

will get up picnic parties in the grain season to the farms and come back at night, like other picnickers, very weary but very well satisfied.

I have just tried to give you some thoughts to set you thinking. I should have liked to have gone further into the subject and give something that would have been of value. We have a great number of lovely birds in the country but there is no doubt we have very much to do in the way of protecting and looking after our birds. There is just one aspect which we have not considered and that is that the presence of birds in our gardens makes them much more homelike and pleasant. It is a dreary place where you have no birds. I do not live in a very nice part of the city. Some of you are more fortunate and I would advise that you have them come about because of the education we get in watching their movements and especially where there are children every effort should be made to induce them to come about.

We come once again back to the matter of gardens. Let us remember that the birds are given to us to help us in this matter both by their labors and song, so let us pay every respect to these little inhabitants. I am sorry I have not been able to make my remarks in a clearer manner but I hope they will set some of us thinking.

DISCUSSION.

MR. BEDFORD. What does the King Bird feed on?

MR. BURMAN. I think he feeds on everything. So far as I know a great many feed on grasshoppers. From all I have seen of his habits he seems to do so. Of course a good deal depends upon the locality.

MR. BEDFORD. The reason I ask this is that they are somewhat troublesome to the bees.

MR. BURMAN. I believe that they do feed on the bees, but you will notice that they take care that it is the drones they get at.

Swallows do not need much encouragement to come around. We have three kinds of swallows. The chimney swallow is seldom found in hollow trees. They build in chimneys, and I cannot say that I appreciate their attentions in that respect. They have a way of moving around at night which is unpleasantly suggestive of ghosts.