

OLIVE-BACKED THRUSH. *Hylocichla ustulatus swainsonii*. Abundant along Great Slave River to near Fort Resolution, but not beyond.

HERMIT THRUSH. *Hylocichla aonalaschkae pallasii*. Common in dry woods along Great Slave River north to Kahdinouay Island in Great Slave Lake, not beyond.

ROBIN. *Merula migratoria*. Abundant and nesting throughout the wooded region traversed, as far as the edge of the woods. In the first week of September the species appeared in flocks on the edge of the Barrens.

TWENTY-FIFTH STATED MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION.

THE Twenty-fifth Stated Meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union convened in Philadelphia, Pa., Monday evening, December 9, 1907. The business meeting was held in the Council Room, and the public sessions, commencing Tuesday, December 10, and lasting three days, were held in the lecture hall of the Academy of Natural Sciences.

BUSINESS SESSION.—The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Charles F. Batchelder. Twenty Fellows were present. The Secretary's report gave the membership of the Union at the opening of the present Stated Meeting as 850, constituted as follows: Fellows, 48; Honorary Fellows, 14; Corresponding Fellows, 61; Members, 72; Associates, 655.

During the year the Union lost eighty-one members, eleven by death, thirty-two by resignation, and thirty-eight for non-payment of dues. The deceased members include two Honorary Fellows, one Corresponding Fellow, one Member, and seven Associates, as follows: Prof. Alfred Newton,¹ an Honorary Fellow, who died in Cambridge, England, June 7, 1907, at the age of 78 years; Howard Saunders,² an Honorary Fellow, who died in London, Oct. 20, 1907, aged 72 years; Dr. Rudolph Blasius, a Corresponding Fellow, who died in Braunschweig, Germany, Sept. 21, 1907; Dr. William L. Ralph,³ a Member, who died in Washington, D. C.,

¹ For an obituary notice, see Auk, XXIV, pp. 365, 366.

² For an obituary notice, see Auk, XXV, pp. 103-104.

³ For an obituary notice, see *Ibid.*, XXIV, pp. 461, 462.

July 8, 1907, in the 57th year of his age; and the following Associates: August Koch,¹ who died at Mohawk, Florida, Feb. 15, 1907, aged 70 years; Mrs. Jacob L. Sweiger,² who died in Waterbury, Conn., March 24, 1907, in the 47th year of her age; Walter R. Davis, who died in Newton, Mass.; Mrs. Isabel Paddock Carter,³ who died Sept. 15, 1907, at St. Johnsbury, Vt., aged 36 years; Frank T. Antes, who died Feb. 16, 1907; Charles F. Brennan, who died Mch. 21, 1907, and Alexander Maitland, who died at Princeton, N. J., Oct. 25, 1907.

The report of the Treasurer showed the finances of the Union to be in a satisfactory condition.

All of the officers were reelected as follows: Charles F. Batchelder, President; E. W. Nelson and Frank M. Chapman, Vice-Presidents; John H. Sage, Secretary; Jonathan Dwight, Jr., Treasurer; Ruthven Deane, William Dutcher, A. K. Fisher, F. A. Lucas, Chas. W. Richmond, Thos. S. Roberts, and Witmer Stone, members of the Council.

Richard C. McGregor, of the Bureau of Science, Manila, Philippine Islands, was elected a Fellow; Dr. Carl R. Hennicke, of Gera, Reuss, Germany, and Dr. Sergius A. Buturlin, of Wesenberg, Esthonia, Russia, were elected Corresponding Fellows; Ned Dearborn, of Chicago, Ills.; E. Howard Eaton, of Rochester, N. Y.; William L. Finley, of Portland, Oregon, and Ora Willis Knight, of Bangor, Maine, were elected to the class of Members, and the following one hundred and twenty-three persons were elected Associates, namely:

Rudolph M. Anderson, Macon, Mo.; Lyle S. Baer, Streator, Ills.; Frank C. Baker, Chicago, Ills.; Blenn R. Bales, M. D., Circleville, Ohio; Miss Anna K. Barry, Dorchester, Mass.; Frederick MacD. Barton, Concord, Mass.; Hermann Behr, Jennings, Md.; Otto Behr, Lopez, Pa.; John J. Beice, Oakville, Calif.; Isaac Bildersee, New York City; John J. Bishop, Springfield, Mass.; Maurice C. Blake, Hanover, N. H.; C. L. Bobb, Madison, Wis.; John I. D. Bristol, New York City; Winthrop S. Brooks, Milton, Mass.; Freeman F. Burr, East Haven, Conn.; Philip L. Buttrick, New Haven, Conn.; George I. Carpenter, Brooklyn, N. Y.; John D. Carter, Lansdowne, Pa.; M. A. Carriker, Jr., Nebraska City, Neb.; Mrs. Arthur P. Chadbourne, Boston, Mass.; W. Lee Chambers, Santa Monica,

¹ For an obituary notice, see Auk, XXIV, pp. 238, 239.

² For an obituary notice, see Auk, XXV, p. 105.

³ For an obituary notice, see Auk, XXV, pp. 104-105.

Calif.; Ralph W. Chaney, Chicago, Ills.; B. Preston Clark, Boston, Mass.; Chas. E. Clark, Arlington, Mass.; Howard H. Cleaves, Princes Bay, Staten Is., N. Y.; Edward J. Court, Washington, D. C.; H. C. Curl, Washington, D. C.; David W. Dennis, Richmond, Ind.; Thomas W. Dewing, New York City; Donald R. Dickey, Dubuque, Iowa; Geo. E. Dimock, Jr., Elizabeth, N. J.; Dr. Frederick W. D'Evelyn, Alameda, Calif.; Stanley W. E. Edwards, Hartford, Conn.; Samuel P. Fay, Boston, Mass.; Jesse D. Figgins, New York City; Walter Fisher, Chicago, Ills.; Edwin S. Ford, Morristown, N. J.; Miss Hannah Fox, Philadelphia, Pa.; Dwight Franklin, New York City; Clarence T. Fuller, Brooklyn, N. Y.; R. T. Fuller, Lacona, N. Y.; Burton N. Gates, Worcester, Mass.; M. French Gilman, Shiprock, N. M.; Chapman Grant, Williamstown, Mass.; Alfred O. Gross, Urbana, Ills.; Francis Harper, College Point, N. Y.; Miss Pauline Hayes, Centralia, Ills.; Ralph H. Holman, Malden, Mass.; Ernest G. Holt, Montgomery, Ala.; Albert W. Honywill, Jr., New Haven, Conn.; Benjamin F. Howell, Jr., Boonton, N. J.; William H. Hoyt, Stamford, Conn.; Dr. L. L. Hubbard, Houghton, Mich.; Rev. H. W. Kellogg, Wilmington, Del.; Edwin C. Kent, Tuxedo Park, N. Y.; Raymond Kester, Philadelphia, Pa.; Axel J. de Lagerberg, Passaic, N. J.; Herbert Lang, New York City; J. Eugene Law, Hollywood, Calif.; John B. Lawrence, New York City; Carl C. Lawson, Chicago, Ills.; Walter H. Leibelsperger, Fleetwood, Pa.; Harry J. Lelande, Los Angeles, Calif.; William B. Long, Brookline, Mass.; Paul Loveland, Minneapolis, Minn.; Ethelbert I. Low, New York City; Henry H. Lowell, Newton Centre, Mass.; Richard M. Marble, Brookline, Mass.; Edward J. F. Marx, Easton, Pa.; Rev. E. Mead, Passaic, N. J.; Chas. M. Metz, Sheridan, Wyo.; Richard F. Miller, Philadelphia, Pa.; Miss Margaret Morse, Worcester, Mass.; Dr. Fred Mutchler, Worcester, Mass.; Nathaniel C. Nash, Jr., Cambridge, Mass.; Edward A. Nehling, Passaic, N. J.; J. Hosey Osborn, Passaic, N. J.; Clifford H. Pangburn, New Haven, Conn.; Theed Pearse, Crozet, Va.; L. S. Pearson, Wayne, Pa.; Max Minor Peet, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Philip B. Philipp, New York City; Francis W. Rawle, Rosemont, Pa.; Alfred C. Redfield, Wayne, Pa.; Chas. Richardson, Jr., Pasadena, Cali.; Fitzhugh Salley, Holly Hill, S. C.; Joseph A. Santens, Pittsburgh, Pa.; A. F. Satterthwait, Harrisburg, Pa.; Aretas A. Saunders, New Haven, Conn.; Orpheus M. Schantz, Morton Park, Ills.; Samuel Scoville, Jr., Philadelphia, Pa.; Robert P. Sharples, West Chester, Pa.; Althea R. Sherman, National, Iowa; George Shiras, 3rd., Washington, D. C.; Jesse L. Smith, Highland Park, Ills.; N. A. C. Smith, Worcester, Mass.; Edgar C. Stiles, West Haven, Conn.; J. Fletcher Street, Beverly, N. J.; Carlton B. Swift, Southborough, Mass.; F. L. van Tassell, Passaic, N. J.; Alex. R. Taylor, Columbia, S. C.; Lewis McI. Terrill, Westmount, Quebec; Almerin D. Tinker, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Gilbert Traffon, Passaic, N. J.; J. H. Trumbull, Plainville, Conn.; Dr. Henry Tucker, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. Wm. H. Upham, Marshfield, Wis.; Miss Edith Van Deusen, Rutherford, N. J.; Justus Von Lengerke, New York City; Dr. Albert H. Wallace, Upper Montclair, N. J.; James S. Wallace, Toronto, Canada; Galen Watson, North Scituate, Mass.; J. A. Weber, New York City; Francis M. Weston, Jr., Mount Pleasant, S. C.; Cornelius Weygandt,

Philadelphia, Pa.; William P. Wharton, Groton, Mass.; Chas. E. Wisner, Detroit, Mich.; Miss Harriet H. Wright, Saginaw, W. S., Mich.; Howard W. Wright, Pasadena, Calif.; Luther E. Wyman, Chicago, Ills.; John A. Young, New York City; Mrs. William A. Young, West Newton, Mass.

Drs. Allen, Dwight, Merriam and Richmond, and Messrs. Brewster, Ridgway and Stone were reappointed 'Committee on Classification and Nomenclature of North American Birds.'

Drs. A. K. Fisher, E. A. Mearns and Thos. S. Roberts, and Messrs. Chapman and Nelson were appointed 'Committee on Bird Protection.'

The amendment to the By-Laws, proposed at the last Stated Meeting of the Union, was adopted, as follows:

Life membership, exempting the holder from all further fees or assessments, may be obtained by a Fellow on payment of one hundred dollars, by a Member on payment of seventy-five dollars, or by an Associate on payment of fifty dollars. But any Member or Associate, in event of his election to a higher class of membership, must then pay such additional sum as will make his total payments for life membership equal to the amount required for the class to which he is elected. In default of such payment his life membership lapses; but in that event there shall be credited toward his future annual assessments, any excess there may be in the amount he has already paid for life membership over that which he otherwise would have paid as annual assessments during the time he has held life membership.

A vote of thanks was unanimously tendered Dr. Jonathan Dwight, Jr., by the Council of the Union, in recognition of the vast amount of time and labor expended by him in compiling and editing the 'Index' (just published) to the 'Bulletin of the Nuttall Ornithological Club' and 'The Auk,' covering the period of twenty-five years, 1876-1900, and for the great care and thoroughness with which the work was done.

PUBLIC SESSIONS. *First Day.*—The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Batchelder. An address of welcome was made by Dr. Dixon, on behalf of the Academy of Natural Sciences.

The papers read during the morning session were as follows:

'Preliminary Report of an Investigation of the Cause of Moults

and the Seasonal Change of Color in Birds,' by C. William Beebe. Remarks followed by Dr. Merriam, the author, and Mr. Stone.

'The Faunal Status of the Finger-Lake Country in New York,' by E. Howard Eaton. Remarks followed by Dr. Merriam, the author, and Mr. Stone.

'Pennant's Indian Zoology, 1769 Edition,' by Dr. J. A. Allen.

'Some Ornithological Doings of the Years 1850-1855,' by Witmer Stone.

'Bird Population and its Modifying Influences,' by Prof. Joseph Grinnell. In the absence of the author it was read, and remarked upon, by Dr. Merriam.

The papers of the afternoon, all illustrated by lantern slides, were:

'Breeding Birds of Carroll Islet, Washington,' by Prof. Lynds Jones.

'Report on Field Work for the American Museum of Natural History, in the South Atlantic States and the Bahamas, in April and May, 1907,' by Frank M. Chapman.

'The Expression of Emotion in Birds as Shown by Photography,' by Clinton G. Abbott.

In the evening the members of the Union, and their friends, met at dinner in the Banquet Hall of Boothby's Café. The after dinner speeches had reference, mainly, to the organization, growth, and present high standing of the Union, this being its twenty-fifth annual meeting.

Second Day.—The meeting was called to order by President Batchelder. The papers of the morning session were:

'Notes on Several Birds Living in the New York Zoölogical Park, and on an Apparatus for Making More Vivid the Evolution of any Group of Birds,' by C. William Beebe.

'New Bird Records from Great Slave Lake,' by Ernest Thompson Seton.

'The Ornithological Background,' by Dr. Spencer Trotter.

'The Value of Colors and Color-patterns as a Generic Character in Ornithology,' by Witmer Stone. Remarks followed by Mr. Beebe, the author, and Dr. Allen.

'Notes on Woodpeckers and their Plumage,' by W. E. Clyde Todd. Remarks followed by Mr. Fuertes.

'Notes on Some Porto Rican Birds,' by B. S. Bowdish.

The following papers, all illustrated with lantern slides, were presented at the afternoon session:

'The Psychologic Development of Young Hawks,' by E. Howard Eaton. Remarks followed by Mr. Seton.

'Report on Field Work for the American Museum of Natural History, in Saskatchewan and Alberta, in June and July, 1907,' by Frank M. Chapman. Remarks followed by Messrs. Seton and Fleming, and Dr. Bishop.

'The Wild Life of Home Birds,' by Rev. Herbert K. Job.

In the evening the visiting members of the Union were invited to a Smoker at the Academy, tendered by members of the Ornithological Section. It was conceded by all present to have been a most enjoyable gathering.

Third Day.—The meeting was called to order by President Batchelder. The papers of the session were:

'The Geographical Distribution of the Juncos (or Snowbirds), and the Probable Significance of their Color Variations,' by Dr. Jonathan Dwight, Jr. Remarks followed by Rev. H. K. Job, the author, and Dr. Trotter.

'Some Additions to the Birds of Delaware,' by Chas. J. Pennock.

'The Generic Names *Mycteria* and *Tantalus*,' by Dr. J. A. Allen.

'Status of the Henslow's Sparrow in Connecticut,' by Geo. P. Ells. Remarks followed by Dr. Bishop, Mr. Woodruff, and the author.

'International Bird Protection in Europe,' by Henry Oldys. In the absence of the author it was read by Mr. W. H. Osgood.

Resolutions were adopted thanking the Academy of Natural Sciences for the use of a hall for a place of meeting for the Union, and for other courtesies extended; to the Local Committee and other Philadelphia ornithologists for the cordial welcome and most generous hospitality shown visiting members and friends of the Union, and to the Zoölogical Society of Philadelphia for its kind invitation to visit the Gardens of the Society.

After the adoption of the resolutions, Dr. A. K. Fisher spoke to add a further expression of the enthusiasm felt by the visiting members in regard to the exceptionally interesting and enjoyable character of the sessions just closing.

On Friday, December 13, after adjournment of the Union, Messrs. Stewardson Brown and George Spencer Morris conducted a party to the historic Bartram's Garden so intimately associated with the life of Alexander Wilson, and on the 14th a "pilgrimage" was made to Mill Grove, on the Perkiomen, the former home of Audubon.

The next meeting of the Union will be held in Cambridge, Mass., commencing November 16, 1908.

The attendance of members at the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Union was much larger than at any previous Stated Meeting — the Pacific Coast and Canada being well represented.

JNO. H. SAGE,
Secretary.

GENERAL NOTES.

The Canvasback at Bridgewater, Mass. — For many years until the 19th of October, 1907, there is no record of the Canvasback (*Aythya valisneria*) at Nippenickett Pond, Bridgewater, Mass. Upon the above date Elbert L. Hall and Irving Hall shot six birds of this species from a flock of thirteen. All the captured ones, and as nearly as could be learned all those escaping, were in either the female or immature male plumage. — ARTHUR C. DYKE, *Bridgewater, Mass.*

Capture of a Tagged Canvasback Duck. — On October 25 there was killed in Manahawkin Bay, New Jersey, a hen Canvasback Duck with an aluminum band on its leg containing the initials and number "T. J. O. D. 48." It would be interesting to know who banded this duck and for what purpose. — HENRY OLDYS, *Acting in Charge of Game Protection, Bureau of Biological Survey, Washington, D. C.*

An American White-fronted Goose and Wilson's Phalarope in Essex County, Massachusetts. — At Great Neck, Ipswich, Mass., early in August, 1907, an American White-fronted Goose (*Anser albifrons gambeli*), in a wounded condition, was caught by Mr. A. B. Clark, and confined in his yard. I saw the bird on August 25. It was an adult in full plumage, and appeared to have been wounded in one wing and in the leg on the same side.