

Peyton made the suggestion that a trip to Henley's Camp be considered, if a day afield is planned for the annual meeting of the Cooper Club next year when it is held in Los Angeles. Meeting adjourned.—LAURA B. LAW, *Secretary*.

TENTH ANNUAL MEETING

For ten years the members of the Cooper Ornithological Club have followed the fine old Quaker custom of holding "Yearly Meeting" and have found it good. This year we met on Friday morning, May 24, 1935, in the Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley. When President Alden Miller of the Northern Division welcomed visitors from the south there were 74 people present, and by the end of the morning session there were 86 in the room. Mr. Harold Michener of Pasadena responded to Mr. Miller's welcome. The following program filled the morning session: Annual Behavior Pattern in the White-crowned Sparrow, by Barbara D. Blanchard, University of California; Effects on Bird Life of Human Activities in National Parks and Monuments, by E. Lowell Sumner, Jr., National Park Service; Bush-tits "Shadow-boxing," by John McB. Robertson, Buena Park; The Systematic Position of the Osprey, by Lawrence V. Compton, University of California; Birds and Man in Western Europe, by Tracy I. Storer, University of California at Davis. A most varied and profitable group of papers this proved to be, bringing forward many new facts regarding western birds. The last read paper gave us a clear picture of the present-day place of birds in the older countries as viewed by an American visitor.

Of greatest moment was the unscheduled contribution by Mr. Robert T. Moore, California Institute of Technology, on The Protection and Conservation of the Zoological Life of the Galapagos Archipelago. This paper brought news of the permissive creation by the Ecuadorean government of a zoological sanctuary where endemic species will receive the protection which is now vital to their continued existence. One provision of the act positively protects the peculiar Albatross of those islands, the Galapagos Penguin, and the unique Flightless Cormorant. Among the group of scientists who have worked untiringly to bring protection to the harassed fauna of the Galapagos, Mr. Moore paid high tribute to Mr. Harry S. Swarth, qualified

by field experience to champion the cause, and having given most generously of his time to aid it.

After an informal luncheon at the Faculty Club the group gathered at 2:00 p.m. for the afternoon session. Mr. Loye Miller presided, and papers presented were: The Molts and Plumages of Horned Larks, by William H. Behle, Museum of Vertebrate Zoology; More Evidence on the Communistic Habits of the California Woodpecker, by William E. Ritter, University of California; Relationships of New World Genera of Geese, by Alden H. Miller, University of California; An Observation on Eye-shine and Feeding Habits of the Poor-will, by Amelia S. Allen, Berkeley; Proportions of Limb Segments in Thrashers, by William L. Engels, University of California.

At the close of this session the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, housed in the Life Sciences Building, held open house, the collections being inspected under the guidance of staff members and students. Whether furred, scaled or feathered, all specimens were ready for scrutiny. In the evening the Board of Governors and Directors met for dinner in the O'Neill Room of the Faculty Club, following which the Annual Business Meeting of the Board was held (see page 223).

On Saturday morning the newly-hatched "Cooper Club Incorporated" under the able guidance of Mr. Howard Robertson carried through its first business session with such precision of action that we are forced to classify it as a precocial rather than an altricial bird. At 10:30 o'clock Mr. Alden Miller resumed the Chair and the following papers were read: Three Tertiary Bird Fossils from the Western United States, by Lawrence V. Compton, University of California; Abnormalities in Birds: I. Tumors, by Harold Michener and Josephine R. Michener, Pasadena; An Exhibit of Rarities from the Collections of the California Academy of Sciences, by Mrs. M. E. McLellan Davidson, California Academy of Sciences; Up-hill Planters, by Joseph Grinnell, Museum of Vertebrate Zoology.

A most interesting unlisted paper was read at this session, "A Nomenclatural Problem in Mutation," by Marquis Hachisuka, it being our good fortune that this prominent world ornithologist should pass this way just now, homeward bound to Tokio.

Saturday afternoon, following a lunch-

eon at the Faculty Club, members convened in the auditorium of the Life Sciences Building, where Mr. Willis H. Rich, president of the Stanford Chapter, occupied the Chair; this was later taken by past-president Pickwell of the Northern Division, and then by current vice-president D. D. McLean, of the same Division.

Illustrated papers were largely the order of the afternoon, this group including: Nesting of the Black Swift in Sequoia National Park, by Joseph S. Dixon, National Park Service; Wintering and Nesting Activities of the Heppburn Rosy Finch in Washington State, by William T. Shaw, Fresno; Motion Pictures of Road-runners, by Ernest I. Dyer, Piedmont; a reel of motion pictures of raptorial birds taken by Mr. James Dixon of San Diego County and shown by Mr. Joseph Dixon. Unillustrated papers were: The White-throated Sparrow in Western North America, by Margaret W. Wythe, Museum of Vertebrate Zoology; Some Fossil Bird "Repeats" in California, by Loye Miller, University of California at Los Angeles; Do Eastern Birds Migrate Through the Great Basin, by Donald D. McLean, California Division of Fish and Game.

The annual dinner was held at 7:00 o'clock on Saturday evening at Hotel Durant, with 96 persons in attendance. Fragrant wild azaleas from the Boulder Creek home of Mrs. Amelia S. Allen added an unusual charm to the table decorations. During the dinner new acquaintances were made and old friendships revived by the informally seated groups. Plates removed, Mr. George Wright, acting as toastmaster in the same happy way his predecessor taught us to expect, called upon various members to rise and make good anew the reputation of the Club dinners for jollity. These speakers succeeded admirably, especially Mr. John R. Pemberton, called upon last. He showed a reel of motion pictures taken last year at San Diego and also some taken at the outing meeting of the Southern Division in Sespe Canyon. When Mr. Pemberton ran the series backwards, alleging that he must transfer the film from a borrowed reel back onto his own, more than one good ornithologist was startled and amazed to see the picture he presented in reverse action.

The tenth annual meeting closed on Sunday, May 26, with an all-day field trip. First, the beautifully kept aviaries of native birds belonging to Mr. Eric C. Kinsey of Manor, Marin County, were

visited; and then the group drove on to lunch beneath the redwoods which shade Lagunitas Creek. In the afternoon the murre and cormorant colonies of Point Reyes were visited.

LAURA B. LAW and HILDA W. GRINNELL,
Secretaries.

GOVERNORS' MEETING

The Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held in the O'Neill Room of the Faculty Club, University of California, at Berkeley, California, May 24, 1935. The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p. m., with President Loye H. Miller in the chair and the following members present: Mrs. Amelia S. Allen, Henry W. Carriger, W. Lee Chambers, J. S. Cooper, Joseph S. Dixon, Mrs. Hilda W. Grinnell, Joseph Grinnell, C. B. Lastreto, Mrs. Laura B. Law, Jean M. Linsdale, Donald McLean, Harold Michener, Alden H. Miller, Loye H. Miller, J. R. Pemberton, Gayle B. Pickwell, Wright M. Pierce, Guy C. Rich, Howard Robertson, John McB. Robertson, Tracy I. Storer, Harry S. Swarth, John G. Tyler, George Willett, Curtis Wright, and George M. Wright.

Minutes of the Thirteenth Annual Meeting were read and approved. A report of the Auditing Committee that the Business Managers' accounts for 1934 had been examined and found correct was read and accepted. The Business Managers' report was submitted by J. McB. Robertson and forms Appendix A of these minutes. The year 1934 started with a balance in the General Fund of \$1,553.93, and ended with a balance of \$1,531.76. The bonds in the Endowment Fund have a par value of \$11,200.00. One Avifauna, the "Birds of Nunivak Island, Alaska," by H. S. Swarth, was issued during the year, at a cost of \$426.15. A net loss of 36 members and subscribers was sustained during the year. The Chair appointed as Auditing Committee for 1935: J. R. Pemberton, Chairman, W. M. Pierce and Curtis Wright.

Business Manager W. Lee Chambers recommended that Endowment Funds, now in government bonds about to be called, be reinvested in safe stocks. On motion by C. B. Lastreto, seconded by W. M. Pierce, the Chair was instructed to appoint a committee of three to consult with the Business Managers regarding investments. Committee appointed: J. R. Pemberton, Chairman, Howard Robertson, George M. Wright.

The report of Editors, covering seven numbers of the Condor, May, 1934, to May, 1935, inclusive, was submitted by Joseph Grinnell, and comprises Appendix B of these minutes. Size of issue in the first six numbers remained about the same as in the preceding year, but the seventh, May, 1935, was nearly double normal bulk, this owing to contribution of \$200.00 by nine un-named members of the Club. In accordance with policy previously endorsed by the Board, photographs of prominent ornithologists to the number of nine, were published. Announcement was made of availability of several manuscripts worthy of publication in the Pacific Coast Avifauna series, the possibility of financing such publications being laid before the Board for consideration. It was recommended that the editorial staff of the Condor should consist of three "joint editors," instead of an editor and two associates, as now constituted. On motion by Howard Robertson, seconded by Joseph Dixon, and duly carried, the Editors' report was accepted, with the exception of the suggested change in the constitution of the editorial staff.

Howard Robertson announced completion of incorporation of the Club and presented articles of incorporation and copy of constitution and by-laws. Mr. Robertson stated further that at a Directors' Meeting held in Los Angeles, February 1, 1935, the following officers had been elected: President, Howard Robertson; Senior Vice-President, A. H. Miller; Junior Vice-President, J. S. Cooper; Secretary, George Willett; Assistant Secretary, Hilda W. Grinnell; Treasurer, John McB. Robertson; Business Manager, W. Lee Chambers; Editor, Joseph Grinnell; Associate Editors, Jean M. Linsdale and Alden H. Miller. The principal office of the Corporation is at 411 Chapman Building, Los Angeles, California, and its depository the Buena Park Branch of the Southern County Bank of Anaheim. The Treasurer and Business Manager are authorized to draw on corporation funds. The Chair expressed the thanks of the Board for Mr. Robertson's work as attorney for the organization.

A committee composed of T. I. Storer, Chairman, H. S. Swarth and Joseph Dixon, was appointed to nominate directors of corporation for the ensuing year. The Chair announced that the Annual Meeting for 1936 would be held in Los Angeles. Appreciation of the efforts of the North-

ern Division of the Club toward the success of the 1935 Annual Meeting was unanimously expressed.

Howard Robertson submitted form of acceptance of proxies and resolution ratifying acceptance of assets of the unincorporated body by the corporation. Adopted. C. B. Lastreto suggested signing of by-laws by charter members. Adopted.

Officers of the Board of Governors for the ensuing year were elected by acclamation as follows: President, Loye H. Miller; Vice-President, George M. Wright; Secretary, George Willett. Adjourned.—GEORGE WILLETT, *Secretary*.

A special meeting of the Board of Governors of the Cooper Ornithological Club was called by President L. H. Miller at the Durant Hotel, Berkeley, California, at 10:30 p.m., May 25, 1935. A quorum being present, seven resolutions were adopted, as follows:

1. Endorsing efforts of Federal officials toward conservation of water fowl, and expressing belief of Club in necessity of closed hunting season during coming year.

2. Urging designation of Federal agency to supervise closely all transplants of native and alien animals.

3. Urging control of CCC activities so as to conform exactly with recommendations of qualified wild-life advisors.

4. Recommending that the President of the United States be authorized to proclaim as National wards, from time to time, species of wild life because of their great rarity or educational value.

5, 6 and 7. Urging favorable action on bills establishing Big Bend National Park, Texas; Kings Canyon National Park, California; and Mount Olympus National Park, Washington.

8. Ordering a letter sent to the Governor of California protesting the grazing of cattle on the Los Baños Game Refuge.

Adjourned.—GEORGE WILLETT, *Secretary*.

DIRECTORS' MEETING

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Cooper Ornithological Club, Incorporated, was called at the Durant Hotel, Berkeley, California, May 25, 1935, at 10:45 p.m. President Howard Robertson was in the Chair and all members of the Board were present. Officers of the Board, the same as those previously designated, were elected for the ensuing year.

Adjourned.—GEORGE WILLETT, *Secretary*.