the State Audubon work in New Jersey reached so low a point as to be practically negligible. The present Society was then formed. It has been well supported and has attained a membership of over 1,700 interested persons of the State (exclusive of Junior Members). With their help it has organized and maintained an active and intelligent work among the school children in the different counties; it has guided, to a large extent, proper measures in the Legislature, and it has served as a center for all bird work in New Jersey.

We met last year with two serious difficulties. First, it became impossible, for financial reasons, for the National Association of Audubon Societies to continue to supply us with material with which to conduct the school work in New Jersey (leaflets, buttons, etc.). The Association was able to take care of some of the school clubs directly, however, and we made an attempt to support the rest with the best material which we were able to secure for ourselves. But our funds became insufficient, and we were forced to abandon our independent work during the spring of 1919.

The second problem was the inadequacy of the existing scheme of financing. Affairs reached a climax in August, when there was an insufficient amount in the treasury to meet outstanding liabilities. The crisis was temporarily overcome by an urgent appeal and a generous response from our members. But it was made clear that some radical reform would have to be made if the Society were to continue its work. The necessity for an increased regular income is due to the enormous increase in prices. These two vital problems presented themselves to us at our Ninth Annual Meeting, at which time I was elected President. We are glad to be able to report to our members that the difficulties of both situations have been surmounted. A plan is being carried out to secure, in addition to the dues of the two regular classes of \$5 and \$1 members,

annual contributions of amounts of \$100, \$50, \$25, \$10, \$5 and \$2. Our plan appears at this writing to have every chance of the hoped for success.

In regard to the school work, it is now possible, due to our new plan for securing an increased income, to again coöperate with the National Association of Audubon Societies. The Association will assume the principal expense of the work and we a minor share. The Association has turned over to us the entire work in the schools of New Jersey, and with their materials we shall be able to carry on the work extensively. The New Jersey Audubon Society is practically the only State Society which is in a position to thus take over for the National Association the conducting of the Junior work in its State.

We now stand on a firm foundation from which to conduct the work that we have assumed since our organization. As to how much more we can undertake, that depends on how well you, members of the New Jersey Audubon Society, will aid us in subscribing to our new plan for contributors and in interesting others to do likewise. The field before us is unending, and our activities limited only by our means. Let us hope the new year will bring to us this means to a greater degree than we dare expect.

J. Dryden Kuser,

President.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

October 14, 1919

Looking back over the ninth year of the Society's existence, now closing, one recalls with increased emphasis what was said in the last report of the preceding year—that it had, without doubt, been the most trying that the Society had been called on to experience. Economy and retrenchment, so pronounced during the last war years, have been even more accentuated during the greater part of the past fiscal year. No form of presentation of the cause of bird protection, whether the economic or esthetic viewpoint be emphasized, seemed longer potent to interest possible new members or even to hold many members of some years' standing, as the pinch of increasing unsettled financial conditions became more generally felt.

Early in the year supplies for school work were exhausted and there were no funds to provide new ones, despite the several campaigns to secure such funds. The edition of the "Guide to the Birds of New Jersey" dwindled slowly to exhaustion and no possible provision for a new edition presented itself. Working funds were reduced to such a low figure that the Treasurer personally carried accounts for the Society temporarily, while economies merged more and more into suspension of various important activities. By August the Society executive faced a situation of liabilities greater than funds on hand, the lean months of the remainder of the calendar year holding forth no relief, and an apparent apathy of members and public alike indicating no gleam of light in the uniform gloom.

It seemed, indeed, that the time had come to put the question squarely to the membership as to whether organized effort to conserve the State's valuable asset, its wild bird life, was to cease, the New Jersey Audubon Society to be disbanded, and the inevitable succeeding retrograde conditions invited. Accordingly, the statement to members of conditions and the necessity of either discontinuing the Society or providing financial means for its continuance, of August 22d, with which the members are familiar, was sent out. At the same time the general public, also, was acquainted through the press with

conditions. Members have already been advised, too, of the immediate results of that statement. As reported with the notice of this Ninth Annual Meeting, 164 members and friends contributed amounts ranging from \$1.00 to \$100.00, totaling \$1,527.00, and since the notice was mailed these figures have been increased to 193 contributors and a total of \$1,676.00. With these contributions came encouraging messages of such tone, emphasized by the contributions, as to constitute a vigorous negative to the question of discontinuing the Society and abandoning bird protection. The press cooperated generously, in some instances remarkably, and there was evidence of public interest. Some of the encouraging messages were so significant that the following quotations therefrom seem justified, no names being included, as they have not been authorized by the authors:

"I give you herewith my most emphatic vote for the continuance of the Audubon Society. Certainly the people of New Jersey can not be so blind to their own interests as to let it go out of existence."

"I think it would be a dreadful thing—a disaster—if the Audubon Society should go out of existence. I wish I had a fortune, that I might support it better than I do."

"I think it would be a great misfortune to have the New Jersey Audubon Society go out of business. I enclose a small check and hope all goes well."

"That the New Jersey Audubon Society is imperilled makes me very sorry. I hope that some of the plans suggested may be carried out. I should think that anybody who loves birds well enough to become a member would be willing to pay double for dues—we pay double for almost everything else. I feel special interest in the mourning dove. I know a place where their exquisite notes are heard all summer long among the foliage. They are one of the last bits of poetry left. May they be spared."

"Yours of August 22d received. In reply I wish to say that I most earnestly hope that the New Jersey Audubon Society will be able to continue its excellent and humane work of saving our wild birds. Inclosed please find small check towards maintenance of the Society."

"In reply to your letter of August 22d, I am sure that even the most inactive 'honorary members' would regard with deep regret the loss of the Audubon Society to the State, and I send the enclosed check for five dollars as a vote to maintain the New Jersey Audubon Society. Sincerely hoping that its funds and its influence may greatly increase."

"Am enclosing herewith check for \$5.00 with the hope that you will receive the required help, as I should regret very much to see the New Jersey Audubon Society obliged to go out of existence. Am sorry I am not in a position to help to a greater extent, as I feel that the work of bird preservation is of great value to us all."

"I am supposed to copy a letter my husband wrote you in answer to your earnest appeal in behalf of our feathered friends. However, as I can not find the original, and realizing the necessity for absolute haste in this matter, I shall beg you in a few brief words of my own to please keep up the fight. Let us not despair, for as your letter has stirred us, so must it also strongly appeal to every other bird lover and member, and it is my earnest hope that through this and your special effort we will be the stronger in numbers and action after the danger has been averted. I shall promise to get at least twenty new members within a short time, also to stir up some old ones, and herewith deny myself some necessity in order to send you enclosed check for \$10.00."

"Indeed I vote strongly to have the Society continue its good work, and while I can not conveniently enclose my check for \$25.00 to-day, I will agree to send it to you before September 15th if that will meet your approval. My health will not permit me to enter into an active campaign to raise funds, but I feel strongly that the Society must go on."

"I have received your communication of the 22d inst., and feel that it will be almost a crime if the New Jersey Audubon Society should be allowed to die."

"I hope you will receive such a response to your communication as will assure the Society's continued existence. It is idle to expect any favorable action from the Legislature in the matter of bird protection unless the voters are convinced of its necessity; the New Jersey Audubon Society is the medium through which they may express their views, and it would be shameful to allow it to die."

As we have recently remarked to our members, the crisis is averted, the continued existence of the Society decreed and guaranteed, at least for the present, but the whole subject has its lessons, which we will do well to grasp and utilize. Some of our members have since been sending in new members in encouraging numbers—one as many as 19, another 27—proving that what some members have intimated and the Secretary had almost come to believe was impossible is entirely feasible. This important help and the financial results achieved point the way to the securing of results that may easily become the pride and gratification of every person who appreciates birds and their importance to man.

In considering the value of the press to such a cause as ours and the generous cooperation of the press of New Jersey which is steadily increasing, it is well worth while to note that the first contribution received in response to the statement of August 22d was a check for \$25,00 from a Sustaining Member who, being a newspaper man, published a most helpful appeal in our behalf in his paper, one of the most influential and widely read in the State. In Ridgewood, from whence has come such abundant and substantial support for our work, the editor and owner of the Ridgewood Herald took up our cause in the most energetic manner, started a fund with \$10.00, and with a series of strong appeals built it up to \$115.00. The editor of the Elmer Times, too, who has always been most willing to give publicity and cooperation to our efforts, published several appeals and himself became a Sustaining Member

The Society has during the fiscal year enrolled 3 new Patrons, 3 Life Members, 60 Sustaining Members, 230 Members, 7 Associate Members, and 5,001 Junior Members. It has lost one Life Member by transference to Patron: 5 Sustaining Members by death, 12 by resignation, 5 by delinquency; 8 Members by death, 32 by resignation, 106 by delinquency; 2 Associate Members by death, 19 removed and left no address. There is, therefore, a net gain of 3 Patrons, 2 Life Members, 38 Sustaining Members, 84 Members; a net loss of 14 Associate Members. The greatest losses came prior to August 22d; the most rapid gains since that date. The net loss of Associate Members doubtless resulted largely through the enforced suspension of work in the schools.

Legislation: Three bills were introduced on behalf of the Society in the New Jersey Legislature: Assembly Bill 111, providing for the removal of the bobolink from the game bird class to that of song and insectivorous birds with a permanent closed season; Assembly Bill 177, providing for the licensing of cats; Assembly Bill 203, providing a three-year closed season on the ruffed grouse. Assembly Bill 115, providing for a three-year closed season on the bob-white, while not originated by the Society, received the same support from it as its own measures. Unfortunately, conditions in the Legislature were even more unfavorable than has been the case in recent prior years, and these measures with much other progressive legislation received no effective consideration.

Newspaper Work: Just as much of the Society's greatest effort had to be concentrated on maintaining its existence, so the greater part of its publicity work had to be devoted to calling attention to the critical need for more adequate public support. A number of general articles along this line were sent to the press of the State, as well as special articles to the more prominent and widely circulated papers. The membership of the Society is steadily including a growing number of newspaper men, and the increasing cordiality of co-operation should be a very important aid in our efforts.

The Bulletin: With the increasing cost of publication and the dwindling financial support, it became impossible to maintain the regular issuance at two month intervals of the Bulletin, as has heretofore been our aim. It has been possible to get out but one issue, Number 28, January 1, 1919, during the fiscal year. This is one of the most unfortunate results of inadequate funds, since the Bulletin constituted the natural medium of communication between Society headquarters and members. It is greatly to be hoped—in fact, it is essential to the real success of our work—that this deficiency should be made good.

Lectures: In the absence of funds to provide another speaker, the Secretary gave a brief illustrated address on "Our Wild Birds and Their Place in the War" at the public session of the Eighth Annual Meeting of the Society, in the Public Library, Newark, October 8, 1918. Additional lectures by the Secretary during the year have been as follows: Allentown, N. J., Farmers' Institute, December 14, 1918, expenses paid and \$10.00 contributed; Branchville, N. J., Farmers' Institute, November 19, 1918, expenses paid and \$10.00 contributed;

Ridgewood, N. J., Ridgewood Section, Bergen County Sportsmen's Fish and Game Protective Association and general public. February 14, 1919, attendance about 100; Rutherford, N. J., Benefit of Camp Fire Girls and New Jersey Audubon Society, February 24, 1919, attendance about 150. \$12.00 received: Newark, N. J., Madison School, February 28, 1919, for benefit of pupils of school, by request of science teacher; High Bridge, N. J., Junior Y. M. C. A. and bird house contest, April 9, 1919. also acting as judge in contest, about 100 present, expenses paid; Hackensack, N. J., School No. 4, April 11, 1919, for pupils and teachers, about 400 present, \$2.00 contributed; Atlantic Highlands, N. J., Community Club Bird Day, May 9. 1919, also acting as judge in contest, about 200 present, \$5.00 contributed; Newark, N. J., Chiacong Tribe, Woodcraft League, May 14, 1919, twenty-minute talk on "Birds"; Hackensack, N. J., State Street School, May 15, 1919, for teachers and pupils, about 700 present, \$2.00 contributed; High Bridge, N. J., Y. M. C. A. Boys' Camp, Camp Taylor, July 24, 1919, about 70 boys, leaders and directors present. The following morning at 5 o'clock the Secretary took a party of leaders for a bird walk and advice in taking parties of boys for bird walks.

Bird House Contests: In addition to the contests mentioned in connection with lectures, the firm of L. S. Plaut & Co. held its third annual bird house contest April 21, 1919, your Secretary again acting as one of the judges, and on his recommendation our fellow member, Mr. Walter Fox Allen, acting as another. The contest was a very successful one, developing great variety, ingenuity and skill in the entries of contestants. These contests serve a highly useful purpose in stimulating the making and use of bird houses.

School Bird Clubs: As has already been mentioned, the Society was without funds to provide new material for this year's school work. The school term was commenced with a meager balance of leaflets left from the successful work of the previous year, and despite the handicap that many of the children had already had these leaflets, 315 School Bird Clubs were organized, with a total membership of 4,953, before exhaustion of leaflet balance compelled the discontinuance of the work. Thereafter many teachers reporting Clubs organized had to be disappointed, as well as their eager pupils, and there was every indication that the year would have been a banner one in this work had we had the means to actively

continue it. At least \$2,000 must be in hand, over the regular working fund, to provide supplies for a year's school work, and this important feature of the Society's regular activities remains suspended for lack of funds.

Other Activities: Your Secretary was able, on behalf of the Society, to obtain and transmit to Government officers important information concerning carrier pigeons, the Society thereby adding this service to that of bird protection in New Jersey as its contribution to the winning of the war. Your Secretary also prepared, by request, a lecture in triplicate, entitled "Birds as Friends of Man," which was accompanied by three series of lantern slides prepared from negatives loaned by your Secretary, for Y. M. C. A. use among the overseas forces.

Your Secretary has accepted appointment as a "Member of the Merit Badge Court of Honor" for the Newark Council of the Boy Scouts of America, whereby he acts as examiner of applicants for merit badge in bird study. The Society is thus able to contribute to the furthering of the work of that splendid organization.

Once again it appears that we have had proof that "it is darkest ere dawn." Having safely emerged from the crisis that most gravely threatened the continued existence of the Socity, through an apparent awakening of individual responsibility and enthusiasm for the Society's success that had not been apparent before, let us hold the advantage of the impetus gained in the awakening, and go forward to an increase of useful achievement that is possible only through the efforts of the many individuals working as one. E pluribus unum attains its full significance only as the individuals perform every one his part.

Beecher S. Bowdish,

Secretary.

REPORT OF THE RIDGEWOOD AUDUBON SOCIETY

The Ridgewood Branch of the New Jersey Audubon Society worked quietly the past season along its usual lines—feeding many winter birds at the lunch counters; increasing the number of nest boxes about home grounds; adding to its collection of used birds' nests; reporting boys to the proper authorities when discovered using guns and sling-shots against the birds; continuing subscription to Bird-Lore for one of our school libraries; trying to help a young society start by sending an account of our eight years of struggle and slow accomplishment.

The school children were again offered prizes for occupied bird houses at their homes, and a larger number were successful the past season than usual, forty-eight boys and girls proving able protectors to sixty-six bird families, the majority being bluebirds and wrens.

LILY M. ORNE, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE NEWARK BIRD CLUB

This club was organized at the close of a lecture by Mr. Ernest Harold Baynes before The Contemporary of Newark, January 7, 1919, with Mrs. George Frederick King as President, who was later succeeded by Miss Agnes Vintor Luther. The original membership of fourteen has increased to fifty, with prospect of double that number by the date of the first annual meeting.

A center of Junior work was formed at Miss Craven's school by Miss Helen Woolson, with a membership of fifty. It is the intention of the club to form many such Junior centers in active coöperation with the New Jersey Audubon Society.

Among summer activities may be mentioned: A program meeting at the home of Miss Emma L. Richards, including an illustrated lecture by Prof. O. P. Medsger; two field trips in Branch Brook Park, permission for bird study there having been granted by the Essex County Park Commission; in June

a trip to Essex Fells, with a hike through the new Grover Cleveland (county) Park, giving the Club a record of twenty species of birds observed; October 4th, a trip to Verona Lake, with a record of twenty-four varieties of birds observed. After each such trip the President exhibits pictures of all birds observed.

Our present big enterprise is an effort to establish observance of a Bird Sunday in the churches, which we hope will be a means of awakening a city-wide interest in birds. Lectures, exhibitions, field trips are planned, arranging of feeding stations, placing of bird houses in parks and mapping of bird localities are under way, all looking to establishing of many bird sanctuaries.

The Club is closely affiliated with the New Jersey Audubon Society (the Secretary of that Society being one of our active members and Club Advisor), and with the Meriden (N. II.) Bird Club; Mr. Baynes, founder of that club, being our only Honorary Member.

Mrs. Charles L. Haight,

Corresponding Secretary.

REPORT OF WOODSTOWN NATURALIST FIELD CLUB

The Woodstown Naturalist Field Club has taken up the study of trees, birds, and during the last year we have been doing some astronomical work, learning the first magnitude stars, the constellations and their positions; also the mythology connected with each.

Perhaps it would be of interest to say that a flock of horned larks, which we thought were unusual to this section, were noted February 3, 1918, and a white robin, March 15, 1918, the robin returning this year.

MARY T. HUNT, Secretary.

MEMBERS OF THE NEW JERSEY AUDUBON SOCIETY

(In this list are included new members up to October 24, 1919)

PATRONS

Anonymous
Goetz, Mrs. Otto
Kuser, Anthony R.
Kuser, Mrs. Anthony R.
Kuser, Miss Cynthia Genevieve

Kuser, J. Dryden Nichols, John Treadwell Pyne, M. Taylor Tucker, Mrs. Carll

LIFE MEMBERS

Allen, Miss Mary Pierson
Barrows, Ira
Batten, George, Jr.
Beebe, C. William
Behr, Max H.
Byrd, William
Evans, William B.
Guenther, Paul
Horsfall, Robert Bruce
Horsfall, Mrs. Robert Bruce
Jarvie, James N.
McClymonds, Mrs. Louis K.
McKim, Leroy
Metcalf, Manton B.

Newberry, W. F.
Olden, Miss Sarah E.
Phelps, John J.
Plaut, L. S. & Co.
Pyne, Mrs. M. Taylor
Roebling, Mrs. John
Savin, William M.
Schley, Grant B., Jr.
Schley, Kenneth B.
Taylor, Mrs. John
van Dyke, Henry
Ward, Marcus L.
Williams, H. W.

SUSTAINING MEMBERS

Abbott, Mrs. Justin E. Achelis, Miss Elizabeth Achelis, Fritz Allen, Miss Gertrude Allsopp, Albert E. Allsopp, Henry Atha, Benjamin Austin, Francis B. Ayres, Miss Edith Baker, Frederick A. C. Baldwin, A. H. Ballantine, Mrs. R. F. Bamberger, Louis Barnes, Mrs. E. M. Barnett, James G. Barstow, Mrs. F. Q. Barton, F. C. Battie, W. W.

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- (2) To discourage in all ways the traffic in plumage of wild birds for millinery or decorative purposes.
- (3) To discourage the destruction of wild birds and their nests and eggs; and
- (4) To labor for the accomplishment of these ends, especially in the State of New Jersey.

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