

Nineteenth Annual Congress of the American Ornithologists' Union.

The A. O. U. held its Nineteenth Annual Congress at the American Museum of Natural History, Nov. 11-14, 1901. The attendance was good at all the meetings and the program was varied and interesting. The following officers were elected: President, C. Hart Merriam; Vice-Presidents, Charles B. Cory, C. F. Batchelder; Secretary, John H. Sage; Treasurer, Wm. Dutcher; Members of the Council, Frank M. Chapman, Ruthven Deane, Jonathan Dwight Jr., A. K. Fisher, E. W. Nelson, Thomas G. Roberts, Witmer Stone.

The amendments to the by-laws recommended at the Eighteenth Congress were adopted with the exception of the increase in the number of Fellows. The old class of Active Members became Fellows, restricted in number to fifty. A class known as Members, the number of which is restricted to seventy-five, was created, intermediate between Associates and Fellows.

The following Fellows were elected: Outram Bangs, F. E. L. Beal, L. B. Bishop, Joseph Grinnell, T. S. Palmer. Fifty-five Members were elected as follows, leaving twenty vacancies:

Allen, F. H., Mass.
 Attwater, H. P., Texas.
 Bailey, Mrs. F. M., Dist. Col.
 Bailey, Vernon, D. C.
 Baily, W. L. Penn.
 Barlow, C., Calif.
 Beyer, G. E., La.
 Bond, Frank, Wyo.
 Brimley, C. S., No. Car.
 Brown, Herbert, Ariz.
 Bruner, L., Nebr.
 Bryan, Wm. A., Hawaii.
 Burns, F. L., Penn.
 Butler, A. W., Ind.
 Cherrie, Geo. K., N. Y.
 Clark, J. N., Conn.
 Daggett, F. S., Calif.
 Deane, Walter, Mass.
 Evermann, B. W., D. C.
 Fannin, John, Brit. Col.
 Fisher, W. K., Calif.
 Fleming, J. H., Canada.
 Fuertes, L. A., N. Y.
 Hardy, M., Maine.
 Hoffman, R., Mass.
 Jeffries, W. A., Mass.
 Job, H. K., Conn.
 Jones, Lynds, Ohio.
 Jordan, Dr. D. S., Calif.
 Judd, S. D., D. C.
 Mackay, Geo. H., Mass.
 Mailliard, Jos., Calif.
 Mailliard, Jno. W., Calif.
 McGregor, R. C., Calif.

Miller, G. S. Jr., D. C.
 Miller, Mrs. Olive T., N. Y.
 Murdoch, J., Mass.
 Oberholser, H. C., D. C.
 Osgood, W. H., D. C.
 Pennock, C. J., Penn.
 Preble, E. A., D. C.
 Price, W. W., Calif.
 Ralph, Wm., D. C.
 Rhoads, S. N., N. J.
 Rives, Dr. W. C., D. C.
 Robinson, Capt. Wirt, N. Y.
 Sornberger, J. D., Mass.
 Stephens, F., Calif.
 Thayer, A. H., N. Y.
 Thompson, Ernest S., N. Y.
 Todd, W. E. C., Penn.
 Torrey, Bradford, Mass.
 Townsend, C. H., D. C.
 Trotter, Dr. S., Penn.
 Wright, Mrs. M. O., Conn.



Program of the Nineteenth Annual Congress of the A. O. U.

- The Present Outlook for Stability in Nomenclature. J. A. ALLEN. (15 min.)
 The Plumages of the American Goldfinch (*Spinus tristis*). JONATHAN DWIGHT, Jr. (20 min.)
 Routes of Bird Migration across the Gulf of Mexico. W. W. COOKE.
 On Methods in Museum Bird Exhibits. FRANK M. CHAPMAN. (15 min.)
 Ornithological Notes from Northern New Hampshire. JOHN N. CLARK. 20 min.)
 Some Impressions of Texas Birds. LOUIS AGASSIZ FUERTES and H. C. OBERHOLSER. (50 min.)
 The White-winged Crossbill in Captivity. JAMES H. HILL. (10 min.)
 The American and European Herring Gulls. J. A. ALLEN. (10 min.)
 Auduboniana. RUTHVEN DEANE. (15 min.)
 The Moults and Plumages of the North American Ducks (*Anatidae*). JONATHAN DWIGHT, Jr. (30 min.)
 A Naturalist in Yucatan. Illustrated by lantern slides. E. W. NELSON. (45 min.)
 Photography in North Dakota Bird Colonies, *et cetera*. Illustrated by lantern slides. HERBERT K. JOB. (45 min.)
 A Reconnaissance in Manitoba and the Northwest. Illustrated by lantern slides. FRANK M. CHAPMAN. (45 min.)
 Are Hummingbirds Cypseloid or Caprimulgoid? HUBERT LYMAN CLARK. (5 min.)
 List of Birds of Wequetonsing. Mich. OTTO WIDMANN. (10 min.)
 Notes on the Ornithological Observations of Peter Kalm. SPENCER TROTTER (15 min.)
 Report of the Committee of the Protection of

North American Birds. WITMER STONE. (15 min.)	Gulls of the Maine Coast, and Miscellaneous Notes. Illustrated by lantern slides. WM. DUTCHER and WM. I. BAILY. (60 min.)
Results Obtained Under the Thayer Fund. WILLIAM DUTCHER. (20 min.)	Some Results of Bird Protection. Illustrated by lantern slides. FRANK M. CHAPMAN. (15 min.)
National Bird Protection—Its Opportunities and Limitations. T. S. PALMER. (25 min.)	

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GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

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Mr. T. E. Slevin of San Francisco, is enjoying a short collecting trip in Arizona, where he is securing specimens for his private collection.

On January 7 Joseph Grinnell addressed the Section of Ornithology of the California Academy of Sciences on the "Distribution of the Song Sparrow."

Richard C. McGregor, at latest accounts, was aboard the U. S. S. Pathfinder at Nagasaki, bound for Manila, where he expects to be located for several months to come.

Frank S. Daggett returned from an outing on the desert about Dec. 1, suffering from remittent fever, and has since been seriously ill. At last accounts he is mending slowly and we trust he will shortly be fully restored to health.

Geo. F. Breninger, the well-known Arizona ornithologist, will leave Jan. 1 on a collecting expedition in the interests of the Field Columbian Museum. He will collect as far south as the City of Mexico and among the islands off the coast.

Twelve English skylarks have recently reached Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, and after they have become acclimated it is proposed to liberate them, with the hope that they may take up their permanent residence on the coast.

Chas. K. Reed has favored us with Volume 1 of *American Ornithology*, handsomely bound in cloth. In the center of the front cover, encircled by a raised border, is a colortype of a blue bird at its nesting hole, giving the bound volume a peculiarly artistic effect.

The superb collection of birds owned by Dr. A. K. Fisher, which we hoped might go to California, has been purchased by Mr. John E. Thayer of Lancaster, Mass. This collection contains 5000 specimens and is rich in material representing individual and seasonal variation.

Geo. W. Morse of Ashley, Ind., is engaged in the commendable work of trying to induce uniformity of data blanks among oologists. This is a difficult task, since individual tastes seem to vary extremely on this point. Mr. Morse has originated a very neat form, as also one for field notes, from which the data blanks are later copied. We commend the forms to those interested and samples may be secured on application to Mr. Morse.

On Christmas day, 1901, an interesting event was solemnized at Clipper Gap, Cal., when Miss Jessie A. Bancroft became the bride of Mr. Ernest Adams of San Jose. Mr. Adams is a prominent Cooperite, who has taken an active part in the sessions of the Northern Division for years past, and his colleagues will regret his departure for Clipper Gap where he has orchard interests. The cordial well wishes of the Club will go out to Mr. and Mrs. Adams who, by the way, are located in an excellent bird region.

It is well that the Cooper Club enjoys a large membership, else its permanent working force might at times be momentarily crippled by the trend of many of its members toward the ranks of the benedicts. Arthur J. Zschokke of Palo Alto was united in marriage on Dec. 28 to Miss Elsie Older of Oakland, the couple to locate at Palo Alto. Mr. Zschokke has for several years held the record for the mile walk in the Stanford track team, which accomplishment usually stands the ornithologist in good stead. He has also been credited with taking numerous sets of white-tailed kite from town lots in the heart of Palo Alto!

A book, scarcely ornithological in its nature, but interesting in the extreme to their friends of its author, has just appeared, entitled "Gold Hunting in Alaska," being the diary of Joseph Grinnell, who for eighteen months was one of a party of fortune hunters. The work is "dedicated to disappointed gold-hunters the world over," but for what reason is not made plain, since in the text Mr. Grinnell assures us that in the midst of Arctic unpleasantness he was "always happy!" Mr. Grinnell has set forth the ornithological results of his trip in *Pacific Coast Avifauna No. 1*, but the present work sheds much light upon the difficulties under which he labored. The work is bound in cloth and boards and published by the David C. Cook Publishing Co., Chicago.