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### EDITORIAL NOTES

Mr. H. B. Kaeding has been obliged to resign the secretaryship of the Club, having been called to Mexico for an indefinite period. The club can ill afford to lose such an active officer, and we hope Mr. Kaeding will soon be among us again. Mr. C. S. Thompson, of Stanford University, has been appointed secretary for the remainder of this year. All communications to Mr. Kaeding should be sent to 820 Scott St., San Francisco.

If we may correctly judge from numerous letters, our objections to the bond clause of the A. O. U. Bird Law (published in the September issue) must have voiced a rather widespread feeling among active field workers. Nearly everyone from whom we have heard seems agreed that the bonds do not accomplish enough good to pay for the inconvenience of procuring them, while evidence is forthcoming which tends to show that they may do harm.

As a matter of history it is perhaps worth recording that when the A. O. U. Model Law was introduced into the California legislature on February 18, 1903 as Senate Bill No. 649, by Senator Lukens, not only was the bond feature stricken out, but likewise the license fee.

At the November session of the Club the following nominations were made for officers for 1903: for President, Henry Reed Taylor; Senior Vice-president, R. B. Moran; Junior Vice-president, Earle Mulliken; Business Manager, J. Grinnell; Secretary, Charles S. Thompson.

The annual meeting will be held at the residence of the President, Mr. H. R. Taylor, 1375 Regent St., Alameda, on the second Saturday in January. All members within reach should make a point to attend. The annual meeting is always more given over to a social good time, than to papers, and the coming ses-

sion offers a splendid chance for everyone to become acquainted. Remember the time and place, and do not plead a "previous engagement!"

The twenty-first congress of the American Ornithologists' Union will be held at Philadelphia, beginning on the evening of Monday, November 16, 1903, and extending to the 19th.

The index which is bound into the present issue is the work of Mr. Grinnell. We wish also to thank Mr. Louis Agassiz Fuertes for the original of the vignette which appears on the title page.

This is the last issue of volume five. It is a fact worth recording that subscriptions for volume six, 1904, are now due. We merely whisper it as a hint, for our subscribers and friends are wise. It is likewise a truism that the more subscribers we have the better magazine we can offer. Promptness in remembering the New Year obligation is often as gratifying to us as new subscribers.

### Minutes of Northern Division Meeting

SEPTEMBER. The September meeting was held at the residence of R. B. Moran, in Palo Alto on the evening of the twelfth; W. K. Fisher, acting chairman, in the chair; 16 members and six visitors present. The following were elected to active membership: F. E. L. Beal, Washington, D. C.; Gertrude Forrester, Round Mt., Cal., Foster C. Wright, Los Angeles. The following persons were proposed for election: T. S. Palmer, Frank M. Chapman and G. L. Kaeding. The resignations of A. M. Shields and E. K. Taylor were accepted. The following amendments to the constitution were proposed, passed and referred to the Southern Division for action.

Art. III, Section 5 to read, "Any person who shall, in the opinion of the Club, have rendered valuable or distinguished services in the advancement of ornithology, shall be eligible to Honorary Membership in this Club."

Art. II, Section 1 to read "This Club shall consist of two co-ordinate bodies known as the Northern and Southern Divisions respectively, the geographical limits of the Southern Division to be that portion of the State of California lying south of the 35th parallel of North Latitude."

The program was one of unusual interest. John M. Willard talked on the "Hiding of Young Birds"; J. O. Snyder on "Fishing With Cormorants in Japan"; R. B. Moran on "The Nesting Habits of the Black Oystercatcher"; and H. B. Kaeding on "Hawking in Korea."

After refreshments and a social session the Club adjourned to meet at Berkeley, November 7. H. B. KAEDING, Secretary.

Dr. C. W. Richmond notes, in a recent number of the Proceedings of the Biological Society of Washington, that *Corvus americanus* Audubon, 1834, must give place to *Corvus brachyrhynchos* Brehm, 1822. *Scolecophagus* Swainson, 1831, preoccupied, becomes *Euphagus* Cassin, 1866.