

Sharp. Honorary Vice-Presidents: Philander Williams, Taunton, Mass.; J. Y. Bicknell, Buffalo; the Rev. C. L. Ayer, Three Rivers, Mass., R. W. Goodrich, Poultney, Vt.; J. H. Drevenstedt, Washingtonville, N. Y. A. C. Hawkins, Lancaster, Mass.; Jones Wilcox, East Chatham, N. Y.; George G. McCormick, London, Ont.; and J. H. Drevenstedt, Washingtonville, N. Y. were elected members.

BUFF COCHIN CLUB.

At the second Annual Meeting of the Buff Cochin Club, the following officers were re-elected: President, Fred E. Scheel, of Belleville, Ill.; Vice-Presidents, T. F. McGrew, of Springfield, O., Philander Williams, of Taunton, Mass.; M. M. Connor, of Ada, O., Oscar Doolittle, of Adrian, Mich., and H. G. C. Bals; Secretary and Treasurer, Geo. E. Peer, of Rochester Executive committee: J. D. Nevius, of Philadelphia, John Vannetter, of Cottsneck, N. J., John Crowe, of Guelph, Ont., Eugene Powers, of Courtland, N. Y.

AMERICAN POULTRY ASSOCIATION.

Twenty-five new members were elected by the American Poultry Association, at the Annual Meeting at Buffalo. Mr. George W. Michael, of Bristol, Conn., was elected President, and R. Twells, of Montmorenci, Ind., Secretary and Treasurer. Philander Williams, who for eight years has been President of the association, declined to serve in that capacity longer.

THE BUFFALO SHOW

We are glad to learn was a financial success, and is likely to be continued as an annual institution. We hope to have some notes on the exhibits next issue.

SPECIALTY CLUBS.

There were held in Buffalo during the show, the annual meetings of sev-

eral clubs, of which we are able to give but meagre reports this month. Next issue we hope to have full information regarding all.



MORTIMER'S MONTHLY MORSELS.

Success in life often brings riches, although success does not always mean the accumulation of wealth. Many say it "is better to be born lucky than rich." Yet they are incapable of explaining just what they mean—if we are rich we don't want luck and if we are lucky we are rich.

A good poultry paper is the first essential to success in the poultry business.

It is not necessary to feed hens a great amount of food to keep them in good condition, but it is necessary that they digest what they do get. Impure water and lack of grinding materials are the general highways to indigestion and disease.

Bank up the fowl house. Make some mortar and plaster up all the air holes not excepting the ventilator. Make the quarters for your fowls comfortable if you wish them to make you comfortable by furnishing eggs through the winter. Have you covered the floor with fresh sandy earth and gravel that they may have a dust bath when the snow is on the ground? It is a little late now to do it, but take advantage of the first mild day and lay in a supply of fresh earth.

To pick the feathers of chickens without scalding them, hang them up alive by the legs, cut a place in the roof of the mouth with a sharp knife and commence at once to pick the

feathers. If any should come hard, pull towards the tail.

It is not good to keep fire in the hen house. Hens will not be in good health if kept too warm. Build the house so that it will be free from wet and draughts of cold winds and the hens will do better than with artificial heat.

The fowls that go to the fairs are usually hatched early, in order to give them the whole year, during which to mature and develop the plumage. With good care and heavy feeding some of the most unpromising birds are made to compete with the best.

Look out for a cross of breeds in your barn yard fowls when you come to setting for chicks. Send to a neighbor who has good layers, for eggs to use, for fowls in-bred will run out.

We are pleased to announce that shortly Miss Croad, Manager of the famous Croad Yards of Langshans will publish another edition of "The History of the Langshan Fowl." It will contain an authentic account of this valuable breed, properly illustrated by the best English artists, and will be a valuable addition to our poultry literature. We trust the fraternity in general and the Langshan fanciers in particular will appreciate Miss Croad's efforts to popularize the Langshan—one of the best—if not the best, breeds of poultry recognized by the *Standard*.

The introduction of fresh blood not only keeps up the stamina, strength and muscle of the fowls, but enables them to resist sickness better than fowls not bred to any degree of constitutional excellence or selected for establishing any permanent quality.

We are often asked the question, can a person starting in the market poultry