

same high standards, both as to text and illustrations, are held to as we found in the first installment of this fine work. To Mr. Bannerman we extend our congratulations that conditions, aside from the obvious factor of his own industry, remain favorable to the rapid advance toward completion of this large undertaking.

The second of Dr. Linsdale's papers dealing with the poison question appears in this issue of the *Condor* and well merits thoughtful reading by all those naturalists who believe that wild animal life (bird and mammal) should be preserved. Curiously, last year's report, which consisted of a summary of findings as to the effects of certain special poison practices, was met by open hostility on the part of the agents and agencies of "pest control." The chief kind of reaction apparent to date has been effort along various lines completely to discredit the writer of that first report and also any other person who openly expressed himself as having confidence in the scientific character of the conclusions reached. Each and every serious proponent of true conservation who reads the criticisms emanating directly from, or inspired by, those destruction-promoting agencies will, of course, carefully analyse the documents in question and also will re-read the Linsdale papers. Indeed, we recommend as a method of analysis, the use of that literary device known as the "deadly parallel"! We are assuming that *Condor* readers will not need to have any detailed reply in our columns to the specific charges, direct or by devious implication, which have been made elsewhere. However, we consider ourselves open-minded and will be glad to receive advice or suggestion along this line.—J.G.

MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

SOUTHERN DIVISION

JANUARY.—The January meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held Tuesday, January 26, 1932, at the Los Angeles Museum, Exposition Park, Los Angeles, Harold Michener presiding. The minutes of the December meeting of the Southern Division were read and approved; the minutes of the December meeting of the

Northern Division were read by title on motion of Mr. G. Willett.

Applications for membership were received as follows: A. H. Anderson, Route 2, Box 139, Tucson, Arizona, proposed by John McB. Robertson; Ryland Edward Benson, 125 South West St., Anaheim, Calif., proposed by Harold Michener; Ezra R. Day, 3789 S. 52nd St., Salt Lake City, Utah, proposed by J. W. Sugden; Mr. W. Wallace Nichols, 1263 West 99th St., Los Angeles, Calif., proposed by George G. Cantwell; Mr. John Slocum, Thatcher School, Ojai, Calif., proposed by Loye Miller; Olive E. Williams, Route 2, Puente, Calif., proposed by Miriam S. Faddis.

The nominating committee brought in the names of Harold Michener for President; J. McB. Robertson, Vice-president; R. B. Cowles, Secretary. Mr. Willett moved that the nominations be closed. Dr. Miller amended the motion, that the secretary be instructed to cast an unanimous ballot. Motion as amended, passed.

Mr. Jack Boas from the Bureau of Education and Research, Division of Fish and Game, State of California, gave a brief talk on the status of California as a leader in the field of conservation, and discussed the work of conservation as illustrated by various types of activity. The talk was followed by a series of pictures illustrating some of the phases of wild life conservation and activities.

Meeting adjourned.—R. B. COWLES, *Secretary*.

FEBRUARY.—The February meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held Tuesday, February 23, 1932, at the Los Angeles Museum, Exposition Park, Los Angeles, President Michener presiding. The minutes of the January meeting of the Southern Division were read and approved; the minutes of the January meeting of the Northern Division were read.

Applications for membership were received as follows: Mrs. Charles Noel Edge, 113 E. 72nd St., New York, N. Y., proposed by John McB. Robertson; Mr. John Wiley Harrison, Encinitas, Calif., proposed by Mr. J. R. Pemberton; Mr. G. M. Henry, Colombo Museum, Colombo, Ceylon, proposed by Steve A. Glassell.

Attention was called to a recent publication, "Introduction to Ornithological Nomenclature," by Mary Ferguson Coble and Cora Smith Life, published by the Straube

Printing Company, Los Angeles. This little book of 91 pages is entirely devoted to the derivation and pronunciation of the technical names of birds.

Dr. Loye Miller commented on the abundance of Cedar Waxwings present this season, saying that they are much more common than for several years past. He also mentioned a Bohemian Waxwing which had been picked up in Pasadena. The bird was reported as killed by eating nightshade berries, but Dr. Miller found the "nightshade" to be privet berries and the cause of death, a broken neck.

The speaker of the evening, Mr. J. R. Pemberton, showed fifteen hundred feet of film (16 mm.) taken while on an expedition into the Gulf of California on his boat, the *Petrel*. The cruise took two and a half months ending early in February, the party having traveled about 4,000 miles. Although the time of year chosen was unfortunate in some respects it was the only time during which the members of the party found it possible to absent themselves from their regular duties. A few breeding birds were observed, specimens showing winter plumage and pelage were collected, and several new birds and mammals were obtained.

Adjourned.—R. B. COWLES, *Secretary*.

NORTHERN DIVISION

JANUARY.—The January meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on Thursday evening, January 28, 1932, at 8:00 p. m., in Room 2003, Life Sciences Building, Berkeley, with President Wright in the Chair and seventy-five members and guests present. Minutes of the Northern Division for December were read and approved. Minutes of the Southern Division were read. Proposals of new names for membership in the Club were: Philip A. Du Mont, Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, University of California, Berkeley, and Elton R. Edge, San Bernardino Valley Junior College, San Bernardino, Calif., by J. Grinnell; Henri G. Hill, San Jose, Calif., by Gayle B. Pickwell; Mrs. Howard F. Fletcher, 1172 Laurel St., Berkeley, Calif., and Mrs. A. W. Rushforth, 118 The Uplands, Berkeley, Calif., by Amelia S. Allen; and Miss Grace M. Taylor, 3904 Cerrito Ave., Oakland, Calif., by Ellen A. Cockefair.

Mr. Cain announced that on February 11 Mr. H. S. Swarth would speak before the Audubon Association upon "A Sub-arctic Summer." As one of the two dele-

gates from the Cooper Club to the meeting of the Affiliations Committee of the Pacific Division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Dr. Evermann reported that the annual meeting of the Pacific Division will be held at Pullman, Washington, June 15 to 18, 1932, and while no formal meeting of the Cooper Club will be held at that time many members will doubtless be present. Mrs. Amelia S. Allen, chairman of the nominating committee, reported its selections to be: President, Dr. Jean M. Linsdale; Vice-president, Dr. Gayle B. Pickwell; Secretary, Mrs. H. W. Grinnell. President Wright then asked for nominations from the floor. None being offered, Alden Miller moved that nominations be closed and this motion was carried. President Wright instructed the secretary to cast a ballot electing the above-named persons to be officers of the Northern Division for 1932—which was done.

Dr. Alden Miller suggested that in the Northern Division the need for a standing committee on Conservation has become apparent. This committee should function in three ways: first, to keep the Club informed on current problems in conservation, especially of birds; second, to serve as a source of information to inquirers; third, to bring before meetings in premeditated form matters requiring action by the Division. Dr. Miller moved that the Chair be empowered to appoint such a committee. This motion was seconded by Mr. Cain and unanimously passed. President Wright stated that the appointment of this committee would lie in the hands of the incoming president, Dr. Linsdale.

Local reports were called for and the following birds were given comment: Santa Cruz Song Sparrow, first seen carrying nesting material in the Grinnell garden on January 18, and on present date, January 28, nest found to be completed and one egg laid. One Bohemian Waxwing seen by Dr. Storer on January 17 at Davis within a flock of Cedar Waxwings; Western Evening Grosbeak, several reports, among them those of Mrs. Mead, who noted 4 individuals feeding on maple seeds on Piedmont Avenue on January 13 and who saw 10 of the birds in the same locality next day, and of Mr. Cain who found them at the Johnson sanctuary at San Pablo, where they were so numerous as to eat two or three quarts of sunflower seed daily; Ring-necked Pheasant, one reported to Mrs. Allen as having been

seen in North Berkeley hills; 3 cocks and 2 hens seen in the same locality by Mr. Pease. Dr. Hall reported that Mr. Elkington of Orinda, just across the hills, had recently released several of these birds and those seen were probably from this flock. Mockingbird, Miss Champreux reported one seen on the Berkeley Campus and President Wright asked all present who had seen the species in Berkeley this month to raise their hands. Eight members responded, confirming the fact that the Mockingbird is not the rarity it formerly was in the Bay region. Mrs. Lindsey of Hayward reported that five Audubon Warblers, usually difficult to lure into the banding traps, had visited hers when apple was used as bait. Mr. Borell on last Sunday saw 100 or 150 Canada Geese on the water above San Pablo dam. Mr. Swarth reported that 42 Seed Snipe imported for that purpose had been turned loose by a private importer at Live Oak, and that an Elliot Pheasant had escaped from captivity elsewhere. Raymond Gilmore announced having seen a Road-runner on the Campus, and Philip Du Mont told of watching a male Allen Hummingbird in Golden Gate Park on January 17, the earliest date yet recorded for the species in the Bay region.

The speaker of the evening was Dr. Tracy I. Storer who reviewed most instructively the long series of alien birds introduced in California and their varying fates. He pointed out that in spite of the thousands of birds released and large sums of money spent for their importation and propagation, all that sportsmen have had to show for it in California has been the brief open season on Ring-necked Pheasants in 1925 and 1926 in Inyo and Mono counties.

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

FEBRUARY.—The February meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held at 8:00 p. m. on February 25, 1932, in Room 2003, Life Sciences Building, Berkeley, with President Linsdale in the Chair and about fifty members and guests present. Minutes of the Northern Division for January were read and approved. Minutes of the Southern Division were read. Mr. George E. Mushbach, Hotel Bigelow, Ogden, Utah, was proposed for membership by T. T. McCabe, through the Western Bird-banding Association. The secretary announced

that she had received a letter from Mr. Frank M. Carroll, 815 N. Rampart St., New Orleans, La., stating that he would like to correspond with club members interested in the exchange of data. Mr. Cain invited Cooper Club members to attend the March meeting of the Audubon Association at which Dr. Pickwell will be the speaker.

Gordon Bolander reported the presence of two Townsend Solitaires in Oakland, both seen several times in the month of February, and latest on the meeting date, February 25. Miss Sherman told of a singing Mockingbird present daily at her feeding table when supplied with apples. On January 6, Dean Blanchard secured a White-throated Swift at Santa Paula, Ventura County. He described the present status of the Bird of Paradise in New Guinea and the Celebes, and told also of the laxity of the game laws in China and the Malay Peninsula, as observed by himself on a recent tour.

Miss Rinehart asked whether Band-tailed Pigeons were rare in this vicinity, having seen a flock of 15 of these birds over Moraga Ridge on February 14. Professor Brooks replied that they are not rare at present and that he had seen two large flocks near Grizzly Peak during the past month. Mrs. Kelly told of shore-birds seen from the San Mateo bridge on February 2 and 10, largely at the Mt. Eden end, where Western Grebes, Sandpipers and Godwits were abundant. On the 22nd of this month, at Dumbarton bridge, Eared Grebes, Surf Scoters, Godwits and Red-backed Sandpipers were common, while at Bolinas Bay on the 18th, hundreds of Black Brant were in view. Mrs. Kelly also told of the presence of four flocks of Western Evening Grosbeaks, aggregating about 100 individuals, near Ross, Marin County, where they were seen feeding under decedars, monkey-puzzle trees and holly bushes. Under the latter, fallen berries were plentiful.

The evening's talk was given by Philip A. Du Mont upon his experiences bird-collecting in Madagascar for the American Museum of Natural History, as a member of the international expedition arranged by that institution, the British Museum and the Paris Museum of Natural History. Mr. Du Mont's entertaining talk was supplemented by an excellent series of colored lantern slides.

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