

individual specimens he had in hand and in no sense to the types of the races. As a fact, I am, and always have been, in favor of recognizing subspecifically by name any race based upon a *constant* difference that is localized geographically, no matter how slight the difference may be. My reply, quoted by you, was, I think, entirely an abstract statement and certainly not to be taken as referring to the status of *Vireo huttoni oberholseri*, a race I am not familiar enough with to discuss.

Sincerely,

H. B. KAEDING

Los Angeles, Calif.; September 18, 1909

MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

NORTHERN DIVISION

JULY.—The July meeting of the Club was called to order at 9 P. M. in the lecture room of the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, Berkeley, with vice-president E. W. Gifford in the chair. Minutes of the last meeting were read, and approved as read.

Applications were received from the following:

Winifred N. Wear, 2448 Monterey Street, Fresno, by Mr. Grinnell; Herbert Massey, Manchester, England, by W. Lee Chambers; W. E. Clyde Todd, Pittsburg, Penn., by W. Lee Chambers; Waldron DeWitt Miller, New York City, by W. Lee Chambers; John K. Strecker, Jr., Waco, Tex., by W. Lee Chambers; Oscar P. Spielman, Chicago, Ill., by W. Lee Chambers; P. A. Taverner, Highland Park, Mich., by W. Lee Chambers; Jos. E. Gould, Norfolk, Va., by W. Lee Chambers; Richard S. Follett, Boston, by W. Lee Chambers; R. J. Hazard, Peace Dale, Rhode Island, by W. Lee Chambers; Clarence Birdseye, New York City, by W. Lee Chambers; Henry W. Henshaw, Washington, D. C., by W. Lee Chambers.

On motion the applications were laid over for one month. Mr. L. J. Cole, thru Mr. Grinnell, presented the idea of tagging birds with the view of finding their winter range. The subject was discussed by those present and all agreed that the idea was good; and any member of the Club that is in a position to tag any birds should do so and keep a record of the same. Mr. R. H. Beck who has been collecting among the water and shore birds around Los Banos, California, gave an interesting talk about work that he had done the past year.

Nothing further offering, the meeting adjourned and the members proceeded to examine the birds sent in from the field workers in southeastern Alaska; and also the eggs in the Museum's collection. The Museum has adopted the method used by Herbert Massey (see CONDOR X, p. 223), and anyone desiring their

eggs to show to the best advantage would do well to look into this method.

H. W. CARRIGER, *Secretary*.

SEPTEMBER.—The September meeting of the Northern Division of the Club met in the lecture room of the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology in Berkeley on the evening of the 18th instant. Meeting was called to order at 8:30 P. M. with first vice-president W. P. Taylor in the chair.

Applications from the following were presented: H. D. Meister, Swanton, Ohio, proposed by Frank Stephens; Prof. C. A. Kofoid, University of California, by W. P. Taylor; Alfred Shelton, Stoney Point P. O., Calif., by H. F. Duprey.

Motion was made and carried that the Secretary cast the unanimous ballot of those present electing to active membership all those whose names were presented at the last meeting.

Mr. Otto Emerson, as chairman of committee having in charge the collecting of funds for the Ten-Year Index, submitted a report and on motion the same was laid over till the next meeting. Letters from Dr. D'Evelyn and Dr. Ella Cool Walker expressing their regrets at being unable to attend the meeting were read and placed on file. The advisability of sending out meeting notices to distant members was discussed by those present and all approved of notifying everyone, whether within reach or not.

Mr. Roswell Wheeler gave a very interesting talk about his trip abroad. Among other things he stated that the scarcity of birds in Italy was particularly noticeable. In making a journey of several hundred miles he at no time saw more than two birds at once. Mr. Wheeler was not favorably impressed by the arrangement or condition of the study collection of birds and eggs in the British Museum.

Mr. Wheeler was the guest of our fellow member, Mr. Herbert Massey, Didsbury, England, and speaks in the highest terms of the extensive collection which Mr. Massey possesses. Of the birds breeding in England Mr. Massey has eggs of practically all, and most of them in large series. Among the very interesting things mentioned by Mr. Wheeler were a series of *pink* eggs of the Herring Gull. It seems that a pair of Gulls on a certain part of the northern coast laid eggs with a decided pink color; and Mr. Massey was fortunate in securing the eggs from these birds for several seasons. Three eggs of the Great Auk are in Mr. Massey's collection.

Mr. O. Heinemann, who spent the past season with Mr. M. S. Ray in the high Sierras, exhibited a collection of attractive photos, and was complimented by those present on the excellent work shown in some enlargements. Adjourned.

H. W. CARRIGER, *Secretary*.