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EDITORIAL NOTES

By a new arrangement which it is believed will bring about a convenient handling of CONDOR affairs, Mr. J. Eugene Law will again act as Business Manager, while Mr. W. Lee Chambers will occupy the newly-created position of Assistant Business Manager. Since our magazine has grown to its present size the amount of business to be transacted during a year has become more than one person can conveniently attend to. By dividing the work between two business managers, the drudgery is duly lessened.

From now on, therefore, dues and subscriptions may be sent either to J. EUGENE LAW, HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, or to W. LEE CHAMBERS, SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA.

A new bird club has been organized. On December 19 last, at the home of Mr. W. L. Dawson in Seattle, was held an enthusiastic convention of northwestern bird students. The result was the formation of the "Caurinus Club", having as its emblem the Ancient Murrelet. The following officers were chosen: President, Mr. S. F. Rathbun; Vice-President, Mr. W. L. Finley; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. W. L. Dawson. Beside those just named, Mr. J. H. Bowles, Mr. Allan Brooks and Mr. J. M. Edson were present as charter members. We wish the new society a very pleasant future.

Mr. Claude Cummings, an active member of the Cooper Club, was accidentally killed at his home in Pinole, Contra Costa County, by the discharge of a gun which he was cleaning. Mr.

Cummings' work among birds was done in Sonoma, Alameda and Contra Costa Counties and tho thru his modesty but little ever appeared in print he was a close and careful observer of the birds and obtained much information of value. It was in Sonoma that the writer first met Mr. Cummings and spent a number of days afield with him. In the death of Mr. Cummings the birds lose a friend and the Club a loyal member.—H. W. CARRIGER.

The sketch maps of Colorado used in Rockwell's article on "The History of Colorado Ornithology", form part of a very complete series of maps owned and published by the Clason Map Company of Denver, who generously permitted them to be published by THE CONDOR free of charge.

MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

NORTHERN DIVISION

NOVEMBER.—The November meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held in the Oakland Chamber of Commerce Building, 12th and Franklin Streets, Oakland, on the 21st inst., with ten members present and one visitor.

H. W. Carriger was selected as Secretary *pro tempore*. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and approved as read.

A communication from the secretary of the Elmhurst Recreation Park Co. was read and placed on file. Applications for membership of Forrest Hanford, 1363 11th St., Oakland, proposed by J. Grinnell, and Stanley G. Jewett, 541 Lexington Ave., Portland, proposed by W. Otto Emerson, were, in accordance with the by-laws, laid over until the next meeting.

The election by the Southern Division of Mr. Clarence H. Luther of Fayetteville, Arkansas, was approved.

Mr. Grinnell moved that in the future, the Club meet monthly, alternate meetings to be held at Stanford, commencing on December 12, 1908; and the motion was carried.

Mr. J. E. Law, desiring to resign as Business Manager, on motion made by Mr. Grinnell, the chair appointed Mr. Lee Chambers of Santa Monica, as Business Manager for the balance of the year. On motion made by Mr. Emerson, the Club extended a vote of thanks to Mr. J. E. Law, retiring Business Manager, for faithful services rendered during the past year, and the Secretary was instructed to write Mr. Law accordingly.

On motion by Mr. Grinnell the Club voted to publish Avifauna No. 5 (a bibliography of California ornithology), provided the Club-at-large be not responsible for any of the costs of publishing the same. Upon further motion Mr. Lee Chambers was selected as a committee of one to take charge of the financing of Avifauna No. 5.

Mr. Grinnell moved, and the motion carried, that the Club resolve to publish a ten-year index of THE CONDOR. Mr. W. O. Emerson was appointed by the Chair to secure the necessary funds to publish the ten-year index.

Nominations of officers for 1909 were held,