

Circular No. 35 of the Biological Survey has been issued under the supervision of Dr. T. S. Palmer, Assistant Chief, and is entitled "Directory of State Officials and Organizations concerned with the Protection of Birds and Game, 1902." As the title implies it furnishes a complete list of all state officials and state organizations interested in game or bird protection, besides a list of the Audubon societies. The directory has been brought down to date and should be in the hands of those who are interested in the great protection movement.

The Delaware Valley Ornithological Club of Philadelphia presents its Proceedings for 1901 in the form of a royal octavo publication, handsomely printed, and entitled *Cassinia*, "An Annual Devoted to the Ornithology of Pennsylvania and New Jersey". *Cassinia* is a continuation of the Club's previous and less sumptuous "Abstract of Proceedings," while its increased size permits the publication of a greater volume of material. The initial number presents an excellent half-tone plate of John Cassin as frontispiece and its sixty pages are replete with interesting papers read before the Club.

Oologists will be interested to learn that the major part of the Jean Bell collection, recently purchased by Mr. John Lewis Childs, has been sold to Mr. C. W. Crandall of Woodside, N. Y. We are informed that Mr. Childs preserves but two typical sets of each species, and after filling any existing gaps from the Bell collection, it was sold as above stated. Mr. Crandall informs us that his cabinets now hold not less than 50,000 eggs, among which may be mentioned white-tailed kite, 42 sets; prairie falcon; 21 sets, golden eagle, 38 sets; California vulture, 3 sets; duck hawk, 24 sets; sharp-shinned hawk, 112 sets etc.

Official Minutes Southern Division.

MARCH.

The Division met March 28 with Roth Reynolds, Vice President Leland presiding and ten active members present. Wm. G. Renwick of Claremont, W. C. Hanna of Colton, Clarence S. Sharp of Escondido, Thomas Brown of Los Angeles and Edward Howard of Los Angeles were elected to active membership. The name of Robert F. Jones of Santa Monica was proposed for active membership. A communication from O. W. Howard regarding the condition of a number of caged birds in a certain bird store was read and the secretary instructed to investigate and if necessary to report the matter to the health officer. Mr. C. S. Sharp of Escondido presented a paper on the Swainson hawk, and a discussion followed which brought out many interesting facts. The grebes were selected for study at the next meeting.

APRIL.

The Southern Division met again with Mr. Reynolds on April 26, President Daggett presiding and nine active members present. Robt. F. Jones of Santa Monica was elected to active membership. "Grebes" was the subject of the evening and a paper on the American eared grebe was presented by Howard Robertson. The meeting adjourned to meet next with Mr. Daggett in Pasadena on *Friday evening*, May 30, when the loon family will be considered.

HOWARD ROBERTSON, Div. Secretary.

Official Minute Northern Division.

MAY.

The Division met with Mr. Chas. R. Keyes at Berkeley on May 3, President Grinnell pre-

siding and fourteen active members present. Mr. H. W. Fowler was present as a visitor. The programme of the evening was first presented, consisting of the following papers: "The American Ornithologists' Union of 1840-45" by H. W. Fowler; "The Dusky Horned Owl in Captivity" by H. R. Taylor; "Nesting Habits of the Wren-Tit" by D. A. Cohen; "Vocal Powers of the Yellow-billed Magpie" by H. R. Noack. Mr. H. C. Johnson of American Fork, Utah had kindly forwarded for the inspection of the club a set of five eggs with nest and male parent of Clarke nutcracker, taken in Utah Co., Utah April 8. The set is extremely unusual as to number of eggs. Mr. Barlow exhibited a set of four eggs and nest of the rufous-crowned sparrow collected near San Jose on April 27.

The following were elected to active membership in the Club:—Lee Nims, Pacific Grove; Hubert O. Jenkins, Stanford; Miss Alice M. Jenkins, Stanford; Frederick W. Kobbe, San Francisco and Geo H. Ready, Santa Cruz. Mr. Grinnell as a committee reported the collection of funds necessary to the publication of a "Check-List of California Birds" to be issued as *Pacific Coast Avifauna No. 3* during June, the publication being now in press. Four applications for active membership were read and filed as follows:—Henry F. Bailey, Santa Cruz; Miss Anna Head, Berkeley; Mrs. Ruby G. Bell, Stanford and Miss M. E. Skillings, Alameda.

A letter signed by five active members residing in and about Oakland, Cal., petitioning the Club to grant the necessary permission for the formation of a chapter as provided by the constitution, was read, and being in proper form the request was, on motion, granted. The Club adjourned to meet at San Jose, July 5.

C. BARLOW, Div. Secretary.