

NOTE.—These queries are going to do good eventually. In their promulgation, I wished to arrive at truth in order to correct the errors of old American writers on our birds, more especially regarding the time and localities of nidification of the species which pass the greater portion of their lives in high latitudes. Our correspondent gives no substantial proof that the Pine Grosbeak breeds in N. Brunswick. Until the nest and eggs are discovered, the mere occurrence of one adult female in August will not suffice to class it as a resident. They arrive about the latitude of Montreal during severe weather in September, being then gregarious, remaining as such in the woodlands until the middle of May following, when they leave for the far north. Regarding the nests spoken of by Mr. Carnall, it would be worth his while to visit the locality again during the breeding season. Will Mr. Gilbert be kind enough to send a description of the nest of the Red-bellied Nuthatch? Does it select an old knot-hole or excavate a cavity for itself?—C.

#### ACCLIMATING THE MESSINA QUAIL AT QUEBEC.

DEAR SIR.—In one of your recent issues you alluded to the efforts of Col. W. Rhodes, and others to acclimatize the Messina Quail in this Province. The Colonel is now in Europe and has, if I mistake not, sent orders for the importation of a few hundred of these birds. In order to help his praiseworthy efforts, I permitted him to send to my aviary of Canadian birds, the Quail he received too late for distribution in the woods last year. I intend to give them their liberty in April, and from the following statements, I hope success will crown the Colonel's efforts.

Yours truly,

J. M. LEMOINE.

Spencer Grange, }  
Quebec, 20 March. }

W. Rhodes, Esq., Quebec, P.Q., Canada.

DEAR SIR,—Your favor of 13th January came duly to hand and much interests me. I did not see your referred notice to queries in

"Forest and Stream," or I might sooner have given you the gratifying news that the quail returned to Maine last spring. None were imported to this State in 1881, and they were observed here previous to the liberation elsewhere of any newly-imported ones. The young of the previous season were hatched in June and July. They mature very rapidly, and from the time of hatching (when they at once leave the nest as good runners) until the autumn migration, there is an interval quite equal to the time afforded the young of as many of our song birds to acquire strength for their long journey. By my advice and direction the 2,000 quail that I distributed throughout Maine, in 1880, were liberated in lots of not less than 15 or 20 in each locality selected. If this method with equal total numbers should be followed up for several consecutive years, I should have no doubt of success in the object desired. The results of a single season, however, may not prove to be permanent.

Yours very truly,

EVERETT SMITH.

Portland, Maine, Jan. 20th, 1882.

#### NOTES ON THE NATURAL HISTORY OF LUCKNOW, ONT.

SIR,—You published a list of reptilia procured by me in this vicinity, and other localities in Ontario. The following four additional species, have been added to my collection *Chorophyllus triseriatus*, Little Tree-frog, Lucknow. *Amyda mutica*, (four specimens.) Lake St. Clair. *Amblystoma Jeffersoni*, Jefferson's Salamander. Found at Hyde Park, by J. Morden. *Scotophilis Allighanensis* is reported to be found in Essex; its occurrence here is probable, as I have received several specimens from Michigan, which is in the same latitude, the only barrier being a river, separating the Southern portion of Ontario from Michigan.

The Red Lynx, *Lynx rufus* is not uncommon in this neighbourhood. I obtained four specimens this year, and I can procure more if I take the trouble to hunt for them. The Canada Lynx, *Lynx Canadensis*, appear to be a larger Northern species. It has never been seen on this peninsula, or south of the Ottawa river. I have read of it as occurring common in the Province of Quebec. Almost every school-boy has read the interesting account of Mr. Bannetyne in the "Reader," of how an