

Of decided human interest is the chapter (pp. xxxv ff.) entitled "Who's Who in Austin Ornithology", with accompanying portraits. Here we find concise biographies of many people known far beyond the confines of the Austin region; for example, of that thorough-going general biologist as well as ornithologist, the late Thomas H. Montgomery, Jr.; and of H. J. Kofahl, Arthur H. Howell, Henry Nehrling, A. E. Schutze, and Dr. H. Y. Benedict. We are a bit disturbed, however, by the statement under "Oberholser, Harry C(hurch)", that he is the "author of *thousands* (italics ours) of monographs and papers on birds", etc. We hate the thought of giving up our idea that Shufeldt is still in the lead as to number of titles in his personal bibliography!

To sum up, the publication of Simmons' "Birds of the Austin Region" brings permanent credit to his University, to the coterie of local ornithologists he represents, and to himself. We extend to him congratulations in behalf of westerners generally, fellow members mostly of the Cooper Ornithological Club.—J. GRINNELL, *Berkeley, California, March 26, 1926.*

MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

NORTHERN DIVISION

FEBRUARY.—The regular monthly meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Club, Northern Division, was held at the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, Berkeley, on February 25, 1926, at 8 P. M., with President Allen in the chair and the following members present: Mesdames Allen, Bogle, Delport, Grinnell, Mead, Mexia, Mikesell; Misses Beaman, Cockefair, Fisher, Holcomb, McLellan, Pickard, Pringle, Wythe; Messrs. Borell, Bryant, Bunker, Carriger, Clabaugh, Chaney, Cooper, Cozens, Dixon, Evermann, Follett, Foster, Grinnell, Hall, Harwell, Hoffmann, Lamb, La Jeunesse, Linsdale, Perine, Streater, Swarth and Wright. Visitors were Mesdames Bryant, Bunker, Chaney, Evermann, Hall, Hoffmann, Lamb, Linsdale, Stevens and Swarth; Misses Beatty, Buckingham, Holm, Payne and Spencer; Messrs. Myers and Pursell.

Minutes of the Northern Division for January were read and approved. Minutes of the Southern Division for January were read. The membership application of Earl H. Myers, 2234 Atherton Street, Berkeley, proposed by A. E. Borell, was

read. It was announced that Wilfred H. Osgood of Chicago had found it impossible to serve on the Ridgway Memorial Committee.

The speaker of the evening was Mr. Ralph Hoffmann, Director of the Museum of Natural History at Santa Barbara. The speaker chose as his topic "Field Notes". He described the wealth of winter bird life in and about the rice fields of Colusa County, California, and mentioned many interesting traits of flocks and individuals of geese, cranes and swans. He spoke of observations made in the Puget Sound district on American and Red-breasted mergansers, Marbled Murrelets and Rhinoceros Auklets; and he concluded by reading several descriptions from the manuscript of his book, in preparation, on Pacific Coast birds. Mr. Hoffmann's hearers were much pleased with the vigor and freshness of his observations and his unusual but logical method of preceding his account of each bird with a description of the setting which characteristically frames it.

Adjourned.—HILDA W. GRINNELL, *Secretary.*

SOUTHERN DIVISION

JANUARY.—The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held at the Los Angeles Museum, Exposition Park, Tuesday evening, January 26, 1926, at 8 P. M. The meeting was called to order by President Wyman with the following members present: Miss Potter; Mesdames Edwards, Ellis, Everhart; Messrs. Allen, Cantwell, Colburn, Hanaford, Michener, A. H. Miller, Dr. Miller, Peterson, and Webster. Visitors were Misses Lempie and Vignos; Mrs. Wyman; Messrs. Booth, Carl Chambers, Edwards, and Everhart. The December minutes were read and approved. The December minutes of the Northern Division were read by title only.

New names proposed for membership were as follows: Mrs. Jean E. Carth, P. O. Box 1, Huntington Park, Calif.; Warren Francis Eaton, care Wellington, Sears & Co., 66 Worth St., New York City; Winton Weydemeyer, Agricultural Substation, Moccasin, Montana; and William H. Yoder, Jr., 4510 N. Carlisle St., Philadelphia, Pa., by W. Lee Chambers; Mrs. Percival B. Coffin, 5708 Kenwood Ave., Chicago, Ill., by Chreswell J. Hunt; Charles H. Snell, Box 101, Red Deer, Alta., Canada, by William Rowan; Shumway Suffel, 105 So. Madison Ave., Pasadena, Calif., by Roland C. Ross; Blanche Vignos,

667 So. Carondelet St., Los Angeles, Calif., by Jessica A. Potter; P. Smith Walker, 2127 Cypress St., Vancouver, B. C., Canada, by John McB. Robertson.

A letter was read from Dr. Evermann to the Northern Division in which Dr. Evermann expressed his sincere appreciation of the honorary membership conferred upon him. Notice was received that Mr. Ruthven Deane would be unable to represent the Cooper Ornithological Club at the Ridgway Bird Sanctuary Convention. On the motion of Dr. Miller, duly seconded and carried, the appointment of another representative was left to be decided by the Northern Division, in as much as that division had taken the initial step in the matter.

In the absence of Dr. Rich, chairman of the nominating committee, Mr. Chambers reported nominations as follows: President, Dr. Louis B. Bishop; Vice-President, J. S. Appleton; Secretary, Alden H. Miller. The nominations were moved closed and the secretary instructed to cast his ballot in favor of the nominees. The motion was made by Dr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Michener, and carried.

Mr. Frederick S. Webster then gave an interesting talk concerning the feelings of birds and their mental traits, illustrated by many interesting stories gained from personal study of caged birds. The talk was followed by questions and discussion of matters brought to members' attention by Mr. Webster. Adjourned.—ALDEN H. MILLER, *Secretary*.

FEBRUARY.—The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held at the Los Angeles Museum, Exposition Park, February 23, 1926, at 8 P. M. The meeting was called to order by President Bishop with thirty-five members and visitors present. Minutes of the January meeting were read and approved, and the January minutes from the Northern Division were read.

The following names were submitted for membership: Edward J. Booth, 303 W. 3rd St., San Dimas, Calif.; Curtis D. Hillyer, Scripps Bldg., San Diego, Calif.; and Francis Beach White, Concord, New Hampshire, by W. Lee Chambers; Edward C. Bull, 510 So. Madison Ave., Pasadena, Calif., by Myrtle S. Edwards; Mrs. Etta MacIntyre, 1820 Bushnell St., So. Pasadena, Calif., by Roland C. Ross; Miss Gladys E. Record, 44 Fairview Ave., Los Gatos, Calif., by Miss Emily Smith; Rob-

ert P. Rowley, 1172 W. 29th St., Los Angeles, Calif., by Alden H. Miller; and George Buchanan Simpson, Lake Cowichan, British Columbia, Canada, by John McB. Robertson.

Mr. Law read a letter from Mrs. M. H. Wegener, 2215 S. Date Ave., Alhambra, Calif., asking that she be dropped from the club. On motion of Dr. Miller the club voted to accept the resignation.

Dr. Miller reported the action of the program committee for the first annual meeting, stating that few papers had at the time been promised and that many more would be needed. Members were urged to mail the printed cards, with the titles of their papers, to Dr. Miller as soon as possible.

The speaker of the evening, Dr. Wilkenson of Australia, gave an account of certain birds and mammals of Australia, illustrated by a series of lantern slides. Of particular interest was his discussion of the Monotremata and Marsupialia and their adaptations in an environment where there was no competition from higher forms. The danger of introducing new species into Australia was emphasized, as also the need for maintaining the balance of nature. Pictures of the great Australian Eagle showing the nest and young, and an account of the incubator nest of the Brush Turkey were of special interest. The meeting was closed with the usual discussion between members.—Adjourned.—ALDEN H. MILLER, *Secretary*.

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