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TODAY'S WEATHER-Fair and warmer; westerly winds.

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"OUR INDIAN WARDENS"

The time has not yet passed beyond the memory of the living when it was imagined the day would come when the Indian would be prepared to take care of himself and cease to be "the ward of the Government." The ensuing disappointment is a consequence of the fundamental error which lies in the supposition that the Indian can be advanced to a condition in which he will take up "the white man's burden" of labor and rejoice in it.

BIRD HELPERS.

If one season of the year is more timely than another in that it puts in a few words for the birds it is the Spring season, when nesting is in progress in our orchards, meadows, groves, fields and gardens. It is well, therefore, here and now to call attention to birds as auxiliaries to agriculture, horticulture and floriculture.

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