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Editorial

To the many friends and correspondents who have shown their solicitude for the editor in his long illness, the announcement is here made that the probability of complete speedy recovery is excellent. It is almost worth while being desperately ill to learn how many are ones friends!

The editor also wishes to express his gratitude to all for your patience over the delay in the appearance of the Bulletin, and delay in replying to correspondence, during the long interval.

It is with genuine satisfaction that the editor presents the first article in this double number, because it is without question the most notable paper upon field studies which has been published, and because it illustrates what the Wilson Club stands for. Studies along similar lines are possible to many of us. Are we equal to the opportunity.

Acknowledgement is here made of books, pamphlets and papers which have been received, but which must await renewed strength for review. Ornithological literature is becoming pleasantly abundant!

The editor hopes to be able to present a full report of the studies of bird movements on Pelee Island, which occupied a class of ten students the whole of August and part of September. It was expected that this report would be ready for this issue, but the unkindness of the island in presenting to him who was to correlate the facts gathered, with the germs of typhoid, prevented.

We are glad to announce that the March issue of the Bulletin will contain a paper based upon careful studies of the birds in southern Illinois, in their relation to plant associations, by Frederick C. Gates of the University of Michigan, besides other papers and notes of exceptional value and interest. We have inside information that an increasing number of persons are conducting summer studies along the line of the relations of the birds to their environment. Such studies should be written and submitted to the Bulletin for publication.

Reviews

DISTRIBUTION AND MIGRATION OF NORTH AMERICAN SHOREBIRDS."

By WELLS W. COOKE, BIOL. SURVEY BULL. No. 13.

This pamphlet contains a very thorough and painstaking compilation of ornithological data on the Shorebirds of North America. Under every species is noted the breeding and winter range, the migration range, the spring and fall migration. It is the first pamphlet that has done the numerous records to be found in the Wilson Bulletin fair justice, in great contrast to Ridgway's Birds of Middle and North America and the new A. O. U. Check List, where records in the Bulletin have been persistently ignored, in the face of the fact that all records and serious articles contain scientific names. Nevertheless, as far as Ohio is concerned, a few errors and omissions can be found, e.g. the earliest Ohio state record in the spring for *Totanus melanoleucus* is March 14, 1899, *Pisobia minutilla*, April 19, 1909, for *Bartramia longicauda*, March 21, 1902, for *Pisobia maculata*, March 24, 1909, etc. But we do not want to pick flaws, and believe that these little faults do not