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gard the memory of Boucard, for any success I may have had, and any services I have been able to render to the cause of Zoology, are in great part due to the interest he took in me and the encouragement he gave to me as a young beginner. The expedition which I made to the Republics of Colombia and Ecuador in 1894-1897, were due to his initiative and support, and resulted in many discoveries in all branches of Zoology. On settling down in business as a naturalist in London in 1897, I was able to continue this work through collectors in the countries I have named and in many others.

He [Boucard] was a man of great activity and strong ideas on many subjects, and I suspect it was to have a means of expressing some of those ideas that he founded the "Humming-Bird." But after his retirement from business and removal to the Isle of Wight in 1894, he probably found that the work of continuing the publication from that somewhat remote part of England was too heavy.

He died on March 15, 1905, at the residence in this suburb (Hampstead) of his son, to whom he was on a visit at the time. His collections (of course with the exception of those birds which he had presented to the Paris and other Museums) were placed in my hands for disposal. I still have many of his duplicate birds, including specimens collected by himself in Mexico, Guatemala, Panama, etc. On the labels of others one constantly comes across the names of well-known collectors of former days, such as Sumichrast, Gaumer, Arcé, Whiteley, Orton, Wallace, Buckley, etc.

I may add that Boucard did not actually conduct auction sales, which was done by special firms of produce brokers in the City. The reports in his journal were of the sales held by those firms, which sales I used to attend for the purpose of getting the figures, and also bidding when necessary.

I may also say that Boucard was not a prohibitionist, though strongly opposed to excess in any form, whether in alcohol or in what we call "teetotalism."

Apologizing for the length of this letter, which I must excuse by the very great interest aroused in me by your article,

Believe me to be,

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) W. F. H. ROSENBERG,

57, Haverstock Hill, London, N. W. 3,
 29 June, 1923.

MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB
 MEETINGS

NORTHERN DIVISION

SEPTEMBER.—A joint meeting of the Audubon Association and the Cooper Ornithological Club was held at the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, Berkeley, September 27, at 8 P. M. A short business meeting of the Cooper Club was held, at which the minutes of the August meeting were read and approved, followed by the minutes of the Southern Division for June. Names presented for membership were: Mary Brown Humphrey, Berkeley, by Margaret W. Wythe; Mrs. Sara Moffatt Schenck and Mr. W. Egbert Schenck, Berkeley, by Amelia S. Allen.

Mr. J. Eugene Law, who has been authorized by the Biological Survey to organize bird banding activities on the Pacific Coast, addressed the forty members of the two organizations who were present at the meeting. Mr. Law gave an outline of the history of bird banding up to the present time, suggested the different lines of investigation awaiting those who enter the field, gave personal reminiscences of his own experiences in trapping and banding, and exhibited different types of traps and gathering cages. Much enthusiasm was aroused by the able presentation of the subject. Future activities in the San Francisco Bay region are to be carried on by recruits from the two organizations represented at the meeting, under the leadership of Mr. A. S. Kibbe. Adjourned.—
 AMELIA S. ALLEN, *Secretary*.

OCTOBER.—The regular meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held at the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, October 25, at 8 P. M. Mr. Cooper was in the chair and the following members were in attendance: Misses Humphrey, Thomson and Wythe; Mesdames Allen, Bamford, Cohn, Delpont, Fredericks, Grinnell, Kelly, Meade, Mexia, Schenck, and Schlesinger; Messrs. Bryant, Bunker, Dickens, English, Evermann, Goldman, J. Grinnell, W. Grinnell, Mailliard, Schenck, Streater, Strong, and Swarth. Visitors were Mrs. Thomson, Mr. Simpson, and Mr. Walker.

The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved, after which Mrs. G. Earle Kelley gave an interesting and instructive talk, based on her observations along the shore. Mr. Edward A. Goldman, of the United States Biological Survey,

gave an informal resumé of his trip through the western states, and Mr. Joseph Mailliard outlined his summer collecting trips through the state. Adjourned.—AMELIA S. ALLEN, *Secretary*.

NOVEMBER.—The regular meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held at the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, November 22, 1923, at 8 P. M. President Cooper was in the chair, with attendance as follows: Members, Mesdames Bogle, Cohn, Delpont, Grinnell, Mexia, Schenck, Schlesinger; Misses Burk, Fisher, Flinn, Garber, Humphrey, Van Gaasbeck; Messrs. Bryant, Carriger, Clabaugh, Dickens, J. Dixon, Elmore, Evermann, Gignoux, J. Grinnell, W. Grinnell, Kloss, La-streto, Mailliard, Schenck, Simpson, Strong, Swarth, Torrey; visitors, Mesdames Evermann and Gignoux; Misses Delpont, Hope, Howard, Leon, Whitney; Mr. J. B. Dixon.

Minutes of the October meeting of the Northern Division were read and approved, and the July and September minutes of the Southern Division were read. Names proposed for membership were: Roger G. Simpson, Berkeley, presented by Mrs. E. B. Mead, and Joseph A. Sinsel, Yakima, Washington, presented by H. W. Carriger. A communication from Mr. Law was read, requesting information regarding the present address of Mr. Jack D. Baker, formerly of Willits and of Redwood Valley.

Two papers were presented: "Some Notes on Field Work, 1923," by Joseph Mailliard, and "A field in November," by Claude Gignoux. Mr. Mailliard's talk dealt with a trip to northeastern California in the interests of the California Academy of Sciences. A series of slides illustrated the beautiful country he visited, an attractive region to the view, but, temporarily at least, singularly destitute of bird life. This fact the speaker deplored, though he was at a loss to explain the reason; but possible light was shed upon the phenomenon in the later talk by the second speaker.

Apparently a large proportion of the birds in the northern part of the State had congregated in the limited area under the observation of Mr. Gignoux on the east side of San Pablo Bay. The pleasure derived by his audience from Mr. Gignoux' brief accounts of the actions of certain familiar species was evidence of the charm attaching to well presented observations, of hearing someone else put into words what we ourselves have seen but have failed fully to seize for our own. Adjourned.—H. S. SWARTH, *Secretary pro tem*.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

JULY.—The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held at the Los Angeles Museum on Thursday evening, July 26, 1923, at 8 P. M. with Vice-president Wyman in the chair. Those present were: Mesdames Ellis, Law, and Potter; Messrs. Chambers, Cantwell, Cookman, Creager, De Laubenfels, Mills, Warmer, and Wyman. June minutes of both divisions were read and approved.

New names proposed for membership were: Leslie Edgar Bliss, Pasadena, by W. Lee Chambers; James H. Ferriss, West Park, Joliet, Illinois, by H. S. Swarth; Josie Gromley, Sacramento, by A. M. Ingersoll and John Burnham. Mr. Law exhibited new bird banding traps and also related some of his experiences with them. After some informal discussion the meeting adjourned.—LUTHER LITTLE, *Secretary*.

SEPTEMBER.—The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held at the home of Dr. Loye H. Miller on Sunday afternoon, September 30, 1923, at 2:30 P. M., with Vice-president Wyman in the chair. About forty people were present.

The minutes of the July meeting were read and approved. No meeting was held in August.

The following names were presented for membership: Carroll David Battles, Superior, Arizona, by W. Lee Chambers; Agnes Somerville Craig, Pasadena, by Mrs. Josephine J. Bates; Mrs. Esbelle D. Dyke, Glendale, by Mary Mann Miller; Miss Lida J. Garber, Berkeley, by Flora A. Randolph; Mrs. Oscar Snow, Mesilla Park, New Mexico, by Aldo Leopold; Milo Samuel Baker, Kenwood, California, Edgar Locke Lazier, Reed College, Portland, Oregon, and William E. Sherwood, Salem, Oregon, by J. Grinnell; Russell W. Hendee, Colorado Museum of Natural History, Denver, by Alfred M. Bailey; Edward C. Jacot, Sunnyside, Arizona, by Frank C. Willard; Charles G. Penny, Ojai, by Donald R. Dickey.

There being no further business to transact, the meeting was opened for general discussion by the various members. Mrs. Mary Mann Miller announced that the Audubon Society was to publish six leaflets on California birds. After many interesting bird notes had been contributed by several of the members, the meeting was adjourned to enjoy the eating of watermelons, this being one of the characteristic features of the yearly meeting at the Miller home.—LUTHER LITTLE, *Secretary*.