

an active interest in birds and their study to send in their names and addresses to Mr. A. G. Kingston, 241 Nicholas St., so that our section would become larger and more efficient, and so that our meetings could be held with greater regularity, which is now precluded by the preoccupation of other duties on the part of its members.

Then, we would urge all members of the Field Naturalists' Club to look upon themselves as protectors of birds at all times and wherever they are. Let them hinder wanton destruction of bird life whenever a chance offers, and instill into others, especially children, a sympathetic interest in birds, which, in the end, is the best safeguard of birds.

At the same time other enemies of birds must be kept in check. According to systematic investigations of the Massachusetts Board of Agriculture, the domestic cat is one of the worst foes of birds. The cat should, therefore, be kept in the house, especially in the outlying portions of the city and on the farm, particularly at the nesting time, and if a cat is found to have acquired the habit of killing birds, the best remedy is to forever put the cat out of harm's way. In Germany some cities, having many parks, have during several years past employed regular cat-catchers, who manage to take in from 10 to 15,000 cats in one city. These are then so dealt with that they can no longer kill birds. A good precedent to follow.

Much can also be done in the way of protecting and increasing the numbers of birds by people having gardens, or farms, or at least a number of trees around their houses, by putting up nesting boxes. These should be made so as to be acceptable to wrens, bluebirds, swallows, etc. They should be made accessible to people, so that the nests of the house sparrow can from time to time be destroyed.

Let us do all we can to protect the birds, these useful and beautiful helpers of man in the economy of nature, and to increase their numbers.

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