

brief notes concerning abundance, date of arrival and nesting data. An excellent half tone of a bluebird at its nesting hole adorns the list as frontispiece. Aside from the scientific merit of the list, it may well be used as an ideal by those workers who appreciate system, typographical neatness and exactness.—C. B.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NEBRASKA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION. This is a compact volume of 100 pages with ten excellent illustrations, setting forth the proceedings of the second annual meeting of the Union at Omaha on Jan. 12, 1901. The minutes, constitution of the Union and a list of members is followed by 21 papers on various scientific subjects relating to birds, by 17 authors. Many of the papers are valuable contributions to the science of ornithology, two notable titles being "Internal Parasites of Nebraska Birds" by Prof. Henry B. Ward and "Migration Records and Nebraska Records" by Robt. H. Wolcott. The present notice renders it impossible to consider any of the articles in detail, but the report is one which every active ornithologist will wish to own.

The present roster of membership shows 4 honorary, 63 active and 36 associate members. The officers of the Union for the present year are I. S. Trostler, president; Caroline Stringer, vice-president; E. H. Barbour, recording secretary; R. H. Wolcott, corresponding secretary. It may be remarked that the present Proceedings are a substantial improvement over the first annual report, thus indicating a healthy growth of this energetic state club. The Nebraska Ornithologists' Union has happily solved the question of publishing its own official organ, and instead of attempting a monthly or quarterly journal, which a moderate membership renders incapable of support, it combines its transactions in a single annual report, substantial in text and lasting in value.—C. B.



### Official Minutes Southern Division.

SEPTEMBER.

The regular meeting of the Division was held Sept. 30 at the residence of Roth Reynolds in Los Angeles, President Daggett presiding. Nine members were present. The final draft of the new constitution as recommended by the Northern Division was read and discussed, and after minor changes the same was adopted. Messrs. Alphonse and Antonin Jay were elected to active membership. A committee of three, Messrs. Swarth, Leland and Robertson, was appointed to make all arrangements necessary for the outing meeting to be held during the latter part of October. The following papers were read: Nesting of the Prairie Falcon by O. W. Howard; A Further Plea for the Collection and Use of

Facts by Roth Reynolds and An Answer and Criticism of the latter paper by H. S. Swarth. An interesting discussion followed after which the meeting adjourned.

HOWARD ROBERTSON, Division Secretary.



### Official Minutes of Northern Division.

The regular bi-monthly meeting was held Nov. 2, 1901 at the residence of C. W. Randall, Piedmont, Cal. President Grinnell presided with seventeen members and six visitors present. The new constitution was given its final reading and was adopted to take immediate effect. The following persons were proposed for active membership: Dr. David Starr Jordan, Stanford; Dr. Chas. H. Gilbert, Palo Alto; Miss Sophie Englehardt, Oakland; Mrs. F. E. Dorsey, Stanford; S. A. Barrett, F. W. Bancroft and Luther J. Goldman of Berkeley.

At Mr. Emerson's suggestion a Committee of Five was appointed to formulate arrangements for the tenth anniversary of the Club's inauguration in 1903. The following were named as committeemen: W. Otto Emerson, Chairman; J. O. Snyder, J. Eugene Law, Frank S. Daggett and C. Barlow. Nominations for officers for 1902 resulted as follows: For president, Joseph Grinnell; for senior vice-president, R. S. Wheeler, D. A. Cohen, Chas. R. Keyes and H. W. Carriger; for junior vice-president, E. H. Skinner and W. K. Fisher; for secretary, C. Barlow; for treasurer-business manager, C. Barlow.

The following programme was rendered: Address by Wm. L. Finley on The Bird Rocks of the Oregon Coast. Mr. Finley exhibited a large series of especially excellent photographs, the work of Herman T. Bohlman of Portland, who accompanied him on the trip. John M. Willard spoke on Lassen County Birds and a paper by O. W. Howard was read entitled Experiences with the Prairie Falcon. Adjourned to meet at Santa Clara Jan 11, 1902.

C. BARLOW,  
Division Secretary.



### NOTICE TO NORTHERN DIVISION MEMBERS.

The Annual Meeting of the Division instead of occurring on the usual first Saturday evening in January, has been set for the second Saturday, January 11, 1902. The meeting will be held at Santa Clara, and a programme of unusual interest is being arranged. Detailed reports of the business office of the Club will be presented and a banquet will be held after the meeting. Every member within reach is urged to be present if possible.