

undertaken with any thought of personal gain. Prepared, thruout, with a view to the needs of the great host of younger bird students, the convenience of the scientific student has been as carefully borne in mind. And every possible effort will be made to keep the price of the work within the scope of humble purses.

In the interest of all sincere bird students and for the completing of my work on the "Nesting Ways of North American Birds," I greatly desire full and authentic data concerning the nesting of the following bird-races:—

Red-tailed tropic bird, northwest coast heron, southern California clapper rail, Gairdner woodpecker, Nelson downy woodpecker, southern white-headed woodpecker, brown flicker, Pacific nighthawk, Lower California flycatcher, northern spotted owl, northwest saw-whet owl, Queen Charlotte woodpecker, Queen Charlotte jay, gray jay, northern red-breasted sapsucker, California crow, San Diego redwing, northwestern redwing, Vera Cruz redwing, Rocky Mountain pine grosbeak, California pine grosbeak, large-billed sparrow, gray sage sparrow, California sage sparrow, San Diego song sparrow, Mendocino song sparrow, San Clemente towhee, Saint Lucas swallow, Island shrike, black-fronted warbler, salt marsh yellowthroat, golden pileolated warbler, Oregon Bewick wren, Barlow chickadee, coast wren-tit, and Alma thrush.

Data may be brief, but must be to the point and absolutely authentic. Credit will be given in the text and preface.

P. B. PEABODY.

*Newcastle, Wyoming; March 7, 1906.*

## Minutes of Club Meetings

### NORTHERN DIVISION

JANUARY.—No minutes were left by the former secretary before his departure so that the following is mainly a compilation. Club met in council room of California Academy of Sciences, President Mailliard in chair. The following resolutions were adopted:

"Resolved: That the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club heartily endorses and approves the action of the California Fish and Game Commission in its efforts for the protection and preservation of California birds." A copy of these resolutions was ordered to be forwarded to said Commission.

"Resolved: That the Cooper Ornithological Club, with a knowledge of the skillful workmanship of the late Walter E. Bryant in the preparation of bird skins for scientific purposes, desires to recommend that special efforts be made to retain his collection within the State of California."

The quorum for the Northern Division was raised to 9, and to 11 for the Club-at-large.

Mr. Geo. W. King of Santa Rosa, Cal., was proposed for active membership by Lawrence Kessing.

The following were elected to active membership: W. L. Dawson, Louis Wessel, Miss Edith L. Waterman.

The following officers for 1906 were elected: President, Joseph Mailliard; Senior Vice-president, W. K. Fisher; Junior Vice-president, W. O. Emerson; Treasurer, H. T. Clifton; Secretary, C. S. Thompson [since resigned].

ANNUAL DINNER.—The Twelfth Annual dinner and meeting was held at Tait's Cafe, San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 13 at 8 p. m. The following were present: Dr. A. K. Fisher, Washington, D. C., R. C. McGregor, Manila, P. I., W. O. Emerson, H. C. Ward, H. W. Carriger, D. A. Cohen, Dr. F. W. D'Evelyn, Mrs. H. R. Taylor, Mrs. Jeannette Barlow, H. R. Taylor, C. S. Thompson, W. K. Fisher. At the close of the dinner, W. O. Emerson, on behalf of the club-at-large, presented W. K. Fisher, the retiring editor of THE CONDOR, with a handsome silver Loving Cup. This cup, which was made by Shreve & Co. from designs by Mr. Emerson, represents a condor's egg, natural size, between two condors, standing. A photograph was published in the last issue of this journal. Mr. Emerson made a few well-chosen remarks before the presentation, and was responded to by Mr. Fisher. After an informal chat the meeting adjourned.

MARCH.—The club met at the residence of President Mailliard, 1815 Vallejo St., San Francisco, Cal., March 10; present, 10 members and 3 visitors; President Mailliard presiding. The following proposals to active membership were made: Mr. Frank M. Woodruff, Chicago, Ill.; Miss Bertha Russ, Ferndale, Cal.; Mr. Allan Brooks, Okanogan Landing, B. C.; Col. S. S. Hawkins, Portland, Ore.; Mr. Clark C. Van Fleet, 2020 Pacific Ave., San Francisco. The following resignations were accepted: Mr. R. H. Johnson, Mr. W. F. Sampson, Miss Anna Head, Mr. S. A. Barrett.

Mr. Geo. W. King, Santa Rosa, Cal., was elected to active membership.

The resolutions passed by the Southern Division, officially adopting the coming A. O. U. Check-list were discussed and finally ordered laid on the table.

The office of secretary being, on motion, declared vacant, Mr. Hubert O. Jenkins, Stanford University, California, was duly elected. [Mr. Thompson's resignation, delayed in mails, arrived after the meeting.]

Mr. Joseph Mailliard related his experiences in photographing birds during the past summer at Santa Barbara and illustrated his talk with numerous photographs. Mr. H. O. Jenkins described a collecting trip into the Santa Lucia Mountains, Monterey County, detailing with

the aid of a map and many photographs the faunal and physiographic features of the region. Mr. H. R. Taylor exhibited a set of eggs of *Chætura vauxi*, and several interesting series of cactus wren, scissor-tailed flycatcher, desert sparrowhawk, killdeer, spotted sandpiper, and others, showing some remarkable variations.

After a sojourn in the dining-room for refreshments and a postprandial social chat the meeting adjourned.

W. K. FISHER, *Acting Secretary.*

#### SOUTHERN DIVISION

FEBRUARY.—The February meeting of the Southern Division was held Feb. 23, 1906, in the offices of Mr. Howard Robertson, Bryson Building, Los Angeles, with thirteen members present, and Mr. C. L. Newcombe visiting.

After reading and approval of the minutes of the last meeting, a communication from Mr. Frank Stephens was presented, embodying the following resolution, which was adopted.

Whereas the American Ornithologists' Union has announced its intention to radically revise its current Check-List of North American Birds, and

Whereas the results of this revision will be of prime interest to every member of the Cooper Ornithological Club as well as to every ornithologist in the United States; now, therefore,

Be it Resolved, that the Cooper Ornithological Club urges upon the American Ornithologists' Union,

1st. That such revision be, if possible, so thoro that further revision will be unnecessary for a period of years, and

2nd. That the admission of subspecies to this list be on a wisely conservative basis, excluding therefrom obscure or slightly differentiated alleged subspecies, and

3d. That, after such revision, supplements to include necessary changes be issued only at intervals of five years.

And since uniformity and stability of nomenclature is of greater importance to the Cooper Ornithological Club than any preference of detail,

Be it finally Resolved, that this Club will accept and use such revised Check-List as the American Ornithologists' Union may agree upon.

[The above resolutions were not endorsed by the Northern Division, as shown by their minutes.]

The application of C. L. Newcombe, 1235 W. Sixth street, Los Angeles, Cal., for active membership, was received, and Miss Olga S. Tarbell of Pasadena, and Mr. Bradshaw H. Swales, Detroit, Michigan, were elected to active membership.

The following talks and papers were presented:

G. Willett—Talk—Collecting Experiences in N. E. Montana; Carroll Scott—Paper—Birds observed in vicinity of Searchlight, Nevada; Grinnell—Paper—Two Questionable Records; Grinnell—Talk—The Sapsuckers; O. W. Howard—Paper—The English Sparrow.

J. EUGENE LAW, *Secretary.*

MARCH.—Meeting called to order at Throop Polytechnic Institute, March 22, 1906, by Vice-

President Judson, with members Clifton, Grinnell, Willett, Miller, Franklin, Taylor, Dixon, Richardson, Antonin and Alphonse Jay, and Law present, and, as visitors, Mrs. Jessie K. P. Whitaker and Mr. Chas. Cosper of Salem, Oregon.

The Minutes of the last meeting, Feb. 23d., were read and approved.

The application of Henry K. Coale, 136 Washington street, room 1205, Chicago, was proposed and ordered transmitted to the Northern Division.

On motion by Mr. Clifton, the Secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of the Club for C. L. Newcombe for membership. This formality was complied with by the Secretary.

Letters were read from Mr. F. S. Daggett, now of Chicago, and Mr. M. L. Wicks, now of Memphis, Tenn., after which Prof. Loye Holmes Miller gave a very comprehensive talk on the birds of Lower California, exhibiting a few skins collected by himself in this region. The region known as the Cape Region is embraced between the parallels of 23 degrees and 24 degrees latitude. The lower part of the peninsula is comparatively isolated, by water on three sides, and by the low strip of desert on the north, thus developing insular forms. The fauna not differentiated corresponds to that of adjacent portions of California and the mainland of Mexico, across the gulf. Of particular interest were the differentiated forms. The robin is very pale, tho apparently not a desert form. The yellow-throat becomes larger, averaging 25 per cent larger, the cardinal and house finch brighter, the narrow-fronted woodpecker, like our Californian in brightness and coloration, except for the restriction of the white on the forehead. The approximate absence of sparrows and warblers was noticeable.

Mr. Joseph Grinnell gave a talk on the smaller hawks and owls, exhibiting skins of prairie falcon, Cooper, sharp-shinned and pigeon hawks, and white-tailed kite; also of screech, saw-whet and pigmy owls. Mr. Grinnell was particularly fortunate in his last summer's trip, in obtaining the fifth specimen taken of the dwarf flammulated screech owl. Interesting comparisons were drawn between the allied forms of these hawks and owls.

Mr. Grinnell followed this talk with a plea for the use of more real common names for our birds. He hoped that the new A. O. U. Check-list would call quail, quail, and not partridge, and that instead of bluebird and western bluebird, we have eastern bluebird and western bluebird. Many other instances were suggested which, if adopted, would make our check-list conform more nearly to the established general usages. Adjourned.

J. EUGENE LAW, *Secretary.*