

BOOK NOTICE.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ORNITHOLOGICAL SUB-SECTION OF THE BIOLOGICAL SECTION OF THE CANADIAN INSTITUTE FOR THE YEAR 1889.

This interesting pamphlet, published under the editorship of Mr. Ernest E. Thompson, is extracted from the Proceedings of the Canadian Institute, of Toronto. It will well repay a careful perusal by any student of birds, containing, as it does, a large number of notes of the arrival and departure, and of the breeding, feeding and other habits of birds, the majority of which are to be found here as well as there. Besides this, there are many notes of the occurrence of rare birds, and of birds not found in this locality, but which, perhaps, in consequence of an extension of *habitat*, may be found here at some time in the near future. Among these last, the Yellow-billed Cuckoo (*Coccyzus americanus*) is now found to be "a regular, though far from common, summer resident" at Toronto, whereas it was formerly considered but an accidental straggler. The capture of the Razor-billed Auk (*Alca torda*), on Toronto Bay, on December 10, proves that the ornithological field can never, with safety, be said to be completely worked out in any given locality. The wintering of the American Goldfinch (*Spinus tristis*) and the Crow (*Corvus americanus*) in 1888-89 are interesting as corresponding with our experience here. One pair of the latter species, at least, has spent the winter here, regularly, for several years, feeding at a slaughter-house not far from the city limits. The taking, at Toronto, of several species of hawks, with their stomachs full of grasshoppers, will add further weight to the impression, which, fortunately, is gaining ground steadily, that these birds are the friends, and not the enemies of the farmer. We earnestly commend the pamphlet to the attention of our ornithological readers.

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ERRATA.—In the list of new members in the last number of the NATURALIST, p. 116, for "J. Rainson Wills" read "J. Lainson Wills, M.E., F.C.S.

In the instalment of "Flora Ottawensis" issued with same number, the pages should be numbered from 62 to 69 instead of from 121 to 128.

NEW MEMBERS.—John Law; Willibert Simpson; Miss Steacy.

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