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NOTES AND NEWS

Not since 1896 has there been an election to Honorary membership in the Cooper Ornithological Club. As a result of the unanimous action of both Divisions, Mr. Robert Ridgway, of Washington, has just been added to our Honorary roll. It has been the sense of everyone that the Club could in no better way express its recognition and appreciation of Mr. Ridgway's lifework in ornithology.

Chas. A. Nace, of Santa Clara, has printed every issue of THE CONDOR from the beginning. Nace's shop was a small affair eight years ago; but it has grown into a large establishment, provided with all the modern appliances to insure good work. Nace will continue to publish THE CONDOR.

Mr. Louis Agassiz Fuertes has issued a Game Calendar, composed of reproductions of paintings of American game birds.

Mr. William Brewster's extensive work on the birds of Cambridge, will soon be issued as a memoir of the Nuttall Ornithological Club.

At the recent meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union Mr. F. M. Chapman exhibited a new appliance for projecting images of solid objects, such as engravings, photographs and mounted butterflies, onto a screen. The machine is said to work very successfully, reproducing color and iridescence faithfully.

Dr. A. K. Fisher is spending a few weeks in California, and attended the Club's Annual Dinner in San Francisco, January 13.

Mr. F. H. Fowler is stationed at Yuma, Arizona, and is engaged in engineering work on the new government dam.

Mr. F. A. Lucas since becoming director of the museum of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts

and Sciences has arranged numerous valuable comparative anatomy preparations and exhibits.

Dr. D. S. Jordan and Mr. W. L. Finley were western members of the Club who attended the recent A. O. U. Congress in New York. Mr. Finley's slides are described as being exceptionally fine.

Dr. A. K. Fisher and W. K. Fisher spent Christmas week ornithologizing at Monterey Bay, and at Alta, Placer County.

Mr. H. B. Kaeding has recently returned from his Alaskan trip.

The Academy of Sciences Expedition on the schooner "Academy" to the Galapagos Archipelago has been heard from several times and is having remarkably good success in all lines of work.



The above is, we believe, the first likeness of our ex-editor, Walter K. Fisher, to appear in any magazine. Consequently we take pleasure in presenting it on this editorial page, where his straight-forward comments on current topics have so often appeared for the past three years. Mr. Fisher has distinguished himself by a general levelheadedness which has won respect from all parts of the ornithological world. Doubtless it is largely due to his success as editor of THE CONDOR that Mr. Fisher has been recently elected to Fellowship in the American Ornithologists' Union.

We have lately received a prospectus of an ornithological work to be known as "The Birds of Washington," which, if successfully completed, will prove the most elaborate undertaking ever carried out in the West. Mr. William Leon Dawson, of Seattle, and Mr. J. H. Bowles of Tacoma, are behind the enterprise, and we could have no better assurance

of its success than that these two Cooper Club members have set their hands to the task. Mr. Dawson is the author of the lately published "Birds of Ohio," which was so well received, and he has also long been known from his various contributions to our leading bird magazines. Mr. Bowles is well known to CONDOR readers as author of numerous articles dealing with the nesting habits of Washington birds, often accompanied by photos of unusual merit. We understand that in the new work, descriptions of nests and eggs are to be largely from the pen of Mr. Bowles.

Three editions of the "Birds of Washington," are to be published, an Original Edition, limited to 500 copies, a Large Paper Edition, limited to 200 copies, and a Patron's Edition, DeLuxe, limited to 100 copies. These will cost ten, twenty-five and fifty dollars respectively, and only those copies engaged before date of publication will be issued.

The book will be a complete, scientific and popular account of the 350 species of birds found in the State of Washington, and will contain, in addition, analytical keys, check lists, migration tables, representative local lists, indexes, etc., of interest to the casual reader and invaluable to the student. The work will be in two volumes, printed upon 120-pound enameled half-tone paper, with pages 7 3-8 by 10 3-8 inches in size. It will contain about 900 pages, beside ten full-page illustrations upon specially prepared paper. The text will be adorned by more than 300 half-tone cuts from photographs taken in Washington, exhibiting nests, eggs and favorite haunts, as well as many portraits of birds from life.

It is expected that "The Birds of Washington" will be ready for delivery, Dec. 1, 1907. Any of our readers who wish further information in regard to the work, or the terms of subscription, can doubtless obtain the desired data from either of the authors.—J. G.

John S. Burcham, a member of the Cooper Ornithological Club, was drowned in Yes Lake River, between the lake and Yes Bay, Alaska, Sunday, November 12, 1905. With two companions he attempted to descend the river for the purpose of fishing for king salmon in Yes Bay. Their skiff capsized in the dangerous current and Mr. Burcham perished, his two companions reaching shore only with the greatest difficulty.

Mr. Burcham received the degree of A. B. from Stanford University in 1902, and that of A. M. in 1903. After leaving college he was employed by the Canadian Fish Commission in British Columbia, where he studied the breeding habits of salmon, and subjects related to salmon propagation. At the time of his death he was an assistant in the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries. While at college he was a member of the Zoology Department and was a student of promise. He was a member of the Society of the Sigma Xi.—W. K. F.

Minutes of Club Meetings

NORTHERN DIVISION.

NOVEMBER.—The Club met this evening in the Council Room of the Academy of Sciences, San Francisco. Vice President Swett occupied the chair and seventeen members and one visitor were present. The following applications for membership were read:

W. L. Dawson, Univ. Station, Seattle, proposed by J. H. Bowles; Louis Wessel, Butte, Mont., proposed by W. K. Fisher; Miss E. S. Waterman, 728 Paru St., Alameda, proposed by Joseph Mailliard. Mr. Robert Ridgway of Washington, D. C., was elected to honorary membership. (Approved by So. Div., Dec., 1905.) The resignations of A. L. Bunnell and Miss Alice Jenkins were read and accepted. Nominations for officers for 1906 were made as follows:

President, Jos. Mailliard, H. C. Ward; Senior Vice President, W. K. Fisher; Junior Vice President, W. O. Emerson; Treasurer, H. T. Clifton; Secretary, Chas. S. Thompson, D. A. Cohen. Mr. Thompson spoke regarding the annual dinner of the Club, and on motion of W. K. Fisher he was appointed to make arrangements for the entertainment of the Club.

Mr. R. C. McGregor of Calayan (near Borneo) spoke at length on "Distribution of Birds in the Philippine Islands." Mr. McGregor also exhibited a series of fine skins of Philippine flycatchers, sun-birds and paroquets, and answered many queries regarding bird-life in the Islands.

Adjourned to meet January 13th in San Francisco. Business meeting to be held at the Academy of Sciences and the annual dinner at Tait's Cafe.

CHAS. S. THOMPSON, Secretary.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

SEPTEMBER.—A special meeting was held on the evening of September 21 at Throop Institute, Pasadena. President Law presided and fifteen members and four visitors were present. After the reading and approval of the minutes of the June meeting, Mr. C. K. Knickerbocker, 503 Western Union Building, Chicago, Ill., was elected to active membership. A letter from the Board of Fish Commissioners received by the Secretary, acknowledging receipt of the resolutions from the Southern Division and expressing appreciation of the action, was read and ordered filed.

A discussion of the plans for the October Outing Meeting, resulted in decision for October 21-22, as dates of meeting and while the balance of opinion seemed to favor Mt. Wilson, the decision was left with the committee appointed at the June meeting.

Messrs. Grinnell and Clifton were appointed a committee to consider suggested changes in the Constitution of the Club and draft such ideas in form suitable for presentation to the Club.