

reviewer we hasten to urge anyone interested in Southwestern birds to get this volume, profit by it, and enjoy it.—H. S. SWARTH, *January 7, 1929.*

## MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

### NORTHERN DIVISION

DECEMBER.—The regular monthly meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held in the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, Berkeley, on December 27, 1928, at 8:00 p. m. Vice-president Clabaugh presided, with thirty members and visitors present. Minutes of the November meeting were read and approved. The name of Dr. Theodore Sherman Palmer of Washington, D. C., was proposed for honorary membership in the Club, the proposal being worded as follows:

We, the undersigned members of the Cooper Ornithological Club, hereby propose for Honorary Membership in this organization, Theodore Sherman Palmer of Washington, D. C. We believe that by the election of Dr. Palmer to honorary membership in the Club, our organization would gain merit, and we also believe that Dr. Palmer's long and scholarly identification with the ornithology of western North America justifies our extending to him whatever recognition honorary membership in this Club can confer.

Signed: Joseph Grinnell, Joseph Dixon, Jean M. Linsdale, Ernest D. Clabaugh.

In accordance with a provision of the constitution of the Club final action upon this proposal was deferred until the January meeting of the Division.

The Secretary announced the receipt of a communication from the secretary of the Hayward Memorial Aviarium requesting assistance in the indicated enterprise. Mr. H. S. Swarth reported upon the meeting of the Affiliations Committee of the Pacific Division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, held in San Francisco on December 14, 1928.

Officers of the Northern Division for 1929 were nominated as follows: President, John G. Tyler, by H. S. Swarth; Vice-president, Ernest D. Clabaugh, by J. Grinnell; Secretary, Hilda W. Grinnell, by Mrs. H. B. Mikesell.

Mr. Swarth reported upon the annual meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union held in Charleston, South Carolina, November 20 to 22, 1928. Incidentally he spoke of seeing for the first time the Black Vulture, acquaintance with which he renewed a few days later near Tucson, Arizona. Mr. C. P. Smith spoke also of

his interest in the Black Vulture during a recent Eastern trip and of his observance of its habits as differing from those of the Turkey Vulture. Mr. Clabaugh reported the capture of a Harris Sparrow in his bird trap last December and of another capture this December. Mr. Swarth announced seeing a Mockingbird in Berkeley on December 22, at Ellsworth Street and Bancroft Way.

Dr. Gayle B. Pickwell gave the talk of the evening upon "Reactions of Parent Birds in Nest Protection and Reactions of Young in Self Protection." Dr. Pickwell's talk was illustrated with an excellent series of slides, and his consideration of the selection of territory for nest building, the different phases of parental solicitude, and related topics was most interesting. Adjourned.—HILDA W. GRINNELL, *Secretary.*

### SOUTHERN DIVISION

NOVEMBER.—The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on November 27, 1928, at 8 p. m. in the Los Angeles Museum, Exposition Park, with twelve members present and President Chambers presiding. The minutes of the October meeting of the Southern Division were read and approved; those of the Northern Division were read by title only.

The following applications for membership were read: Mrs. Bessie M. Reid, Gulf Refinery, Port Arthur, Texas; and P. O. Fryklund, Roseau, Minnesota; both proposed by W. Lee Chambers.

A communication was read from A. G. Vestal, Secretary, Pacific Division, American Association for the Advancement of Science, in regard to the meeting of the Affiliations Committee to be held on December 14 in San Francisco. The Secretary was instructed, by a motion that was duly carried, to request the Northern Division to instruct its representatives at this meeting also to represent the Southern Division.

Those present were much disappointed when President Chambers announced that Dr. E. W. Nelson, who had been expected to be the speaker of the evening, was not able to be there. In Dr. Nelson's absence, the meeting was thrown open to general discussion. The program of the recent A. O. U. meeting was looked over and talked about, and a discussion of the ability of birds to take care of them-

selves in times of storms was started by reference to a statement that a colony of flamingoes had been entirely destroyed by the recent heavy winds in the West Indies and Florida region. Mr. Willett expressed the opinion that birds were generally quite able to take care of themselves under storm conditions. Mr. Chambers stated that the hunters reported very few ducks on Salton Sea after the first few days of the open season. A discussion of recent ornithological publications was followed by adjournment.—HAROLD MICHENER, *Secretary*.

DECEMBER. Special Meeting.—A special meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on Sunday afternoon, December 9, 1928, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Eugene Law, Altadena, California.

President Chambers reported the death of Mr. O. W. Howard while en route to the Galapagos Islands and told of what a strong and helpful member of the Cooper Club he had been for many years. It was moved by Dr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Law that Mr. Willett be appointed a committee of one to draft resolutions upon the death of Mr. Howard. Mr. Willett spoke particularly to the more recent members of the Club, telling of the years of Mr. Howard's active participation in Club affairs and of his continued interest and ready support of late years when the drain of other duties has made it impossible for him to participate in the meetings to any great extent.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted.

Whereas, it has pleased an all-wise Providence to remove from our midst our brother and fellow-worker, Oza W. Howard; now, therefore, Be it Resolved, that we, the members of the Cooper Ornithological Club of California, here express our realization of the great loss we have sustained in the passing of a devoted friend of our organization and an earnest and life-long student of ornithology.

Be it further Resolved, that we extend to the wife and other relatives of our departed brother-worker our sincerest sympathy in their bereavement, and that a copy of these resolutions be placed on the minutes of the Cooper Ornithological Club.

Signed: W. Lee Chambers,  
President of Southern Division,  
George Willett, Committee.

The meeting was then adjourned.—HAROLD MICHENER, *Secretary*.

DECEMBER.—The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on December 18, 1928, at the Los Angeles Museum, Exposition Park, with President

Chambers in the chair. The minutes of the November meetings of both the Northern and the Southern division were read by title only. The minutes of the special meeting of the Southern Division, held on December 9, were read and approved.

The following applications for membership were read: Edward Herbert Lewis, Box 192, Avalon, Calif.; Edward Stern Weyl, 6506 Lincoln Drive, Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, Pa.; Carl C. Levingston, 1016 Ohio St., Redlands, Calif.; all proposed by W. Lee Chambers; James Stevenson, 1803 Campas Road, Eagle Rock, Calif., proposed by A. J. van Rossem; and Direk Bensen, P. O. Box 98, Ukiah, Calif., proposed by Margaret W. Wythe.

The following proposal of Theodore Sherman Palmer for honorary membership, which had been received from Dr. Grinnell, was read. [See under Northern Division minutes, p. 83.]

President Chambers explained the purpose of honorary memberships and gave the list of the present honorary members. It was moved by Dr. Rich and seconded by Mr. Appleton that the proposal be unanimously endorsed. The motion was carried.

A letter from Mrs. Grinnell was read stating that the representatives of the Northern Division, Dr. Evermann and Mr. Joseph Mailliard, would represent the Southern Division at the meeting of the Affiliations Committee of the A. A. A. S.

Since Dr. Miller was ill and could not be present, Dr. Bishop was prevailed upon to give an account of the annual meeting of the A. O. U. at Charleston. He stated the results of the election of Fellows and of other business transacted and gave a resume of the happenings during the period following. He spoke particularly of the several entertaining trips taken to points of interest, of the wealth of collecting material within a few minutes drive of Charleston, and of an entertaining boat trip to an island not far away.

President Chambers mentioned the nomination of officers for next year. It was moved by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Dr. Bishop, and carried that the president appoint a nominating committee to report at the January meeting. Colored pictures from the new book, "Birds of New Mexico", were then shown. It was stated that the funeral of O. W. Howard was to be held within a few days and all members who could do so were urged to attend. Adjourned at 8:45 P. M.—HARLAN H. EDWARDS, *Secretary pro tem*.