

fodder for their needs; the verdure would be grazed to death. As a result, the deer would starve; the species would die out, exterminated by its own prolificacy.

One of the chief instruments chosen by nature to combat this excessive production is the carnivore; and the deer, however paradoxical it may sound, is really saved by its most feared and deadly enemies. The Balance of Nature is maintained, and it is this Balance which permits the world to carry on where otherwise it would choke itself to death.—“*The Importance of Bird Life.*”



HARRIER HAWK'S NEST FOUND NEAR CARTERTON.

The remains of over 50 rabbits, besides those of rats, indicate that the hawk is a helper to the farmer, even though it may destroy an odd game bird or an odd fowl.