

to the chair for the evening. The following members were present: Mrs. Allen, Miss Andrews, Messrs. Carriger, Grinnell, Storer and Taylor. Miss Crane and Miss Culver, and Messrs. Martens and Schaeffle were visitors. The minutes of the Northern Division for April were read and approved and the minutes of the Southern Division for April read.

The following were elected to membership: Miss Ada E. Crane, Miss Susan B. Culver, Mr. R. A. Emmons, Mr. Frank H. Lord, Mr. H. L. Pillsbury, Mr. C. A. Brant, and Mr. H. C. White. The following were proposed for membership: Mr. Ernest Schaeffle, 734 Mills Bldg., San Francisco, by Tracy I. Storer; from the Southern Division: Mr. J. Howard Richey, Pasadena, and Mr. Edward E. Armstrong, Chicago, Ill., both by W. Lee Chambers. The resignation of B. W. Arnold, Albany, New York, was accepted.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. A. L. Barrows, Associate Secretary of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, relating to plans now being made to establish a Pacific Division of the American Association to supplant the now existing Pacific Association of Scientific Societies. The letter was accompanied by a copy of the constitution which is proposed for the Pacific Division. The Secretary outlined the salient features of the constitution which concern the Cooper Club and pointed out the relation which the Pacific Division would bear to the Club in the event that present plans are carried out. It is planned that scientific organizations may affiliate themselves with the Pacific Division in much the same way as is now done in the Pacific Association of Scientific Societies. The principal advantages under the new organization will be (1) that a permanent secretary will be in charge of the affairs of the Division, and (2) that members of affiliated organizations (such as the Cooper Club) will be given the privilege of joining the American Association without paying the initiation fee of \$5.00. After some debate it was moved and carried that it be the sentiment of the Northern Division that the new arrangement is a desirable one and that the adoption of the constitution as outlined be favored.

The remainder of the evening was devoted to a report of the Permanent Committee on the Conservation of Wild Life by Mr. Taylor, the chairman, and discussion of the report by those present. Mr. Taylor first outlined the history of legislation for wild life conservation in California and dwelt

with particular emphasis on the recent campaign for a no-sale law. He pointed out that legislation for wild life conservation in California to be effective at all must be enacted immediately. In the past the sportsmen have been the promoters of such legislation, such organizations as the Audubon Society and the Cooper Club having appeared on the field in comparatively recent times. The legislation in regard to protection of wild life, recently put into effect by the federal government has come to the assistance of the conservationists in the state but the relief is not all that is desired.

Mr. Ernest Schaeffle, Secretary of the California Fish and Game Commission, then spoke on the same subject giving many facts determined by the Commission. He pointed out that the pursuit of wild life in California by hunters and others yields large financial returns to many people engaged in various lines. In his opinion the initiative measure for the sale of game which will be presented to the voters of the state at the election in November, if carried, will set back the work of wild life conservation twenty to twenty-five years. If the Fish and Game Commission had been on a scientific basis in the past there would not be so many problems in wild life conservation facing the people of the state today.

A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Schaeffle for his kindness in attending the meeting and participating in the discussion. Adjourned.—TRACY I. STORER, *Secretary*.

MEETINGS OF THE COOPER ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB

SOUTHERN DIVISION: At the Museum of History, Science, and Art, Exposition Park, Los Angeles. Time of meeting, 8 p. m., the last Thursday of every month. Take south-bound car from town, on Spring Street the car marked "University"; on Hill Street the car marked "Vermont and Georgia". Get off at Vermont Avenue and Thirty-ninth Street. Walk two blocks east to Exposition Park. The Museum is the building with the large dome.

NORTHERN DIVISION: At the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, University of California, Berkeley. Time of meeting, 8 p. m., the third Thursday of every month. Take any train or car to the University Campus. The Museum of Vertebrate Zoology is a large corrugated iron building situated on the south side of the campus immediately north of the foot-ball bleachers.