

the individual do? Become a center of information as to the present condition of our remnant of wild life, and an enthusiastic booster for more and better laws and the rigorous enforcement of those now existent.

"The wild life of today is not wholly ours, to dispose of as we please. It has been given to us *in trust*. We must account for it to those who come after us and audit our records."—W. P. TAYLOR.

MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB
MEETINGS
SOUTHERN DIVISION

MAY.—The May meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Club was called to order in the committee room of the Museum of History, Science and Art, with Mr. Willett in the chair and the following members present: Howell, Lamb, Willett, Antonin Jay, Alphonse Jay, Zahn, Davis, Daggett, Rich, and Miller. The following ladies were visitors: Miss Mary H. Hainline, Denver, Colorado; Mrs. A. W. Beven, Chicago, Ill., and Miss F. M. Shields, Chicago, Ill.

The chairman appointed Mr. Miller as secretary pro tem. The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved. On motion by Mr. Lamb, the secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of the club electing to membership the following applicants, as proposed at the April meeting:—Kate W. McGraw, C. W. Chamberlain, Asa W. Chandler, L. K. Tevis, and Geo. Wood. The name of Mrs. Frances M. Harmon was proposed for membership in the club, the application to lie on the table till the next regular meeting of the club. The resignation of Dr. Garrett Newkirk of Pasadena was read and upon motion by Mr. Daggett was accepted. Announcement of the death of Mr. A. B. Frost was read and was referred to the secretary for publication in THE CONDOR.

Letters from Mr. W. P. Taylor of the northern division of the Club regarding protection of wild life of the state were read, and freely and favorably discussed by the club. On motion by Mr. Daggett, seconded by Mr. Lamb, the secretary of the committee on the preservation of wild life was authorized to write letters to various members of the committee in Congress having to do with federal legislation on the protection of game.

The meeting adjourned to spend a very pleasant hour under the direction of Mr. Daggett inspecting the beautiful building of the museum and the very creditable work accomplished in the short time that its energetic director has been at work. Unqualified commendation was expressed by all.—LOVE MILLER, *Secretary pro tem*.

JUNE.—The meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on June 27, 1912, in the committee room of the Museum of History, Science and Art, with vice-president Lelande in the chair, and the following members present: Mrs. Harmon, and Messrs. Chambers, Daggett, Fisher,

Granville, Howard, Howell, Lamb, Law, Lelande, Miller, Rich, Smith, Snyder, Willett, and Zahn.

The minutes of the Southern Division for May were read and approved. Upon motion by Mr. Willett, seconded by Mr. Rich and duly carried, the Secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of those present electing to active membership Mrs. Frances Harmon, proposed at the last meeting.

Applications for membership were proposed as follows: Don C. Phillips, Bakersfield, California, proposed by H. C. Bryant; R. D. Jewett, Los Angeles, proposed by G. Willett; Chas. Jeffreys, Tetbury, England, proposed by A. B. Howell; John Dryden Kuser, Bernardsville, N. J., proposed by W. Lee Chambers.

Upon motion of Mr. Willett, seconded by Mr. Chambers and duly carried, the secretary was instructed to notify the Audubon Society that the Southern Division of the Cooper Club would gladly co-operate with it in endeavoring to procure satisfactory bird legislation. After an extended discussion of bird legislation and a pleasant bird chat, the meeting adjourned and inspected the progress made in placing specimens in the new museum. The displays are beginning to show up and some of the new ideas, which Mr. Daggett as Director has introduced, will result in a very attractive exhibit. Adjourned.—J. E. LAW, *Secretary*.

JULY.—The July meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on Thursday evening, July 25, 1912, in the Directors' room at the Los Angeles County Museum of History, Science and Art, with the following members present: Chambers, Daggett, Howell, Lamb, Law, Miller, and Rich, and A. W. Brauer as visitor.

Mr. Daggett was elected Chairman. The minutes of the Southern Division for June were read and approved. Messrs. Don C. Phillips, R. D. Jewett, Chas. Jeffreys and John Dryden Kuser, nominated at a previous meeting, were elected to active membership. The resignation of M. C. Blake was accepted. Applications for membership were proposed as follows: Samuel Hubbard, Jr., Oakland, Cal., proposed by A. B. Howell; Jesse J. Wood, Santa Barbara, Cal., proposed by W. Lee Chambers; Mrs. J. W. Wheeler, Seattle, Wash., proposed by J. L. Sloanaker; William A. Magee, Jr., Oakland, Cal., proposed by W. Lee Chambers.

On motion by Mr. Miller and seconded by Dr. Rich, the by-law relating to the distribution of Avifaunas was altered to read:

"The sale and distribution of Avifaunas to be left in the hands of the Business Managers, who shall establish prices for the sale of such publications. Members shall receive copies of such publications at half regular prices thus established."

A telegram to Mr. Law from the State Fish and Game Commission was read, stat-

ing that the Hearst papers were conducting a campaign against the proposed legislation for better and further game protection. Various paper clippings on the same subject were read. Mr. Law has written the State Fish and Game Commission and others, assuring them of his hearty support and co-operation in any laws that will benefit and preserve the wild life in California. On motion by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Chambers, the Southern Division adopted a resolution upholding and supporting the sentiments expressed by Mr. Law. Adjourned.—CHESTER LAMB, *Secretary pro tem.*

NORTHERN DIVISION

AUGUST—The regular monthly meeting of the Northern Division was held at the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, Berkeley, Saturday evening, August 17, with vice-president Carriger in the chair, and the following members present: Messrs. Bryant, Grinnell, Heinemann, Ray, Shelton, Stone, Swarth and Taylor. Mr. Duttke was present as a visitor. The minutes of the last (March) Northern Division meeting were read and approved, followed by the reading of the minutes of the last three Southern Division meetings. The long list of proposals for membership acted upon by the Southern Division during the past four months were read, but inasmuch as these had all been accepted by that division, it was not considered necessary to lay them over for another month for election in the Northern Division, and their acceptance was accordingly ratified at once.

The following proposal was read:

We, the undersigned, active members of the Cooper Ornithological Club, hereby propose for honorary membership in the Club, Mr. Frank Stephens of San Diego.

Our reasons for proposing this recognition of Mr. Stephens' connection with western ornithology are as follows: The candidate may be justly credited with a very large proportion of the first published information in regard to the birds of Arizona and southern California. This information was nearly all of it issued under the authorship of Brewster, Bendire, Fisher and Morcom. It was one result of untiring field work at a time when conditions made it far more difficult than we now can realize.

Furthermore, Mr. Stephens collected a large proportion of the specimens which became the basis of the first intensive systematic work on the birds of the regions named. Both specimens and facts gathered point towards a superior ability as a field naturalist.

We believe that the election of Mr. Stephens to honorary membership in the Club is only justice as an expression of appreciation of his services to western ornithology.

(Signed) JOSEPH MAILLIARD,
H. W. CARRIGER,
H. S. SWARTH,
J. GRINNELL.

The motion was enthusiastically endorsed in brief speeches by several of the members present, and was passed without a dissenting vote, subject to the approval of the Southern Division.

The Southern Division minutes contained a motion relative to the distribution of the Club's publications, but inasmuch as this departure from former methods had not been made in the manner provided by the Constitution, the Northern Division decided that it was powerless to act in the matter. The secretary was instructed to communicate with the secretary of the Southern Division, calling his attention to the irregularity of the action, and urging the impossibility of its sanction by this Division.

After the disposal of the above business, the paper of the evening was read: A Description of the Nesting of the California Pine Grosbeak, by Milton S. Ray. Specimens of the birds and eggs were on exhibition, together with numerous photographs.

Mr. Grinnell then gave a brief talk on the prospects of the Band-tailed Pigeon as a game bird. This was a summary of data gathered for the Fish and Game Commission, to aid in the drafting of suitable protective laws, and described the several peculiar phenomena in the life history of the species, which render the birds so difficult to protect. Adjourned.—H. S. SWARTH, *Secretary.*

DIRECTORY OF MEMBERS OF THE COOPER ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB

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HONORARY MEMBERS

Allen, Dr. J. A., American Museum of Natural History, New York, N. Y. 1910.
Beal, Prof. F. E. L., Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. 1910.
Belding, Lyman, Stockton. 1896.
Merriam, Dr. C. Hart, 1919 16th St., Washington, D. C. 1909.
Ridgway, Robert, 3353 18th St., N. W., Washington, D. C. 1905.
Stephens, Frank, Box 13, R. F. D. 2, San Diego. 1912.

ACTIVE MEMBERS

Adams, Ernest, Box 21, Clipper Gap, Placer Co. 1896.
Alexander, Miss Annie M., Seaview and Union Aves., Piedmont. 1908.
Allen, Arthur A., 115 Stewart Ave., Ithaca, N. Y. 1911.
Anderson, Malcolm P., Menlo Park. 1901.
Appleton, J. S., Simi, Ventura Co. 1901.
Arnold, B. W., 465 State St., Albany, N. Y. 1910.