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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,

Mr. Kibbe, Mrs. Rusk, Mrs. Walker, Mr. Meade and Mr. and Mrs. Smythe.

The minutes of the July meeting were read and approved, and Miss Edna Billings was elected to membership. Three proposals for membership were Augustus S. Kibbe, 1534 Grove St., Berkeley, Cal., proposed by H. S. Swarth; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Smythe, Fernwald, head of Dwight Way, Berkeley, proposed by Miss Susan B. Culver.

Posters sent out by the Audubon Association were exhibited by Mr. Grinnell. Various vacation experiences were then related. Mr. Kibbe gave a report of the trip taken by the Pacific Association of Audubon Societies to the Farallon Islands. This was followed by a discussion of possible ways of protecting migrating birds as they fly about lighthouses. Dr. Evermann and Mr. Carriger spoke of the changed conditions at the Farallons in recent years. Miss Wythe gave an account of birds observed during a camping trip in Plumas County, and Mr. Squires reported interesting finds in Marin County during the nesting season. Adjourned.—AMELIA S. ALLEN, *Secretary*.

SEPTEMBER.—The regular meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held at the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, Berkeley, on Thursday evening, September 20, at eight o'clock. Dr. Evermann was in the chair, and the following members were present: Messrs. Bryant, Carriger, Davis, Evermann, Kibbe, Smythe, Swarth, Wheeler, Wiley and Wright; Mesdames Allen, Culver, Ferguson, Grant, Grinnell, Kibbe, Kluegel, Lueddemann, Meade, Schlesinger, Swarth and Wythe. The visitors present were Messrs. Martens, Meade, Schlesinger and Smith; Mesdames Evermann, Ferguson, Griffith, Leggett and Wheeler.

The minutes of the August meeting of the Northern Division were read and approved. The July minutes of the Southern Division were then read, after which, on motion of Dr. Bryant, Mr. Augustus S. Kibbe and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Smythe were elected to membership. Mr. Carl Lien, Destruction Island, Astoria, Oregon, was proposed for membership by Wharton Huber of the Southern Division.

The vacancy on the executive committee of the California Associated Societies for the Conservation of Wild Life, caused by the resignation of Tracy I. Storer, was filled by the election of Rev. W. A. Squires to that position.

Business having been disposed of, the

Club listened to Mr. Swarth's interesting description of the "Apache Trail" in central Arizona, illustrated by beautiful colored slides, which had been loaned for the occasion by the Southern Pacific Railroad. Adjourned.—AMELIA S. ALLEN, *Secretary*.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

AUGUST.—Regular monthly meeting of the Southern Division, Cooper Ornithological Club, was held at the Museum of History, Science and Art, August 30, 1917. Vice-President Law officiated, with the following members present: Messrs. Colburn, Cookman, Daggett, Hannaford, Holland, Little, Nokes, Reis, Rich, Shepardson, Wyman; Mrs. Law and Miss Germain. Miss Crew and Mr. Stormont were visitors.

Minutes of the July meeting were read and approved. An electing ballot was cast for Carl Lien, Astoria, Oregon. New names presented were: Capt. P. H. Gosse, R. A. M. C., no. 10, C. C. S., 2nd Army, Br. Expeditionary Force, France (permanent address, Saville Club, London), proposed by Capt. Allan Brooks; and Frank A. Leach, 217 Hillside Ave., Piedmont, Calif., by W. Lee Chambers.

There being no other business matters for consideration, the members listened to an account, by Mr. Cookman, of an expedition to the Coronados Islands, in which he and two others participated. Several trays of skins of Gallinaceous birds were then inspected and discussed. Adjourned.—L. E. WYMAN, *Secretary*.

SEPTEMBER.—Regular monthly meeting of the Southern Division, Cooper Ornithological Club, was held at the Museum of History, Science and Art, September 27, 1917. Members present were: Messrs. Brown, Cox, Daggett, Fisher, Holland, Hannaford, Law, Little, Miller, Nokes, Reis, Willett and Wyman; Mrs. Law and Miss Little. Visitors were Mr. Harter and Mrs. Young.

Minutes of the July meeting of the North-August meeting. Miss Little presented the name of Pauline Rodgers Young, Canille, Santa Cruz Co., Ariz., for membership.

The members then listened to a most interesting talk by Dr. Fisher concerning the experiences of the Death Valley Expedition, of which he was a member, as were also Dr. C. H. Merriam, Mr. Vernon Bailey, and the late General Funston. Dr. Fisher retraced the route of the expedition and related in detail many of the incidents that gave it importance biologically, and others that added the element of human interest. Adjourned. L. E. WYMAN, *Secretary*.