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As the first published result of the work of the new University of California Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, under the patronage of Miss Annie M. Alexander, this paper is of special interest. The list of birds is by Joseph Grinnell, who has incorporated, with his own critical notes, the field observations of the collectors, Joseph Dixon, Chase Littlejohn and Frank Stephens. Edmund Heller treats of the mammals and Dixon and Stephens describe the localities visited. The usefulness of the report is further enhanced by a map and several half-tone illustrations from photographs by Miss Alexander. The localities covered include Admiralty, Baranof, and Chichagof islands, Glacier Bay, and several other mainland points, all in the heart of the faunal district known as Sitkan. This interesting region has been explored zoologically but little, although it is in the most accessible part of Alaska and from its position and climatic peculiarities exceedingly attractive.

Ninety-nine species and subspecies of birds are annotated, eighty-one represented in the collection of 532 specimens, and six characterized as new, as follows: *Lagopus alexandrae*, *Lagopus dixonii*, *Buteo borealis alascensis*, *Picoides americanus fumipectus*, *Loxia curvirostris sitkensis*, and *Planesticus migratorius caurinus*. It is doubtful, in these latter days, if a similar expedition to any other part of extra-tropical America could have secured so many ornithological novelties so well characterized as these appear to be.

The field observations relate principally to abundance, food and nesting, and descriptions of the eggs of a number of species are given. The Kittlitz murrelet was found in great abundance in Glacier Bay. The golden-crowned sparrow, curiously, was not observed as a breeder, although it certainly is such at White Pass and at Yakutat in the same general region. The gadwall is recorded for the first time from Alaska, but unfortunately in common with records of several other species this is only "according to Littlejohn's notebook," as specimens were not secured. The cormorant of the region is referred to *Phalacrocorax pelagicus*, the supposed subspecies *robustus* being discredited. The duck hawk, likewise, is referred to *Falco p. anatum*, the specimens secured failing to exhibit the characters of *pealei*. A small series of savanna sparrows is consigned to *Passerculus s. savanna*, which therefore is regarded as having an interrupted range. The questionable subspecies *Dendroica c. hooveri* and *Hirundo e. palmeri* are recognized and the names *Melospiza l. gracilis* and *Sphyrapicus ruber* are used for the northwest coast forms of the Lincoln finch and the red-breasted sapsucker respectively. The treat-

ment of subspecific forms and nomenclatorial questions is rather noticeably at issue with decisions of the A. O. U. Committee on Nomenclature and Classification. This could not possibly be open to objection if sufficient evidence were presented to make it at all likely that the Committee would regard the cases as subject to reconsideration. The reviewer is inclined to the belief that several of these points in this paper are well taken but ventures to suggest that if authors would calmly accept defeat in preliminary skirmishes and bide their time until accumulation of evidence made it possible for them to return in a veritable onslaught, there might be at least uniformity during the interim and we would be spared dribbling protests.—WILFRED H. OSGOOD.

MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

NORTHERN DIVISION

JANUARY.—A called meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held in the parlors of the Hotel Merritt, Oakland, on the evening of January 20, with nine members present and Mr. Ernest Mailliard as a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and approved as read.

Applications for membership were presented as follows: John Rowley, Palo Alto, Cal., by J. Grinnell; H. H. Kimball, Fresno, Cal., by W. Lee Chambers; Jesse T. Craven, Detroit, Mich., by W. Lee Chambers; Walter B. Barrows, East Lansing, Mich., by W. Lee Chambers; R. A. Bennett, San Francisco, Cal., by W. Lee Chambers; L. J. Hersey, Denver, Colo., by W. Lee Chambers; J. Warren Jacobs, Waynesburg, Pa., by J. E. Law.

Mr. Grinnell stated that he had received a letter from Dr. Palmer in which it was announced that the Island of Laysan had been set aside by the Government as a Federal Reserve.

A statement from Mr. Hunter showing the receipts and disbursements during his term of office was read and the Secretary was instructed to write Mr. Hunter thanking him for a very liberal donation made by him to the Club.

The resignations of C. F. Palmer and H. O. Jenkins were read and on motion accepted.

The resignation of Miss J. Newsom was read, but as the Treasurer reported that there were some back dues unpaid the resignation was laid over and the Secretary instructed to write.

The report of the Executive Committee, and also a copy of the proposed new constitution, were read. The latter did not meet with the approval of the members present and was referred back to the Committee with instructions to confer with a like committee from the Southern Division.

The Executive Committee's report was discussed by those present and placed on the table. Adjourned.

H. W. CARRIGER, *Secretary*.

FEBRUARY.—The February meeting of the Club was held on the evening of the 20th at the home of J. R. Pemberton, 846 Bryant Street, Palo Alto. In the absence of the President the meeting was called to order at 8:15 P. M. by Dr. W. K. Fisher, Sr. Vice-President.

The following members were present: Dr. W. K. Fisher, J. Mailliard, Weymouth, Dixon, Richardson, Pemberton, W. P. Taylor and Carriger. Mr. Rich was present as a visitor.

The regular order of business was changed and the papers were presented first.

Mr. Pemberton read a paper on the nesting of the Rufous-crowned Sparrow and exhibited a set of three eggs and the parent bird.

Mr. W. P. Taylor presented a paper on a hybrid hummer and showed the bird recently taken; also the skins of the Allen and Anna from which it is supposed to spring. Both these papers will appear in print at some future date.

Mr. Pemberton gave a short talk on a trip he and Mr. Carriger took to Fyffe in May and showed several interesting photos taken on the trip.

The regular order of business was now taken up and the minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

Applications for membership were presented as follows: Dr. J. C. Hawver, Auburn, Cal., by Mr. E. Adams; Ned Dearborn, Chicago, Ill., by Mr. H. S. Swarth; R. Park Harris, Renton, Wash., by Mr. A. M. Ingersoll; Frank L. Burns, Berwyn, Pa., by W. Lee Chambers; Ed. R. Warren, Colo. Springs, by W. Lee Chambers; W. L. Sclater, Colo. Springs, Colo., by W. Lee Chambers; H. H. Hann, Mt. Hood, Ore., by W. Lee Chambers; Benj. F. Howell, Jr., Troy Hills, N. Y., by W. Lee Chambers; J. H. Riley, Wash., D. C., by W. Lee Chambers; E. B. Richards, Grass Valley, Cal., by W. Lee Chambers; R. L. Jesse, Philo, Ill., by W. Lee Chambers; John T. Nichols, New York City, N. Y., by W. Lee Chambers; Thos. S. Roberts, Minneapolis, by W. Lee Chambers; A. A. Saunders, Bozeman, Mont., by W. Lee Chambers; J. Henderson, Boulder, Colo., by W. Lee Chambers; Mrs. H. B. Wheelock, Evanston, Ill., by W. Lee Chambers; C. O. Whitman, Chicago, Ill., by W. Lee Chambers; Louis S. Kohler, Bloomfield, N. J., by W. Lee Chambers; H. K. Pomeroy, Kalamazoo, Mich., by W. Lee Chambers; C. Bradley Isham, New York City, by W. Lee Chambers; Philo W. Smith, Eureka Springs, Ark., by W. Lee Chambers; A. Wetmore, Lawrence, Kas., by W. Lee Chambers; W. E. Saunders, London, Ont., by W. Lee Chambers; D. D. Stone,

Oswego, N. Y., by W. Lee Chambers; Al. G. Ulrich, St. Louis, by W. Lee Chambers.

On motion duly carried the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for the following: John Rowley, H. H. Kimball, J. T. Craven, W. B. Barrows, R. H. Bennett, L. J. Hersey, and Mr. E. Mailliard.

Motion was made and carried that the Club extend to Mr. Lee Chambers its heartiest thanks for work done in bringing in new members.

The resignation of Dr. F. W. D'Evelyn as President of the Club was read and on motion duly carried; the same was accepted with great reluctance.

The resignation of Mr. Silloway of Montana was presented and on motion was accepted.

The following amendment to the Constitution was presented and carried by the Northern Division:

Moved to amend Article XII, by addition of section 4. In case it is deemed inadvisable for the Club to maintain the Library all publications may be disposed of at the pleasure of the Club. Amendment carried by the Northern Division.

Motion was made and carried that the sundry books, pamphlets and magazines which are now in the possession of the Cooper Ornithological Club (both donated books and CONDOR exchanges), except Belding's manuscript Water Birds of the Pacific District, be sold to the highest bidder and the money turned over to the treasurer.

Motion was made and carried that the sale be conducted by the Secretary.

The following resolution was unanimously carried. Resolved: That the Cooper Ornithological Club extend to Dr. F. W. D'Evelyn its heartiest appreciation of his continued efforts in furthering the interests of the Club and especially for his able services as President of the Society.

The following written motion was presented and signed by all present: We the undersigned, take pleasure in proposing the name of Dr. C. Hart Merriam, Chief of the U. S. Biological Survey of Washington, D. C., for honorary membership in the Cooper Ornithological Club.

There being a vacancy in the President's chair Dr. W. K. Fisher, having resigned from the Sr. Vice-President's chair, was nominated for President and unanimously elected.

Mr. W. P. Taylor was nominated and unanimously elected as Sr. Vice-President.

The business being over the Club on motion adjourned and retired to the banquet room where a sumptuous repast was served, and it was long after midnight before the members separated and all voted it as one of the best meetings held for a long time.

H. W. CARRIGER, *Secretary*.