

EDITORIAL NOTES AND NEWS

The Cooper Club's business staff has been augmented by the addition to it of Mr. John McB. Robertson. Under the title of Assistant Business Manager, Mr. Robertson will take over from Mr. W. Lee Chambers certain of the routine that has fallen to the latter's lot in increasing measure the past year or two. It should be fully realized by our membership that every hour of service rendered by each of our business managers is an outright gift to the Club; there is no compensation forthcoming beyond the satisfaction in helping along a worthy enterprise. And further, the recent notable growth in the size of *The Condor* has meant commensurate increase in the amount of business to be transacted. We can here suggest a way for everyone to cooperate, namely, by responding promptly to whatever Club notices our business managers find it in their province to send out.

Mr. Robert T. Moore, trochilidist, returned in November from a six months expedition into the high Andes of Ecuador. His party procured approximately 3000 specimens of birds, besides much other natural history material. Of hummingbirds, it proved possible to make exhaustive life-history studies of the rare *Metallura primolina* and *Chalcostigma herrani*, the latter found close to the snow line on the active volcano, Mount Sangay. Mr. Moore has recently associated himself with the department of vertebrate zoology at the California Institute of Technology, Pasadena.

The stimulus furnished last year by Mr. John G. Tyler, President of the Northern Division of the Cooper Club, has resulted in disclosing widespread interest on the part of Club members toward more effective bird conservation in California. Mimeographed ballots have been sent to members residing in California, in order to give them an opportunity to indicate their willingness to help in the work. Returns are now coming in. Any person who has not received one of these ballots, or who would like further information concerning the project, or who has any sort of pertinent suggestion to offer, is invited to communicate with the Bird Conservation Committee of the Northern Division, through its chairman,

Mr. Jean M. Linsdale, Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, Berkeley.

Pacific Coast Avifauna No. 19 was formally issued on December 27. This is Messrs. Jewett and Gabrielson's "Birds of the Portland Area, Oregon", consisting of 54 pages of text, with 21 halftone illustrations. While of greatest immediate interest to bird students residing in the Pacific Northwest, ornithologists generally will wish to complete their files of the series in which this contribution appears. Copies may be had from Mr. W. Lee Chambers.

An account of the unusual movement or migration of Canada Jays that has been taking place in parts of their general range since last summer, and is still going on, is being prepared by Doctor Harrison F. Lewis, National Parks of Canada, Ottawa, Canada, who will appreciate any information, however scanty, relating to this subject.

MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

SOUTHERN DIVISION

SEPTEMBER.—The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on September 27, 1929, at 8 p. m., at the Los Angeles Museum, Los Angeles, California, with Vice-President Willett presiding. The minutes of the June meeting of the Southern Division were read and approved, there having been no meetings during July and August. The minutes of the August meeting of the Northern Division were read.

Mr. M. P. Skinner, resident in the Yellowstone National Park for many years, was the speaker of the evening. His subject, "Animal Life in the Yellowstone Park," was beautifully illustrated with colored slides prepared from photographs taken by Mr. Skinner himself. Many of these, such as his prized picture of the coyote, were the results of years of photographic effort. Most of the pictures were of the large animals of the Park, such as the sheep, deer, elk, moose, antelope, bear and coyote. The talk that accompanied this continuous succession of slides was in itself an interesting, well or-