

Before telling of the Park, however, Colonel White gave some interesting information regarding his early years in England and his contact with the English birds; of time spent in the Philippine Islands where his ornithological interest was renewed under Major E. A. Mearns, who taught him to skin birds, and of a still later period when, stationed at the penal colony on Palawan, he was able to collect a fine series of the Palawan Peacock Pheasant. Colonel White is also acting superintendent of the recently created Death Valley National Monument, and after his interesting description of the beauties of the Sequoia National Park, he very kindly permitted us to enjoy several excellent views of Death Valley and of that section which has been set aside as a national monument.

Adjourned.—LAURA B. LAW, *Secretary*.

EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING

The Eighth Annual Meeting was held at the University of California, Berkeley, on Friday and Saturday, May 5 and 6, 1933. The sessions for presentation of papers were held in Room 2503, Life Sciences Building. The meetings opened with a brief word of welcome from G. B. Pickwell, President of the Northern Division. The program of papers presented was as follows: Friday morning: "Studies on the Distribution of the Western Mockingbird in California," John R. Arnold; "The Lconte Thrashers of the San Joaquin," Joseph Grinnell; "Comments upon the Systematics of Pacific Coast Steller Jays," James Stevenson; "Climate and Magpies," Jean M. Linsdale; "Ages of House Finches Trapped During February, 1933," Harold Michener and Josephine R. Michener, read by John McB. Robertson. Friday afternoon: "Wren-tit Population of Smythe Canyon [Berkeley]," Mary M. Erickson; "Seasonal Behavior of Some Banded Golden-crowned Sparrows," E. L. Sumner, Sr.; "Average Dates of Arrival of Summer and Winter Visitants in the San Francisco Region," Amelia S. Allen; "The Landing of a Gull on a Small Object in a Strong Wind," William E. Ritter; "Men and Birds in Joint Occupation of the National Parks," George M. Wright. Saturday morning: "Highlights of Utah Ornithology," William H. Behle; "The Vulture's Fair-way," Joseph Grinnell; "Some Problems of Classification and Nomenclature," Harry S. Swarth; "Span of Nesting Season of Birds as Related to Food Habits," William B. Davis; "Items from

the Field Notes of an Oologist," John G. Tyler; "Pterylography of the Osprey," Lawrence V. Compton; "The Midsummer Status of Certain Birds in the Lowlands of Southern California," John McB. Robertson; "Faunal Regions in Eastern Oregon and Northern Idaho," Alden H. Miller. Saturday afternoon: "Observations on the Life History of the California Quail," E. L. Sumner, Jr.; "A Project to Determine Mode of Flight of Swifts by Photography," George M. Wright; "The Vocal Apparatus of Owls," Alden H. Miller; "Some Observations of Horned Larks," Gayle B. Pickwell; "Nesting of the Wandering Tattler," Joseph S. Dixon.

On Friday afternoon the staff of the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, together with several of the graduate students, held an open house in the Museum's main gallery at the west end of the Life Sciences Building. The bird, mammal and fur collections were opened to the visitors. On Friday evening motion pictures of birds were presented in Room 2000, Life Sciences Building; "Some Birds of the Stanford Campus" being presented by John B. Price of Stanford University, while "Life History Studies of the Red-bellied Hawk" were shown by Wright M. Pierce of Claremont. On Saturday evening at 7:00 o'clock an informal dinner was held at the Durant Hotel for members and guests. George M. Wright acted as toastmaster and several members responded to his calls. From fifty to seventy-five persons were present at the scientific sessions, more than two hundred attended the exhibition of motion pictures, and seventy-five were present at the dinner.—TRACY I. STORER, *Secretary*.

GOVERNORS' MEETING

The Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held at Berkeley, May 7, 1933. The Board was entertained at breakfast by Mr. and Mrs. George M. Wright at their residence, 1936 Thousand Oaks Boulevard, Berkeley. Neither president nor vice-president being present, the secretary called the meeting to order. George Willett was elected temporary chairman. The following were present: Mrs. A. S. Allen, H. W. Carriger, J. S. Cooper, J. S. Dixon, Mrs. H. W. Grinnell, Joseph Grinnell, C. B. Lastreto, J. M. Linsdale, A. H. Miller, G. B. Pickwell, W. M. Pierce, J. McB. Robertson, T. I. Storer, H. S. Swarth, J. G. Tyler, George Willett, and G. M. Wright. The following proxies were at hand: J. S. Appleton,

Ralph Arnold, H. C. Bryant, W. L. Chambers, Harry Harris; Mrs. Laura B. Law, Joseph Mailliard, Harold Michener, L. H. Miller, J. R. Pemberton, G. C. Rich and Curtis Wright by Tracy I. Storer; and L. B. Bishop by George Willett. Mr. A. J. Van Rossem was present by invitation for a short period.

Minutes of the Eleventh Annual Meeting were read and approved.

A report by Howard Robertson and Harry Harris for the auditing committee appointed to examine the accounts for 1931 and 1932, was read and accepted.

No report had been received from the Committee on Incorporation. Extensive discussion of difficulties involved in incorporation followed. Upon motion duly carried, the chairman was authorized to appoint a committee of three from the territory of the Southern Division to prepare a report on the possibilities of incorporation, this report to be made by August 1, 1933, to be circulated to the membership by the secretary, and to be made the subject for a special meeting of the Board; the committee as appointed consists of W. L. Chambers, chairman, J. McB. Robertson, and George Willett.

The report of the editors was submitted by Joseph Grinnell, together with a statement of "Principles governing selection of manuscripts for *The Condor*" which forms Appendix A of these minutes. This "code" has been evolved in part as a result of receipt of twice as much manuscript as the Club can publish. Despite an anticipated cut in the size of *The Condor* for 1933, reduction in printing costs per page and other economies make it seem probable that 264 pages will be printed in the 1933 volume. Upon motion by Tyler, seconded by Pierce, the report was accepted and the editors thanked for their services.

The Business Managers' report was offered by J. McB. Robertson. This report forms Appendix B of these minutes. A summary of the report was circulated to members of the Board in the call for the annual meeting. Mr. Robertson also furnished a statistical statement of the membership of the Club and the circulation of *The Condor* for the past year and a half. This statement forms Appendix C of these minutes. In summary, the Club membership as of May 1, 1933, was as follows: honorary members, 10; life members (living), 61; life subscribers, 1; members in good standing, 615; members in arrears, 113; members being carried, 46; complimentary copies, 23; subscribers in good

standing, 93; subscribers in arrears, 12; subscriber being carried, 1; exchanges, 73; total, 1048. Since January 1, 1933, \$300 of the endowment fund has been invested in U. S. Bonds, the Club's total investment in these securities now being \$11,200. The auditing committee checked the bonds in the presence of Mr. Chambers. No losses occurred as result of the impounding of funds in the Southern County Bank. Upon motion by Carriger, duly seconded, the report was accepted and the business managers thanked for their services.

Messrs. Swarth and Dixon were appointed to present a resolution respecting Barton Warren Evermann, long a member of the Board of Governors. This was accepted by a rising vote. The resolution follows:

In the death of Barton Warren Evermann, on September 27, 1932, the Cooper Ornithological Club and the Board of Governors thereof have lost a member whose personality and influence have been important factors in the activities of our Club during the many years of his association with us. Therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of Governors of the Cooper Ornithological Club hereby expresses its deep sorrow at the loss of this valued member. And be it further

Resolved, that the Secretary be instructed to transmit a copy of these resolutions, together with the sincere sympathy of the Board of Governors, to the members of Dr. Evermann's family.

Election of officers resulted as follows (by secretarial ballot): President, L. H. Miller; Vice-president, Joseph Dixon; Secretary, T. I. Storer; Editor, Joseph Grinnell; Associate Editors, J. M. Linsdale, A. H. Miller; Business Managers, W. L. Chambers, J. McB. Robertson.

The Secretary was instructed to write a note of thanks to Mr. Joseph Mailliard for his many services to the Club. The Board also expressed its appreciation of the courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Wright in entertaining them.

The President was authorized to appoint a committee from the province of the Southern Division to audit the Business Managers' accounts for 1933.

A letter from Mr. Clinton G. Abbott, member of the Board, and Director of the San Diego Natural History Museum, dated April 20, 1933, extended an invitation for the 1934 meeting as follows: "On behalf of the San Diego Society of Natural History would you or the proper officer please convey to the meeting the invitation of the Society to the Cooper Club to hold its next meeting under our auspices here in San Diego." This was referred to the officers of the Board. Adjourned.—TRACY I. STORER, *Secretary*.