

serve, in a small way, to show how horribly the waterfowling candle has been burned at both ends."

We in Illinois have in our state one of the three worst abattoirs in the country—that slaughter-house for ducks and geese along the river that bears our name. Let us exert all the pressure we can to secure finally for Illinois that desideratum—so necessary if conservation is to get on its feet at all in our state—a non-political conservation commission, composed of expertly trained wildlife managers or conservationists. Let us use our ballot wisely and effectively!

Another point of prime importance is the addition of more members to the Illinois Audubon Society. The depression has wrought havoc with our membership roll. Let us all try and recoup the losses. It should be possible to find a thousand people in our state willing to become members. Then we would perhaps be able to attain one of our most worth-while and essential objectives: to maintain a full-time field agent who would travel about in the state, organize local branch Audubon societies, get in contact with teachers and leaders of thought in all cities and towns, and address schools, clubs and societies of all kinds for the purpose of arousing interest in conservation and cooperation with it. Until that is possible, see if you cannot start a local Audubon society or wildlife protection club. To bring this about let us use the local press in various ways; let us write to our state and federal legislators, especially when the enemies of protection seek to launch some nefarious scheme; let us be willing to address people old and young; in short, let us try to make our communities conservation-minded!

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## We Are Linking Up With the 4H Club Movement

Everyone who has looked into the matter knows what a refreshing and promising movement the 4H Club idea is. The results at the Chicago Stock Show, among others, proclaim it loudly. When, therefore, we were approached by the men directing the movement in Illinois to make a contribution toward it—not in a pecuniary sense—our board of directors at once resolved to accept the invitation. Prof. C. W. G. Eifrig, our president, was asked to go to the annual encampment. This was held at Lake Bloomington, near the city of that name, at the end of August and beginning of September. Prof. Eifrig found the boys and young men from the farm a very wide-awake and worth-while group. He gave them a talk on hawks and owls and the farmer, branching out into many angles and aspects of bird protection and conservation. To say that his words were followed with keen interest is putting it mildly, as was also evidenced by the almost never-ending volley of questions and suggestions put to him after the lecture. The Society has resolved to support this worthy movement as much as possible each year.