

Sunday supplements of many newspapers is served from time to time with highly-seasoned half-portions of natural history, stimulative to the imagination perhaps, but not often over full of nutriment in the way of truth or fact. Here is a "rich" sample of ornithology which appeared recently under the authorship of "Dr. W. H. Ballou":

"All migrating water birds, so far as we know, carry safely beneath their feathers little conch shelled animals for food in flight. Without pausing, by a slight twist of the head which shall not upset the centre of gravity, the bird swipes a shell or two when hungry instead of alighting for a table d'hote dinner. Of all fliers, the upland plover loads itself with the largest number of shells, making probably the longest and most sustained migrations of all water-wading birds."

MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

NORTHERN DIVISION

SEPTEMBER.—The regular meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Club was held at the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, September 23, at 8 P. M. President Wright presided, and the following members were present: Mesdames Allen, Ames, Baird, Bamford, Bridges, Ferguson, E. Ferguson, Griffin, Grinnell, Kibbe, Law, McLellan, Mead, Neilson, Neugass, Newhall, Randolph, Rush, and Thomson; Messrs. Bell, Cooper, Cox, Davies, Dixon, Elmore, Evermann, Gignoux, Grinnell, Hill, Kibbe, Law, McLean, Storer, Wheeler, and Wright. Among the visitors were Mr. Baird, Miss Beaman, Mrs. Etcheverry, and Mrs. Wheeler.

The minutes of the August meeting were read and approved and were followed by the reading of the minutes of the August meeting of the Southern Division. Miss Eleanor Bennet, Mrs. Edward Hohfeld, and Mr. Arthur Frank were elected to membership and elections by the Southern Division in August were approved. New names proposed were Francis G. Gilchrist, Berkeley, by Tracy I. Storer, and Mrs. Georgianna T. Roe, Berkeley, by Mrs. Eva D. Roe. A communication from the Federal Power Commission, Washington, D. C., outlined its policy "not to entertain or consider any application for use of water-power sites in any National Park."

Business completed, vacation reports were given. Mrs. Kibbe, who walked with her husband through Glacier Park, had familiar interviews with crossbills, pipits, rosy finches, and other interesting species. Mr. Law spoke of the nest of the Cassin

Vireo and the miniature thrasher-like song of the Gnatcatcher. Dr. Evermann gave an account of his trip to the Hawaiian Islands, dwelling upon his impressions on visiting Mount Kilauea. Adjourned.—AMELIA S. ALLEN, *Secretary*.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

SEPTEMBER 26, 1920.—The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Division, Cooper Ornithological Club, was held at the home of President Miller, on the banks of the Arroyo Seco, at 3:00 P. M. An attendance of thirty members and fifteen visitors attested the popularity of the occasion.

Minutes of the August meeting were read and approved. Applicants whose names were presented at that meeting were declared elected, on motion of Dr. Esterly, seconded by Dr. Rich, that the secretary be instructed to cast a favoring ballot. New presentations were as follows: Miss Romola M. Adams, Long Beach, by Miss Drachman; Mrs. Edna R. Warmer, Los Angeles, by Dr. Charles Warmer; Miss Alice Rose Livesey, Glendale, by Dr. Miller; Miss Lorene Fritch, Glendale, also by Dr. Miller; William V. Evans, Livingston, Montana, by W. Lee Chambers; Mrs. Herbert Clayburgh, Redwood City, by Mrs. Mervyn Neugass; Miss Catherine V. Beers, University of Southern California, by L. E. Wyman. The Northern Division sent the names of Eleanor V. Bennet, Mrs. Edward Hohfeld, and Arthur Frank.

A proposal to elect Florence Merriam Bailey to honorary membership, following favorable action by the Northern Division, was presented. Mr. Chambers moved that the action of that division be ratified; seconded by Mrs. Fargo, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Dawson was called upon to speak relative to the status of the forthcoming "Birds of California", and brought the good word that this long-delayed publication will soon go to press. Other members contributing brief accounts of recent observations or interesting experiences were Mr. Frank Stephens, Sidney Peyton, Wright Pierce, Miss Mary Mann Miller, Miss Pratt, and Dr. Miller.

Serious business completed, members and friends partook of watermelon and fruit, and congratulated one another and their genial host upon the complete success of the occasion. Adjourned.—L. E. WYMAN, *Secretary*.