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Dear Friend DuMont:

I was glad to get your letter, but I was a little surprised and disappointed to find that you had left Iowa again so soon. I was hoping that you would be here long enough to do some more work for Iowa ornithology and perhaps for "Iowa Bird-Life." The next annual meeting will be in Des Moines, I think, and I rather hoped to meet you there in the spring.

The Des Moines Audubon Society sent me a copy of your Folk County list for review. They got it to me in time for review in the Dec. issue. It will probably be some time before you will see a copy of that issue, since you contemplate doing more traveling in the near future, so I am putting in a copy of the review. It is just as it came back from the printer yesterday and it is not a very good looking sheet to send to you. I have read the proof and am sending it back today, so the edition should be in the mail in about another week.

Your list is very well prepared and shows the great amount of work that you expended upon its production. I can appreciate what this work means, for my own Buchanan County (published in the Wilson Bulletin a year ago) list ^{list} while not so long nor so complete as yours, made me a great deal of work. I am very much interested in the distribution of bird-life in Iowa and am always well pleased when a new list is brought out. Among these lists yours is certain to be outstanding. Mr. Bennett sent me his list at about the same time and it is also reviewed in the Dec. issue.

Any time that you can send me notes, either as news notes or field notes, I shall be glad to have them for publication. While we are trying to make the magazine purely Iowan in character, we are always glad to have news about what our members in other parts of the country are doing.

With best wishes of the season, I remain

Yours very sincerely,

F. J. Pierce