

phasize the great responsibility of the editor of such a publication as *The Wilson Bulletin*, the aim of which we should hope to be to present bona fide ornithology. An editor's duty is to refuse publication of valueless articles, or worse, as well as to accept and publish in *proper shape* articles of more or less merit. We feel our own responsibility in these matters and *try* to act accordingly.—J. G.

Minutes of Club Meetings

NORTHERN DIVISION

SEPTEMBER.—The Club met, Sept. 29, 1906, at the residence of Miss Bertha L. Chapman, 404 Walsworth Ave., Oakland, Cal., with eleven members and four visitors present; Vice-President Fisher occupying the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. In respect to the resolution passed by the Club at the last meeting concerning the donation of a set of the Club publications, with the exception of the first volume of *THE CONDOR*, to the California Academy of Sciences, Mr. Cohen stated that he had a part of the first volume of *THE CONDOR* which he would be glad to donate. Mr. Emerson also offered the first two numbers of *THE CONDOR*.

The order of procedure was reversed and the program taken up before the business.

Mr. F. E. L. Beal gave a very interesting talk on the "Food of Birds." He has been working for five years on California birds alone and brought out in his talk many interesting facts concerning the economic relationships of our birds and also gave something of the methods and accomplishments of his work.

The business of the Club was now taken up and the following propositions for membership were read:

Henry F. Duprey, 919 Morgan St., Santa Rosa, Cal., by J. Grinnell; John E. Thayer, Lancaster, Mass., by J. Grinnell; F. W. Weymouth, 326 Lytton Ave., Palo Alto, Cal., by H. O. Jenkins; Chas. Reining, 601 Webster St., Palo Alto, Cal., by H. O. Jenkins. The following was elected to active membership:

Chas. W. Metz, 323 W. Loucks St., Sheridan, Wyoming.

A motion made by Mr. Emerson to give Mr. Beal a vote of thanks for his instructive talk was seconded and carried.

Dr. F. W. D'Evelyn said a few words in appreciation of Mr. Beal's work and gave some of his own observations concerning feeding habits of birds.

The meeting then adjourned to the dining room where elaborate refreshments were served.

H. O. JENKINS, *Secretary*.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

OUTING MEETING.—Newhall, Cal., May 19-20, 1906. There were present members Morcom, Judson, Lelande, Robertson and Law.

About the first thing noted on getting off the train was a colony of English sparrows which had its home about the station. Little was done on the 19th other than short excursions on foot into the hills back of Newhall. Mr. Judson found a nest of wren-tit with four eggs, and a nest of black-chinned sparrow just ready for eggs; and later in the day Mr. Law found a nest of almost grown young, which Mr. Morcom thoroly identified as being of this species. The nest was discovered thru the anxiety of the parent when one neared the vicinity of the nest.

Taking an early start on the morning of the 20th, the entire party drove west to the high ridge, and leaving the rig, worked up into the mountains. Mr. Lelande found a grown family of spotted owls, securing one adult. He also found several nests of western flycatcher, from nest just completed to nests with young, all built in crevices against the sides of the bank along the stream. Other birds found breeding were: plain tit, Lawrence goldfinch, green-backed goldfinch, lazuli bunting, black-chinned hummer (several nests of each), black-headed grosbeak, Cabanis and Nuttall woodpeckers (young), house finch, black phoebe, junco (young); and in addition, the following were observed: creeper, slender-billed nuthatch, white-bellied swallow (entering hole in bank), western bluebird, ash-throated flycatcher, western chipping sparrow, western wood pewee, flicker, Gairdner woodpecker, cliff swallow, Audubon and black-throated gray warblers, sharp-shinned and red-tailed hawks, white-throated swift, blue-fronted and California jays.

J. EUGENE LAW, *Secretary*.

SPECIAL MEETING.—Clerk's Office, City Hall, Los Angeles; Aug. 2, 1906. In the absence of the president, the meeting was called to order by Vice-President Judson, with members Morcom, Lelande, Robertson, Rising, Willett, Richardson, Watson, Milton, Alphonse Jay, and Law present, and Mr. Henry Golish visiting.

On motion duly seconded and carried, the Secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of the members present electing Mr. Charles E. Cosper to active membership. This formality was complied with.

On motion unanimously carried, the invitation of Mr. O. W. Howard to hold a Special Meeting of the Club at his home, Aug. 30, 1906, was accepted. There being no further business and no program, the balance of the

evening was given up to ornithological chat. Adjourned.

J. EUGENE LAW, *Secretary*.

SPECIAL MEETING.—Residence of O. W. Howard; Aug. 31, 1906. Meeting was called to order by President Howard with members Morcom, Grinnell, Lelande, Clifton, Willett, Ed. Howard, Watson, Rising, Colburn, Williamson, Hanna, Feudge, Taylor, Cosper, and Law present, and Messrs. Sandburg, Tully, Peterson and Harris visiting.

The minutes of the last meeting, Aug. 2, were read and approved.

A letter from Mr. W. Scott Way, Secretary of the Audubon Society was read, calling the attention of the Cooper Club to the killing of a condor at Santa Monica, and to the inadequacy of the fine imposed. Also suggesting that probably the guilty person had suffered no penalty. After thoro discussion, the Secretary was instructed to write Mr. Way that the members of the Cooper Club present at this meeting were strongly in favor of protecting the condor in every way possible, and that while everyone agreed that the \$5.00 fine imposed was entirely inadequate to punish the offense committed, that particular case is of course beyond review. In regard to who were the guilty parties in this case, members of our club have satisfied themselves that the fine fell on the guilty party.

This closed the business of the evening, and those present were then ushered into a room filled with ornithological rarities. A large table was completely covered with rare nests *in situ*, with the eggs. Many sets were shown which had never been seen before by any of those present. Among others were nests and eggs of: American avocet n-4, black-necked stilt n-4, n-4, killdeer n-3, n-4, western gull n-3, marsh hawk n-5, n-6, California clapper rail n-8, Virginia rail n-8, American coot n-9, Florida gallinule n-10, burrowing owl n-6, mountain partridge n-9, California partridge n-13, mountain chickadee n-7, California creeper n-6, white-headed woodpecker n-5, Gairdner woodpecker n-3, Louisiana tanager n-4, n-4, Cassin vireo n-4, black-headed grosbeak n-3, hermit warbler n-3, n-4, Audubon warbler n-4, n-5, Macgillivray warbler n-4, pileolated warbler n-4, dusky warbler n-4, western yellowthroat n-3, western golden-crowned kinglet n-4, Townsend solitaire n-1, red-breasted nuthatch n-2, gray flycatcher n-4, n-4, olive-sided flycatcher n-3, n-4, Cassin purple finch n-4, n-5, spurred towhee n-4, green-tailed towhee n-3, n-3, Santa Barbara song sparrow n-4, San Clemente song sparrow n-3, San Clemente Is. Bell sparrow n-3, Lincoln sparrow n-5, thick-billed sparrow n-3, western chipping sparrow n-4, Thurber junco n-4, island horned lark n-4, western meadow lark n-6, red-winged blackbird n-6, bicolored blackbird n-4, lazuli bunt-

ing n-3, ruddy duck n-14, fulvous tree duck n-9, cinnamon teal n-11, green-winged teal n-9.

Mr. Howard spent some time telling about each take, giving a very interesting description of some of his experiences. After a thoro examination of specimens another surprise came in the form of refreshments daintily served by Mesdames von Barnweld and Lelande, and Miss Pauline Howard. Every member of the Club will long remember this evening as one of the most enjoyable of bird evenings.

J. EUGENE LAW, *Secretary*.

OCTOBER.—Office of H. J. Lelande, City Hall, Los Angeles. The regular monthly meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Club was called to order by President Howard, Wednesday evening, Oct. 3, 1906, with members Lelande, Morcom, Judson, Zahn, Antonin Jay, Newcombe, Willett and Law present, and Professor Gilbert of Los Angeles High School, visiting.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The application of C. B. Linton of National City, California, for admission to membership in the Club was proposed by Mr. Robertson and on motion by Mr. Morcom, the application was filed to be brought up for final action at the next regular meeting.

On motion by Mr. Zahn and seconded by Mr. Morcom, Messrs. Lelande and Law were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the outing meeting to be held Oct. 27 and 28 in the vicinity of Newport, California. Adjourned.

J. EUGENE LAW, *Secretary*.

EDITORIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

THE CONDOR during 1907 will continue to publish fresh western ornithology. We would like to make the issues larger, as well as better in quality. Both improvements depend upon Cooper Club members. The appearance of THE CONDOR reflects Club interest. Financial support is a prerequisite to editorial success, but it is not the sole thing we demand. *We must have more articles.* With a membership of over 200 people, twenty-five per cent of whom are making original observations of greater or less extent every year, it seems incredible that so few respond when asked for articles. During the past year we have published every single paper handed us, with the exception of one which was too long, and two more which were too trashy to print. We have now on hand for the first issue of volume IX, the second part of Finley's condor article with 10 superb photos, and a clever magpie article from Warren, besides one or two minor things. These are dandy as far as they go, but aren't half enough for one issue. All you Cooper Club members, limber up your pen-fingers! *Send in articles*, long or short, with or without illustrations. And receive in return the thanks of the editor, and a sense of satisfaction in having contributed to ornithology.