

THIRTY-SIXTH STATED MEETING OF THE
AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION.

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THE Thirty-sixth Stated Meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union convened in New York City, on Monday, November 11, 1918. Owing to the epidemic of influenza which had prevailed for some weeks it was necessary, for the first time in the history of the Union, to omit the public sessions and confine the sessions to business meetings of the Council, Fellows and Members. The meetings were held on the historic occasion of the signing of the armistice and amid the noisy celebration of the end of the great world war. The attendance included 14 Fellows and several members. Among those present were two Founders of the Union, Dr. J. A. Allen and Dr. A. K. Fisher, and three Fellows originally elected in 1883, William Dutcher, Dr. Geo. Bird Grinnell and John H. Sage.

At the meeting of the Fellows called to order in the American Museum of Natural History at 8.05 P. M. by the President, John H. Sage, 12 Fellows were present. The amendment to the By-Laws proposed at the last Stated Meeting, making the fee of Patrons one thousand dollars, was formally adopted.

At the meeting of the Fellows and Members called to order by the President at 8.20 P. M., 13 Fellows and 4 Members were present. Following the calling of the roll the list of members in military and naval service was read (see last pages). The report of the Secretary giving the status of the membership was then presented. This report showed a net gain of 62 members during the year. In November, 1917, the total number of members was 891 while the present membership was 953 distributed as follows: Fellows, 50; Retired Fellows, 2; Honorary Fellows, 15; Corresponding Fellows, 56; Members, 80; and Associates, 750. During the year the Union lost 14 members by death, 13 by resignation and 20 by delinquency. The deaths (including two in the previous

year, news of which was delayed) comprised those of one Retired Fellow, one Honorary Fellow, one Corresponding Fellow, and 11 Associates, three of whom were killed in action in France. The deceased members are as follows:

- Lyman Belding,¹ Retired Fellow, aged 88½, died at Stockton, Calif.,
 Nov. 22, 1917
- Dr. Friedrich Hermann Otto Finsch,² Honorary Fellow, of Brunswick,
 Germany, died in his 78th year, Jan. 31, 1917
- Col. William Vincent Legge,³ Corresponding Fellow, died in his 75th year
 at St. Mary's, Tasmania, Mar. 25, 1918
- Eric Brooke Dunlop,⁴ of Winnipeg, Man., aged 30, killed in action.
 May 19, 1917
- Miss Martha Burr Banks, of Westport, Conn., Dec. 13, 1917
- Rowland Gibson Hazard,⁵ aged 63, died at Santa Barbara, Calif.
 Jan. 23, 1918
- George Batten,⁶ aged 64, died at Montclair, N. J. Feb. 16, 1918
- Prof. Jonathan Young Stanton,⁷ died in his 84th year at Lewiston, Me.,
 Feb. 17, 1918
- Henry Justice,⁸ died in his 74th year at Philadelphia, Pa., Mar. 1, 1918
- Mrs. Sara Anderson Hubbard, died in her 86th year, at Brooklyn, N. Y.,
 July 31, 1918
- Walter Freeman McMahon⁹ of New York City, aged 29, killed in action,
 Aug. 28, 1918
- Prof. David Ernest Lantz,¹⁰ died in his 64th year at Washington, D. C.,
 Oct. 7, 1918
- Douglas Clifford Mabbott¹¹ of Washington, D. C., aged 25, killed in action,
 Sept. 15, 1918
- Mrs. S. W. Powell of West Beckett, Mass., died , 1918

The Secretary reported that notices of the last annual meeting had been published in 'Bird-Lore,' 'Cassinia,' 'The Condor,' 'Guide to Nature,' and 'Science.' In an effort to secure greater publicity of the work of the Union brief notices had been sent to

¹ For obituary notice, see Auk, XXXV, p. 106.
² " " " see Auk, XXXV, p. 381.
³ " " " see Auk, XXXV, p. 510.
⁴ " " " see Auk, XXXV, p. 266.
⁵ " " " see Auk, XXXV, p. 264.
⁶ " " " see Auk, XXXV, p. 264.
⁷ " " " see Auk, XXXV, p. 511.
⁸ " " " see Auk, XXXV, p. 266.
⁹ " " " see Auk, XXXVI, No. 1.
¹⁰ " " " see Auk, XXXVI, No. 1.
¹¹ " " " see Auk, XXXVI, No. 1.

'The Emu,' 'Ibis,' and 'Nature,' and an account of the Union had been published in the 'American Museum Journal' for October, 1918.

In order to provide as far as possible for the dues of members in military service, requests for subscriptions to a memorial fund were sent to a selected list of members during the campaign for the Third Liberty Loan. This fund was to form part of the permanent funds of the Union and was to be invested in Liberty Bonds. The interest during the period of the war would be used to meet the dues of members in service and later for publications. The responses to this appeal were very generous and resulted in the acquisition of a fund of nearly \$1700. By vote of the Council those contributors who subscribed an amount equal to the life membership fee will hereafter be carried on the rolls as life members. By this action one Fellow, two Members and three Associates will be exempt in future from the payment of annual dues.

In April cards were sent to 100 libraries known to have 'The Auk' inquiring as to whether the sets were complete and whether the two general Indexes and the last Check List were available for reference. The correspondence which ensued resulted in the sale by the Treasurer of a number of volumes of 'The Auk' and also of 'Indexes' and 'Check Lists.'

Some progress was made during the year in an intensive study of the membership of the Union. A geographical list of the members arranged by states was prepared and small maps showing the geographical distribution of members in 1888 and 1918 were exhibited. A consolidated index containing the names of all persons who had ever been connected with the Union was also begun. In accordance with the vote taken at the last meeting lists of the members 'Called to the Colors' were published in **each number** of 'The Auk' and copies of these lists were forwarded to such of the members in service as could be reached. Copies of the report of the last meeting and of the discussion on 'Ornithological Work in 1918' were also distributed to the Corresponding Fellows.

The report of the treasurer showed the finances of the Union to be in a highly satisfactory condition with a substantial balance of \$2463.89 in receipts over current expenses and a total

surplus including subscriptions to the special memorial fund and income from life memberships and other invested funds, of more than \$6000.

The result of the election of officers for the ensuing year was as follows: President, John H. Sage; Vice Presidents, Witmer Stone and Geo. Bird Grinnell; Secretary, T. S. Palmer; Treasurer, Jonathan Dwight; Members of the Council, Ruthven Deane, William Dutcher, Joseph Grinnell, Frederic A. Lucas, Harry C. Oberholser, Charles W. Richmond, and Thomas S. Roberts.

On recommendation of the Council the following five Honorary and fourteen Corresponding Fellows were duly elected.

HONORARY FELLOWS:

Dr. Roberto Dabbene, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
Alwyn Karl Haagner, Pretoria, Transvaal.
Dr. Einar Lönnberg, Stockholm, Sweden.
Dr. Auguste Ménégaux, Paris, France.
Dr. Peter Suschkin, Kharkov, Russia.

CORRESPONDING FELLOWS:

Edwin Ashby, Wittauga, Blackwood, South Australia.
E. C. Stuart Baker, Secretary B. O. U., London, England.
Dr. Louis Brasil, Caen, France.
Dr. Walter E. Collinge, St. Andrews, Scotland.
Nils Gyldenstolpe, Stockholm, Sweden.
Tom Iredale, Ealing, England.
Rev. Francis Charles Robert Jourdain, Abingdon, England.
Cecil Boden Kloss, Kuala Lumpur, Federated Malay States.
Nagamichi Kuroda, Tokio, Japan.
Enrique Lynch Arribáizaga, Resistencia, Argentina.
Dr. Charles Theodore Ramsden, Guantanamo, Cuba.
Herbert C. Robinson, Kuala Lumpur, Federated Malay States.
Charles Francis Massy Swynnerton, Gungunyava, South Rhodesia.
Norman Frederic Ticehurst, St. Leonards-on-Sea, England.

Dr. Harold C. Bryant, Berkeley, Calif.; George K. Cherrie, Newfane, Vt.; Lieut. Ludlow Griscom, New York City; Lieut. James L. Peters, Harvard, Mass.; and Robert W. Williams, Washington, D. C., were elected to the class of Members, and the

following one hundred and forty-seven persons were elected Associates:

- Miss Harriet Abbott, Box 125, Fryeburg, Maine.
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 Miss Helen Barker, Sandusky, O.
 Rev. John Mallery Bates, St. Paul, Nebr.
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 ✓ Rollin E. Buchanan, Excelsior, Minn.
 Frank Seiler Butterworth, Madison, Conn.
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 Mrs. Hiram Byrd, Winter Park, Fla.
 Miss Ethel B. Capling, Wiseton, Sask.
 Mrs. Olivia Garnsey Carroll, Rutland, Mass.
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 Albert Ashley Cross, Huntington, Hampshire Co., Mass.
 Miss Joann Olivia Crowell, Dennis, Mass.
 Prof. Byron Cummings, Univ. Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.
 Lee Raymond Dice, Biological Survey, Washington, D. C.
 Alexander Dawes DuBois, Dutton, Mont.

- Miss Lulu Dunbar, R. D. 1, Elkhorn, Wis.
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Dr. George Herman Jennings, Jewett City, Conn.
Wm. Frost Jones, Norway, Maine.
George L. Kaeding, Battle Mountain, Nev.
George L. Kirk, Rutland, Vt.
Albert J. Kirn, Solomon, Kans.
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The Committee on Biography and Bibliography, through its chairman, Dr. Palmer, submitted a brief verbal report showing progress in several of the projects mentioned in previous reports. Dr. Glover M. Allen, who has been appointed a member of the Committee, has been devoting his attention mainly to the preparation of an index of papers relating to types and special collections of birds and has already brought together about 200 titles. Work has been continued on the 'Index of Portraits of Ornithologists' and the entries have been increased from 700 to about 770, of which nearly 50 per cent are those of present or past members of the Union. In addition to new entries a number of new portraits of individuals already in the list have been indexed. Progress has also been made on the 'Bibliography of Bibliographies.' Much time has been devoted to the study already mentioned of the membership of the Union and to securing full names of the members to complete the records. In the matter of manuscripts it is interesting to mention that the valuable set of diaries of the late Prof. F. E. L. Beal, comprising more than 50 volumes and extending over a period of nearly 40 years, has recently been deposited in the library of the U. S. Department of Agriculture; and that an interesting manuscript of Titian R. Peale, relating to the history of the Wilkes Exploring Expedition, has been acquired by the Smithsonian Institution.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Council the invitation extended by the British Ornithologists' Union to the A. O. U. to join in a coöperative enterprise for the preparation of a series of Check Lists of the birds of the principal zoölogical regions of the world, arranged on a uniform plan, to be known as the 'Systema Avium' (see 'The Auk,' XXXV, p. 509), received favorable consideration and was referred to the committee on Classification and Nomenclature with power to act.

Resolutions were adopted expressing the thanks of the Union to the President and Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History for the courtesies extended during the 36th meeting of the Union, and also requesting the states of Oregon and California through their respective Legislative and Executive branches to take action to cede to the United States jurisdiction over such portions of the Malheur and Klamath Lake Bird Reservations as may be necessary to insure the permanent preservation of these refuges by the Federal Government.

On Tuesday afternoon, some of the officers of the Union under the guidance of Dr. Grinnell visited Audubon Park in the vicinity of 157th St. and Broadway and inspected the three houses where Audubon and his sons, Victor and John Woodhouse Audubon, lived during their later years. A visit was also paid to Trinity Cemetery, only a few blocks away, where Audubon and George N. Lawrence are buried.

On the following day the Treasurer and Secretary spent several hours in the library of the New York Historical Society (on 77th Street, opposite the southeast corner of the American Museum), examining the original drawings of Audubon's great work on the 'Birds of America.' This wonderful collection of drawings, preserved in five large portfolios, was purchased direct from Mrs. J. J. Audubon, nearly half a century ago. Apparently its existence is not generally known and it seems to have been seen by comparatively few ornithologists. An examination of it either superficially or with a reading glass will well repay any one who visits the library.

Although the omission of the public meetings with the opportunities for the presentation of papers and the usual social intercourse proved a great disappointment to many of the members,

it is gratifying to know that the Union has passed through the trying ordeals of war times without increasing its dues or cutting down its journal and without decrease either in its membership or income. In fact the past year has proved one of the most prosperous in its whole history.

The next meeting will be held in New York City, in 1919, at a date to be determined by the local committee.