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NORTHERN DIVISION

OCTOBER.—The October meeting of the Northern Division of the Club was held in the research room of the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology on the evening of October 22, with the following members present: J. Grinnell, J. Mailliard, Dr. C. Hart Merriam, L. H. Miller, M. Ray, Oluf Heinemann, D. Cohen, W. P. Taylor, Herbert Coggins, H. Carriger, T. I. Storer, H. C. Bryant and Mr. Judd. Dudley Brown was present as visitor.

The meeting was called to order by President Grinnell who called on Mr. W. P. Taylor to give the paper of the evening. Mr. Taylor gave a very interesting talk, illustrated by a number of skins, about the birds of the Modoc Region of northeastern California. At the conclusion of Mr. Taylor's talk the members indulged in a general discussion relative to the birds collected and as Dr. Merriam had explored at the same locality in former years the same proved very interesting.

The regular order of business was now taken up and the minutes of the last meeting were read, and approved as read. The minutes of the Southern Division were also read. The Secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of those present electing to active membership Messrs. Bryant, Stern, Storer, H. Coggins, Irving, Messinger and Beers, whose names had been presented at a former meeting. The applications of Dudley C. Brown, proposed by H. W. Carriger, Carl L. Hubbs, by L. H. Miller, and Donald R. Dickey, by Mr. Chambers, were presented and laid over till next meeting. Mr. Grinnell stated that W. Leon Dawson was coming to San Francisco, and would probably locate in California and spend the next four or five years in studying the birds of the State. Mr. Grinnell also spoke about the use of vernacular names and expressed his preference for California Condor, California Linnet, and Western Kingbird, instead of California Vulture, House Finch and Arkansas Kingbird as given in the new Check-List. The matter was discussed by the members present. Donald Cohen stated that the birds presented to the Club some years ago were in a school at Oakland and were being well taken care of. Adjourned.—H. W. CARRIGER, *Secretary*.

NOVEMBER.—The November meeting of the Northern Division of the Club was held on the evening of November 19 in the research room of the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, with the following members present: W. K. Fisher, J.

Grinnell, J. Mailliard, H. S. Swarth, W. P. Taylor, W. Leon Dawson, M. Ray, O. Heinemann, H. Coggins, D. Brown, N. Stern, H. Bryant, P. Judd, T. Storer, and H. W. Carriger. Mr. Carroll was present as a visitor. The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p. m. with President Grinnell in the chair.

Mr. H. L. Coggins, formerly secretary of the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club, was introduced by the president and gave a very interesting account of that society, the interests, activities and membership of the club being briefly outlined in a most interesting and amusing manner.

At the conclusion of Mr. Coggins' talk the business of the club was taken up, and the minutes of the last meeting were read, and approved as read. On motion the secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of members present electing to active membership the following individuals, whose names were presented at the last meeting: Carl L. Hubbs, Donald R. Dickey, and Dudley H. Brown. The application of Althea R. Sherman, McGregor, Iowa, proposed by Mr. Chambers, was read and laid over till next meeting.

The committee having in charge the revision of the Club's constitution presented a draft of the same, and, on motion, the President referred it to a committee of three, consisting of Messrs. W. P. Taylor, J. Mailliard, and M. Ray. Mr. Grinnell spoke of the advisability of having stated nights on which the Club would meet, and on motion it was decided to meet every third Saturday of each month. The use of vernacular names was again discussed by the members but no definite action was taken.

The President then introduced Mr. W. Leon Dawson, author of the *Birds of Ohio*, and *Birds of Washington*; also secretary of the Caurinus Club of Washington. Mr. Dawson extended greetings from the Caurinus Club, and proceeded to outline his plans in regard to his proposed work on the *Birds of California*.

At the conclusion of Mr. Dawson's talk the members present discussed the matter, and a motion was made by Mr. J. Mailliard, seconded by Mr. W. P. Taylor, that the Cooper Ornithological Club heartily endorse Mr. Dawson's plans, and pledge its moral support and cooperation in the task of preparing a work upon *The Birds of California*. Motion was carried. A motion was made by Mr. W. K. Fisher, seconded by Mr. H. C. Bryant, that Mr. W. Leon Dawson be granted permission to associate the name of the Cooper Ornithological Club with his own on the title page of the forthcoming work, after the following formula: "The *Birds of California*, by W. Leon Dawson with the cooperation of the members of the Cooper Ornithological Club." This was carried also.

Mr. Dawson expressed his deep appreciation of the support given him. Adjourned.—H. W. CARRIGER, *Secretary*.

DECEMBER.—The December meeting of the Cooper Club was held in the research room of the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, Berkeley, on the evening of December 17. The meeting was called to order with President Grinnell in the chair, and the following members present: J. Grinnell, H. S. Swarth, M. Ray, O. Heine-mann, D. Brown, W. P. Taylor, J. Mailliard, H. Carriger, W. L. Dawson, H. Coggins, and J. L. Sloanaker. Captain F. Kleinschmidt was present as a visitor.

The minutes of the November meeting were read, and approved as read. Southern Division minutes were also read. The committee to whom the revised copy of the constitution was referred reported that they had carefully gone over the same, and, with a few minor changes, recommended that it be adopted. A motion made by Swarth and seconded by Storer that the constitution be adopted subject to approval of the Southern Division was unanimously carried.

President Grinnell spoke in regard to holding the A. O. U. meeting in San Francisco during 1915, and read a circular letter that he had mailed to eastern ornithologists urging such action. A motion was made by Mailliard, seconded by Swarth, that the president appoint a committee of three to see what could be done toward gaining this end. W. P. Taylor, H. Coggins, and M. Ray were appointed.

Mr. Grinnell stated that the vote in regard to simplified spelling in THE CONDOR had decided against such usage. The motion was made and carried deciding that the Club hold its annual banquet, and that the president be instructed to appoint a committee to attend to the same.

The president requested Mr. W. L. Dawson to give a statement regarding the progress of his work, and Mr. Dawson announced that everything looked exceptionally bright. Althea R. Sherman, whose name was presented at the last meeting, was elected a member. The names of Edward Boyer, Sparks, Nevada, and J. D. Sornborger, Rowley, Massachusetts, were proposed by W. Lee Chambers.

The nominations for officers for 1911 were declared open, and the following names were proposed: President, Joseph Mailliard; Vice-president, H. W. Carriger; Secretary, H. S. Swarth; Business Manager, W. Lee Chambers; Editor, Joseph Grinnell.

Mr. J. L. Sloanaker, of Fresno, expressed the desire of the ornithologists of that region to form a Chapter, and was told that the Club would favorably consider such an application if formally presented.

Captain Kleinschmidt gave a detailed and

interesting account of his discovery of the nest and eggs of the rare Spoon-billed Sandpiper in northeastern Siberia. Specimens of the bird, both adults and downy young, were exhibited. Mr. H. S. Swarth, who spent the summer on Vancouver Island, gave a brief talk about his trip. Adjourned.—H. W. CARRIGER, *Secretary*.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

NOVEMBER.—The November meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Club was held on Friday evening, November 25, 1910, in Room 1, City Hall, Los Angeles. In the absence of President Morcom the meeting was called to order by Vice-president Lelande, with the following members present: Messrs. Robertson, Chambers, Willett, Osburn, Alphonse Jay, Howell, Shepardson and Lelande. Messrs. Moses and Granville were visitors. In the absence of Secretary Law, Mr. W. Lee Chambers was appointed Secretary pro tem.

The minutes of the October meeting were read and approved. The following applications for membership were presented: Frank Edgar Johnson, Yonkers, N. Y., by Mr. W. Lee Chambers; Fred Granville, Los Angeles, by Mr. Howard Robertson.

Mr. Howard Robertson made a verbal report on the progress of the Southern California Museum. Work has already actively begun on this, and the Club has been asked to furnish data for the cornerstone. In compliance with a motion made by Willett, seconded by Osburn, and duly carried, the Chairman appointed Messrs. Law, Willett and Lelande, a committee to prepare proper data and see that it is placed in the cornerstone. On motion by Mr. Willett, seconded by Mr. Shepardson, and duly carried, the Southern Division approved the action of the Northern Division in endorsing the proposal of Mr. W. L. Dawson; and also pledged its moral support and co-operation in the task of preparing a work on the "Birds of California." It also approved the decision that Mr. Dawson be permitted to associate the name of the Cooper Club with his own in the title page of the work. On motion by Mr. Lelande, seconded by Mr. Chambers, and duly carried, the following resolution was unanimously adopted. Resolved—That the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club does hereby recommend Mr. Evan Davis, of Orange County, for an appointment as a member of the State Fish and Game Commission.

Mr. A. B. Howell exhibited a very fine series of bird photos covering a period spent on the Coronado Islands during 1910. A Paper entitled "Nesting Notes on the American Eared Grebe and Pied-billed Grebe" by Robert B. Rockwell, was read by Mr. Lelande and thoroughly enjoyed. Adjourned.—W. LEE CHAMBERS, *Secretary, pro tem*.