

Bird Club Notes

THE Publication Committee of the Club will welcome papers or notes relating to the birds of Pennsylvania, New Jersey or Delaware, from any one, whether a member of the Delaware Valley Club or not. Such communications will be read at the next meeting, and if passed upon favorably by the Committee will be published in CASSINIA. While primarily the proceedings of the Club, all articles submitted to CASSINIA are given equal consideration, and choice is based entirely upon the value of the matter contained and the literary merit of the paper.

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For the portrait of Bonaparte, published in this number, we are indebted to Mr. Ruthven Deane, who kindly furnished us a photograph taken from a lithograph in his possession.

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The Club held sixteen meetings during the year, with an average attendance of twenty-four; fifty-seven members being present at one or more meetings.

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A well attended field meeting was held on May 30, at "Catoxen Cabin," a shack in the pines near Medford, New Jersey, owned by several members of the Club. The neighboring woods were thoroughly explored, and a visit paid to Bear Swamp in the pine barrens to the eastward.

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The Club was represented at the twenty-third congress of the A. O. U. in New York City, by Messrs. Baily, Pennock, Rhoads, Rogers, Stone and Wright, as well as Messrs. Holmes, Miller, Todd and Wisler of the corresponding members. The following papers were presented: "Similarity of the Birds of the

Maine Woods and the Pocono Mountains, Pa.," and "Exhibition of Lantern Slides," Wm. L. Baily; "Andreas Hessalius, Pioneer Delaware Ornithologist," C. J. Pennock; "Some Unpublished Letters of Wilson and Some Unstudied Works of Audubon," "The Probability of Error in Bird Migration Records," and "Applicability of the Mutation Theory to Birds," Witmer Stone. Mr. Stone was appointed a member of the committee to consider revision of the A. O. U. Code of Nomenclature.

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Thirty members and fourteen Corresponding members of the D. V. O. C. are members of the A. O. U. The total membership of the latter in Pennsylvania is 71 and in New Jersey 38, of these 56 are resident, within twenty-five miles of Philadelphia. For the sake of comparison it may be added that the A. O. U. has 136 members in Massachusetts, 125 in New York—70 in New York City; and 53 in the District of Columbia.

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Members of the club made a number of trips during the year especially during the summer holidays. Dr. Hughes has been moose hunting in Nova Scotia, and Dr. Trotter spent the summer there; Samuel N. Rhoads spent the early part of 1905 in Southern California and Lower California, Stewardson Brown was botanizing through August in the Bermudas and J. A. G. Rehn was catching grasshoppers in Florida. G. S. Morris, I. N. DeHaven and Guy Meyers have been shooting on the Virginia coast, and Stone and Coggins have been to Nantucket and Martha's Vinyard, respectively, while Fowler and Keim have been pursuing minnows through most of the streams of Maryland and Southeastern Pennsylvania. The birds of the various counties of Pennsylvania have been studied diligently, Stone, Hughes and Baily having been in Fulton, Morris in Sullivan, Harlow in Pike, Fowler in Cameron, Carter, Baily, Weygandt and Stone in Monroe, Rehn in Huntingdon and Brown in Fayette.