

MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

SOUTHERN DIVISION

FEBRUARY.—The February meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on February 20, 1913, at the residence of Mr. J. E. Law, Hollywood, California, with President Law in the chair and the following members present: Messrs. Law, Daggett, Chambers, Zahn, Lelande, Howell, Miller, Howard, Lamb, Rich, Hubbs, Grey, Layne, Fischer, Judson, Dickey, H. M. Holland, C. B. Isham, and Allan Brooks.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved.

Upon motion made and duly carried, the following applicants, proposed at the January meeting, were unanimously elected to active membership: E. E. Everett, Ventura, California; Mabel C. Gage, Worcester, Mass.; Claus J. Murie, Portland, Oregon; J. B. Perrin, Tucson, Arizona; Asa Sleeth, Portland, Oregon.

The following application for membership was presented: Sidney B. Peyton, Sespe, California, proposed by L. Peyton.

After adjournment those present enjoyed the hospitality and refreshments provided by their host and hostess. Mr. and Mrs. Law have a charming new home on the hillside, and the former's fine collection of birds and eggs, well and safely housed in a fireproof room adjoining his study, were examined with much interest by those present.—A. B. HOWELL, *Secretary*.

MARCH.—The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Division was held at the Museum of History, Science and Art, Thursday evening, March 27, with President Law in the chair and the following members present: Messrs. Daggett, Grey, Hubbs, Law, Lelande, Miller, Van Rossem and Swarth. The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved, followed by the reading of the Northern Division minutes for February. In regard to certain resolutions passed by the Northern Division, pertaining to the Flint-Cary bill, and asking for the support of the Division, it was decided that as the bill had already been brought before the senate, it was useless to take any formal action, especially as Mr. Law and Mr. Howell each reported that they had already separately in the name of the Club, written and telegraphed messages in support of the measure.

In this connection the following motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Lelande, and carried: That the Southern Division commends and endorses the action of the presi-

dent and secretary in forwarding telegrams to the proper legislators expressive of the Club's attitude in regard to the Flint-Cary bill; and that the Southern Division approves the stand taken by the Northern Division in this respect.

One new member was elected: Sidney B. Peyton, Sespe, California. The following names were proposed: F. J. Smith, Eureka, California; J. Bagley, Eureka, California; B. M. Marshall, Eureka, California; E. A. Dial, Santa Barbara, California; B. F. Case, Ferndale, Washington; T. J. Fitzpatrick, Los Angeles, all proposed by W. Lee Chambers; and E. E. Lusher, Van Nuys, California, proposed by H. C. Bryant.

A communication was read from A. B. Howell, tendering his resignation as secretary of the Southern Division. The resignation was accepted, and H. S. Swarth was elected to fill the office during the balance of the year. Adjourned.—H. S. SWARTH, *Secretary*.

APRIL.—The monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Club was held at the Museum of History, Science and Art, Thursday evening, April 24, with the following members present: Messrs. Cookman, Daggett, Davis, Grey, Hubbs, Lamb, Layne, Miller, Robertson, Willett, and Swarth. Mr. J. J. Robinson was a visitor. In the absence of the president Mr. Daggett acted as chairman. The minutes of the March meeting were read and approved, followed by the reading of the Northern Division minutes for March and April.

The following were elected to membership: E. E. Lusher, Van Nuys, California; T. J. Fitzpatrick, Los Angeles; B. F. Case, Ferndale, Washington; E. A. Dial, Santa Barbara, California; B. M. Marshall, Eureka, California; J. Bagley, Eureka, California; F. J. Smith, Eureka, California. New names were presented as follows: H. C. Ohl, Los Banos, California, by H. C. Bryant; Thomas Trenor, San Francisco, by J. Grinnell; Edward P. Rankin, El Monte, California, by H. C. Bryant; George F. Sykes, Corvallis, Oregon, by J. Grinnell.

Two communications were read, one from Mrs. J. W. Wheeler, of Tucson, Arizona, proffering an exchange of specimens with any one interested, game birds being desired; the other from Theodore Roosevelt, addressed to Joseph Grinnell, and expressing interest in regard to the recent report upon the status as a game bird of the Band-tailed Pigeon in California.

Following this came the reading of the business manager's report upon the publication of Pacific Coast Avifaunas numbers 7 and 8. This was duly accepted and ordered filed.

Business disposed of, the members were en-

tertained during the remainder of the evening by Mr. Willett, who gave a talk upon his recent trip to Laysan and adjacent islands under the direction of the Biological Survey. A representative lot of Laysan birds, and an extensive series of photographs illustrated his remarks. Owing to the trip having been made during the winter months, while previous expeditions had all visited the islands during the summer, a number of new and interesting facts were discovered, rather surprising in view of the attention the islands had already received from ornithologists. Adjourned.—H. S. SWARTH, *Secretary*.

NORTHERN DIVISION

MARCH.—The regular monthly meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held at the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, Berkeley, California, on February 20, 1913, at 8 p. m. Mr. Bryant acted as president in the temporary absence of President Carriger who took the chair after the discussion of the paper of the evening. The following members were present: Mrs. Grinnell, Misses Atsatt, McGraw, and Wythe, and Messrs. Barrows, Bryant, Carriger, Chandler, Grinnell, Heinemann, Ray, Shelton, Stone and Storer. Mrs. Oscar Maurer, and Misses Capp, Harper, Lemon, Lillibridge, Little, and Wetmore, and Mr. Rankin, were present as visitors.

The paper of the evening by Mr. J. Grinnell on "Methods in Field Observation and Collecting" was first presented. The speaker outlined the various purposes in field work, then the methods of observation and note-writing, quoting from some of his own notebooks as examples, and finally described the outfits necessary for all sorts of field collecting. Considerable interesting discussion was indulged in after the presentation of the paper.

The business of the meeting was then taken up. The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved and the minutes of the Southern Division meeting for February were read.

Miss Mabel C. Gage, Worcester, Mass., Thos. Trenor, San Francisco, Calif., Claus J. Murie, and Asa Sleeth of Portland, Oregon, and John B. Perrin, Tucson, Ariz., were elected to membership. The application of L. D. Duschak, 506 U. S. Custom House, San Francisco, Calif., proposed by J. Grinnell, was read.

Mr. Grinnell summarized the report of the Business Managers of the Club on Avifaunas Nos. 7 and 8. The report received a vote of approval. Mr. Bryant reported for the permanent committee on the Conservation of Wild Life and pointed out some of the recent

work carried on in connection with the present session of the California Legislature. The California Associated Societies has at present sufficient funds to carry on an active campaign in connection with the no-sale and other game bills. A second Western Wild Life Call has been issued by the Associated Societies. Mr. Bryant further reported that a fair degree of success was obtained in the hearing of the no-sale bill before the Joint Committee from the two houses on February 19th.

The names of J. Eugene Law and W. Lee Chambers were presented as candidates for the offices of Business Managers for 1913 and unanimously elected. The work of Mr. A. C. Bent in planning to continue the publication of "Life Histories of North American Birds", as commenced by Capt. Charles Bendire, was favorably commented upon. Adjourned.—TRACY I. STORER, *Secretary*.

APRIL.—The regular monthly meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held at the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, Berkeley, California, on April 17, 1913, at 8 p. m., with President Carriger in the chair and the following members present: Mrs. Grinnell, the Misses Atsatt and Wythe, and the Messrs. Carriger, Grinnell, Heinemann, Ray, Shelton, and Storer. Mrs. Allen and Miss Olive Swezy were present as visitors. The minutes of the March meeting were read and approved and the Southern Division minutes for March were read.

Mr. L. D. Duschak, San Francisco, Calif., was elected to membership, and the following new applications were read for the first time: Edward P. Rankin, El Monte, Los Angeles County, Calif., proposed by H. C. Bryant, and George Francis Sykes, 322 Agricultural Hall, Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Oregon, proposed by J. Grinnell. The following applications were read from the Southern Division: F. J. Smith, J. Bagley, B. M. Marshall, E. A. Dial, B. F. Case, T. J. Fitzpatrick, and E. E. Lusher. Mr. Grinnell reported briefly on the conditions and results already obtained at the State Legislature.

The discussion of the evening upon a "Reference List of Birds of the San Francisco Bay Region" was opened by the Secretary. Mr. Grinnell had anticipated the general trend of the discussion and had prepared a synopsis of the work, which he presented, showing what work would be necessary to produce a creditable list.

The following motion was introduced and carried: It is the sense of this meeting, after discussion, that it is eminently desirable that a "Reference List of the Birds of the San Francisco Bay Region" be compiled by the Cooper Ornithological Club. Adjourned.—TRACY I. STORER, *Secretary*.