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MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

NORTHERN DIVISION

SEPTEMBER.—The September meeting of the Northern Division of the Club was held in the lecture room of the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology on the evening of September 30, with the following members present:

J. Grinnell, R. Wheeler, W. F. Sampson, W. B. Sampson, H. F. Duprey, M. S. Ray, H. S. Swarth, W. P. Taylor, O. Heinemann, H. W. Carriger, E. W. Gifford, Joseph Dixon, and Miss Alexander, while Miss Kellogg, and Mr. Storer were present as visitors.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 with Vice-President W. P. Taylor in the chair. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read. The application of J. Claire Wood, Detroit, Mich., proposed by Mr. Grin-

nell, was presented and laid over till our next meeting. On motion duly carried the Secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of those present electing to active membership those whose names were presented at our last meeting. Mr. Emerson's report which was presented at the last meeting was again laid over for one meeting. A report from Mr. Lee Chambers who was a committee of one to finance the publishing of Avifauna no. 5 was read, and on motion the same was accepted. The Secretary was instructed to write Mr. Chambers thanking him on behalf of the Club for the excellent work done in securing the necessary funds for publishing this Avifauna.

Mr. H. S. Swarth gave a very interesting talk about his recent trip to southeastern Alaska. By means of a launch he was able to visit many of the islands of the coast, and a good collection of birds and mammals was secured. The scarcity of birds in certain sections of the country was very noticeable. The islands are all heavily wooded and as they rise abruptly from the water, traveling was at times very difficult. A curious Indian legend relative to the hooting of the Sooty Grouse was related by Mr. Swarth. The Indians believe that the Raven is the lord of all the birds, and also that at one time both the Sooty and Spruce Grouse hooted, thus making a great noise in the woods. The Raven did not fancy so much noise so he forbade the Spruce Grouse to do any hooting and it has forever since remained silent.

Mr. M. S. Ray presented a paper on "A Defense of Oology" (see this issue of the CONDOR, page 19) and the same was discust by those present. Adjourned.

H. W. CARRIGER, Secretary

SOUTHERN DIVISION

FEBRUARY.—The February meeting was called to order by President Morcom at the City Hall, Los Angeles, Thursday evening, February 25, 1909, with members John Lewis Childs, H. J. Lelande, George Willett, W. Lee Chambers, O. W. Howard, Howard Robertson, P. I. Osburn, Chester Lamb, V. W. Owen, Willard Chamberlain, Howard Wright and J. E. Law present.

The minutes of the last meeting, Jan. 28, 1909, were read and approved. The following applications for membership were presented: J. A. Munk, Los Angeles, proposed by W. Lee Chambers; Lawrence Huey, San Diego, proposed by F. Stephens; Miss Elizabeth Day Palmer, Los Angeles, proposed by W. Lee Chambers; D. I. Shepardson, Los Angeles, proposed by O. W. Howard; and R. M. Perez, Los Angeles, proposed by O. W. Howard.

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