

Brewster and Lawrence are gentlemen of large fortune, who study the science for occupation, and for the love of it, and stand high as scientists. Lawrence helped Baird with his greatest ornithological work, published in 1859.

One of the investigations being conducted by the Union is that of Bird migration and the geographical distribution of North American Birds, and during the first year of its existence, it received communications from more than a thousand observers. The area over which these observers are scattered is co-extensive with the boundaries of the inhabited portions of the North American continent, and includes parts of the West Indies, and Central and South America.

Stations now exist in every state in the Union, and in every Territory excepting Nevada. The extreme points from which reports have actually been received will appear from the following: in the east, the southernmost station is Sombrero Key, off Southern Florida (Lat.  $24^{\circ}37'$ ); and the most northern, Belle Isle off Labrador (Lat.  $51^{\circ}53'$ ), whilst from the west, reports have been received from Arizona and Southern California, as well as from Point Barrow, the most northerly point of Arctic Alaska (Lat.  $71^{\circ}18'$ ). The most eastern station from which data have been obtained, is St. John's Newfoundland (West Long.  $52^{\circ}45'$ ) projecting well into the Atlantic; while on the Pacific, the committee has observers at various points in California, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia.

Hence it appears that the migration stations are sprinkled over  $46^{\circ}41'$  of latitude (approximately three thousand two hundred miles in a north and south direction) and  $72^{\circ}15'$  of longitude (approximately three thousand five hundred miles in an east and west direction.) The distance in a straight line between the two most remote points (Sombrero Key and Point Barrow) is about four thousand three hundred miles. This territory is divided into sixteen districts, each under the immediate direction of a competent superintendent. In Canada there are stations with the following superintendents:—North West Territories: Ernest E. T. Seton, Assiniboia, via Carbery, Manitoba; British