

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

THE Twenty-eighth Stated Meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union convened in Washington, D. C., Monday evening, November 14, 1910. The business meeting was held at 'The Cochran,' 14th and K Sts., N. W., and the public sessions in the auditorium of the new building of the U. S. National Museum, beginning Tuesday, November 15, and continuing three days.

BUSINESS SESSION.—The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Edward W. Nelson. Twenty-one Fellows were present. The Secretary's report gave the membership of the Union at the opening of the present Stated Meeting as 897, constituted as follows: Fellows, 49; Honorary Fellows, 12; Corresponding Fellows, 62; Members, 76; Associates, 698.

During the year the Union lost seventy-three members, six by death, twenty-two by resignation, and forty-five for non-payment of dues. The deceased members include two Honorary Fellows, and four Associates, as follows:

Henry Hillyer Giglioli,¹ of Florence, Italy, who died December 16, 1909, in the 64th year of his age, and Richard Bowdler Sharpe,² of London, England, who died December 25, 1909, at the age of 62 years, Honorary Fellows; also the following Associates: John Farwell Ferry,³ who died in Chicago, Ill., February 11, 1910, at the age of 32 years; Alexander O'Driscoll Taylor,⁴ who died in Newport, R. I., April 10, 1910, in the 79th year of his age; Daniel C. McEwen, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who died November 1, 1909, and Julian Montgomery Dodge, of Wenham, Mass., who died November 23, 1909.

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

All of the officers were re-elected, as follows: Edward W. Nelson, President; Frank M. Chapman and A. K. Fisher, Vice-Presi-

¹ For an obituary notice, see *Auk*, XXVII, pp. 124-129.

² For an obituary notice, see *Auk*, XXVII, pp. 484, 485.

³ For an obituary notice, see *Auk*, XXVII, pp. 240, 241.

⁴ For an obituary notice, see *Auk*, XXVII, p. 363.

dents; John H. Sage, Secretary; Jonathan Dwight, Jr., Treasurer; Ruthven Deane, William Dutcher, Henry W. Henshaw, Frederic A. Lucas, Chas. W. Richmond, Thomas S. Roberts, and Witmer Stone, members of the Council.

John Hooper Bowles, Santa Barbara, Cal.; E. S. Cameron, Fallon, Montana; Ned Hollister, Washington, D. C.; Waldo Lee McAtee, Washington, D. C.; and Edward Royal Warren, of Colorado Springs, Colo., were elected to the class of Members, and the following eighty-eight persons were elected Associates, namely:

Mrs. Inez B. Adams, Battle Creek, Mich.
 Dr. W. W. Arnold, Colorado Springs, Colo.
 Prof. G. A. Bailey, Geneseo, N. Y.
 Oscar E. Baynard, Gainesville, Fla.
 Albert F. Bigelow, Boston, Mass.
 Merrill W. Blain, Tropico, Calif.
 Edmund Bridge, West Medford, Mass.
 Sidney F. Blake, Stoughton, Mass.
 Robert L. Bruen, Minneapolis, Minn.
 Miss Alice Bryant, Cohasset, Mass.
 Eugene E. Caduc, Boston, Mass.
 James Samuel Camp, Sentinel, Oklahoma.
 Edward H. Christie, St. Louis, Mo.
 Miss Alice F. Corey, Plainfield, N. J.
 Miss Esther A. Craigmile, Hinsdale, Ill.
 Miss Alice Cushman, Philadelphia, Pa.
 Miss Edna H. Danielson, Goodhue, Minn.
 R. J. H. De Loach, Athens, Ga.
 Miss Mabel Densmore, Red Wing, Minn.
 Mrs. George P. Derickson, Minneapolis, Minn.
 Arthur Louis Dunham, Irvington-on-Hudson, N. Y.
 Miss Eleanor P. Earle, Palma Sola, Fla.
 Miss Nevada Evans, Minneapolis, Minn.
 L. H. Fay, Brocton, N. Y.
 Dr. George W. Field, Sharon, Mass.
 W. R. Felton, Miles City, Mont.
 William W. Grant, Englewood, N. J.
 E. W. Graves, Long Island, Ala.
 Mrs. Silas Greenwood, Winchendon, Mass.
 W. L. Hahn, Washington, D. C.
 Frank H. Hall, Geneva, N. Y.
 Mrs. George V. H. Harper, Wilmington, Dela.
 Mrs. D. H. Harrington, Orange, Mass.

Harold May Holland, Chicago, Ill.
Dr. W. F. Hutchinson, Portsmouth, Va.
Hartley H. T. Jackson, Washington, D. C.
J. M. Jessup, Washington, D. C.
Lindsey Louise Jewel, Gatun, Canal Zone, Panama.
Erwin William Johns, Tempe, Arizona.
Rev. W. R. Johnson, Killarney, Manitoba.
Mrs. Edwin R. Jump, West Newton, Mass.
Edwin R. Kalmbach, Washington, D. C.
Stanton D. Kirkham, Canandaigua, N. Y.
Joseph Kittredge, Jr., Brookline, Mass.
Louis Slidell Kohler, Bloomfield, N. J.
John Dryden Kuser, Bernardsville, N. J.
Susie Dryden Kuser, Bernardsville, N. J.
Frederick Charles Lincoln, Denver, Colo.
Clarence Harvel Luther, D. D. S., Fayetteville, Ark.
George C. Maule, Gum Tree, Chester Co., Pa.
William G. Moore, Haddonfield, N. J.
Thomas Edgar Musselman, Quincy, Ill.
Pingree I. Osburn, Pasadena, Calif.
Jesse E. Packer, Darby, Penna.
Miss Jennie M. Patten, Yuma, Colo.
Fred Albert Pennington, Chicago, Ill.
Mrs. Marian von R. Phelps, Englewood, N. J.
Gifford Pinchot, Washington, D. C.
Mrs. C. E. Raymond, Hinsdale, Ill.
James Henry Rice, Jr., Summerville, S. C.
Miss Almeda B. Robbins, Ware, Mass.
Lewis W. Robinson, Cresskill, N. J.
Dr. Fred Russell, Winchendon, Mass.
Henry E. Ryberg, New Richmond, Wis.
Clarence Sackett, Rye, N. Y.
Edmund Joseph Sawyer, Black River, N. Y.
Waldo Schmitt, Washington, D. C.
Clarence R. Shoemaker, Washington, D. C.
George Finlay Simmons, Houston, Texas.
Miss Ethel M. Smith, Stevens, Point, Wis.
Judge Frank Spatter, Winchendon, Mass.
Mrs. Wm. E. Strater, Louisville, Ky.
Katharine H. Stuart, Alexandria, Va.
S. Warren Sturgis, Groton, Mass.
Mrs. Graham Sumner, Englewood, N. J.
D. W. Sweet, Phillips, Maine.
Edmund H. Sweet, Sturgis, So. Dak.
Miss Grace Ellis Taft, New York, N. Y.
J. H. Taylor, Columbia, S. C.

George D. Tilley, Darien, Conn.
 Miss Mary I. Tufts, Lynn, Mass.
 Curtis Howe Walker, Chicago, Ill.
 Ernest Pillsbury Walker, Paradox, Montrose, Co., Colo.
 Edward Pearson Warner, Concord, Mass.
 Oscar T. Willard, Jr., Chicago, Ill.
 Miss Helen D. Wise, Washington, D. C.
 Mrs. George Wood, Philadelphia, Pa.
 Miss Harriet Wyman, Winchendon, Mass.

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

Drs. A. K. Fisher, Edgar A. Mearns, and Messrs. Frank M. Chapman and Ruthven Deane were re-appointed 'Committee on Bird Protection.'

The amendments to the By-Laws proposed at the last Stated Meeting of the Union were adopted. A new Class, known as Retired Fellows, was thus created, to consist of persons who, by their own desire and by vote of the Council, may be transferred to this Class from the Class of Fellows. They are not entitled to vote nor to hold office, but receive "The Auk" gratis.

PUBLIC SESSIONS. *First Day.*—The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Chapman. An address of welcome was made by Dr. Charles D. Walcott, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, on behalf of the United States National Museum.

The papers read during the morning session were as follows: 'Courtship of the American Golden-eye, or Whistler,' by William Brewster.

'Bird Strays in a Great City (New York),' by John Treadwell Nichols. Remarks followed by the Chair and Mr. Osgood.

'Nest Life of the Screech Owl,' by Miss Althea R. Sherman. Remarks followed by Mr. Coale.

Mr. Louis Agassiz Fuertes explained certain habits of Franklin's Gull as observed by him at Heron Lake, Minn.

An out-of-doors demonstration on 'Concealing Coloration' was given by Mr. Abbott H. Thayer.

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

'Two Hawk Families,' by B. S. Bowdish. In the absence of the author it was read by Prof. T. G. Pearson.

'Some Rare and Interesting Birds of the Sunken Lands in Arkansas and Missouri,' by Arthur H. Howell.

'Some Experiences and Impressions of the Cowbird,' by Wilbur F. Smith.

'Some Ornithological Results of Biological Survey Field Work in 1910,' by Vernon Bailey.

'A Junco Experience,' by Wilbur F. Smith.

'Isocronal Lines of Bird Migration,' by Prof. Wells W. Cooke.

'Bird-Life on Mt. Orizaba, Mexico,' by Frank M. Chapman.

In the evening the members of the Union and their friends met at dinner at the 'Riggs House.' After the dinner an informal reception was held in the parlors of the same hotel.

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

'Device for the Convenient Examination of Arboreal Birds' Nests,' by William Brewster. Remarks followed by the Chair.

'Notes on the Great Auk, the Passenger Pigeon, and Eskimo Curlew,' by Edward Howe Forbush. Remarks followed by Messrs. Oldys, Bent, Brewster, and Todd, Dr. Gill and Prof. Hodge.

'The Passenger Pigeon Investigation for 1910,' by Prof. Clifton F. Hodge. Remarks followed by Messrs. Forbush, Goldman and Deane, Dr. Bartsch, and the author.

Mr. Abbott H. Thayer gave a demonstration of the concealment of color markings by definite color areas.

During the recess hour a photograph of the members of the Union was taken on the steps of the Museum building.

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

'Photographing Wild Birds by the Lumière Direct Color Process,' by Frank Overton, M. D. It was read, in the absence of the author, by Francis Harper.

'Flashlight and other Bird Photographs,' by Hon. George Shiras, 3d.

'Bird-Life on the Tamiahua Lagoon, Vera Cruz,' by Frank M. Chapman.

'Studies of Winter Wildfowl in Lower Louisiana,' by Rev. Herbert K. Job.

Mr. Wilfred H. Osgood showed photographs on the screen of

several of the Bird Groups in the Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago.

In the evening an informal reception was given the members of the Union, and their wives, by Dr. and Mrs. C. Hart Merriam, at their home, 1919 Sixteenth St., N. W.

Third Day.—The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Chapman.

The papers of the session were:

'Overcoming Fear in Birds,' by Dr. Ned Dearborn. Illustrated by lantern slides. Remarks followed by Prof. Hodge.

'Antiphony in Bird Songs,' by Henry Oldys.

'On some Overlooked Nuptial Plumes of Certain American and Old World Bitterns,' by William Brewster. Remarks followed by the Chair and Mr. Fuertes.

The American Passenger Pigeon. Translated from the Original of Peter Kalm,' by L. M. Gronberger.

The following papers, in the absence of their authors, were read by title:

'The Color of the Gular Sac of the Water Turkey (*Anhinga anhinga*),' by Arthur T. Wayne.

'Mimesis and Rhythm in Bird Songs,' by Rev. P. B. Peabody.

'Collation of Brisson's Genera of Birds with those of Linnæus,' by Dr. J. A. Allen.

'The Extermination of the Wild Turkey in the State of Virginia,' by Dr. R. W. Shufeldt.

'List of Birds Observed in Estes Park, Colo., from June 10 to July 18, 1910,' by Otto Widmann.

Resolutions were adopted thanking the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution for the use of the auditorium in the new building of the United States National Museum for a place of meeting, and for other courtesies extended; to the Local Committee and other Washington members of the Union for the cordial welcome and generous hospitality shown visiting members; and to Dr. Frank Baker, Director of the National Zoölogical Park, for his polite invitation to the members of the Union to visit the Zoölogical Park.

A resolution was passed by the Union regretting the absence from the public sessions of President Nelson, at the present time confined to his home by temporary illness.

On Friday, November 18, after adjournment of the Union, many members visited the National Zoölogical Park by invitation of Dr. Frank Baker, the Director.

The next meeting of the Union will be held in Philadelphia, the date to be determined later.

JNO. H. SAGE,
Secretary.

GENERAL NOTES.

Colymbus holboëlli in Kansas.—October 22, 1910, I captured a female Holboëll's Grebe on the Kansas River near Lawrence. The specimen, a female in winter plumage, is now in the collection of Kansas University.—LOGAN EVANS, *Lawrence, Kan.*

A Third South Carolina Record for the Man-o'-war-bird (*Fregata aquila*).—About 8 A. M. on October 19, 1910, I observed one of these birds slowly flying over my yard. At this time the wind was blowing from the northeast at the rate of forty or fifty miles an hour, accompanied with torrential rain. The bird remained in sight for fully eight minutes and finally disappeared in the direction of Sullivan's Island. It seemed to be not in the least inconvenienced by the storm that was raging, and sailed majestically in front of the severe wind with marvellous ease and upon almost motionless wings.

On October 20, 1906, between seven and eight A. M., a specimen was taken during a storm on Sullivan's Island. (See 'Birds of South Carolina,' 1910, p. 13.)

The occurrence of the Man-o'-war-bird on this coast is due entirely to cyclones or very severe storms.—ARTHUR T. WAYNE, *Mount Pleasant, S. C.*

The Color of the Gular Sac of the Water-Turkey (*Anhinga anhinga*).—Of the numerous specimens that I have examined in nuptial plumage taken by me during the past twenty-five years the males invariably had this member deep, lustrous black, while in the females, also in nuptial plumage, it was of a lighter shade faintly mottled with yellowish.

Audubon¹ says: "Adult male...gular sac bright orange. Adult female...gular sac as in the male." Dr. Coues² says: "Sac orange"—evidently based on Audubon's statement.

¹ Birds of America, VI, 1843, 452, 454.

² Key to North American Birds, 1892, 730.