

the bird magazines to stimulate their interest by the interchange of thoughts and experiences. And again we ask: Have we suffered a decadence in our popular ornithological literature?

The editors request of contributors who may in the future send in lists for publication, that when possible they send them in type-written form. This reduces the work of editing the manuscript to the minimum, and insures the saving of much time in proof-reading. Scientific names, at the best a bug-bear to compositors, become subject to all sorts of constructions when handed in in the form of hastily-prepared manuscript, such as results from the tedium of preparing a lengthy list. In the past it has usually been found preferable to typewrite lists rather than turn in the written copy with the risk of having to make copious alterations in the proof. The editors ask that they be spared this work, and that the typewriter be resorted to by correspondents in the preparation of future lists.

From remarks made by members at a recent meeting of the Northern Division, it is apparent that the work of bringing into the Club those ornithologists who are not affiliated with any organized movement for the study of birds has but begun. There are conscientious and competent workers, far removed from the influences of co-operative bird study, who have in their note books reliable records which should have long ago been published. A number of occurrences, each a record, were mentioned, and it rests with the Club members who are possessed of the location of this buried knowledge to become instrumental in bringing it to light. It was also stated that not a single recorded instance of the Snowy Owl in California could be found, save for one or two stray notes which are not citable owing to the exclusive use of the vernacular name. There have been a number of Snowy Owls taken in the state and it now remains for the collectors to properly record them.

The new constitution and by-laws of the Club have now been considered by both Divisions and will be adopted and in effect by January 1, and they will be printed and distributed to members. The present constitution has been carefully prepared with a view to meeting all requirements incident upon the increased growth of the Club, and the provision for forming "chapters" where a number of members are conveniently grouped, will doubtless be taken advantage of by members far removed from the places of meeting. Beginning with 1902 the annual dues of active members will be \$2., this action having been taken at the urgent request of various members, who desire to see the Club increase its scope of work, as will be possible with its increased revenue.

It is always a matter of felicitation to note improvement in our contemporary magazines. In this connection we congratulate Editor

Swain of the *Journal of the Maine Ornithological Society* for the excellent table of contents and appearance of the July number of this journal. Notable articles are 'Notes on the Pileated Woodpecker' by C. H. Morrell, being a record of the domestic life of a pair of these birds which frequented a beech grove, and 'Some Prehistoric Cave and Cliff Dwellers and Their Descendants' by Ora W. Knight, describing the evolution in nesting sites and manner of nest-building of the various swallows. Other interesting notes and articles round out a distinctly valuable issue.

With the passing of the summer months most of our field-workers have returned from their outings, and now comes the season of compiling notes and recording such occurrences as may be of particular interest to their co-workers. In California much of the state has been covered by Club members, and we may therefore look for some good things in the line of collecting experiences. Let each member do his share of writing and we shall be surprised at the volume of material produced. As heretofore, illustrated articles are always desirable, especially when the photographs portray birds or some of their characteristics. Photographs of mere nests and eggs, without detail and of no especial value, should be avoided.

With a State List promised at an early date, and with so competent and energetic an ornithologist as Mr. Grinnell in charge, it becomes the duty of every Club member to go through his notes and sift out all records which are likely to be of value and to assist in mapping the distribution of each species with which he is familiar.

The September number of *American Ornithology* contains an interesting article on the California Condor, together with some of the best photographs of its nests and nesting-sites which have yet appeared. The zeal which Mr. Reed is displaying is certain to draw to his magazine many valuable bird photographs.

With the November issue of THE CONDOR will be published a complete list of active Club members. It is desirable that the addresses of members be brought down to date, and to this end we request the attention of each member to the matter.



Dr. R. W. Shufeldt announces to his friends his removal from Washington to 502 West 142nd street, New York City, N. Y.



### Official Minutes Southern Division.

MAY.

The May meeting was held at the residence of Burnell Franklin in South Pasadena, President Daggett presiding, six members and several visitors present. H. A. Gaylord acted as

secretary pro tem. The following were elected to active membership in the Club: P. C. Mitchell, Downey; J. S. Appleton, Simi; Henry Grey, Rialto; Nelson Carpenter, Escondido; R. C. Wueste, San Diego and A. Stert, Pasadena. Mr. Franklin exhibited a nest and set of five eggs of the Western Gnatcatcher containing a runt egg which measured .33x.25 inches, the set having been taken on May 25. J. Eugene Law read a paper dealing with Riverside county birds.

## AUGUST.

A special meeting was held at the residence of F. S. Daggett on August 10. President Grinnell of the Northern Division called the meeting to order with six members present. The minutes of the previous (May) meeting were read and approved, after which the evening was taken up in discussing and revising the first draft of the new constitution, which the Club intends to adopt.

## AUGUST.

The regular monthly meeting was held Aug. 31 at the residence of O. W. Howard in Los Angeles with eleven members and four visitors present. The resignation of W. E. Tyler was accepted. The names of Alphonse and Antonin Jay of Los Angeles were proposed for membership. Mr. Howard placed on exhibition a number of sets of eggs collected by him in the mountains of Arizona the past season. Among the interesting sets were Rivoli Hummingbird n-2, Coues' Flycatcher  $\frac{2}{3}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ; Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher 2-4,  $\frac{1}{3}$ ; Vermilion Flycatcher  $\frac{2}{3}$ ; Olivaceous Flycatcher 1-5; Cooper's Tanager 2-4; Hepatic Tanager  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Olive Warbler  $\frac{1}{4}$ ; Virginia's Warbler 1-5,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ; Red-faced Warbler 2-4; Painted Redstart 2-4. Mr. Howard described the taking of many of the sets, that of the Olivaceous Flycatcher being one of the few known sets of this bird. The difference between the eggs and those of the Ash-throated Flycatcher was pointed out, the former being smaller and more finely marked.

HOWARD ROBERTSON, Division Secretary.



### Official Minutes of Northern Division.

The Division met September 7 at the residence of E. H. Skinner in San Jose, with eleven members and three visitors present. President Grinnell presided. The following were elected to active membership: H. P. Goodman and George Grimm of Napa; R. Kocher Jr., of San Jose; Chas. A. Swisler of Placerville; E. B. Towne, George Towne and J. W. Rosebrook of Palo Alto; J. E. Wilson and J. Q. Young of Stanford. The new Constitution was given its second reading and referred to the Southern Division for its final action. The following

papers were read: "Recent Captures of the Guadalupe Caracara" by R. H. Beck; "Summer Birds of Washoe Lake, Nevada," by Forrest S. Hanford; "Some Characteristics of the Mountain Chickadee," by C. Barlow; "Early Californian Literature," by Joseph Grinnell. Adjourned.

C. BARLOW, Division Secretary.



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