

subject. There are some societies of long standing that are growing in membership to a marked degree, while additional organizations have been started at various points in recent years. The Pacific Northwest Bird and Mammal Society has headquarters in Seattle; in Vancouver there is the Vancouver Natural History Society, and in Victoria, the Natural History Society of British Columbia and the British Columbia Ornithologists' Union. The Pacific Northwest Bird and Mammal Society and the British Columbia Ornithologists' Union each publish a mimeographed journal, of limited distribution but well edited and containing articles of a distinctly superior type. This bespeaks praiseworthy activity on the part of the naturalists of the northwest, mostly amateurs in the sense that natural history is more or less of a recreation with them; but it does seem a pity that the writings of these observers should not be put into more permanent form. Perhaps the time is ripe for the establishment of a regularly published journal of natural history in the northwest, drawing upon the combined membership of the several societies of the region. If this cannot be done, it seems desirable that important papers be published in some of the established periodicals, reserving for the mimeographed club journals items of local or club interest. The Canadian Field-Naturalist, for example, covers the whole of Canada, and publishes upon other subjects besides ornithology. The scope of *THE CONDOR* is ornithology of western America, which, of course, includes the whole Pacific coast. It is important, certainly, that these and other similar journals be supported to the utmost by all who are interested in the subjects they cover, and it seems a pity that money and energy be expended on mimeographed "publications" which, however important and interesting their subject matter, are not of real bibliographic standing.

MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

NORTHERN DIVISION

AUGUST.—The August meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Club, Northern Division, was held at the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, Berkeley, at 8 o'clock on the evening of August 23, 1924. Vice-President Lastreto presided. The following members were present: Misses Burk, Flinn, and Lindemann; Mesdames Bogle,

Grinnell, Delpont, Harding, Kelly, Mexia, Schenck and Schlesinger; Messrs. Chaney, Clabaugh, Cooper, English, Grinnell, W. Grinnell, Hall, La Barthe, Lastreto, Mailliard, Rankin, Simpson and Trost. Visitors were: Misses Brubaker, McGugin, Pickard, Uhlemeyer; Mesdames Chaney, Furlong and Hall.

Minutes of the Northern Division for July were read and approved. Minutes of the Southern Division for June and July were read. The name of Miss Winifred McGugin, 2525 Hearst Avenue, Berkeley, was proposed for membership by Edward P. Rankin.

Being called upon by the chair for notes, several members recalled pleasant vacation experiences. Miss Flinn described vividly the commendable solicitude of miners beginning the reworking of an old mine near her vacation headquarters, for the nest and eggs of a wren which had chosen to build upon a dump-cart necessary for the carrying of ore. Mr. Mailliard made the surprising report of the finding of a live Farallon Rail on the sidewalk in front of the San Francisco Orpheum.

The talk of the evening was given by Mr. E. Raymond Hall who spent the ten weeks between May 15 and August 1 studying the fish-eating birds of Pyramid Lake, Nevada, under the auspices of the Biological Survey.

Mr. Hall's findings brought clearly before his audience a realization of some of the overwhelming odds against which Nature works in her effort to perpetuate species in areas invaded by civilized man. Adjourned.—*HILDA W. GRINNELL, Secretary.*

SEPTEMBER.—The regular monthly meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Club, Northern Division, was held at the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, Berkeley, at 8 o'clock on the evening of September 25, 1924. Vice-President Lastreto presided. The following members were present: Misses Beaman, Van Gaasbeek and Wythe; Mesdames Bogle, Grinnell, Mead and Schlesinger; Messrs. Bourne, Bunker, Clabaugh, Evermann, Grinnell, W. Grinnell, E. R. Hall and Simpson. Visitors were Mesdames Bunker and Hall; Mr. and Mrs. van Rossem of Pasadena, and Mr. Wilfred H. Osgood of the Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago. Minutes of the Northern Division for August were read and approved. Minutes of the Southern Division for August were read.

Members responded to roll call with reports of vacation experiences. Miss

Margaret W. Wythe gave a carefully prepared account of her vacation outing in General Grant Park, listing as the most interesting of the 45 species of birds noted by her a Pileated Woodpecker, three White-throated Swifts and a family of half-grown Sierra Grouse.

Mr. Clabaugh reported the counting of 77 Lewis Woodpeckers on a three-hour walk taken in the vicinity of Hat Creek, near Mount Lassen. Mrs. Mead recorded the largest number of species found in one locality by a single member, having listed 54 species in the vicinity of Salmon Lake. Roger Simpson reported upon birds and mammals seen in Glacier National Park, Mr. Bunker and Willard Grinnell reported from Yosemite National Park, and Miss Van Gaasbeek reported from the vicinity of Quincy, Plumas County.

Those present at the meeting were so fortunate as to hear an account of the founding, in 1893, of the Cooper Ornithological Club, given by Mr. W. H. Osgood, one of the four charter members and the Club's first president. Since *THE CONDOR* is the official organ of the Cooper Club, and has been so for 26 years, it was a surprise to learn that another magazine, *The Oologist*, was responsible for the founding of the Club. While a student at the University of the Pacific, Mr. Osgood happened upon a copy of *The Oologist*, and reasoning that the owner must be a kindred spirit, lay in wait for him. A fellow student, Fred Schneider of San Jose, proved to be the owner of the copy and a collector of birds' eggs. Soon thereafter, Chester Barlow and Harry R. Painton joined with these two to form the Cooper Club, each of the four becoming an officer. Adjourned.—HILDA W. GRINNELL, *Secretary*.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

AUGUST.—The Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club held its regular monthly meeting at the Los Angeles Museum, Exposition Park, Thursday, August 28, 1924, at 8 P. M. President Wyman occupied the chair and the following members were present: Misses Howard and Potter; Mesdames Ellis and Schneider; Messrs. Campbell, Chambers, Cookman, Nokes, Widmann and Wyman. Mesdames Chambers and Wyman and Mr. Rogers were visitors. Minutes of the July meeting were read and approved. June and July minutes of the Northern Division were read by title only.

The following applications for membership were read: Drummond Aitken, 766 Milwaukee St., Denver, Colo., by W. H. Bergtold; Edmund J. Sawyer, Yellowstone Park, Wyo., by M. P. Skinner; Mrs. Elinor B. Perry, 254 Main St., Hayward, Calif., by H. C. Bryant; Minot Davis, 701 North E St., Tacoma, Wash., by Ralph Hoffmann; Walter J. Erickson, 2311 Barnard St., Savannah, Ga., by W. Lee Chambers; Robert H. Wilkinson, 853 Burck Place, Los Angeles, Calif., by H. C. Bryant; Oscar E. Baynard, Box 104, Plant City, Fla., by W. Lee Chambers; Harry L. Crockett, 948 Twelfth St., Douglas, Ariz., by W. Lee Chambers; James Alexander Neilson, Wheatland, Wyo., by Lieut. L. R. Wolfe; Ada Belle Copeland, 1103 White Ave., Grand Junction, Colo., by W. Lee Chambers; Philip Norman Baxter, 159 Churchill Ave., Palo Alto, Calif., by J. O. Snyder; James Seabrook Dyson, Tegllirson Ranch, Alexis Creek, Chilocot, B. C., by W. Lee Chambers; Haven D. Howatt, 1922 F St., Eureka, Calif., by George H. McDaniel; James L. Ortega, Yountville, Napa County, Calif., by W. Lee Chambers; Dan Patton, Midnapore, Alberta, Canada, by W. Lee Chambers; Miss Emily Smith, Route 1, Box 56, Los Gatos, Calif., by W. Lee Chambers.

Two members of the Club who had just returned from a week's trip to Bluff Lake in the San Bernardino Mountains told of their experiences in banding in that vicinity. Mr. Wyman mentioned having received a letter from Chester Lamb, who has been collecting in Lower California since January. Mr. Lamb expects to be back in time for the November meeting, when it is hoped he will give a talk on conditions in that part of the country.

Mr. Charles H. Rogers, curator of the natural history museum at Princeton University, was a guest of the Club. In response to a request for remarks, he gave an interesting account of his recent observation of birds around Santa Barbara, related some of his experiences in New Jersey, told of the condition of the Heath Hen in Martha's Vineyard, and, in conclusion, spoke briefly of the bird-life of the tropics.

Mr. Alfred Cookman showed some pictures taken on a trip which he and Dr. H. J. Andrews had recently made to Mt. Langley, a high peak in the southern Sierra Nevada. Inspection of a tray of shore bird skins concluded the evening. Adjourned.—ELLA H. ELLIS, *Secretary*.