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**T**HIS work is published for the purpose of presenting at once a table of the higher groups and a check-list of the birds that are found within the boundaries of the Dominion, and to place these before the student in the simplest and clearest method.

In CLASSIFICATION and NOMENCLATURE this Table conforms strictly to *The Code of Nomenclature and Check-List of North American Birds* adopted by the AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION, with the exception of the few alterations made since the *Check-List* was issued and which are noted in the writer's *Catalogue of Canadian Birds*.

The species of the *Table* are identical with those of the *Catalogue*, excepting a few additions and eliminations which will be found noted in the Appendices.

The writer takes this opportunity of assuring the friends who have so kindly assisted him in the work, that his promised *Bibliography of Canadian Ornithology* is well under way, and will probably be published during the coming summer.

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SAINT JOHN, February, 1888.