

Before telling of the Park, however, Colonel White gave some interesting information regarding his early years in England and his contact with the English birds; of time spent in the Philippine Islands where his ornithological interest was renewed under Major E. A. Mearns, who taught him to skin birds, and of a still later period when, stationed at the penal colony on Palawan, he was able to collect a fine series of the Palawan Peacock Pheasant. Colonel White is also acting superintendent of the recently created Death Valley National Monument, and after his interesting description of the beauties of the Sequoia National Park, he very kindly permitted us to enjoy several excellent views of Death Valley and of that section which has been set aside as a national monument.

Adjourned.—LAURA B. LAW, *Secretary*.

#### EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING

The Eighth Annual Meeting was held at the University of California, Berkeley, on Friday and Saturday, May 5 and 6, 1933. The sessions for presentation of papers were held in Room 2503, Life Sciences Building. The meetings opened with a brief word of welcome from G. B. Pickwell, President of the Northern Division. The program of papers presented was as follows: Friday morning: "Studies on the Distribution of the Western Mockingbird in California," John R. Arnold; "The Lconte Thrashers of the San Joaquin," Joseph Grinnell; "Comments upon the Systematics of Pacific Coast Steller Jays," James Stevenson; "Climate and Magpies," Jean M. Linsdale; "Ages of House Finches Trapped During February, 1933," Harold Michener and Josephine R. Michener, read by John McB. Robertson. Friday afternoon: "Wren-tit Population of Smythe Canyon [Berkeley]," Mary M. Erickson; "Seasonal Behavior of Some Banded Golden-crowned Sparrows," E. L. Sumner, Sr.; "Average Dates of Arrival of Summer and Winter Visitants in the San Francisco Region," Amelia S. Allen; "The Landing of a Gull on a Small Object in a Strong Wind," William E. Ritter; "Men and Birds in Joint Occupation of the National Parks," George M. Wright. Saturday morning: "Highlights of Utah Ornithology," William H. Behle; "The Vulture's Fair-way," Joseph Grinnell; "Some Problems of Classification and Nomenclature," Harry S. Swarth; "Span of Nesting Season of Birds as Related to Food Habits," William B. Davis; "Items from

the Field Notes of an Oologist," John G. Tyler; "Pterylography of the Osprey," Lawrence V. Compton; "The Midsummer Status of Certain Birds in the Lowlands of Southern California," John McB. Robertson; "Faunal Regions in Eastern Oregon and Northern Idaho," Alden H. Miller. Saturday afternoon: "Observations on the Life History of the California Quail," E. L. Sumner, Jr.; "A Project to Determine Mode of Flight of Swifts by Photography," George M. Wright; "The Vocal Apparatus of Owls," Alden H. Miller; "Some Observations of Horned Larks," Gayle B. Pickwell; "Nesting of the Wandering Tattler," Joseph S. Dixon.

On Friday afternoon the staff of the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, together with several of the graduate students, held an open house in the Museum's main gallery at the west end of the Life Sciences Building. The bird, mammal and fur collections were opened to the visitors. On Friday evening motion pictures of birds were presented in Room 2000, Life Sciences Building; "Some Birds of the Stanford Campus" being presented by John B. Price of Stanford University, while "Life History Studies of the Red-bellied Hawk" were shown by Wright M. Pierce of Claremont. On Saturday evening at 7:00 o'clock an informal dinner was held at the Durant Hotel for members and guests. George M. Wright acted as toastmaster and several members responded to his calls. From fifty to seventy-five persons were present at the scientific sessions, more than two hundred attended the exhibition of motion pictures, and seventy-five were present at the dinner.—TRACY I. STORER, *Secretary*.

#### GOVERNORS' MEETING

The Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held at Berkeley, May 7, 1933. The Board was entertained at breakfast by Mr. and Mrs. George M. Wright at their residence, 1936 Thousand Oaks Boulevard, Berkeley. Neither president nor vice-president being present, the secretary called the meeting to order. George Willett was elected temporary chairman. The following were present: Mrs. A. S. Allen, H. W. Carriger, J. S. Cooper, J. S. Dixon, Mrs. H. W. Grinnell, Joseph Grinnell, C. B. Lastreto, J. M. Linsdale, A. H. Miller, G. B. Pickwell, W. M. Pierce, J. McB. Robertson, T. I. Storer, H. S. Swarth, J. G. Tyler, George Willett, and G. M. Wright. The following proxies were at hand: J. S. Appleton,