## NOTES AND NEWS



Harry R. Painton

The late Harry R. Painton was one of the four founders of the Cooper Ornithological Club in 1893. The foresight and interest of this man and his young colleagues of that day began a development which has flourished and has had most beneficial effects on ornithological science as every present member of our organization well understands. After Dr. Painton retired from his medical practice he resumed an active part in the Cooper Society and took justifiable pride in its growth and functions. He served in late years as President of the Northern Division and he became aware of the great advantages of stable finances to assure for all time the continued support of ornithological research and publication by the Society. The business managers of that time, W. Lee Chambers and C. V. Duff, were pursuing a sound fiscal policy of fund use and investment, aided by their investment counselors. Dr. Painton resolved to contribute in a major way to this undertaking through his will. Following his death, his bequest to the Society became known. The legal work connected with the settlement of the estate over a period of nearly four years has been skillfully handled by Vernon Barrett, prominent Los Angeles attorney and member of the Cooper Society.



C.V. Duff and Ed. N. Harrison (left and center) of the Cooper Society receiving securities of the Painton Estate from Douglas F. Scott (right), Vice-president of Bank of America.

The trust department of the Bank of America has been most cooperative in this undertaking. C. V. Duff, Business Manager, is responsible for the coordinating work and for the very successful selection of securities available to the Cooper Society as its equity in the estate which has led to growth in benefits in the period of litigation. Accordingly Mr. Duff is now able to report that on August 20, 1959, he received securities and cash in the amount of \$61,128.07 from the Harry R. Painton Estate as an addition to the Society's endowments. The members of our organization are deeply thankful to Dr. Painton and to these men concerned with business affairs for their dedication to the welfare of the Society.—A.H.M.

## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING OF COOPER ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY, 1959

The first session of the annual meeting of the members of the Cooper Ornithological Society (a corporation) was called to order by President J. R. Pemberton in 2503 Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley, California, at 10:35 a.m., Friday, April 3, 1959.

The minutes of the meeting of 1958 were read and approved. The following committees were appointed: Committee to Examine Proxies, Thomas R. Howell, Robert T. Orr, A. Starker Leopold, chairman; Committee on Nominations, William H. Behle, Jean Delacour, Junea W. Kelly, chairman.

The thirteen proposals for membership were