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BOTH author and publisher of the "Key to North American Birds" intended that the work should contain instructions for collecting and preparing birds, and that a CHECK LIST, according with the author's views, should appear simultaneously with the volume. This proved impracticable: partly because the work so far overran the original estimates, that the additional expense and risk, which the publisher, an accomplished naturalist, generously offered to assume, seemed to the author unjustifiable; and partly because the writer's unexpected call to another field of official duty suddenly threw such a pressure of other engagements upon his hands that he could not just then find time to write out even so slight a treatise as this. The CHECK LIST and MANUAL OF INSTRUCTION are therefore now presented together, as a Supplement to the Key.

The demand for a new CHECK LIST has become urgent. The last one published, and only one now in use, expresses a former state of American ornithology. That great changes—presumably for the better—have lately been made, is shown by the fact that, in round numbers, fifty species have been