

## MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

## NORTHERN DIVISION

JANUARY.—The regular meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Club was held at the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, the evening of January 18, 1917, at eight o'clock. The following members were present: Messrs. Carriger, Evermann, Grinnell, Hansen, Storer and Swarth, Mesdames Allen, Meade, Schlisinger and Wythe. The minutes of the December meeting were read and approved.

Miss Emma Ward of Alameda and four others, whose applications had been sent to the Southern Division, were elected to membership, and the following names were proposed: Mrs. Harriet P. Kelley, Berkeley, by H. C. Bryant; C. R. Smith, San Francisco, by Harold E. Hansen.

The election of officers for the year 1917 was then called for, and the secretary was instructed by vote of the Club to cast the ballot for the following: for President, Dr. Barton W. Evermann; for Vice-president, Rev. W. A. Squires; for Secretary, Mrs. J. T. Allen.

Dr. Grinnell then gave a short talk on "An invasion of Goshawks into California", showing specimens to prove that the records of this winter are of the American Goshawk and not of the western subspecies. Two more specimens of the "Tule Goose", a giant form of the White-fronted Goose, found to be quite numerous in the marsh lands of the Sacramento Valley, were exhibited by Mr. Swarth. Many informal observations were contributed by different members present, after which the meeting adjourned.—AMELIA S. ALLEN, *Secretary*.

FEBRUARY.—The regular meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Club was held at the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology on the evening of February 15 at 8 o'clock. The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. Evermann, with a large number present, among whom were Messrs. Anderson, Bryant, Carriger, Dixon, Evermann, Grinnell, Hansen, Heinemann, Lastreto, Littlejohn, Ray, Squires, Storer, Swarth, Webb, Wright; Mesdames Allen, Alexander, Bryant, Culver, Dixon, Field, Luëddemann, Kelley, Meade, Newhall, Price, Ray, Schlisinger, and Wythe. Visitors: Mrs. Elliott, Miss Straight, Miss Burt, Mr. Martens, and Mr. Meade.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved, and those of the Decem-

ber and January meetings of the Southern Division were read. Mrs. Harriet P. Kelley and Mr. C. R. Smith, whose names were proposed at the January meeting, were elected to membership. Mrs. E. G. Witter, Berkeley, was proposed for membership by Mrs. J. T. Allen, and eleven other names proposed at the December and January meetings of the Southern Division were submitted for approval.

Plans for the meeting of the Pacific Division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, to be held at Palo Alto on April 5, 6 and 7, were announced by the President. Mr. Lastreto, recently elected President of the newly formed Audubon Association of the Pacific, told of the work awaiting them. On motion of Mr. Swarth, the Northern Division adopted the resolutions passed by the Southern Division relative to the death of Dr. Mearns. A motion offered by Mr. Storer that the Cooper Club pay the annual assessment of Five Dollars to the Pacific Division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science was approved.

The Executive Committee then submitted for the approval of the Club the re-election of the present incumbents as business managers and editors of THE CONDOR, namely: Business Managers, Messrs. Chambers and Law; Editor of THE CONDOR, Dr. Joseph Grinnell; Associate Editor, Mr. Harry S. Swarth. These were declared unanimously elected. Dr. Harold Bryant reported on laws before the Legislature relating to destruction and conservation of bird-life.

The business having been disposed of, the Club was privileged to hear an account of "The Home Life of Some Birds on the Shores of Alaska" by Mr. Joseph Dixon. The account was beautifully illustrated by lantern-slides made from photographs taken by Mr. Dixon during his nineteen months' sojourn on the ice-bound seas beyond Point Barrow. Adjourned.—AMELIA S. ALLEN, *Secretary*.

## SOUTHERN DIVISION

FEBRUARY.—Regular monthly meeting was held at the Museum of History, Science and Art. The following members were present: Messrs. Bishop, Brown, Colburn, Howell, Holland, Huey, Lamb, Little, Miller, Nokes, Van Rossem, Willett and Wyman. Mr. Paul Hartman was a visitor. Minutes of the January meeting were read and approved. On motion, the secretary was instructed to cast an electing ballot for the four persons

whose names were presented at the January meeting. Mr. Paul J. Hartman, Los Angeles, was presented for membership by W. Lee Chambers.

Mr. Willett, who has spent several weeks recently in the Sacramento Valley, reports that in the vicinity of rice fields the wild ducks are dying in great numbers, from feeding on that grain. He stated also that the "Tule Goose", apparently new to science, has long been known to hunters of north-eastern California. Dr. L. B. Bishop read some interesting notes on the discovery of the nest of the Tennessee Warbler in New Brunswick. Adjourned.—L. E. WYMAN, *Secretary*.

MARCH.—The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Division was held at the Museum of History, Science, and Art. President Miller was in the chair, with the following members in attendance: Messrs. Appleton, Brown, Bishop, Colburn, Chambers, Daggett, Dickey, Hanna, Holland, Howard, Howell, Lamb, Law, Layne, Rich, Rittenhouse, Willett, and Wyman; and Mrs. Law. Mrs. Howard, and Mrs. and Miss Brouse were visitors.

The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved, followed by reading of the January and February minutes of the Northern Division. Paul J. Hartman, of Los Angeles, was elected to membership. The following new names were presented: Robert R. Redington, Wilmington, Del., by Wharton Huber; Helen DeLange, La Jolla, Calif., by C. O. Esterly; J. Alden Thompson, Bend, Ore., by S. G. Jewett; Oscar F. Schaefer, Flagstaff, Ariz., by W. Leon Dawson; Geo. R. Gartrell, Summerland, B. C., by J. A. Munro; and the following names, which have already been presented to the Northern Division: C. R. Smith, San Francisco; Mrs. Harriett P. Kelley, Berkeley, and Miss Emma W. Ward, Alameda. The Executive Committee presented the names of Grinnell and Swarth, Law and Chambers, for re-election as Editors and Business Managers, respectively, of THE CONDOR. On motion by Mr. Willett, seconded by Mr. Daggett, these gentlemen were unanimously re-elected.

President Miller submitted the following:

"We, the undersigned, members of the Cooper Ornithological Club, hereby propose for honorary membership in the Club, Mr. E. W. Nelson, of Washington, D. C.

"Our reasons for wishing so to recognize Mr. Nelson's ornithological work are as follows: The candidate is Chief of the Bureau of Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture. It was chiefly through his efforts

that the Biological Survey has the finest and largest collection of Mexican birds in the world. He is undoubtedly the foremost authority on the habits and life of the birds of Mexico. He has done a great amount of field work and collecting within the borders of our state, and has added largely to the knowledge of the birds of California.

"We believe that the election of Mr. Nelson to honorary membership is but a just expression of appreciation of his services to ornithology." Signed: A. B. Howell, W. Lee Chambers, J. Eugene Law, L. E. Wyman.

On motion by Mr. Daggett, seconded by Mr. Dickey, Mr. Nelson was unanimously elected to honorary membership.

Business disposed of, an hour of informal discussion of bird matters followed. Adjourned.—L. E. WYMAN, *Secretary*.

#### INTERMOUNTAIN CHAPTER

JANUARY.—Meeting was called to order at 8:20 P. M. There were present: Dr. D. Moore Lindsay, J. Sugden, Dr. J. H. Paul, F. W. Chambers, A. O. Treganza, J. A. Sugden, A. D. Mullen and Ashby D. Boyle. President Paul was in the chair. Reading of minutes of the December meeting was deferred until the February meeting.

Dr. J. H. Paul reported upon a conference had by him with the Commissioners of Salt Lake City relative to action by the city toward the extermination of the English sparrow. The Commissioners present declared themselves, according to the report, favorably inclined and asked the Doctor to so notify Commissioner Green. It was moved and seconded that the secretary compile an article on the extermination of the English sparrow from data to be submitted by the individual members of the club, and publish the same under the name of the Chapter. It was moved and seconded that Dr. Paul's report be accepted and that he be urged to continue the work. Mr. Treganza reported the result of a call made by Dr. Paul and himself upon Governor Bamberger to discuss the appointment of the State Game Commissioner. The official recommendations of Mr. Chambers, retiring State Game Commissioner, were read and officially approved by the club. Meeting adjourned at 10 P. M.—A. D. BOYLE, *Secretary*.

FEBRUARY.—Meeting was called to order at 8:30 P. M. There were present: Dr. J. H. Paul, F. W. Chambers, J. Mullen and Ashby D. Boyle. President Paul was in the chair. Dr. Paul read to the meeting a for-

mula for poisoning sparrows, recently given out to members of the club by Dr. A. K. Fisher. Owing to the relatively small attendance, the evening was given over to general discussion of the English Sparrow campaign, the proposed new game and fish laws, also a mention of the spring migrants already here, and other matters of current interest. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 P. M.—A. D. BOYLE, *Secretary*.

## SAN BERNARDINO CHAPTER

FEBRUARY.—The February meeting of the San Bernardino Valley Section of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on Sunday afternoon, February 4, 1917, at the residence of Professor F. H. White, Claremont, California. Those present were Professor and Mrs. White, Halsted G. White, Wright M. Pierce, Howard Edwards and Mrs. Edwards, Miss Pierce, Miss Hazel Burnham, all from Claremont; Miss Ruth Pierce, Glendale; A. B. Howell, Mr. Little, Covina; M. French Gilman, Mrs. Gilman, Mr. Gilman, Banning; Edward Wall, San Bernardino; C. G. Wiggins, Wilson Hanna and Mrs. Hanna, Judge Hanna, Miss Tacie Hanna, J. R. Pemberton and Mrs. Pemberton, Colton. The subject previously arranged for the meeting was sparrows. A large collection of the various species of sparrows and allied forms was brought together by the members, and a general discussion of all matters pertaining to that group was eagerly entered into by everyone.

Miss Hazel Burnham exhibited her collection of both pen and ink and colored drawings of study skins, remarkable for detail, and for the painstaking care which had been taken in their preparation. The Turkey Buzzard belonging to Halsted White, and which has been exhibited at all previous meetings, was present with the sparrows under the name *Cathartes aura sandwichensis frontalis socialis!* An innovation was introduced by Arden Edwards, following the serving of refreshments, by the drawing of a lottery, the winner of which, Miss Tacie Hanna, received a beautiful, framed, water-color drawing of the Golden-crowned Sparrow, executed by Mr. Edwards. The lottery tickets consisted of verses alluding in jocular terms to the now famous Turkey Buzzard. It was agreed to hold the next meeting early in March at the home of M. French Gilman at Banning, and no special subject was arranged to be discussed, as all desired more particularly to view Mr. Gilman's collection. Adjourned.—J. R. PEMBERTON, *Secretary*.

DIRECTORY OF MEMBERS OF THE  
COOPER ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB

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(Residence in California unless otherwise stated. Year following address indicates date of election; year in parenthesis indicates date honorary member joined the Club. Star preceding name indicates life member.)

## HONORARY MEMBERS

Allen, Dr. J. A., Amer. Museum Nat. Hist., New York City. 1910.  
Belding, Lyman, Stockton. 1896.  
Henshaw, H. W., Biological Survey, Washington, D. C. 1909.  
Merriam, Dr. C. Hart, 1919 16th St., Washington, D. C. 1909.  
Nelson, E. W., Biological Survey, Washington, D. C. (1904) 1917.  
Ridgway, Robert, 3306 New Hampshire Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C. 1905.  
Stephens, Frank, 3746 Park Blvd., San Diego. (1894) 1912.

## ACTIVE MEMBERS

Adams, Ernest, Carlotta, Humboldt Co. 1896.  
Alexander, Annie M., 92 Seaview Ave., Piedmont. 1908.  
Allen, Amelia S., 37 Mosswood Road, Berkeley. 1913.  
Allen, Arthur A., McGraw Hall, Ithaca, N. Y. 1911.  
Anderson, Ernest M., 2524 Asquith St., Victoria, B. C., Canada. 1915.  
Anderson, Malcolm P., 2721 Buena Vista Ave., Alameda. 1901.  
Anderson, Dr. Rudolph M., Zool. Div., Geological Survey, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. 1916.  
Andrews, Edna A., 2233 Ellsworth St., Berkeley. 1914.  
Appleton, J. S., Simi, Ventura Co. 1901.  
Armstrong, Edward E., 207 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill. 1914.  
Arnold, E., Grand Trunk Ry., Montreal, Quebec, Canada. 1909.  
Arnold, Dr. Ralph, 825 Union Oil Bldg., Los Angeles. 1893.  
Arnold, Dr. W. W., 504 N. Nevada Ave., Colorado Springs, Colo. 1911.