

herited his tastes for natural science, and his uncle was also much interested in birds.

Mr. Slevin spent much of his time in collecting faunal series, as his summers would permit, among the birds of the foothills of the Coast Ranges, and the Sierras. He was an expert workman, and a careful observer. His notebooks show much painstaking labor, in very full notes on the habits and nidification of many species. He spent the early part of 1902 in Arizona, in the hope of improving his lately declining health. On his return in May he began the recataloging of his large collection. In November he came to Haywards in hopes of some slight change, and during his short stay in the town, his love of the fields never lagged.

Mr. Slevin was unassuming and modest, and not given to publicity in his work. He became a member of the Cooper Club in January, 1899, and was also an associate member of the American Ornithologists' Union. - W. O. E.

#### GEORGE SHOENBERGER CHAMBLISS.

George Shoenberger Chambliss, a member of the Cooper Ornithological Club, died at his residence at Altadena, Los Angeles County, Cal., February 15, 1903.

Those of us who were intimately acquainted with him had learned to admire his sterling qualities and by them his loss will be keenly felt. He was not a collector of birds but a close student of their habits, and in many ways gave encouragement and substantial aid to those who were engaged in active work, especially during the past few years of his life when the inroads of disease prevented him from taking active part himself. It was during this period that he founded what is known as the Chambliss Ornithological Library, containing many rare and out of print works of the earlier ornithologists including Audubon's 1840-1844 Edition of American Ornithology. This library is in constant use by members of the club and others interested in ornithology and forms a nucleus which in time may become the leading ornithological library of the southwest. It is already a lasting monument to the part he took in gaining knowledge of our birds and to his generosity in placing it where it will do the most good. F. S. D.

#### THOMAS MCILWRAITH.

Thomas McIlwraith, one of the founders of the American Ornithologists' Union died at his home at Hamilton, Ontario, January 31, 1903. He was born at Newton, Ayr, Scotland on Christmas day, 1834. In 1853 he came to Canada to superintend the gas works at Hamilton. As early as July, 1860, and January, 1861, he published lists of the birds in the Canadian Journal, and in 1866 a more com-

plete paper in the Bulletin of the Essex Institute on the birds of Ontario. The two editions of the "Birds of Ontario" appeared in 1886 and 1894.—A. K. F.

### Minutes of Club Meetings.

#### NORTHERN DIVISION.

JANUARY.—The annual meeting of the Northern Division was held at the residence of W. Otto Emerson near Haywards, January 10, President Grinnell presiding, eighteen active members and seven visitors present. The program for the evening was first presented as follows: In Memoriam: Chester Barlow, H. R. Taylor; Remarks on the Ornithological Writings of Chester Barlow, Joseph Grinnell; The Conditions of Bird Study in the Mississippi Valley, C. R. Keyes.

The following were elected to active membership in the Club: Henry W. Fowler, Palo Alto; John M. Miller, Stanford University; Agnes Frisius, Alameda. Four applications for active membership were received, from Theo C. Zschokke, Palo Alto; Lloyd Newland, Palo Alto; Herbert Brown, Yuma, Arizona; S. B. Show, Stanford University.

Officers of the Club for 1903 were elected as follows: President, H. R. Taylor; senior vice president, W. Otto Emerson; junior vice president, Chas. S. Thompson; treasurer-business manager, Joseph Grinnell; secretary, C. R. Keyes. Mr. Taylor then took the chair and appointed Mr. Walter K. Fisher as editor of the Club's official organ and also as an additional member of the committee on arrangements for the Club's tenth anniversary meeting. After a dinner, and an informal exhibit of photographs by Mr. Finley and Mr. Beck, the Club adjourned to meet with President Taylor in Alameda on March 7.

C. R. KEYES, Secretary.

#### SOUTHERN DIVISION.

JANUARY.—The January meeting of the Southern Division was held on the 31st at the residence of H. J. Lelande, Los Angeles, with Mr. Daggett presiding. The following members were present: Messrs. Renwick, Richardson, Howard, Daggett, Swarth, Robertson and Lelande. Mr. Herbert Brown whose name was proposed for membership at the January meeting was duly elected. The secretary read a communication from Rev. F. Reiser tendering his resignation as a member of the club. On motion the resignation was accepted. A very interesting paper by Mr. C. S. Sharp, "Some Unusual Nests of the Bullock Oriole," was read and photographs of nests exhibited. A paper on "Bird Notes from Eastern California and Western Arizona" by Mr. F. Stephens was read by Mr. Daggett. After discussing various bird subjects the meeting adjourned.

H. J. LELANDE, Secretary.