

Bird Club Notes

SINCE its organization in 1890, the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club has published an Abstract of its Proceedings, comprising four pamphlets: I, 1890-91; II, 1892-97, III, 1898-99; IV, 1900. These were intended for distribution among the members and their friends.

With the growth of the interest in local ornithology and the increasing activity of the Club, it seems desirable to issue the more important local papers which are presented at its meetings in full, and to add such observations on migration, etc., as shall make our publication an annual resumé of local ornithology. As it is important for both birds and bird journals to have distinctive names, we have adopted one for our annual which is eminently local and at the same time is a slight tribute to one of America's greatest ornithologists. For the cover design of "CASSINIA" we are indebted to our Associate member Mr. Alfred Morton Githens, while the portrait of Cassin is from a photograph presented to the Academy of Natural Sciences by Miss Lucy H. Baird, formerly the property of her father, Prof. Spencer F. Baird.

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During the year the Club has held sixteen regular meetings, with an average attendance of twenty-one. Forty-eight members have been present at one or more meetings.

A program of Saturday field trips was planned for the spring, but was greatly interfered with by the unusually stormy weather.

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On December 7, 1900, there was organized in Philadelphia the Spencer F. Baird Ornithological Club, composed entirely of women, most of them Associates of the A. O. U. The Club has

held regular meetings during the past year—except the summer months—at which many original papers were presented. Addresses have also been delivered before the Club, on special invitation, by Dr Charles C. Abbott, Mr H. C. Oberholser, Mr. A. Radclyffe Dugmore and Mr. Witmer Stone.

The officers for the ensuing year are President, Miss Elizabeth Wilson Fisher; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Mary Parker Nicholson, Corresponding Secretary, Mrs Edw. Robins

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The Pennsylvania Audubon Society has been doing excellent work in the interest of bird protection during the year, especially on educational lines. A free traveling library on birds and nature was established, and ten sets of ten books each are now circulating among the schools of the State which have not access to large public libraries. The annual meeting was held at the Academy of Natural Sciences as usual, and Mr W. L. Baily made an address on "The Gulls and Terns of the Maine Coast," illustrated by lantern slides. The officers for 1902 are: President, Witmer Stone; Secretary, Mrs. Edward Robins; Treasurer, William L. Baily

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At the annual congress of the A. O. U., held in New York City, November, 1901, five Delaware Valley Club men were elected to the new class of Members intermediate between the Fellows and Associates, viz, Charles J. Pennock, Samuel N. Rhoads, William L. Baily, Dr. Spence Trotter and W. E. Clyde Todd, as well as Frank L. Burns, of Berwyn, who was formerly a member of our Club. L. I. Smith, Jr., and J. A. G. Rehn were elected Associates. Mr. Baily was re-appointed a member of the Committee on Bird Protection and Mr. Stone, who resigned the chairmanship of this committee, was appointed a member of the Committee on Classification and Nomenclature.