

As matter of fact this principle of capitalization in bird names has to be applied still further, in the interests of accuracy. When I read of "warblers in the woods" how shall I know that the author does not refer to Thrushes, Catbirds, Vireos, and all birds which warble? But if he says "Warblers" he can of course mean only *Mniotiltidae*.

By all means, Mr. Editor, if we would be intelligible, logical, and consistent, let us use capitals *always* in presenting specific names of birds, and elsewhere in referring to the higher groups, wherever uncertainty is likely to exist in the mind of the dullest reader.

Respectfully yours,

W. LEON DAWSON

Seattle, April 11, 1907.

MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

NORTHERN DIVISION

MARCH.—The regular meeting of the Northern Division was held in East Hall, University of California, Berkeley, on March 9, 1907. A very interesting and instructive paper was read by Prof. Wm. E. Ritter on "Ornithology for a Student of Evolutionary Problems," in which was set forth the importance in Biology of close observation and careful recording, and the part that Ornithology has played in the general scheme in the past, and the part that it will play in the future. He emphasized the need of more careful and searching studies in Ornithology, which should deal with the whole life cycle of the bird from the egg to the adult, and pointed out the possibilities in Ornithology as an advanced study, for still further advancement. An informal discussion followed the paper after which the business session was held, with Pres. D'Evelyn in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following propositions for membership were made: Dr. and Mrs. Burnham, 2335 Warring street, Berkeley, both by Prof. W. E. Ritter; John F. Ferry, Chicago, Ill., by H. S. Swarth; A. O. Treganza, Salt Lake City, Utah, by C. S. Sharp; W. L. McAtee, Biol. Surv., Dept. Agr., Wash., by H. T. Clifton.

It was announced that the application of Henry K. Coale of Highland Park, Chicago, Ill., was read before the Southern Division several months ago and sent to this Division for action, but was unfortunately lost in the mails. Since the matter has been mentioned in the Club before, his name was considered to have been proposed in this Division and he was duly elected to membership. Mr. Louis P. Bolander was also elected to full membership.

A communication from J. Eugene Law ask-

ing that the Northern Division consider the proposition made by the Southern Division at their last meeting to increase the subscription of THE CONDOR to non-members from one dollar to one dollar and a half, was read. Considerable discussion was raised concerning the proposition but it was finally decided that, considering the standard of THE CONDOR and its efficiency, such a raise in subscription price was very reasonable, and was therefore adopted.

At the previous meeting the names of eleven members were recommended for suspension for non-payment of dues. Of these eight had failed to pay up before this meeting was called the fully notified and were therefore formally suspended. The following resignations were accepted: R. F. Rooney, Juliette C. Harding, Louis Wessel, Nathan M. Moran. Meeting adjourned.

H. O. JENKINS, *Secretary*.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

FEBRUARY.—The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was called to order Feb. 28, 1907, by President Morcom in the office of H. J. Lelande in the City Hall, Los Angeles, Cal., with members Grinnell, Willett, Lelande, Clifton, Antonin and Alphonse Jay, Linton, Chamberlain, Watson, Cosper, and Law present.

The minutes of the last meeting, Jan. 31, 1907, were read and approved.

Applications for active membership were proposed as follows: Mr. W. L. McAtee, Biological Survey, Washington, D. C., by H. T. Clifton. On motion by Mr. Lelande, seconded by Mr. Cosper, and duly carried, Mr. A. O. Treganza, Salt Lake, Utah, Mr. Jesse C. A. Meeker, Danbury, Conn., and Mr. Howard Wright, Pasadena, Cal., were elected to active membership in the Club, the two former subject to the approval of the Northern Division. The resignation of Mr. J. B. Fuedge was accepted. Also the resignation of Mr. J. G. Brown was accepted as of date Jan. 1, 1905, the previous action of the Club in dropping Mr. Brown for non-payment of dues, at meeting Jan. 12, 1905, being rescinded, as Mr. Brown has now paid his dues in full to that date. The resignation of Mrs. J. M. Willard was also accepted.

Mr. Linton exhibited a few skins taken recently including a Pacific fulmar, taken in San Diego Bay, and Townsend fox sparrow and varied thrush taken on San Clemente Island.

The balance of the evening was spent in ornithological chat, very interesting to those participating, but hard to record. Adjourned.

J. EUGENE LAW, *Secretary*.