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PREFACE

IN the following pages an effort has been made to point out several means for bird protection which cannot be embodied in legal enactments. We are always ready to pass a law against an evil, but too often we provide insufficient means to carry out and enforce the provisions of the law. This, I regret to state, is the greatest obstacle to the effective legal protection of song birds, game birds, and mammals. If the friends of birds and nature do not tire in the good work of educating the young of the nation on these subjects, the time will come when game wardens will have much less to do than now. Education works slow, but it is effective.

My thanks are due to Mr. William T. Hornaday for permission to quote from his most interesting and valuable report on "The Destruction of our Birds and Mammals" made to the New York Zoölogical Society, and published by that society in its second annual report. Mrs. Elizabeth B. Davenport of Brattleboro, Vermont, has contributed from her long experience to the chapter on Feeding Birds in Winter, and Mr. Frank Bond of Cheyenne, Wyoming, describes his very

effective method of dealing with the English sparrow. My thanks are also due to several friends who have made valuable suggestions to me. The pen-and-ink drawings were made by Mr. Herman Giehler of St. Paul, Minnesota.

The special Bird Day matter, it is hoped, will be found useful in schools.

I should be glad to hear from any one who may try to protect and attract birds by the methods and devices recommended, or who may have new methods and devices to communicate. I hope that in the near future our State Agricultural Experiment Stations will pay more attention to the relation of birds to our homes and to farming and gardening, and to the study of the best means for protecting them.

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