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## SUPPLEMENT.

### REPORT OF THE A. O. U. COMMITTEE ON THE PROTECTION OF NORTH AMERICAN BIRDS.

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#### *Plates III-VI.*

I have considered the birds;  
And I find their life good,  
And better the better understood.—GEORGE McDONALD.

THE Scottish poet struck the keynote of bird protection when he said, the more we study the life of birds the better we understand them, and he intimates that it is impossible to find anything that is not good in bird life.

Nearly a score of years since one of the Fellows of our Society, the late George B. Sennett, first called the attention of ornithologists to the rapid disappearance of our non-game birds, especially the water birds, owing to their use as millinery ornaments, this fashion having then assumed alarming proportions.

As the result of his alarm note, the original A. O. U. Bird Protection Committee was organized in 1886 and much good work was accomplished; later a National Audubon Society was organized and managed by 'Forest and Stream,' until it outgrew its promoters, or the fashion of wearing the plumage of wild birds seemed to decline, when the Audubon Society and the A. O. U. Protection Committee ceased to exist, except in name. It was hoped that the reform was a permanent one, but a few years later the fashion revived to a greater extent than ever before. Coincident with this revival a few local or State Audubon societies were organized, and have since been doing splendid aggressive work. They are confined, however, exclusively to localities where the most active ornithological work has been done, notably, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania and Illinois. Necessarily the work of these societies is local, and it was not until another ornithologist, Mr. Abbott H. Thayer, appealed to the bird-loving pub-

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