

BIRD FEEDING.

The feeding of birds during the last few months has been on an extensive scale throughout New Zealand, and those who have been active in the matter can congratulate themselves that they have done much good from an economic point of view. New Zealand can only winter a certain number of birds unless artificial means are adopted. In the late spring insects increase at such a prodigious rate that it sometimes happens there are not enough birds to overcome the



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enemy and the result is an insect scourge. It is necessary that a large number of birds should have been saved by this winter feeding ready to take up the fight in the spring against man's ever aggressive enemy—the insect.

CRUMBS.

*Amidst the freezing sleet and snow
The timid Robin comes;
In pity drive him not away,
But scatter out your crumbs.
Soon Winter comes upon your life,
The day of reckoning comes,
Against your sins by High decree
Are weighed those scattered crumbs.*

—(From "England That Was," by HORACE VACHELL.)