

## THE FORTY-THIRD STATED MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION.

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THE Forty-third Stated Meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union was held at the American Museum of Natural History, New York, November 9-12, 1925. The headquarters were at the Sherman Square Hotel, Broadway and 70th Street, within a few blocks of the Museum. This was the fourteenth meeting in New York and the largest and one of the most successful ever held. As usual, routine business occupied the first day, discussion of scientific papers three days, and the fifth day was devoted to excursions. One of the main attractions was the exhibit of bird paintings hung in the hall adjoining the main Bird Hall where most of the sessions were held.

*Attendance.*—30 Fellows, 2 Retired Fellows, 27 Members and 146 Associates brought the attendance up to 205, the largest on record. Among the number were two Founders, Charles F. Batchelder and Dr. A. K. Fisher; three elected at the first meeting, Ruthven Deane, Dr. Jonathan Dwight and W. E. Saunders; and two of the five Retired Fellows, Dr. W. K. Fisher and Dr. F. A. Lucas.

Seventeen States, the District of Columbia and two Provinces of Canada were represented, including all except three of the States east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio and Potomac Rivers and also California, Florida, Georgia and West Virginia and the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec. The largest delegations outside of New York were 33 from Pennsylvania, 28 from Massachusetts, 17 from New Jersey, 16 from the District of Columbia, 10 from Ohio and 9 from Canada. It is also interesting to mention that among those present were 3 who had recently returned from Africa and 3 others who had collected there within the last two or three years. Among the members who came from a distance were W. Leon Dawson and Dr. W. K. Fisher from California, Donald J. Nicholson from Orlando, Fla., H. L. Stoddard from Beachton, Ga., and J. H. Fleming, W. E. Saunders, P. A.

Taverner, R. M. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyes Lloyd, Edward Arnold, Mrs. Melville Dale and L. L. Snyder from Canada. The Union also had the pleasure of entertaining Dr. Hugo Weigold, Director of the Museum at Hanover, Germany, who brought personal greetings from the Deutsche Ornithologische Gesellschaft. Greetings were received by wire from Dr. W. H. Bergtold, Denver, Colo., Dr. T. S. Roberts, Minneapolis, Minn., and by cablegram from Dr. P. P. Sushkin, Leningrad, Russia.

*Business Meetings.*—The business sessions on Monday were all held in the lecture room of The New York Academy of Sciences on the first floor of the Museum and included two sessions of the Council at 10 A. M. and 2 P. M., a meeting of the Fellows at 4 P. M. and a meeting of the Fellows and Members at 8 P. M. At the meeting of the Council the Brewster Medal for the most meritorious work on American Birds published during the last six years was awarded to W. E. Clyde Todd of Pittsburgh, Pa., and M. A. Carriker of Santa Marta, Colombia, for their joint work on the 'Birds of the Santa Marta Region, Colombia,' published in 1922. At the meeting of the Fellows, Ludlow Griscom of New York, and Dr. John C. Phillips of Wenham, Mass., were elected Fellows, and an amendment to the By-laws was adopted increasing the number of Members from 100 to 125.

At the evening meeting 28 Fellows and 17 Members were present. Following the roll call and reading and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, the report of the Secretary was presented showing a total membership of about 1,700, a gift of \$500, and a bequest of \$500 from the estate of John H. Sage, the latter to be paid when the estate is settled. The report of the Treasurer showed the finances of the Union in a satisfactory condition. The President reported on behalf of the Investment Trustees that the invested funds of the Union now amount to \$26,570.26 including \$7,250 in the Brewster Fund. The election of officers resulted in the re-election of the officers of 1925: President, Jonathan Dwight; Vice-presidents, Alexander Wetmore and Joseph Grinnell; Secretary, T. S. Palmer; Treasurer, W. L. McAtee; Members of the Council, A. C. Bent, Ruthven Deane, J. H. Fleming, H. C. Oberholser, C. W. Richmond and T. S. Roberts. On recommendation of the Council, two Corresponding Fellows

and about 180 Associates were elected. Five Members selected from the list of Associates were also elected, Ernest Golsan Holt of Pittsburgh, Pa., Hoyes Lloyd of Ottawa, Canada, William Isaac Lyon of Waukegan, Ill. (Life Member), George Miksch Sutton of Harrisburg, Pa., and Francis Beach White of Concord, N. H. As a result of the elections there are now no vacancies in the class of Fellows, only one in that of Honorary Fellows, ten in that of Corresponding Fellows, and twenty-six in that of Members.

Provision was made for continuing the work on the 'Ten Year Index of The Auk' and the 'Check List of North American Birds,' for assisting in the publication of the 'Zoological Record,' for appointing an advisory committee to cooperate in the preparation of 'Biological Abstracts' and for taking part in the work of the National Conference on Outdoor Recreation. The Union voted to invite the Cooper Ornithological Club and the Wilson Ornithological Club each to appoint a representative to cooperate with a representative of the Union in forming a committee to raise a fund as a memorial to the work of Robert Ridgway. This project contemplates the acquisition of Mr. Ridgway's home near Olney, Ill., where he has collected the native trees and shrubs and protected the birds, and the maintenance of the area as a bird refuge in commemoration of the work of its founder.

Resolutions were adopted extending the thanks of the Union to the President and Trustees of the American Museum, the Director and staff of the New York Zoological Society, the President and Members of the Explorers' Club, and the President and Members of the Linnaean Society for courtesies extended during the meeting.

*Public Meetings.*—The presentation of scientific papers occupied three full days, November 10, 11 and 12 from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. with intermission of an hour and a half for luncheon. The regular sessions were held in the main Bird Hall on the second floor and the technical sessions in the lecture room of the New York Academy of Sciences on the first floor of the Museum. By holding simultaneous sessions on Wednesday and Thursday mornings and limiting most of the papers to 30 minutes, or less, ample time was allowed for discussion.

The session on Tuesday morning was essentially a memorial

session. After 45 minutes allowed for registration, the Union was called to order by the President, and the program opened with an address of welcome by Prof. Henry Fairfield Osborn, President of the Museum, followed by the unveiling of a bust and memorial tablet to Daniel Giraud Elliot, (1835-1915) one of the Founders, and the second President of the Union. Prof. Osborn referred to the organization of the Union in the Museum in 1883 and to Dr. Elliot's activity in ornithology. In recognition of his work in founding the bird collection of the Museum the memorial tablet and bust have been placed at the entrance of the main Bird Hall which has been dedicated to his memory as the Daniel Giraud Elliot Hall. This hall has recently been renovated and rearranged. A domed ceiling forms the background for a striking exhibit of birds in flight including Condors, Eagles, Ducks, Geese, Albatrosses and Frigate Birds. The birds suspended from the ceiling by invisible wires form a most pleasing effect whether seen on entering the hall or from below. It was beneath the canopy of this unique exhibit that the main meetings were held.

One of the first papers of the meeting was by Dr. Witmer Stone who presented a memorial address on John Hall Sage, for 28 years Secretary of the Union and for three years its President. Later in the session, Maunsell S. Crosby presented a memorial address on Eugene Pintard Bicknell, one of the Founders of the Union. It has been the custom, as a mark of respect to Fellows who have died during the year, to listen to addresses on their lives and activities and later to publish these addresses in 'The Auk.' The series already published, beginning with Ridgway's address on Spencer Fullerton Baird, read at the fifth meeting in 1887, forms a notable contribution to the contemporary history of American ornithology.

The ornithological papers covered a wide range of topics from exploration, geographic distribution and life histories to technical discussions of certain groups, and accounts of the results of bird banding. Naturally the subjects of most general interest were those dealing with field work in foreign countries. The first of these was given by Dr. Pearson who outlined his recent trip to Europe to attend the International Conference on Bird Protection at Luxembourg and exhibited samples of some of the devices used to capture birds, including the nets used in Italy, and a Belgian

device for attracting Skylarks by means of revolving mirrors. Tate gave an account of his ascent of Mount Turumiquire, the highest peak in Venezuela, on whose lower slopes Humboldt and Bonpland collected many years ago. Rogers summarized the results of the Princeton Panama Expedition of 1923, Boulton gave an illustrated account of the recent Vernay Expedition to Angola, West Africa, and Murphy showed an interesting series of slides and moving pictures of bird life in Ecuador.

Papers on geographic distribution ranged from a discussion of the distribution of the Seaside Sparrows in Florida and the changing conditions of bird life in the New York City region, to problems of geographic distribution in Panama, the development of zonal or altitudinal faunas and 'The Bird Fauna of North America in relation to its Distribution in South America.'

Among the ecological and life history studies were several notable contributions including Danforth's 'Ecological Study of the Birds of Cartagena Lagoon, Porto Rico', Gross' and Van Tyne's 'Bird Studies made at Barro Colorado Island, Canal Zone,' containing an account of several tropical species whose life history is almost unknown, and Forbush's 'Future of Sea Birds Breeding on the New England Coast.' Life History studies of special species included Santens' remarkable moving pictures of the Barn Owl, Saunders' detailed study of the song of the Eastern Meadowlark, and Gross' highly successful series of pictures showing the development of the Nighthawk. Papers on nesting habits were numerous enough to warrant a special session on the subject. The Duck Hawk was discussed in several contributions and formed the chief attraction in a striking motion picture by A. A. Allen. Here the artist introduced a new feature which might be designated ornithological stage setting. A Duck Hawk's nest having been discovered close to a waterfall in a glen near Ithaca, N. Y., an old dead limb was so placed in front of the fall that the bird was induced to sit for its picture directly in front of the sheet of falling water which formed a unique and very beautiful background.

The technical sessions proved so popular that the room was filled to capacity most of the time. Seed Snipe, Goldfinches, American Titlarks, the Nightjars of Equatorial Africa, the extinct

Giant Barn Owl of Haiti, and the Feather Pattern of the Throat of the Canada Goose were some of the subjects which elicited interesting discussions, while other contributions included 'The Ruffed Grouse Disease,' 'Regeneration of Birds' Beaks' and a detailed account of 'The Ornithological Collection of the Natural History Museum in Stockholm.' This last paper was prepared by Dr. Einar Lönnberg, and forms the third of the series of historical descriptions of the principal bird collections in foreign museums which is being assembled by the Committee on Biography and Bibliography.

The bird banding program included a number of interesting papers dealing with the banding of special species, as for example, Brewster's Warbler, reports of operations in certain localities such as Rochester, N. Y., the Inland District, and Labrador, special methods of trapping, and 'The Possibilities of Vacation Bird Banding.' Baldwin gave an outline of his plan for the 'Study of the Individual Bird' and in the motion picture program Weisman showed how some of this work on the House Wren is carried on at Cleveland, O.

*Exhibit of Bird Paintings.*—The importance of illustration in the development of modern ornithology was demonstrated not only by the series of lantern slides and motion pictures illustrating the papers on the program but by the loan exhibit of bird paintings which was arranged under the direction of Courtenay Brandreth in a hall leading into the Main Bird Hall. This was the fourth formal exhibit of the kind and as in the case of preceding exhibits, the paintings were all under glass and remained in position some time after the meeting. The printed catalogue of the exhibit showed that the number of contributors and paintings was approximately the same as last year, but there were several artists whose work had not been shown in previous exhibits. As a rule, each artist was limited to six paintings, but several contributed only one or two, so that the total of 121 paintings represented the work of 33 artists. In the following list the number of pictures, if less than 6, is given after each name:

William J. Belcher (1)  
Richard E. Bishop  
Frank Bond

Courtenay Brandreth  
Rex I. Brasher (3)  
Allan Cyril Brooks

Charles Livingston Bull (4)	Joseph Day Knap
Dr. E. Burke	Charles Robert Knight (2)
E. Cheverlange (1)	George Edward Lodge (2)
Henry Carey Denslow (1)	John Guille Millais (1)
Edward von Siebold Dingle	Olaus Johan Murie (5)
Ottmar Franz von Fuehrer (3)	Leif Neandross
Louis Agassiz Fuyertes (5)	Roger Tory Peterson (2)
Lady Elizabeth Gwillim (1)	Karl Plath (1)
Charles Hayes (1)	Earl Lincoln Poole
William Hayes (1)	Edgar Roth (4)
Frank Charles Hennessey	Edmund Joseph Sawyer
Lynn Bogue Hunt	Mrs. Helen Damrosch Tee Van (4)
Francis Lee Jaques	Archibald Thorburn (1)
John Gerrard Keulemans (1)	

During the meeting, the set of original paintings of Audubon's 'Birds of America' was generously placed on exhibition by the New York Historical Society in its building just opposite the Museum, and this unique collection was examined by several experts in Auduboniana. In this connection mention should be made of the very comprehensive illustrated paper on 'Engraved Portraits of Birds' presented by Norman McClintock and Bayard H. Christy in which the development of ornithological illustration was shown from engraving on copper, steel and wood to the modern process of zinc etching used in reproducing photographs and wash drawings.

*Social Features.*—The social gatherings included a daily luncheon and the annual dinner on Wednesday evening at the Hotel Manhattan Square, on 77th Street opposite the Museum, an informal reception in the Bird Laboratories of the Museum on Tuesday evening and one at the Explorers' Club on Wednesday evening, a group photograph and three excursions. On Tuesday evening an opportunity was offered the members to inspect the extensive study collection of birds of the Museum, and during the evening Mr. Forbush showed a copy of the first volume of his work on the 'Birds of Massachusetts.' At the annual dinner beside each plate was a copy of 'The Auklet' and a menu card. The latter was designed by Fuyertes and on the back was printed an ornithological cross word puzzle contributed by Dr. W. H. Bergtold. The prize for the first solution of the puzzle was won by Clifford H. Pangburn who successfully worked out the puzzle within an hour. After dinner the members repaired to the Explorers' Club, 47 W.

76th Street, where, after inspecting the extensive library of works of travel, they gathered in the assembly room and were entertained by Capt. Robert A. Bartlett who accompanied Peary and Stefansson to the Arctic. Later in the evening William Beebe showed lantern slides and motion pictures of the Galapagos Islands illustrating some of the features of his recent trip.

The three excursions followed adjournment of the regular meetings. On Thursday evening at the invitation of 'The New York Times' a party spent three hours inspecting the extensive plant in the Times Annex on W. 43d Street and learning how the news is collected by radio, by wire, through the Associated Press and by special reporters, then edited, printed and distributed. Many hints of practical value in collecting, editing and preparing field notes for publication might be gained from a study of the methods successfully employed by a daily paper in gathering the news. Friday was occupied by two all-day excursions, one to Long Island and the other to the New York Zoological Park. Under the leadership of Ludlow Griscom a party of 16 went to Long Beach, Long Island, a walk of about 15 miles and observed 35 species of birds including Brunnich's Murre, the Acadian Sharp-tailed Sparrow and an unusual number of Snow Buntings. The other party of 29 spent the day at the Zoological Park, inspected the paintings in the administration building, and under the guidance of Lee S. Crandall and John Tee Van were shown through the extensive bird collection with its many rare species. Not the least interesting feature was the opportunity of seeing many wild birds in a city park including more than a hundred Black Ducks, a dozen or more Canada Geese, a tree full of Night Herons and several Gulls besides a number of Passerine birds. Before disbanding the members of the party were the guests of the Zoological Society at luncheon in the Rocking Stone Restaurant.

*Results.*—With the increasing complexity of programs it becomes more and more difficult to summarize the accomplishments of an annual meeting and properly appraise the results. Usually only a small proportion of the papers are printed, for, obviously, exhibitions of lantern slides and moving pictures cannot be published and preliminary statements of investigations or reports of explorations are not prepared for publication. Only those persons present

at the meeting can obtain the full benefit of the discussions, the exhibitions of pictures or the facilities of a great museum or zoological garden for the examination of specimens. At this meeting a unique opportunity was afforded of studying the best work of contemporary artists in comparison with that of a century ago as exhibited by the original paintings of Audubon's plates. Immediately after adjournment of the regular meetings the Eastern Bird Banding Association held its annual business meeting and elected officers for the ensuing year. Among the more tangible results may be mentioned the award of the Brewster Medal, increase in the limit of Members, authorizations for continuing work on the 'Check List' and publication of the 'Ten Year Index of The Auk,' contribution to the 'Zoological Record,' appointment of an Advisory Committee in connection with 'Biological Abstracts,' consideration of the proposed International Ornithological Congress in Copenhagen in 1926 and the Ridgway Memorial Project.

Invitations to hold the next annual meeting in various places were received from a number of organizations including one from the Minister of Mines and Interior of Canada and one from the Ottawa Field Naturalists' Club to meet in Ottawa. It was voted unanimously to accept the Canadian invitations and the Forty-fourth Annual Meeting will be held in Ottawa, Canada, in October, 1926.

#### PROGRAM

(Papers are arranged in the order in which they were presented at the meeting. Those marked with an asterisk (\*) were illustrated by lantern slides.)

#### TUESDAY MORNING

Address of Welcome and Unveiling of Bust of and Memorial Tablet to Daniel Giraud Elliot, 1835-1915, a Founder and Second President of the Union. PROF. HENRY FAIRFIELD OSBORN, President, American Museum.

Roll Call of Fellows and Members, Report of Business Meeting, Announcement of Result of Elections.

1. Shadow Boxing by Birds. ERNEST THOMPSON SETON, Greenwich, Conn. (10 min.)
2. In Memoriam: John Hall Sage. WITMER STONE, Philadelphia, Pa (40 min.)

3. Impressions of European Ornithologists and Bird Protection. T. GILBERT PEARSON, New York. (20 min.)
4. In Memoriam: Eugene Pintard Bicknell. MAUNSELL S. CROSBY, Rhinebeck, N. Y. (25 min.)
5. The Ascent of Mt. Turumiquire, Venezuela. G. H. H. TATE, New York. (10 min.)
6. The Song of the Eastern Meadowlark. ARETAS A. SAUNDERS, Fairfield, Conn. (30 min.)

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

7. \*The Future of Sea Birds Breeding on the New England Coast. EDWARD HOWE FORBUSH, Boston, Mass. (25 min.)
8. Outstanding Rarities among the Birds in the New York Zoological Park. LEE S. CRANDALL, New York. (15 min.)
9. The 75th Anniversary of the German Ornithological Society. THEODOR G. AHRENS, Berlin. (presented by the Secretary.) (15 min.)
10. Greetings from the German Ornithological Society. HUGO WEIGOLD, Hanover, Germany. (5 min.)
11. \*Bird Studies in Southern California. HOWARD H. CLEAVES, New York. (30 min.)
12. Results of Princeton's Panama Expedition of 1923. CHARLES H. ROGERS, Princeton, N. J. (15 min.)
13. The development of Zonal or Altitudinal Faunas and the Evidence they Afford of Evolution by Environment. FRANK M. CHAPMAN, New York. (25 min.)
14. \*A Life History Study of the Nighthawk. ALFRED O. GROSS, Brunswick, Me. (20 min.)

WEDNESDAY MORNING—BIRD BANDING SESSION

15. \*Banding Brewster's Warbler. T. DONALD CARTER, New York, and R. H. HOWLAND, Upper Montclair, N. J. (15 min.)
16. Bird Banding Results in the Inland District. WILLIAM I. LYON, Waukegan, Ill. (20 min.)
17. Banding Notes on the Bank Swallow. DAYTON STONER, Iowa City, Ia. (Read by title.)
18. Bird Banding in Townsend's Labrador. HARRISON F. LEWIS, Ottawa, Ont. (Presented by HOYES LLOYD.) (15 min.)
19. Return of Banded Birds at Rochester, N. Y. RICHARD E. HORSEY, Rochester, N. Y. (Presented by JOHN T. NICHOLS.) (15 min.)
20. Bird Banding in Progress and Prospect. FREDERICK C. LINCOLN, Washington, D. C. (25 min.)
21. Possibilities of Vacation Bird Banding. MRS. JOHN A. GILLESPIE, Glenolden, Pa. (Presented by T. WALTER WEISEMAN.) (10 min.)
22. \*Quail Trapping Methods applicable to Bird Banding. HERBERT L. STODDARD, Beachton, Ga. (30 min.)

23. Bird Banding: A Study of the Individual Bird. S. PRENTISS BALDWIN, Cleveland, O. (15 min.)

WEDNESDAY MORNING—TECHNICAL SESSION.

24. The Systematic Position of the Seed-Snipe (*Thinocorythidae*). W. DEW. MILLER, New York (10 min.)
25. A Study of South American Goldfinches. W. E. CLYDE TODD, Pittsburgh, Pa. (25 min.)
26. The Ornithological Collection of the Natural History Museum in Stockholm. EINAR LÖNNBERG, Stockholm, Sweden. (Presented by the Secretary.) (30 min.)
27. \*The Feather Pattern of the Throat as an Indication of Sex in the Canada Goose. WHARTON HUBER, Philadelphia, Pa. (10 min.)
28. \*The Giant Barn Owl of Haiti. ALEXANDER WETMORE, Washington, D. C. (10 min.)
29. Description of a New Genus of Flycatchers from the Coast of Peru, with Remarks on the Origin of the Equatorial Arid Fauna. FRANK M. CHAPMAN, New York. (15 min.)
30. Distribution of the Seaside Sparrows in Florida. ARTHUR H. HOWELL, Washington, D. C. (15 min.)
31. \*The Nightjars of Equatorial Africa. JAMES P. CHAPIN, New York. (20 min.)
32. Notes on Petrels. ROBERT CUSHMAN MURPHY, New York. (Read by title.)
33. Problems of Geographical Distribution in Western Panama. LUDLOW GRISCOM, New York. (10 min.)

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

34. \*The Vernay Angola Expedition of The American Museum of Natural History. RUDYERD BOULTON, Pittsburgh, Pa. (40 min.)
35. \*Engraved Portraits of Birds. NORMAN McCLINTOCK AND BAYARD H. CHRISTY, Pittsburgh, Pa. (45 min.)
36. \*An Ecological Study of the Birds of Cartagena Lagoon, Porto Rico. STUART T. DANFORTH, Philadelphia, Pa. (30 min.)
37. \*The Surf Scoter on its Breeding Grounds. FRANCIS HARPER, Boston, Mass. (20 min.)
38. \*Bird Studies made at Barro Colorado Island, Canal Zone. ALFRED O. GROSS, Brunswick, Me., AND JOSELYN VAN TYNE, Ann Arbor, Mich. (45 min.)
39. \*Nesting Habits of the Everglade Kite. DONALD J. NICHOLSON, Orlando, Fla. (15 min.)
40. \*Nesting Habits of the Sandhill Crane in Florida. DONALD J. NICHOLSON, Orlando, Florida. (15 min.)
41. Nesting of Bonaparte's Gull in Alberta. A. D. HENDERSON, Belvedere, Alta. (Presented by A. C. BENT.) (15 min.)

42. The Duck Hawks of Mt. Tom, Mass. AARON C. BAGG, Holyoke, Mass. (15 min.)
43. Breeding Data for the Yellow Rail. P. B. PEABODY, Wamego, Kans. (Read by title.)
44. Nesting Birds of the Southern Everglades. EDWARD J. COURT, Washington, D. C. (Presented by ARTHUR H. HOWELL.) (15 min.)
45. Putting Pressure on Scientific Collectors. W. LEON DAWSON, Santa Barbara, Calif. (30 min.)
46. The Joy of Bird-Nesting. W. LEON DAWSON, Santa Barbara, Calif. (15 min.)

THURSDAY MORNING—GENERAL PAPERS.

47. Geographical Variation in the American Titlark. W. E. CLYDE TODD, Pittsburgh, Pa. (5 min.)
48. Making a Swallow Bank. ERNEST THOMPSON SETON, Greenwich, Conn. (Read by title.)
49. Further Notes on the Dyker Heights Marsh, Brooklyn, N. Y. GEORGE C. HIX, Brooklyn, N. Y. (20 min.)
50. Changing Conditions in the New York City Region and other Local Problems. LUDLOW GRISCOM, New York. (20 min.)
51. The Bird Fauna of North America in Relation to its Distribution in South America. MRS. ELSIE M. B. NAUMBURG, New York. (20 min.)
52. \*The Ruffed Grouse Disease. ARTHUR A. ALLEN, Ithaca, N. Y. (30 min.)
53. First Impressions of Purple Sandpiper and Upland Plover. JOHN T. NICHOLS, New York. (10 min.)
54. \*Regeneration and Deformities of Bird Beaks. W. I. LYON, Waukegan, Ill. (15 min.)

THURSDAY AFTERNOON—MOTION PICTURES.

55. Wood Thrush building an Unusual Nest and Male Quail Brooding. I. H. JOHNSTON, Charleston, W. Va. (10 min.)
56. The Barn Owl. REMI H. SANTENS, Pittsburgh, Pa. (5 min.)
57. \*The American Eagle: Its Recent History at Vermilion, O. FRANCIS H. HERRICK, Cleveland, O. (20 min.)
58. With the Herons along the Santee River, South Carolina. WILLIAM C. HERMAN, Cincinnati, O. (15 min.)
59. Some Birds of the Finger Lakes Region, New York. ARTHUR A. ALLEN, Ithaca, N. Y. (30 min.)
60. Life History of the House Wren. T. WALTER WEISEMAN, Pittsburgh, Pa., and S. PRENTISS BALDWIN, Cleveland, O. (45 min.)
61. Marine Bird Life in Ecuador. ROBERT CUSHMAN MURPHY, New York. (45 min.)

## FELLOWS AND MEMBERS PRESENT.

FELLOWS.—A. A. Allen, G. M. Allen, Outram Bangs, C. F. Batchelder, C. W. Beebe, A. C. Bent, J. P. Chapin, F. M. Chapman, Ruthven Deane, Jonathan Dwight, A. K. Fisher, J. H. Fleming, E. H. Forbush, L. A. Fuertes, Geo. B. Grinnell, Ludlow Griscom, W. L. McAtee, W. DeW. Miller, R. C. Murphy, H. C. Oberholser, W. H. Osgood, T. S. Palmer, J. C. Phillips, C. W. Richmond, W. E. Saunders, Witmer Stone, P. A. Taverner, W. E. C. Todd, C. W. Townsend, Alexander Wetmore—Total 30.

RETIRED FELLOWS.—W. K. Fisher, F. A. Lucas—Total 2.

MEMBERS.—R. M. Anderson, W. L. Baily, S. Prentiss Baldwin, Thomas Barbour, W. S. Brooks, W. L. Dawson, A. O. Gross, Francis Harper, F. H. Herrick, A. H. Howell, Wharton Huber, E. R. Kalmbach, F. H. Kennard, F. C. Lincoln, Hoyes Lloyd, W. I. Lyon, Mrs. W. W. Naumburg, J. T. Nichols, T. G. Pearson, J. L. Peters, E. A. Preble, C. H. Rogers, A. A. Saunders, E. T. Seton, H. L. Stoddard, G. M. Sutton, C. H. Townsend—Total 27.

## ELECTION OF FELLOWS, MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES.

## FELLOWS.—2

Ludlow Griscom, New York City.  
John Charles Phillips, Wenham, Mass. (Life Fellow).

## CORRESPONDING FELLOWS.—2.

José Antonio de Lavalle y Garcia, Lima, Peru.  
Walter Ernest Wait, Director of the Museum, Colombo, Ceylon.

## MEMBERS.—5.

Ernest Golsan Holt, Carnegie Museum, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Hoyes Lloyd, Ottawa, Canada.  
William Isaac Lyon, Waukegan, Ill. (Life Member).  
George Miksch Sutton, Harrisburg, Pa.  
Francis Beach White, Concord, N. H.

## ASSOCIATES —180

The names of Associates who qualify will appear in the annual Directory of Members in 'The Auk' for April.