

increase. I have not heard of its occurrence elsewhere, which would imply that the birds die from the effects of something which they find in the bay. Whether the paper recently read by Dr. Chittenden on the evil effects of allowing the city sewers to empty themselves into its waters would throw any light on the subject, is a matter well worthy of consideration, for if there is anything being mixed with the water which causes death to the birds, it cannot be conducive to the health of the people.

I have thus glanced but lightly at the history of only a few of the many species of birds to be found around us, but should farther information be at any time wanted regarding any particular species, I have pleasure in referring to the list which will henceforth be in the library of the association, and I hope the time is not far distant when the library will not only contain the *names* of the birds, but preserved specimens of the *birds themselves* will be found within the cabinets in the museum.