

Payne; Corresponding Secretary, J. C. Crawford, Jr.; Recording Secretary, R. H. Wolcott; Treasurer, August Eiche. After the usual routine business the President presented his address, entitled 'The Progenitors of Birds,' which, very fully illustrated, occupies pp. 9-39, of the 'Proceedings.' The papers read at the meeting and here published number a dozen or more, and include, among the longer articles, 'Our Winter Birds,' by M. H. Swenk (pp. 52-58, an annotated list of about 120 species); 'A Comparison of the Bird-life found in the Sand-hill Region of Holt County in 1883-'84 and in 1901,' by Lawrence Bruner (pp. 58-63); 'Some General Remarks upon the Distribution of Life in Northwest Nebraska,' by Merritt Cary (pp. 63-75, includes an annotated list of the birds); 'Notes on the Nesting of Some Sioux County Birds,' by M. A. Carriker, Jr. (pp. 75-89); 'Bird and Nest Photography,' by J. S. Trostler (pp. 89-93); 'Record of Nebraska Ornithology,' by Robert H. Wolcott (pp. 93-105, bibliography). On p. 107 is an interesting note on the Carolina Paroquet, reported to have been abundant in 1856, and to have bred on an island in the Missouri River near Brownville, in the southeastern corner of the State, but it suddenly disappeared about 1866. The 'Proceedings,' edited by Robert H. Wolcott, form an important contribution to Nebraska ornithology.—J. A. A.

Fisher on the Birds of Keam Canyon, Arizona.¹—This is a nominal list of 39 species, preceded by several pages descriptive of the region, and general comment on the birds seen and formally listed at the end of the paper. He says: "Anyone unacquainted with the conditions of bird life in the arid regions would be disappointed with the small number of species found in Keam Canyon, and would be surprised at the meagre representation of most of them. Although considerable time between July 18 and August 3 [1894] was devoted to exploring the canyon and surrounding mesa for the purpose of observing birds, only thirty-nine species were found, and of these seven were included on single records."—J. A. A.

Stone on a Collection of Birds from Sumatra.—Mr. Stone states that this collection,² presented to the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia by the collectors, Messrs. Harrison and Hiller, is the "most extensive ever brought to America from this island and adds materially to our knowledge of the distribution and relationships of a number of species." The collection includes 138 species, of which one is described as new,

¹ A Partial List of the Birds of Keam Canyon, Arizona. By A. K. Fisher. *The Condor*, Vol. V, 1903, pp. 33-36.

² A Collection of Birds from Sumatra, obtained by Alfred C. Harrison, Jr., and Dr. H. M. Hiller. By Witmer Stone. *Proc. Acad. Nat. Sci. Phila.*, 1902, pp. 670-691. Jan. 20, 1903.