

The points for discussion I want to raise are:—

1st. Can we not destroy large quantities of insect life by birds?

2nd. Can we not create insect food for pushing growth in our young poultry?

3rd. What are the varieties of domestic or wild birds, the best to meet the attacks of certain insects?

SILLERY.

Quebec, 1st November, 1870.

EXHIBITION PENS.

SIR,—In your October number, received to-day, you mention my name in connection with exhibition pens, which, I perceive, are those originally prepared for the (Ontario Poultry) Society. I think those designed by me just before I left Toronto are preferable, although the principle is the same. The last, when constructed, vary a little, but on the whole they will be found more economical and useful to societies.

F. C. HASSARD.

Curragh Camp, Kildare, Ireland,)
12th October, 1870. }

POULTRY SOCIETIES.

CONNECTICUT STATE POULTRY SOCIETY.—The second annual exhibition, under the auspices of the above society, was held on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd November, at Hartford, and was largely attended. The display of poultry and pigeons was exceedingly good, and did not fail to attract the attention of the amateur and fancier. The game class was well represented, the President of the society, S. J. Bestor, Esq., carrying off a lion's share of the prizes; in other classes also he was very successful. In the Dark Brahma class, Mr. Geo. E. Cleeton took first prize, and for his exhibition coop was awarded similar merit. Amongst the names of the exhibitors and prize-takers we recognize the names of many well-known fanciers from other

states, thus showing that the interest in the exhibition was of a general character.

The opening address was delivered by Ex-Governor Marshal Jewell, from which we make the following extract: "I have been surprised, as a member of the State Board of Agriculture, to find how little attention has been paid in Connecticut to poultry raising, as shown in our fairs, although almost every other branch of stock raising has received careful attention and skillful experiments, till we have settled down to the best breeds. The amount of poultry consumed in this state is enormous. Most of it has come from the west, and it will be much better if we can produce it here; and, as the raising of poultry is not only a profitable but an agreeable enterprise, I trust there will be a constantly growing interest in it. Good poultry pleases the eye and tickles the palate at the same time; and, as handsome fowls are attractive to look upon, the business of raising them appeals largely to the taste."

These remarks would equally apply to the members of the Board of our Provincial Agricultural Association, and might be studied by them with profit.

NORTHERN NEW YORK POULTRY ASSOCIATION.

An association under the above name has just been formed at Plattsburgh, N. Y., adopted a Constitution, By-Laws and Exhibition Rules, and elected the following Officers:—

President, B. M. Beckwith; *Vice-Presidents*, S. W. Gregory, Benj. Tilley, Anthony B. Ross, W. A. Hawks, D. B. Ballard, H. M. Harris; *Executive Committee*, Henry C. Sandburn, Henry P. Gregory, John R. Trudo; *Secretary and Treasurer*, Robert Bailey.

The Secretary states that "it is the intention of the Association to hold a Fair at this place (Plattsburgh) in January next; and in order to make it a success and firmly establish the society, it is necessary to interest all breeders of Poultry in the enterprise;" and solicits the co-operation and interest of all fanciers in furtherance of this object. We wish our Plattsburgh brethren every prosperity, and trust their intended Exhibition will in every way be a success.