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The birds carolling and flitting from tree to tree. Looking out of my bedroom window very early one morning the goldfinch was hopping about, his golden body, black cap and wings glittering in the sunshine. Soon after the bluebirds were on the same lawn. Neither of them sang, for they were looking for their morning meal, but the goldfinch sings like the canary, and I heard him later in the forenoon. The yellow warbler has little rusty streaks on his breast, and was attending to his family in the lilac bush. His song is ze, ze, ze, ze, ze, ze. The robins were nesting in the apple tree, and about four o'clock started to teach the young in the nest how to sing. The kingbirds had a great time chasing the crows and pecking their back as they flew above them, a continuous fight to keep them away from their nest. The kingbird is a quaker drab with a white band across his tail at the end. The phoebe is the same color but no white band, the pewee is also a quaker drab but more slender. All these birds belong to the flycatcher family. The phoebe builds under a bridge, the kingbird's nest has pieces of sheep's wool in it for warmth, and the pewee builds in the woods.

In the flats where the stream runs, we find the killdeer, the higholders, the red-headed woodpeckers, crows, kingfishers, barn swallows, chimney swifts, white gulls flying over and sparrows. It would mean too long an article to describe all these birds, as there are twenty-two kinds of sparrows in Canada, and the male and female are unlike in each kind.

We saw a vesper sparrow flying along the fences ahead of us, with a white feather at each side of his tail. The chipping sparrow, the smallest of all, who comes around the door to eat the crumbs, with a chestnut patch on his crown. The song sparrow that rivals the canary in song; the fox sparrow who has his name from the foxy tint of his feathers; the house sparrow is familiar to us all under the name of the English sparrow; the white crowned sparrow wears a black and white military cap on head, while the white throated sparrow has a circle of black around the white throat.

They saw the red winged blackbird and the brown thrasher in course of migration, but did not see them after.

Who would be lonesome in the country with time to think. The nose-regaled with sweet odors, the sight satisfied with beautiful tints of birds and flowers, of blue sky, fleecy clouds and rosy sunsets. A big drink of good milk before you go to bed at nine o'clock, and as you say your prayers, you are willing to forgive everybody all the wrong you have ever done them. The country is a place to get rid of envy and jealousy, to breathe tons of pure sweet air without weariness, and enjoy to the full extent someone else getting dinner ready for you.

The more I think of it, the more I agree with the writer who said, "Man made the city, but God made the country."

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To 3rd Tablet.—Thomas Bettles, Earl Elliott, Hilda Harman, Grace Healy, Bertha Hopper, Ethel Kendall, Walter Kendall, Grant Innes, Willie Killen, Donald Pallett, Peter Savage, Audrey Tuck, Lionel Todd, Donald Rand.

To 4th Tablet.—Howard Atkinson, Edith Bassett, Harry Burns, Ethel Lusher, Russell Lynett, Phyllis Maffey, John Meek, Frances Pallett, Lewis Sims, Isabel Wiley.

To 5th Tablet.—Louise Bowen, Isobel Cowie, Lorraine Dunlop, Doreen Good, Alfred Grainger, Waine Keith, Ivy Smith.

To Primer.—Wallace Bassett, Frank Nicholson, Rex Maffey, May Green, Frances Batty.

(Names in Order of Merit)

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Jr. II. to Sr. II.—Mary Batty, Will Batty, Ernest Baffey, John Bowen, Jim Cowie, Chas. Good, Waveney Good, Edna Grainger, Jack Innes, Willie Lehman (Hon.), Thorold Lehman (Hon.), Robert Marsh, Edward Mansbridge, Clarence Mylks, Laurence McMillen (Hon.), Vera Nicholson (Hon.), Stanley Page, Mabel Robinson, Gertie Smith, Annie Tyndall (Hon.), Lillian Robinson. Recommended: Frank Keith, Harry Darling, Frank Grainger, Clarence Benson.

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To Jr. II.—Total 350, pass 210. Agnes Whitty 264, Honours: Homer Legge 263, Honours: Josephine Casserly 262, Honours: Stewart Linton 254, Kathleen Flannigan 238.

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To Jr. III.—Marks possible 550, Pass 330, Honours 412. Earl Honsberger 467, (H.), Eva Lepofsky 395, Ella Hoover 367, Harvey Cober 354, Wilkie Dixon 340.

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