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EDITORIAL NOTES AND NEWS

The July issue of THE CONDOR will contain the annual Club Roster. It is important that accuracy be secured in addresses and in spelling of names. To this end it is desirable that corrections in last year's Roster be reported as soon as possible to Mr. H. S. Swarth, Museum of History, Science and Art, Los Angeles, California, who will have in charge the compilation of the new list.

Ridgway's new "Nomenclature of Colors," reviewed in another column, meets our most sanguine expectations. By its use color naming can be put upon an exact basis. Hereafter all descriptions involving color terms should accord with the permanent standards here set.

Messrs. J. Eugene Law and Allan Brooks spent the month of April on a collecting trip through Arizona. Five days were spent at Tucson, approximately three weeks in the Chiricahua Mountains at from five to nine thousand feet altitude, and a few days at Rodeo, New Mexico. About 300 bird-skins were obtained,—not a large number, but of that exquisite make which characterizes the output of these careful collectors. After spending a few days in west-central California Mr. Brooks left on May 10 for his home in British Columbia.

Mr. Harold C. Bryant, well known for his contributions to economic ornithology, has joined the staff of the California Museum of Vertebrate Zoology. As Assistant Curator of Birds, he will, in addition to a share of the routine work, undertake in collaboration with Mr. Grinnell a study of the game birds of California with special reference to the problem of game conservation.

Our fellow Club member Mr. Harold H. Bailey is about to publish a book upon the "Breeding Birds of Virginia." There will be many illustrations, both figures and plates, and the text is designed to meet popular needs in a state which has hitherto lacked a local bird book.

It is of interest to note the expanding careers of individuals whose early predilections have been strongly in the line of bird study. A gratifying sequence of events presents itself in the case of Mr. William L. Finley. At first an ardent and successful student of life histories, subsequently identified with the Audubon movement, he has now become State Game Warden of Oregon. In this office Finley has been able to devise and put into practice methods of game conservation which are in the first rank for efficiency. He has secured the confidence of the state legislature, so that an almost ideal set of laws are now in force, by which Oregon's bird-life is rendered practically immune to many of the factors which have proven so fatal to the birds of many of the Eastern states.

PUBLICATIONS REVIEWED

BIRDS COLLECTED OR OBSERVED ON THE EXPEDITION OF THE ALPINE CLUB OF CANADA TO JASPER PARK, YELLOWHEAD PASS, AND MOUNT ROBSON REGION. BY J. H. RILEY. The Canadian Alpine Journal, Special Number; published by the Alpine Club of Canada; Banff, Alberta; 1912 (reviewer's copy received March 19, 1913); 8 vo., pp. 1-97, 20 pls., 1 map; price one dollar.

The expedition of which this report treats was undertaken conjointly by the Alpine Club of Canada and the Smithsonian Institution, N. Hollister and J. H. Riley being appointed from the United States National Museum to take part in the field work, and to report upon the resulting collections. The publication contains, besides the account of the birds (pp. 47-75), reports upon the mammals, by N. Hollister, and the plants, by Paul C. Standley.

Seventy-eight species of birds are listed. The two new subspecies named as a result of