
BIRDS OF PEASEMARSH

are favorable to the birds because, if that were not so, they would not have lasted nearly so long."

But even these shy birds may become unafraid of man, though it may take years to establish their confidence, for to what the birds once were they will return. The Pelican has been persecuted by man, and being a bird of rare intelligence, distrust of human beings has descended from generation to generation. When the white man first came to the country and firearms were unknown, the feathered creatures were not easily alarmed. Records of the early explorers show that of the large birds, some already extinct, some now the shyest and the rarest, showed not the slightest alarm at the approach of man, some even crowded about them and exhibited considerable curiosity and interest in the newcomers. This confidence can be regained. Individuals can do a little, but without co-operation there is danger of much of their work being undone.

The sanctuaries and bird clubs together can readily increase the bird population and save from extinction those large, rare birds that are already going. The sanctuary will give a safe