

assistant of the Academy, collected about 2000 water birds from the ocean in the vicinity of Point Pinos. The bird collection now occupies forty-five large zinc cases, and numbers over 11100 specimens, the result of exploration and the generous gifts of kind friends.

With the work on the ten-story Class A income building on Market Street well under way, with funds in hand and plans and specifications prepared for an attractive temporary museum building to be erected in Golden Gate Park, with substantial foundations laid for a large natural history library and great research collections, the prospects of the Academy seem brighter than at any time in its history.—*Edward Winslow Gifford.*

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COLORADO BIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The members and friends of the Colorado Biological Society listened to a very interesting program, at the Annual Meeting of the Society which was held Wednesday evening, January 8, 1907, in the rooms of the Colorado Scientific Society, Chamber of Commerce Building, Denver.

The first address of the evening was given by Mr. L. J. Hersey, the prominent naturalist and sportsman, his subject being "Birds". His talk which covered the structure, habits, classification and distribution of bird-life was illustrated by many stereopticon views of birds and their nests and eggs.

The second address of the evening was given by Prof. C. P. Gillette of the State Agricultural College of Fort Collins. Prof. Gillette who is the leading entomologist of the state chose for his subject "Plant Lice", and the narration of the life history, food habits, peculiarities and economic features of these tiny creatures proved intensely interesting.

At the conclusion of the program an hour was devoted to informal discussions after which the meeting adjourned.—R. B. R.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The "Report of the Chief of the Biological Survey for 1907", by Dr. C. Hart Merriam, deserves the careful attention of every American citizen. The practical work of the Bureau extends to matters intimately associated with the interests of the farmer, fruit grower, stock raiser, and sportsman, and thus merits unstinted support from the utilitarian standpoint alone. And when it comes to pure science we recognize in the Survey a contributor of the larger share of our knowledge of North American zoogeography. Let us help, thru our influence with National legislators, to not only continue but augment the work of the Bureau, along the lines outlined by its chief in his Recommendations for 1909.

The Cooper Club again participates in a distinction won by one of its active members. The only election to Fellowship in the American Ornithologists' Union during 1907 was that

of Richard C. McGregor, who has been pegging away steadily at Philippine ornithology for the past five years. The honor was merited, and in behalf of the Club we extend to him our congratulations.

Miss Bertha Chapman, who has been in charge of the nature study department in the Oakland city schools for the past seven years, has received an appointment as instructor in the University of Chicago.

The "First Annual Report" of the California Audubon Society, recently issued, shows that organization to have a decidedly thrifty start. It has already done considerable work along the lines of bird protection, and a campaign is being outlined by its energetic secretary, Mr. W. Scott Way, which is sure to accomplish much further good. The movement is of a nature to elicit a very large popular support, and, as far as direct human agencies are concerned, bird-life will thru it become more and more immune from destruction. The general annihilation of the domestic cat will be about the most important achievement to work for.

Mr. Chas. A. Vogelsang, Chief Deputy of the California Fish Commission, has just returned from an extended trip in the East where much valuable data was gathered in regard to game protection and fish culture.

The plans of Mr. R. H. Beck for a 1908 expedition to the Galapagos Islands did not materialize. Instead, Mr. Beck is collecting along the coast of Lower California for the California Academy of Sciences.

Mr. Edmund Heller, assisted by Chas. H. Richardson, Jr., is engaged in field work in the vicinity of Salton, in the interests of Miss Annie M. Alexander.

Every student of California birds should send for Prof. Beal's report on the "Birds of California in Relation to the Fruit Industry", which can be had by application to the Biological Survey, Washington, D. C. While we cannot agree exactly with the conclusions in regard to some of the species dealt with (for instance, the Linnet), the data presented is of indisputable value and interest. Much biographical data is also incorporated, of interest to the general bird student.

PUBLICATIONS REVIEWED

A | MONOGRAPH | of the | PETRELS | (Order Tubinares) | By | F. DUCANE GODMAN | D. C. L. F. R. S. President of the British | Ornithologists' Union etc. etc | With Hand-coloured Plates | by J. G. Keulemans | In Five Parts | Part I. | Witherby & Co. | 326 High Holborn London | December 1907. Large 4to (10x13 in.), pp. 1-68, pll. 1-19 + 5a (=20).

In excellence of typography and in careful execution of the plates, as shown by Part I,