

mingbird (*Cæligena clemenciae*) taken by the late George F. Breninger in the Huachuca Mountains of Arizona. The Number and the Volume close with a complete catalog of the Ornithological Collection of Mr. John Lewis Childs, in which Western birds and eggs are especially well represented. In fact there are extremely few species lacking.—J. G.

MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

NORTHERN DIVISION

MAY.—An open meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held in Linderman Hall, in Alameda, Cal., on May 11, 1907, and a very interesting program was presented to a large assemblage of members and visitors.

Mayor E. K. Taylor of Alameda gave a short address, welcoming the Club to Alameda and encouraging them in their work. He emphasized the need of educating the people to understand the economic importance of birds and cited the case of the recent bird-bill, which was defeated several times and then passed with a large majority, due not only to the efforts of those interested, but also to the growing intelligence of the people.

Mr. C. A. Vogelsang of the State Fish and Game Commission then addressed the meeting and related some of the difficulties attending his work. He further said, that if the Cooper Club, the Audubon Society, and the Game Commission would get together, he believed that any good bird-law could be gotten thru the legislature.

J. S. Hunter then gave a very interesting talk concerning the recent explorations of the California Academy of Sciences Expedition to the Galapagos, of which he was a member. He spoke of the peoples and their customs, the physical features of the islands, and of the birds. He believes that many of the land birds of the Galapagos group of islands, represent species in process of formation, because of the many intermediates still remaining between the widely different types. This expedition was very successful and Mr. Hunter was able to relate but few of the interesting facts discovered by it, in the short time allotted to him.

After the program there was a short business session. B. R. Bales of Circleville, Ohio, and Jesse C. A. Meeker of Danbury, Conn., were proposed for membership. The following were elected to active membership: W. F. McAtee, Biol. Surv., Wash. D. C.; John F. Ferry, Field Museum, Chicago, Ill.; A. O. Treganza, 62 Hooper Bldg., Salt Lake City, Utah; Dr. and Mrs. Clark Burnham, 2335 War-

ring Street, Berkeley, Cal. The resignation of R. E. Snodgrass was held over until the next meeting. H. O. Jenkins then resigned from the office of Secretary owing to his expected absence from the center of Club meetings, and R. S. Wheeler of 1417 Grand Street, Alameda, Cal., was appointed by the President to act as Secretary until the annual election of officers in January. Meeting adjourned.

H. O. JENKINS, *Secretary*.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

MARCH.—The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was called to order by Vice-President Willett, in the office of H. J. Lelande in the City Hall, Los Angeles, Cal., March 28, 1907, with members Lelande, Robertson, Wicks, Dixon, Antonin and Alphonse Jay, Linton and Law present, and Mr. Howard S. Reed, of Santa Fe, N. M., as visitor.

The minutes of the last meeting, Feb. 28, 1907, were read and approved. On motion by Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Lelande, and duly carried, Mr. W. L. McAtee of Washington, D. C. was elected to active membership in the Club, subject to the approval of the Club-at-Large.

On motion by Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Dixon, and duly carried, the Secretary was instructed to take up the matter of Club land with Mr. Will Judson, and get a definite report and proposition in writing in regard to terms of acquiring a Club reserve.

A paper on the Pallid Wren-Tit, by Wright M. Pierce was read. It described the experiences of the writer in and about Claremont, Cal., with this little bird and its nesting.

Mr. Reed brought up the subject of a Public Museum in Los Angeles, and a long discussion of ways, etc. was indulged in. Mr. Reed urges strongly active efforts to establish one. Adjourned. J. EUGENE LAW, *Secretary*.

APRIL.—The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was called to order by President Morcom, at 4 o'clock P. M., April 28, 1907, on the west veranda of his suburban home, 1875 N. Raymond Ave., Pasadena, Cal. This proved a most appropriate spot for a club meeting, surrounded as this home is by every kind of shrub and tree that make a southern California home attractive, with bird life never more abundant. The members fortunate enough to be a part of this glorious afternoon were Miss Tarbell, Messrs. Grinnell, Clifton, Robertson, Rising, Miller, Chambers, Antonin and Alphonse Jay, Cosper, Watson, Taylor, Chamberlain and Law, and Miss Parker visiting.

Quite as important as the meeting itself, however, at least in the eyes of those present,

was the hour before the meeting was called spent about the grounds under the leadership of Mr. Morcom. Every tree and bush here has its own reason for being, and no two have the same reason, and Mr. Morcom has all these reasons at his tongue's end. But these reasons appealed to us particularly because there was always a bird reason, and usually a bird present. Birds are princes here. Fed three times a day and never disturbed or frightened, they all know where the "dining room" is, and always have an eye open in that direction. Mr. Morcom will be expected some day to tell the CONDOR readers some of the "table gossip" of this happy family. While we were near, a beautiful hooded oriole calmly took possession, much to the disgust of several house finches, of a partly opened orange which lay on the ground. Leisuredly he dipped his bill into the sweets, drank his fill, then sat quietly on the rim, while the finches scolded. Every bird in its season pays its respects at this spread.

The meeting opened with reading of the minutes of the last meeting, March 28, 1907, which were duly approved.

Mr. Grinnell read another paper on system

and simplicity in our nomenclature, with particular reference to the new Check-List, calling attention to the complexity and limitless changing that will be the result of a too rigid adherence to the law of priority in names. After all why not adopt a simple up-to-date system of names, based on current usage?

A very comprehensive paper on the life habits of the Woodhouse Jay in the vicinity of Denver, Colorado, was read by the Secretary in the absence of the author, Mr. Robert B. Rockwell. An exhaustive paper by Prof. Wm. E. Ritter of Berkeley, Cal., on "Ornithology for a Student of Evolutionary Problems" was read by Mr. Grinnell.

That the birds about Mr. Morcom's home fare well, no one doubts who was part of this meeting which now adjourned to the dining room. A bounteous supper was spread, about which the club lingered, eating, and talking bird lore till long after dark, breaking up only when the long distances home compelled the members to leave. Before going, however, an enthusiastic standing vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Morcom. Adjourned.

J. EUGENE LAW, *Secretary.*



W. Chamberlain J. E. Law W. L. Chambers H. Robertson H. G. Rising
 W. P. Taylor Alphonse Jay J. Grinnell L. H. Miller M. M. Watson H. T. Clifton
 C. E. Cosper G. F. Morcom Miss O. S. Tarbell Miss Parker Antonin Jay

SOUTHERN DIVISION COOPER CLUB MEETING AT MR. MORCOM'S
 RESIDENCE, PASADENA, APRIL 28, 1907

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