

*Geococcyx mexicanus* (GMEL.) vs. *Geococcyx californianus* (LESS.). (Cf. SHELLY, Cat. Birds Brit. Mus. XIX, 1891, 419.) Rejected on the ground that if *Phasianus mexicanus* GMEL. be identifiable at all it must relate to *Geococcyx affinis* HARTL. rather than to the more northern *G. californianus*.

## V. ACTION DEFERRED FROM LACK OF MATERIAL.

Final action on the following was deferred, owing to the absence of necessary material.

*Megascops asio aikeni* BREWST., Auk, VIII, April, 1891, 139.

*Megascops asio macfarlanei* BREWST., Auk, VIII, April, 1891, 140.

*Megascops asio saturatus* BREWST., Auk, VIII, April, 1891, 141.

The availability of *Conuroopsis* SALVAD. vs. *Conurus* KUHL (Cat. Birds Brit. Mus., XX, 1891, 203) was referred to a subcommittee to report thereon to the Committee of 1893.

In reference to the generic value of *Anstrostomus* (Cf. HARTERT, Ibis, April, 1892, 285), it was voted, in view of the insufficiency of the material available for examination, that for the present no change be made in respect to its status in the Check-List.

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ERRATUM.— In the Fourth Supplement to the Check-List number 567e (Auk, IX, Jan. 1892, 107) should be 567d.

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## TENTH CONGRESS OF THE AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION.

THE TENTH CONGRESS of the American Ornithologists' Union was held in the Lecture Hall of the United States National Museum, Washington, D. C., Nov. 15-17, 1892. There were present during the session twenty Active Members and twenty-four Associate Members. The report of the Secretary gave the

status of membership as follows: Active Members, 45; Honorary Members, 22; Corresponding Members, 74; Associate Members, 416. Total, 557, showing an increase of 64 for the year. During the year the Union lost by death Dr. John Amory Jeffries, an original Active Member, who died in Boston, Mass., March 26, 1892; Dr. Hermann Burmeister, an Honorary Member, who died in Buenos Ayres, May 1, 1892, in his 86th year; and Capt. Thomas Wright Blakiston, an original Corresponding Member, who died in San Diego, California, Oct. 15, 1891, aged 59 years. The report of the Treasurer showed the finances of the Union to be in excellent condition.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year, Mr. D. G. Elliot declining to be a candidate for reëlection as President: Elliott Coues, President; William Brewster and Henry W. Henshaw, Vice-Presidents; John H. Sage, Secretary; William Dutcher, Treasurer. Three Active Members were elected, as follows: Frederic A. Lucas, Witmer Stone and Leverett M. Loomis. Sixty-seven Members were added to the Associate list.

The usual reports of Committees were received, and the proposed amendment to Article V, Section 4, of the By-Laws was adopted. In order to gain more time for the reading of papers, it was voted that in future a session shall be held during the evening of the day on which the stated meeting of the Council is held, for the election of officers and members and the transaction of the usual routine business of the Congress, which heretofore has occupied the greater part of the first day's session. As the stated meeting of the Council is held on the day preceding the meeting of the Union, this change adds one day to the time available for the reading of papers, practically without extending the length of the Congress.

A resolution was also adopted that on the decease of any Active Member of the Union, the President shall appoint a committee of one to prepare a suitable memorial of the life and work of the deceased member, to be read at the first stated meeting of the Union, and to be published in 'The Auk' as an expression of the sense of the Union.

The following papers were presented:

1. Birds of Lewis and Clarke in 1892. Elliott Coues.
2. Summer Birds of Indiana and Clearfield Counties, Pa. W. E. Clyde Todd.

3. The Geographical Distribution of the Genus *Megascops* in North America. E. M. Hasbrouck.
4. Summer Birds of Prince Edward Island. Jonathan Dwight, Jr.
5. A Partial List of the Birds of White Head Island, Maine. Arthur H. Norton.
6. The Origin and Geographical Distribution of North American Birds. J. A. Allen.
7. The Life Areas of North America, considered especially in Relation to their Classification and Nomenclature. J. A. Allen.
8. The Flycatchers of the *Myiarchus mexicanus* and *M. cinerascens* Groups. J. A. Allen.
9. Notes on Birds observed in Cuba. Frank M. Chapman.
10. Remarks on the Origin of West Indian Bird Life. Frank M. Chapman.
11. A Review of the Faunal Literature of North American Ornithology. Frank M. Chapman.
12. Some Eccentricities in Geographical Distribution. D. G. Elliot.
13. Observations on the Knot (*Tringa canutus*). George H. Mackay.
14. Migration of *Charadrius dominicus* in Massachusetts in 1892. George H. Mackay.
15. The Autumnal Plumage of the Hooded Warbler. Wm. Palmer.
16. Food Habits of the Common Crow. Walter B. Barrows.
17. A Preliminary Investigation of the Food Habits of *Ampelis cedrorum*. F. E. L. Beal.
18. Notes on *Helminthophila chrysoptera*, *pinus*, *leucobronchialis* and *lawrencei* in Connecticut. Jno. H. Sage.
19. Additions to the List of Manitoban Birds. Ernest E. Thompson.
20. Feeding and Breeding Habits of the Manitoban Icteridæ. Ernest E. Thompson.
21. Feeding Habits of the Pinewood Woodpeckers. Ernest E. Thompson.
22. The Distribution of the Genus *Harporhynchus*. T. S. Palmer.
23. Exhibition of specimens of the Imperial Woodpecker. T. S. Palmer.

Resolutions were adopted tendering the thanks of the Union to the Regents of the Smithsonian Institution for the use of the Lecture Hall of the National Museum as a place of meeting for the Tenth Congress of the Union, and for other courtesies, and to the Washington members for their cordial welcome and generous hospitality to the visiting members.

It was voted to hold the next Congress of the Union in Cambridge, Mass., on the third Tuesday of November, 1893.