

dissecting out of tangled phylogenetic relationships. Indeed, it is scarcely too much to say that if all birds were destroyed, and we had their eggs at hand, we could make a passable reconstruction of their phylogenetic tree. Instead of being a school-boy's fancy, Oölogy is a science, as well prepared to give account of herself as is geology or archaeology or ballistics. That you are in a position to do Science a good turn, and that without prejudice to any other human interest, is my firm conviction. I congratulate you, and I congratulate Californian ornithology.

Cordially yours,

W. LEON DAWSON.

Santa Barbara, California, June 11, 1915.

MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

SOUTHERN DIVISION

JUNE.—The regular meeting of the Southern Division was held at the Museum of History, Science and Art, Thursday evening, June 24, 1915, with President Law in the chair, and the following members present: Mrs. Husher, and Messrs. Brown, Chambers, Colburn, Daggett, Edwards, Hegner, Holland, Howell, Rich, Swarth, Wood, and Wyman. Visitors in attendance were: Mrs. Law, Mrs. Wood, and Mr. Ralph Benton.

The minutes of the May meeting were read and approved. One new member was elected, Mr. R. D. Lusk, of Winkelman, Arizona. New names presented were: Miss Nellie Moore, Long Beach, and Miss Laura I. Dodge, Long Beach, both proposed by C. B. Linton; Mrs. J. E. Law, Hollywood, by F. S. Daggett; Ralph Benton, Los Angeles, by W. Lee Chambers; Lance H. Smith, Palo Alto, by Joseph Mailliard; E. A. White, Santa Paula, by H. F. Duprey; F. W. Henshaw, San Francisco, by J. Grinnell; Mrs. Mary Van E. Ferguson, Berkeley, by Mrs. James T. Allen.

A communication was read, received from the Secretary of the Pacific Division, American Association for the Advancement of Science, asking that two members of the Cooper Club be delegated as representatives of the Club upon the Affiliation Committee of the Pacific Division. Mr. Law was selected to act for the Southern Division, together with whomever might be chosen from the Northern Division.

Mr. Colburn exhibited a series of photographs taken on a recent trip to the Coronado Islands, and Mr. Hegner showed photographs of birds and nests taken in the

vicinity of Los Angeles. Mr. H. A. Edwards outlined a plan for placing signs relative to bird protection at the several camps and resorts in the nearby mountains. He exhibited a sample signboard, and asked the Club for its support in carrying out the project. The plan was strongly endorsed by those present, and a discussion followed as to the best way of forwarding the work. Adjourned.—H. S. SWARTH, *Secretary*.

JULY.—The regular monthly meeting was held at the Museum of History, Science and Art, Thursday evening, July 29, 1915. President Law was in the chair, and the following members were present: Mrs. Husher, Mrs. Law, and Messrs. Brown, Colburn, Daggett, Holland, Nokes, Rich, Robertson, and Swarth. Mr. Wade E. Enoch was a visitor.

The minutes of the June meeting were read and approved. New members were elected as follows: Mrs. Mary Van E. Ferguson, F. W. Henshaw, E. A. White, L. H. Smith, Ralph Benton, Mrs. J. E. Law, Miss Laura I. Dodge, and Miss Nellie Moore. New names presented for membership were: S. D. Moles, Claremont, California, proposed by W. P. Taylor, and Wade L. Enoch, Tropic, California, proposed by W. Lee Chambers.

The following proposal for honorary membership was then read, and favorably acted upon by unanimous vote of those present:

To the Cooper Ornithological Club:

We, the undersigned active members, propose for honorary membership in the Cooper Ornithological Club, Mr. Henry W. Henshaw, Chief of the Bureau of Biological Survey, Washington, D. C. We believe that this recognition of Mr. Henshaw's long service to ornithology is wholly merited. He is one of the oldest living pioneer ornithologists of the west. His field work, and publications based thereon, which appeared in the seventies, remain standards of accurate accomplishment. Some of the areas explored by Mr. Henshaw have never been reported upon ornithologically since. Because of his identification with the development of western ornithology, and because of his continued activity, undiminished at the present time, we believe him to be a proper candidate for honorary membership.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

J. Grinnell,
W. Lee Chambers,
Frank S. Daggett,
Harry S. Swarth.

July 15, 1915.

Dr. Nokes exhibited a skin of the Scissor-tailed Flycatcher recently collected by himself in Los Angeles County. Some discussion followed as to possible ways for the bird to have wandered such a distance from its normal range. Adjourned.—H. S. SWARTH, *Secretary*.