

attached to each and every specimen. A label to a scientific specimen is a voucher for facts, and these should be attested to by the full (business) signature of the collector, just as in the case of a commercial check. The insidious danger of error, in copying labels and in translating abbreviations, is too well known to museum workers to be discounted on any ground that I know of. The *original label* is the important thing.—J. GRINNELL, *Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, University of California, Berkeley, February 18, 1924.*

MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

SOUTHERN DIVISION

NOVEMBER.—The regular meeting of the Southern Division, Cooper Ornithological Club, was held at the Los Angeles Museum, November 22, at 8 P. M., Mr. Pierce presiding, with twenty-five members and friends present. Minutes of the September meeting were read and approved. As the Club met in October with Friends of our Parks, no business meeting was held at that time. September and October minutes of the Northern Division were read.

The following names were proposed for membership: Cecil A. Poole, Monmouth, Oregon, by Stanley G. Jewett; Lloyd Peabody, St. Paul, Minn., by Rev. P. B. Peabody; Mrs. Florence V. V. Dickey, Pasadena, by Donald R. Dickey; William Remsen Varick, Santa Barbara, by Henry E. Parmenter.

Mr. J. E. Law called attention to a resolution which was adopted October 21, 1922, by the Executive Committee of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He moved that a like resolution have the unqualified support of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club. After being duly seconded, the Club moved its unanimous approval of the resolution which follows:

Whereas, by repeated action by Congress for more than half a century, widely approved by scientific and other societies and by the public generally, the National Parks of the United States have been completely conserved from industrial uses so as to constitute a system of National Museums of Native America; and

Whereas, one of the national parks of Canada is similarly completely conserved; and

Whereas, the combined National Parks System of both countries, covering geological, biological and geographical examples from the Alaska Range, through the Canadian Rockies, to the Grand Canyon of Arizona, if preserved untouched will constitute an unique Continental Exposition of inestimable value to science and to the popular education of future generations; and

Whereas, at the option of a single official of

the Government, several of the national parks in the United States are nevertheless open to mining and grazing, while the control of water power in future parks has recently been surrendered to the Water Power Commission; and all but one of the national parks in Canada are similarly open to certain economic or commercial uses; and

Whereas, every interference with their natural condition will destroy the usefulness of these areas to science and education; and

Whereas, this generation can pass on to future generations no greater gift than these parks in their primitive condition; therefore,

Be it resolved, That the Cooper Ornithological Club earnestly requests the people and the Congress of the United States and the people and the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada to secure such amendments of existing law and the enactment of such new laws as will give to all units in the international parks system complete conservation alike, and will safeguard them against every industrial use either under private or public control at least until careful study shall justify the elimination of any part from park classification.

Miss Pratt exhibited a set of six leaflets, descriptive of Pacific Coast birds, published by the National Association of Audubon Societies. These leaflets have been written by west coast writers, and the illustrations, in colors, were by Major Brooks.

Miss Burnell called attention to the fact that Mr. Van Griffith is endeavoring to establish a bird sanctuary in Griffith Park at the head of Vermont Avenue, and that he hopes soon to secure an appropriation from the Park Commissioners for that purpose. She asked the Club's endorsement of the movement. A motion was made by Dr. Rich, seconded by Mr. Dickey, that the secretary be instructed to notify the proper authorities that the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club endorses the project for creating a wild bird sanctuary at the location mentioned. Motion carried.

Dr. Bishop read a communication from the New England Bird Banding Association, giving a list of birds banded by its members. Then followed a most interesting talk by Mr. Van Rossem on observations made by him during a recent trip in the High Sierras. Adjourned.—ELLA H. ELLIS, *Secretary pro tem.*

NORTHERN DIVISION

DECEMBER.—The regular meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held at the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, December 27, 1923, at 8 P. M. President Cooper was in the chair, with attendance as follows: Members, Mesdames Allen, Bogle, Delpont, Grinnell, Kibbe, Mead, Schlesinger; Misses Beaman, Bennet, Burk, Clough, Thomson; Messrs. Bryant, Carriger, Clabaugh, Elmore, Evermann, J. Grinnell, W. Grinnell, Kibbe, Swarth, Wood. Mrs. Evermann was a visitor.

Minutes of the November meeting were read and approved. Mr. Henry Trost, of San Francisco, was proposed for membership by Mr. Joseph Mailliard, after which nominations of officers for the coming year were called for. Mr. Joseph Dixon was nominated for president by Mr. Carriger. A motion that nominations be closed was offered by Dr. Bryant and duly seconded. Carried. For Vice-president Mr. Lastreto was nominated by Dr. Evermann and nominations closed on motion of Dr. Grinnell. Mr. Kibbe presented the name of Mrs. Joseph Grinnell for the secretaryship and nominations were closed by vote of the club.

Dr. Casey A. Wood then entertained the club with an account of the birds of the Fiji Islands, illustrating his account with a large number of paintings of the species, native or introduced. After some discussion the club adjourned, having enjoyed a very pleasant and instructive talk on a subject unique in the annals of the club.—AMELIA S. ALLEN, *Secretary*.

JANUARY.—The regular meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Club, Northern Division, was held at the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology on January 24, 1924, at 8 P. M. President Cooper was in the chair and the following members were present: Misses Beaman, Bennet, Burk, Flinn, Flynn, Pringle, Thomson, Van Gaasbeek; Mesdames Allen, Bamford, Bogle, Delpont, Davenport, Ferguson, Grinnell, Mead, Mexia, Schenck, Schlesinger, Roe; Messrs. Borell, Bryant, Bunker, Carriger, Chaney, Clabaugh, Cooper, Dawson, English, Evermann, Grinnell, Hunt, Labarthe, LaJeunesse, Lastreto, Mailliard, Miller, Moffitt, Morley, Simpson, Storer, Swarth, Wright. Visitors included: Miss Morrish and Mesdames Bryant, Storer, Swarth, Thomson, and two young gentlemen whose names were not secured but whose inclusion brought the number present up to fifty, an auspicious beginning for the new year.

The minutes of the December meeting were read and approved. A communication from the secretary of the Pacific Division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science was read, requesting that the Cooper Club send two delegates to meet with the Affiliations Committee at Mechanics Institute, San Francisco, on February 2, 1924, at 2:00 P. M., to discuss plans for the annual meetings to be held at Stanford Uni-

versity June 25 to 28, 1924. The chair appointed as delegates Dr. Evermann and Mr. Lastreto.

On motion of Mr. Grinnell, seconded by Mr. Mailliard the action of the Southern Division in electing Dr. A. K. Fisher to honorary membership was unanimously ratified.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of the officers nominated at the December meeting. On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Labarthe, Mr. Joseph Dixon was elected president. On motion of Mr. Storer the secretary was instructed to cast the ballot electing Mr. C. B. Lastreto as vice-president. On motion of Mr. Mailliard, seconded by Mr. Bryant, Mrs. Joseph Grinnell was elected as secretary.

The chairman introduced Mr. Swarth, who called attention to the untiring service which has been rendered to the Cooper Club by Mrs. J. T. Allen, secretary of the Northern Division during the past eight years, from January, 1916, to January, 1924. He remarked that doubtless Mrs. Allen would be surprised to learn that the Cooper Club had for once carried through a piece of business without either her knowledge or her help. He then presented to Mrs. Allen on behalf of the Northern Division a pair of high-grade six-power binoculars and two books: Dresser's Manual of Palaearctic Birds, and Ramsay's Guide to the Birds of Europe and North Africa. He expressed the wish that they might prove useful to her during her contemplated year of bird-study in the Old World. Mrs. Allen thanked the Club warmly and promised to report, some nineteen months hence, upon her experiences.

According to custom, the new officers were seated, Vice-president Lastreto presiding in the absence of President Dixon. Dr. H. C. Bryant, speaker of the evening, gave an informative talk upon "Some Fallacies in Game Protection."

Mr. Clabaugh asked for information upon the Game Refuge Bill now pending in Congress, and the Chairman suggested that this subject be made a special order for discussion at the February meeting.

The evening closed with an exhibition by Mr. W. Leon Dawson of completed copies of "The Birds of California." Several different bindings were shown, all of them both beautiful and durable. Little time was available for an examination of the text, but all present were intrigued by the arts of the printer and the book-binder. Adjourned. — HILDA W. GRINNELL, *Secretary*.