

## MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

### SOUTHERN DIVISION

DECEMBER.—The regular meeting of the Southern Division, Cooper Ornithological Club, was held at the Los Angeles Museum on December 27, 1923, at 8 P. M., with President Pierce in the chair. Those present were Miss Burnell, Mrs. Law, Messrs. Chambers, Bishop, Dawson, Hanaford, Law. Visitors were Mesdames Bishop, Wyman and Dawson.

Minutes of the Southern and Northern Division for November were read and approved. New names proposed for membership were: Mrs. Florence V. V. Dickey, 514 Lester Ave., Pasadena, by Donald R. Dickey; Lloyd Peabody, 300 Globe Bldg., Saint Paul, Minnesota, by Rev. P. B. Peabody; Cecil A. Poole, Box 262, Monmouth, Oregon, by Stanley G. Jewett; William Remsen Varick, San Marcus Bldg., Santa Barbara, by Henry E. Parmenter.

Mr. Law moved that the Chairman appoint a committee to make up a slate for 1924 officers; seconded by Wyman, motion carried. Chair appointed Lee Chambers, Miss Burnell and J. E. Law on this committee, to retire and make up nominations. Results were as follows: President, L. E. Wyman; Vice-president, Dr. L. B. Bishop; Secretary, Mrs. Ella Haines Ellis.

Mr. Dawson spoke on his book, "The Birds of California," demonstrating the quality of the binding and strength of the pages. Meeting adjourned.—LUTHER LITTLE, *Secretary*.

JANUARY.—The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Division, Cooper Ornithological Club, was held at the Southwest Museum, Tuesday evening, January 22, 1924, at 8 P. M. Due to the large attendance to view Mr. Donald R. Dickey's moving pictures on the Birds of Laysan Island, President Pierce suggested the business of the Club be postponed until after the pictures. Mr. Dickey explained his wonderful pictures as they were shown, making it one of the best meetings the Club has held for a long time.

At the termination of the pictures, a short business meeting was held; minutes of the Northern and Southern divisions were read and approved. Nominations for 1924 officers were announced as in order. A motion by Dr. Miller that all

nominations be closed was seconded by Dr. Warmer and carried. Election resulted as follows: L. E. Wyman, President; Dr. Louis B. Bishop, Vice-president; Mrs. Ella H. Ellis, Secretary.

A letter from the Pacific Division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science was read, notifying the Cooper Club of the meeting to be held at Stanford University, June 25-28, 1924, and asking that two delegates be named to represent the Club at the meeting of the Affiliations Committee to consider program and so forth. Dr. Miller moved that members of the Northern Division should take care of this matter; seconded by Mr. Wyman and carried. Meeting adjourned.—LUTHER LITTLE, *Secretary*.

FEBRUARY.—The February meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Club, Southern Division, was held at the Los Angeles Museum, February 28 at 8 P. M. with President Wyman in the chair and the following members in attendance: Mesdames Barnes, Ellis, Law; Misses Burnell, Miller, Potter; Messrs. Allen, Barnes, Bliss, Bryan, Calder, Campbell, Hanaford, Holland, Law, Pemberton, Pierce, Reis, Robertson, Wood and Wyman. Visitors present were Mesdames Bliss, Bryan, Calder, Robertson, Reis and Wyman; Miss Brower and the Misses Vignos. Minutes of the January meeting were read and approved, followed by the reading of the January minutes of the Northern Division.

Names presented for membership were: S. H. Beattie, Tubac, Arizona, by Walter P. Taylor; Miss Bess M. Bruce, Glendora, and Miss Inez Cook, Glendora, by C. H. Wood; Dr. A. H. Cordier, 415 Benton Blvd., Kansas City, Mo., by W. Lee Chambers; James Benjamin Dixon, Escondido, by J. Dixon and J. Grinnell; Henry W. Johnson, 284 E. Orange Grove, Pasadena, by J. Eugene Law; F. E. A. Kimball, Tucson, Arizona, by Walter P. Taylor; Lester Lynn Snyder, Royal Ont. Mus. Zool., Toronto, by W. Lee Chambers; William S. Wright, Nat. Hist. Mus., Balboa Park, San Diego, by Clinton G. Abbott; Charlotte Stahl, 5137 Hermosa Ave., Eagle Rock, by Jessica A. Potter; Harry A. Staub, Brawley, by John C. Fortimer. The Northern Division sent eleven names.

Mr. Law spoke briefly of the activities of the Bird Banding Chapter, of the recent meeting, and the plans to hold regular meetings the second Sunday of

each month. The feature of the evening was an informal talk by Dr. W. A. Bryan, Director of the Museum, on "Birds of Laysan Island Twenty Years Ago." This was of particular interest, following as it did, the motion pictures of Laysan Island, shown by Mr. Dickey at last month's meeting. Dr. Bryan described the vegetation of the island at that time, also the nesting sites of the various birds, illustrating his remarks with a representative lot of skins brought from the island in 1913 by Mr. Willett. Mr. Wyman voiced the appreciation of the club in thanking Dr. Bryan for his very entertaining and instructive talk. Adjourned.—ELLA H. ELLIS, *Secretary*.

#### NORTHERN DIVISION

FEBRUARY.—The regular monthly meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Club, Northern Division, was held at the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology on February 28, 1924, at 8 P. M. President Dixon presided, with the following members present: Misses Beaman, Burk, Fisher, Humphrey, Pringle; Mesdames Allen, Delpont, Ferguson, Frederick, Grinnell, Mexia, Schlesinger; Messrs. Borell, Bryant, Bunker, Carriger, Coolidge, Cooper, Cozens, Elmore, English, Evermann, Fisher, Grinnell, W. Grinnell, Gignoux, Hunt, Kibbe, Kloss, La Jeunesse, Lastreto, Mailiard, Morley, Rankin, Simpson, Swarth, Wright. Visitors were: Misses Brubaker, Burk, Glasier, Hanscom, Holden, Howard, Pickard; Mesdames Bunker, Coolidge, Cooper, Evermann, Hunt, Steilberg; Messrs. Ferroggiaro, Huestis, Steck.

Minutes of the January meeting of the Northern Division were read and approved. Minutes of the Southern Division for November were read. Mrs. Harriet S. Harding of Forest Ranch, Butte County, California, was proposed for membership. Resignations of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Thomas were read and accepted.

A motion made by Mr. Swarth, seconded by Mr. Kibbe, was adopted, that certain cases of mounted birds presented to the Club in 1895 by Mr. G. Frean Morcom and for some years past nominally in the possession of the California Academy of Sciences and of the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology be formally presented to these institutions, respectively.

Mr. Evermann reported upon the meeting of the Affiliations Committee of the Pacific Division of the American Associa-

tion for the Advancement of Science.

Mr. Grinnell moved that the Northern Division endorse the resolution presented by Mr. Law of the Southern Division in November, declaring 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 to existing law and the enactment of such new laws as will give to all units in the international park 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. Motion seconded by Mr. Bryant and duly carried.

Mr. Bryant led a discussion upon the Public Shooting Grounds Bill, pointing out its chief merits and demerits. Mr. Kibbe stated that the Audubon Society of the Pacific has, after careful investigation, endorsed the bill. A motion suggesting an amendment to the bill was, following an enlightening discussion, lost and in its place a resolution was passed recording unqualified approval of the bill by the Northern Division of the Club and instructing the Secretary to forward a record of this approval to our congressmen.

Mr. Swarth recorded seeing an unusual bird on a Berkeley street, the Australian Bronze-winged Pigeon (*Ocyphaps lophotes*), doubtless an escaped cage bird.

Mr. Dixon commented upon the destroying of birds found in corrals in compliance with endeavors being made to check the spread of hoof and mouth disease. He suggested that the loss to bird life would be more than compensated for by the destroying of stray cats also ordered.

The speaker of the evening, Dane Coolidge, talked for an hour most entertainingly upon his experiences in 1900 as a field collector in southern Italy. The vivid and humorous pictures which he sketched of the tribulations of a collector among the superstitious and temperamental inhabitants of Sorrento and Sicily will long remain a pleasure to those members of the Northern Division who were so fortunate as to have been present at the February meeting. Adjourned.—HILDA W. GRINNELL, *Secretary*.

MARCH.—The regular meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Club, Northern Division, was held at the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology on March 27, 1924, at 8

P. M. President Dixon occupied the chair and the following members were present: Misses Beaman, Fisher, Flinn, Humphrey, Van Gaasbeek, and Wythe; Mesdames Allen, Bogle, Delpont and Grinnell; Messrs. Bryant, Bunker, Carriger, Clabaugh, Deane, Evermann, English, Grinnell, Hunt, La Jeunesse, Lastreto, Mailliard, Miller, Rankin, Simpson, Streater, Swarth, Trost, and Wood; visitors, Misses Allerton, Chattin, Alice Chattin, Franks, Howard, Martin; Mesdames Evermann, Bunker, Bryant, Hunt, Rankin; Messrs. Booth, Kaufmann, Haley, Hall, Radir.

Minutes of the February meeting were read and approved. Minutes of the Southern Division for December, January and February were read. Proposals for membership were: E. Raymond Hall, Berkeley, by J. Grinnell; Hildegard Howard, Los Angeles, by Edna Fisher; Cavendish Moxon, Los Altos, by H. W. Grinnell; Ernest H. Quayle, Stanford University, by J. E. Law. The resignation of Susan H. Mackay was read and accepted.

A letter was read from Representative MacLafferty acknowledging receipt from the Club of its resolution favoring the adoption of the Public Shooting Grounds Bill. A letter from Senator Shortridge was read announcing his active support of this same bill.

A letter from the Ecological Society of America requesting the aid of the Cooper Club in a campaign looking toward the establishment of a National Monument at Glacier Bay, Alaska, was discussed. Upon motion by Mr. Mailliard the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS, our national parks do not now include among their number any example of tide-water glacier; and

WHEREAS, the glaciers of Glacier Bay, Alaska, are as a group most typical and accessible; and

WHEREAS, there are immediately contiguous forests of magnificent growth which are subject at any time to commercial exploitation; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cooper Ornithological Club, Northern Division, earnestly recommends the setting aside of a suitable tract, inclusive of Glacier Bay, as a National Monument.

An invitation from the third Pan-American Congress to be present at the meeting at Lima, Peru, in November, 1924, was laid on the table.

Mr. Lastreto brought to the attention of the Club the "International Crow-Shooting Contest," advertised in the March issue of the Du Pont Magazine. After a thorough discussion the unanimous opinion of the meeting was voiced in the following resolution, as introduced by Mr. Grinnell and amended by Mr. Lastreto.

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Cooper Ornithological Club, Northern Division, that much publicity is being given to an "international crow-shooting contest", to include the awarding of numerous prizes for the destruction of not only crows but many other so-called vermin (hawks, owls, bobcats, turtles, water-snakes, etc.); and

WHEREAS, alluring advertisements to this effect are appearing widely in outing magazines, urging unlimited shooting of said "vermin" between March 15 and June 15 (that is, during the closed season for game and during the nesting and breeding season of all sorts of harmless and useful birds and other animals); therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cooper Ornithological Club, Northern Division, heartily deplores said campaign of extermination, and hereby makes protest to the dealers in arms and ammunition and to the publishers of their advertisements, on the following grounds:

(1) The average hunter to whom such inducements would appeal cannot distinguish the few really injurious kinds of birds and other animals that would inevitably suffer, from the many which are of positive economic or esthetic value.

(2) Most of the kinds that would be killed are, in fact, now protected by law, and the proposed contest therefore invites law-breaking.

(3) An opportunity is afforded the careless hunter to kill game out of season.

(4) The game warden will find during the season of this contest difficulty in apprehending violators of the existing protective laws. And further,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cooper Ornithological Club, Northern Division, for the reasons stated above hereby warns conservation societies, boy scout organizations, and educational institutions NOT to countenance the proposed "international crow-shooting contest."

The Chair then called for informal reports from members. Mr. Swarth commented upon Dawson's "Birds of California." Miss Van Gaasbeek asked if other members had noted the apparent and unusual scarcity of birds about the Campus. Mrs. Allen and Miss Wythe considered the stadium built across the mouth of Strawberry Canyon a bar to the approach of ground-feeding birds toward the lower Campus. Mr. Clabaugh reported that fox sparrows and golden-crowns are abundant above the stadium. Mr. Bryant observed that there is always an apparent annual scarcity of birds in February. But the consensus of opinion remained that, possibly owing to the drought, birds are not as abundant as usual this winter in the Bay region. Mr. Streater reported varied thrushes as unexpectedly rare at Santa Cruz. So are the robins in Golden Gate Park, according to Mr. Mailliard, and winter birds in general at Atherton according to Mr. Lastreto.

An honored guest of the meeting was Mr. Ruthven Deane of Chicago, one of the early members of the American Ornithologists' Union, and a member of the Cooper Club these twenty years. Mr. Deane recalled pleasantly his experiences in California in 1883, when he visited San Francisco and Santa Barbara.

Adjourned.—HILDA W. GRINNELL, Secretary.