

tion of all kinds, and upon those now being trained for these important positions. Every teacher would derive immeasurable delight and profit from such a knowledge, and those whose duties are performed outside the larger cities have great advantages in their closer proximity to inexhaustible and almost unexplored mines of scientific wealth. Teachers would do well to avail themselves of every opportunity of acquiring a knowledge of natural history so as to be able to communicate information whenever requested.

The time has come to renew our investigations in the field—to watch the return of the birds, the unfolding of leaf and flower, the reappearance of insects, the emerging of reptiles and other animals from their winter retirement. Notes of all these, and of similar occurrences should be carefully taken, and forwarded to the leaders who have been appointed in each branch to preserve and compile such records. It is particularly requested that the leaders of the Ornithological branch be kept informed as to the arrival and movements of our birds. These are now working northward to their breeding grounds and summer habitats; some to remain with us, others stopping merely to rest and feed before continuing their journey.

The Club has been requested by the American Ornithologists' Union to co-operate with it in obtaining information as to the migrations and breeding habits of all birds resident in or visiting this district, and to exert its influence in increasing the number of observers. The schedules and instructions furnished for making the desired records may be obtained on application to the United States Department of Agriculture, or through the Secretary of this Club.

It should be mentioned that this number of our magazine is necessarily filled with the reports of proceedings and other routine matter, and that the papers read before the Club during the past winter will be commenced in the next issue. Notice will then be given, by the leaders, of the sub-excursions to be held during the season, and of the first excursion if it has been arranged. Members can materially assist the Club by purchasing copies of the magazine, or of any monthly part thereof, to send to friends, or to persons interested in natural history pursuits.