

arrayed the political and financial power of the shipping industry of the world, not to exclude the navies, our own having been, in the past, none too careful about how and where it dumped oil.

We have no patience with an attitude that foregoes any regulation because it is hard to enforce. If it is necessary to require that all oil-burning vessels, to be licensed or cleared in and out of a port, be equipped with and use oil separators, then let it be required. Let us demand a right to eat lobsters untainted with fuel oil and to bathe on clean sea beaches. Above all, let us do away with the multiple tragedies, such as that of Martha's Vineyard, with their terrific annual drain upon our aquatic bird life.—*Nature Magazine*.

CONSERVATION BY EDUCATION.

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Eight years ago, Edward Howe Forbush, widely known ornithologist and conservationist, and long our beloved co-worker, in rendering his Annual Report, made this statement:—"The laws for the protection of wild life in New England are now as near perfection as in any part of the country. . . . In New England we are turning from conservation, now fairly well assured, to education, which will insure the continuation of rational conservation in the future. . . ."

These words, coming from one who had devoted a long and useful life to the cause of bird-protection, are of unusual significance in serving to emphasise the great importance which to-day is being attached to education as a means of helping to solve our problems of wild-life conservation. In other words, we are realising more and more that legislative enactments designed to protect our wild birds and mammals, in order to be effective, must everywhere be backed by an intelligent and sympathetic public opinion.—*Bird Lore*.

AUGUST.

We have to again remind all that August is Bird Month. The feeding of birds has been extensively practised during the last two winters with good results. There are, however, many counteracting agents such as poisoning, poaching by gold seekers, etc., etc., and the winter feeding of birds is more than ever essential this year, in order to assist in maintaining the parent stock. The following recipe will be found very useful in initially attracting nectar-eating birds:—One heaped teaspoonful of Mellins food mixed into paste, dissolve two teaspoons of Nestles sweetened milk in cup of hot water, add one tablespoonful of honey and mix ingredients.