



Fig. 51. DR. CHARLES W. TOWNSEND, MR. JAMES H. FLEMING AND DR. THEODORE S. PALMER: THREE FELLOWS OF THE AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION AND LONG-TIME MEMBERS OF THE COOPER ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB. PHOTOGRAPHED BY DR. JAMES P. CHAPIN AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY, MAY 12, 1933.

ing breeding data concerning the birds of California with the ultimate purpose of publication. On the inside back cover of the last issue of the *Condor* he lists species concerning which, we infer, information is still nearly if not altogether lacking. Among these is the crossbill, of two subspecies. As far as we know only one person has ever found a nest of this bird within the borders of this State. That person is Walter Fry who, in a recent bulletin (vol. 2 no. 6, mimeographed) from the Sequoia National Park, tells definitely of finding a nest, on June 14, 1916, at 7200 feet altitude in the southern Sierra Nevada. This nest, situated only 12 feet above the ground in a small lodgepole pine, contained four far-incubated eggs which were left to hatch. Thus no set of eggs has as yet been actually collected; at least no collector has let it be known if he has! Referring to the exhaustive article on crossbills by the McCabes, in a recent (July) issue of the *Condor* (table, p. 140), we note that, taking the World over, crossbills' nests have been found in every month of the year, while the peak of nesting comes in the period January to April. For the United States and Canada there is no record prior to that of Judge Fry's, for May

or June. The crossbill is notorious for its vagrant habits as well as for winter-time nesting. Here is a bird, fairly common at times in parts of California, that challenges the attention of our keenest oologists.—J. G.

MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

NORTHERN DIVISION

JULY.—The regular monthly meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on July 27, 1933, in Room 2003, Life Sciences Building, Berkeley, at 8:00 p. m. President Pickwell presided. Sixty-five members and guests were present. Minutes of the Northern Division for June were read and approved. Minutes of the Southern Division were read by title only. Proposals for membership were: Robert Failing, 518 66th St., Oakland, Calif., by B. C. Cain, Arthur F. Halloran, 2716 Belrose Ave., Berkeley, Calif., and Leonora A. Hohl, 30 Beverly Road, Berkeley, both by J. M. Linsdale.

By July, notes from the field have usually waned, but this evening under Dr. Pickwell's spirited leadership they occupied a full half hour of the evening's pro-