

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.

The program was opened by the reading of a letter from Mr. H. S. Swarth, a club member, descriptive of his work for the Field Columbian Museum, Chicago, Ill.

At the conclusion of this feature, Mr. Grinnell entertained the Division in his usual, interesting manner, with a talk upon some features of his summer's work in the San Bernardino Mountains. This was illustrated by series of specimens of the mudhen, eared grebe, Audubon warbler, the latter series being especially interesting as showing changes in plumage.

The meeting then adjourned for an informal discussion of vacation experiences, and examination of specimens.

H. T. CLIFTON, Secretary.

OCTOBER.—The Outing meeting was called to order by President Law at 8 o'clock in the dining parlors of the Newhall Hotel. Mr. Grinnell was elected Secretary *pro tem*. Ten members were present, namely: Messrs. Morcom, Lelande, Owen, Robertson, May, W. P. Taylor, O. W. Howard, Judson, Law and Grinnell. Messrs. W. B. Donnell and A. P. Howard were present as visitors. The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved. The names of W. B. Donnell and Chapman Grant were proposed for membership.

A motion was made by Mr. Robertson, and unanimously carried by the meeting, that the President appoint a committee to include himself and two others, for the purpose of drawing up resolutions of appreciation to be tendered to Mr. W. K. Fisher in recognition of his three years' service as editor of THE CONDOR. The committee, consisting of Messrs. Law, Robertson and Grinnell, was instructed to report at the November meeting.

Mr. Grinnell presented a plan to secure an illustrated lecture from Mr. W. K. Fisher to be given under the auspices of the Club at Throop Institute on the evening of December 7. The scheme met with the approval of the meeting, and arrangements were left in the hands of Mr. Grinnell.

The Committee on Amendments, after presenting its report, was dismissed. It was decided to be unwise to take any action along this line at present, so the report was laid on the table.

The Land Committee, thru Mr. Judson, reported 120 acres situated in Fish Canyon, a tributary of the San Gabriel, as available, at least in part, for Club purposes. There seemed to be fair prospects that the Club would gain possession by donation.

Finally Mr. Lelande was appointed to draw up a report on the ornithological results of this Outing to be published in a future issue of THE CONDOR. After adjournment the remainder of the evening was spent informally in recount-

ing the day's observations, participated in by all present.

J. GRINNELL, Secretary, *pro tem*.

NOVEMBER.—The regular meeting for November was called to order by President Law at 8:20 P. M. in the offices of Mr. Howard Robertson, 709 Bryson Block, Los Angeles, with fourteen members present. After the reading and approval of the minutes of the October Outing Meeting, the application of Edgar Park, Thacher School, Nordhoff, Cal., proposed by Dr. T. S. Palmer, was taken up for its first reading.

Chapman Grant and W. B. Donnell were elected to active membership, and the resignation of Mr. Robert F. Jones, Santa Monica, Cal., was accepted.

A brief report of the Land Committee thru Mr. Judson indicated the clearing of title on the tract in Fish Canyon in a short time. Mr. Grinnell presented a report of the arrangements made for the lecture by Mr. Fisher on Dec. 7, and the meeting in connection with the same.

The program for the evening included talks by Mr. Willett upon some notes taken during a trip down the Colorado River from Needles to Yuma; by Mr. Frank Stephens upon experiences in the same region, in Arizona, and with mountain sheep in San Diego County; and by Mr. O. W. Howard upon the finding of the western evening grosbeak in the Catalina Mountains, Arizona, with nests and eggs. A letter from Mr. George L. Kaeding of Goldfield, Nevada, describing the wild life in that desert region, completed the formal program for the evening.

H. T. CLIFTON, Secretary.

DECEMBER.—At the close of the lecture by Mr. W. K. Fisher, at Throop Institute, Pasadena, on the evening of December 7, the regular meeting of the Division was held.

President Law called the meeting to order at 9:30 P. M. with fourteen members and seven visitors present. After the reading and approval of the minutes of the preceding meeting, Mr. Edgar Park was elected to active membership.

The following nominations for officers for the coming year were made: President, J. Eugene Law, Hollywood, and O. W. Howard, Los Angeles; Vice President, W. B. Judson, Los Angeles; Secretary, J. Eugene Law, Hollywood; Treasurer, W. Lee Chambers, Santa Monica.

Mr. Robert Ridgway, of Washington, D. C., was unanimously elected to Honorary Membership, following the similar action of the Northern Division.

A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Fisher for his interesting lecture given earlier in the evening.

H. T. CLIFTON, Secretary.