

Official Minutes of Southern Division.

The January meeting of the Division was held on Jan. 28, 1899 at 403 Bradbury Block, Los Angeles, President McCormick presiding and Messrs. McCormick, Leland, Swarth, Wicks and Robertson present. Messrs. Wall and Warner of San Bernardino were present as visitors. The resolutions regarding the BULLETIN matter as drawn up by the Northern Division were approved and adopted. Resolutions respecting the death of J. Maurice Hatch of Escondido who died on May 1, 1898 were adopted as follows:

Whereas by the death of J. Maurice Hatch, the Cooper Ornithological Club of California has lost an able and efficient member, and one of its most devoted students of bird life, be it

Resolved that we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the members of his bereaved family and be it further

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be enrolled in the minutes of this meeting; that a copy be sent to the family and that the same be published in the BULLETIN.

Mr. W. E. Tyler of Los Angeles was unanimously elected to active membership. The name of J. J. Schneider of Anaheim was proposed for membership. A bill for \$1.15 for expenses was ordered paid. A paper entitled "A Day with the Raptors" from the Northern Division was read after which the meeting adjourned to meet at Pasadena February 25.

The Division met Feb. 25, 1899 at the residence of F. S. Daggett in Pasadena, President McCormick calling the meeting to order. Those present were F. S. Daggett, A. I. McCormick, H. S. Swarth, M. L. Wicks Jr., F. Reiser, Chas. Grosbeck and Howard Robertson. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. J. J. Schneider of Anaheim was elected to active membership. The following papers were read: "Summer Resident Warblers of Arizona" by O. W. Howard and "Capture of a California Condor" by H. G. Rising. After general discussion the meeting adjourned to meet at Mr. Grosbeck's on March 25.



Publications Received.

Auk, XVI, No. I. Jan. 1899.

Bird Lore, I. No. 1, Feb. 1899.

In the initial number of his charming publication, Mr. Chapman has made good the guarantee of his prospectus, and presents to the public just such a magazine as every bird lover will delight in. The leading articles "In Warbler Time" and "The Camera as an Aid in the Study of Birds" cannot fail to interest those who would be close communers with Nature, while the illustrations amply fulfill our expectations. In fostering the work of the Audubon Society and in promoting a general interest in the birds and their protection, *Bird Lore* deserves the support of every lover of nature.

Bulletin of the Michigan Ornithological Club II. Nos. 3-4. July-Dec., 1898.

Journal of the Maine Ornithological Society I, No. 1, Jan. 1899.

The Maine ornithologists have reached the conclusion that to work successfully an official organ is required, which shall be devoted solely to the interests of their Society. Accordingly the initial number of the *Journal* has been issued, and with the names of such well known workers as Ora W. Knight, C. H. Morrell and others at the head, we cannot doubt that it will represent well the ornithology of the great state in which it is published. The initial number contains a report of the Society's annual meeting with several excellent papers which were read. We wish the new publication success and a substantial increase in its pages at an early date.

Maine Sportsman, VI. Nos. 66-67, Feb.-Mar., 1899.

Museum, V. Nos. 3 and 4, Jan., Feb. 1899.

Oologist XVI. Nos. 1 and 2. Jan., Feb. 1899.

Osprey III. Nos. 2, 3 and 4, Oct.-Dec. 1898.

Wilson Bulletin VI. No. 1, Jan. 1899.



Expedition off for the Tropics.

On February 25 there sailed from San Francisco in the schooner *Stella Erland* as extensive an expedition as has recently visited tropical waters. The expedition has ornithology chiefly in view and is under the command of Mr. A. W. Anthony, the well known worker of California. Those accompanying him are H. B. Kaeding, Chase Littlejohn and R. H. Beck, ornithologists; R. C. McGregor, ichthyologist; J. M. Gaylord, botanist; Geo. Spencer and Chas. Jones, assistants and Arthur Whitlock, steward. The expedition sails direct for Amapala, Honduras, C. A. where the Gulf of Fonseca will be carefully examined for specimens. Thence to Cocos Island and the Galapagos group. If time permits the party will then probably go west to Christmas, Fanning and Palmyra, returning home by way of the Sandwich Islands. Attention will be given chiefly to birds, fishes and plants, but marine invertebrates and mammals will also be collected. The expedition will be absent about eight months and with such an array of scientists we may expect some valuable work to be accomplished.

Mr. Wallace Homer, a member of the Maine Ornithological Society, paid the editor a pleasant call on Feb. 27 while en route to his home in Maine, after a pleasant visit through California.

Mr. O. W. Howard of Los Angeles is on his way to the Huachuca Mts. in Arizona, where he will put in the season collecting. He is travelling by wagon and has a good opportunity to thoroughly examine the country. He reports a set of Le Conte's Thrasher taken Jan. 30 at Indio, Cal; also a single Western Horned Owl's egg taken near Phoenix, Ariz. a short time since.

Mr. F. S. Daggett of Pasadena, who has been suffering from a severe attack of "grip" has entirely recovered.