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EDITORIAL NOTES AND NEWS

The editors of THE CONDOR are again indebted to Mr. J. R. Pemberton, this time for the annual index which concludes the present issue. Mr. Pemberton has further volunteered to tackle the second ten-year index to THE CONDOR, which will be in order for preparation after the end of 1918. In this connection the editors will welcome suggestions or expressions of opinion as to style and degree of comprehensiveness of the next index. Shall it conform closely to the style set by the first?

During the past several years Mr. Leverett M. Loomis has been working almost continuously on the extensive collections of tubarine birds in the California Academy of Sciences. As a result he has now practically completed a monograph of the group as existing throughout the world. This is to be published at once by the Academy, and its appearance may be confidently expected to throw much new light on the relationships of the American species.

We learn through Mr. Alexander Wetmore that the manuscript for Volume VIII of Ridgway's *Birds of North and Middle America* is

now ready for the press. This volume includes the gulls and shore-birds, and will be welcomed as the first systematic revision of these groups for many years.

Mr. Rollo H. Beck has returned to New York from his five-year term of field collecting in South America. He secured in all about 8000 bird skins, which have been added to the Brewster-Sanford collections in the American Museum of Natural History.

In the death of Evan Davis, who joined the Cooper Ornithological Club in 1894, the Club loses one of its oldest members, and the community in which he lived loses a highly respected citizen. Mr. Davis was always a student and lover of birds. He owned a considerable collection of eggs, but his oological activity was limited by conscientious scruples against collecting on Sunday. He was a member of numerous fraternal orders, and for many years had been a prominent church worker. In recognition of his sterling qualities, the Cooper Ornithological Club has passed resolutions deploring the death of Mr. Davis as that of an earnest student and true gentleman, whose place cannot be easily filled.

The California Museum of Vertebrate Zoology has conducted field surveys this year in Inyo and Mono counties, extreme eastern California. As usual the birds have received a large share of attention, and much new information has been accumulated in regard to mode of occurrence and life habits. Cooper Club members who participated in this work are: Joseph Dixon, Alfred C. Shelton, J. Grinnell, Halsted G. White and Tracy I. Storer.

Mr. J. G. Tyler, author of *Avifauna Number 9, Some Birds of the Fresno District, California*, has enlarged his field of study to take in the whole San Joaquin Valley. He is now working towards a fairly exhaustive treatise upon the "Birds of the San Joaquin Valley" intended ultimately to be published in book form. Regional studies of this nature are going far towards making knowledge of birds a widely popular possession.

MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

NORTHERN DIVISION

AUGUST.—The regular meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held at the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology on August 16, at 8 P. M. President Evermann was in the chair, and the following members and friends were present: Messrs. Carriger, Grinnell, De Groot, Lastreto, Squires and Swarth; Mesdames Allen, Culver, Ferguson, Grinnell, Kelley, Kibbe, Meade, Schlesinger, Swarth and Wythe; visitors: Miss Beatty,