

## EDITORIAL NOTES AND NEWS

The annual roster of the Cooper Ornithological Club which occupies the next eight pages shows a total of 754 living members. This is just 99 more than one year ago, or an increase of 15 per cent. Either of two things might be inferred—that interest in bird study is rapidly spreading or that energetic efforts have been made to seek out all those in whom an interest had already come to exist but who had not previously affiliated themselves with the Club. With no doubt whatsoever both things are true. The first is a natural accompaniment of an expanding population, especially where there is a tendency towards growth in general culture. The second factor is the personal one involving the activity of certain individual members who wish earnestly to see the Club's sphere of usefulness continually enlarged. In the latter connection it happens that unstinted service has been rendered by our business managers, Messrs. W. Lee Chambers and J. Eugene Law. Incidentally, the last named put through the compilation of the current year's roster. And to him should be reported such changes or corrections as prove to be needed, to the end that these may be incorporated in our next year's roster.

Mr. Robert Ridgway has been accorded the Daniel Giraud Elliot gold medal by the National Academy of Sciences in recognition of his studies of birds, and especially as commemorating the appearance of Part VIII of his *Birds of North and Middle America*. Mr. Ridgway may properly be considered the most distinguished American ornithologist now living.

"The Murrelet" is the title of the "Official Bulletin of the Pacific Northwest Bird and Mammal Club" whose headquarters are at the State Museum, University of Washington, Seattle. Mr. F. S. Hall is president of this active organization and is also editor of "The Murrelet". The bulletin is in mimeograph style and hence, we assume, has no bibliographical standing. Nevertheless, the issue for May, 1921 (vol. II, no. 2), for example, contains some contributions of real value, such indeed as should justify their publication in permanent form. Among articles of particular merit in the issue designated are: *Breeding Dates for Washington Birds*, by J. Hooper Bowles; *Shore Birds at Westport, Washington*, by D. E. Brown; and *British Columbia Bird Notes, 1920-21*, by J. A. Munro.

Mr. Alfred M. Bailey, who has served the past two years as chief fur warden for Alaska under the United States Bureau of Biological Survey, has now severed his connection with the Bureau to accept a position on the staff of the Colorado Museum of Natural

History. Under commission of Director J. D. Figgins of that institution, Mr. Bailey is leaving for a year's field work in north-western Alaska. While the first objective will be the collection of materials for exhibition purposes, special effort will be made also to gather a series of the geese of the region, so that the status of the *canadensis* group in which Mr. Figgins is particularly interested may be worked out on a more conclusive basis than has heretofore been possible.

Mr. Harry S. Swarth, with Mr. William Duncan Strong as assistant, has left for five months of field work in the Skeena River district of British Columbia. The plan of this work is in continuation of the program of the California Museum of Vertebrate Zoology to study into the faunal relations of the northwest coast region of North America. Mr. Swarth's report upon his survey of the Stikine River district made two years ago is now in press as a contribution from the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, University of California.

### MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

#### NORTHERN DIVISION

FEBRUARY.—The Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club met at the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology February 24 at 8 P. M. Members present: Mesdames Allen, Ayer, Burk, Flinn, Grinnell, Law, McLellan, Neugass, Rush, Schlesinger, and Thomson; Messrs. Bell, Bryant, Carriger, Evermann, Grinnell, Lastreto, Law, Mailliard, McKibben, McLean, Strong, Storer, Swarth, Wheeler, and Wright; visitors, Mesdames Drummond, Evermann, McLean, Thomson, and Wheeler; Messrs. Coolidge, Litsey, Miller, and Schlesinger.

After the reading of the minutes of Northern and Southern Divisions the five names proposed at the January meeting were passed upon favorably. New names proposed were Mrs. Ella B. Drummond, 2739 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, by Miss Margaret Wythe; Mr. Kenneth Racey, 3262 First Ave. W., Vancouver, B. C., Mr. Lionel E. Taylor, Kelowna, B. C., and Mr. J. W. Winson, Huntingdon, B. C., by Mr. J. A. Munro.

On motion of Mr. Storer, duly seconded, it was voted to join with the Mammalogists in a field trip to Golden Gate Park on March 20, the trip to take the place of the regular March meeting. On motion of Mr. Law, seconded by Mr. Mailliard, the revised constitution was adopted by unanimous vote. Mr. Dane Coolidge then entertained the Club by narrating his experiences while capturing live birds for zoological parks. Adjourned.—AMELIA S. ALLEN, *Secretary*.