

phasize the great responsibility of the editor of such a publication as *The Wilson Bulletin*, the aim of which we should hope to be to present bona fide ornithology. An editor's duty is to refuse publication of valueless articles, or worse, as well as to accept and publish in *proper shape* articles of more or less merit. We feel our own responsibility in these matters and *try* to act accordingly.—J. G.

Minutes of Club Meetings

NORTHERN DIVISION

SEPTEMBER.—The Club met, Sept. 29, 1906, at the residence of Miss Bertha L. Chapman, 404 Walsworth Ave., Oakland, Cal., with eleven members and four visitors present; Vice-President Fisher occupying the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. In respect to the resolution passed by the Club at the last meeting concerning the donation of a set of the Club publications, with the exception of the first volume of *THE CONDOR*, to the California Academy of Sciences, Mr. Cohen stated that he had a part of the first volume of *THE CONDOR* which he would be glad to donate. Mr. Emerson also offered the first two numbers of *THE CONDOR*.

The order of procedure was reversed and the program taken up before the business.

Mr. F. E. L. Beal gave a very interesting talk on the "Food of Birds." He has been working for five years on California birds alone and brought out in his talk many interesting facts concerning the economic relationships of our birds and also gave something of the methods and accomplishments of his work.

The business of the Club was now taken up and the following propositions for membership were read:

Henry F. Duprey, 919 Morgan St., Santa Rosa, Cal., by J. Grinnell; John E. Thayer, Lancaster, Mass., by J. Grinnell; F. W. Weymouth, 326 Lytton Ave., Palo Alto, Cal., by H. O. Jenkins; Chas. Reining, 601 Webster St., Palo Alto, Cal., by H. O. Jenkins. The following was elected to active membership:

Chas. W. Metz, 323 W. Loucks St., Sheridan, Wyoming.

A motion made by Mr. Emerson to give Mr. Beal a vote of thanks for his instructive talk was seconded and carried.

Dr. F. W. D'Evelyn said a few words in appreciation of Mr. Beal's work and gave some of his own observations concerning feeding habits of birds.

The meeting then adjourned to the dining room where elaborate refreshments were served.

H. O. JENKINS, *Secretary*.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

OUTING MEETING.—Newhall, Cal., May 19-20, 1906. There were present members Morcom, Judson, Lelande, Robertson and Law.

About the first thing noted on getting off the train was a colony of English sparrows which had its home about the station. Little was done on the 19th other than short excursions on foot into the hills back of Newhall. Mr. Judson found a nest of wren-tit with four eggs, and a nest of black-chinned sparrow just ready for eggs; and later in the day Mr. Law found a nest of almost grown young, which Mr. Morcom thoroly identified as being of this species. The nest was discovered thru the anxiety of the parent when one neared the vicinity of the nest.

Taking an early start on the morning of the 20th, the entire party drove west to the high ridge, and leaving the rig, worked up into the mountains. Mr. Lelande found a grown family of spotted owls, securing one adult. He also found several nests of western flycatcher, from nest just completed to nests with young, all built in crevices against the sides of the bank along the stream. Other birds found breeding were: plain tit, Lawrence goldfinch, green-backed goldfinch, lazuli bunting, black-chinned hummer (several nests of each), black-headed grosbeak, Cabanis and Nuttall woodpeckers (young), house finch, black phoebe, junco (young); and in addition, the following were observed: creeper, slender-billed nuthatch, white-bellied swallow (entering hole in bank), western bluebird, ash-throated flycatcher, western chipping sparrow, western wood pewee, flicker, Gairdner woodpecker, cliff swallow, Audubon and black-throated gray warblers, sharp-shinned and red-tailed hawks, white-throated swift, blue-fronted and California jays.

J. EUGENE LAW, *Secretary*.

SPECIAL MEETING.—Clerk's Office, City Hall, Los Angeles; Aug. 2, 1906. In the absence of the president, the meeting was called to order by Vice-President Judson, with members Morcom, Lelande, Robertson, Rising, Willett, Richardson, Watson, Milton, Alphonse Jay, and Law present, and Mr. Henry Golish visiting.

On motion duly seconded and carried, the Secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of the members present electing Mr. Charles E. Cosper to active membership. This formality was complied with.

On motion unanimously carried, the invitation of Mr. O. W. Howard to hold a Special Meeting of the Club at his home, Aug. 30, 1906, was accepted. There being no further business and no program, the balance of the