

Abstract of the Proceedings of the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club, 1910.

January 6, 1910. Twentieth Annual Meeting. Present forty-six members and four visitors. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

President. Samuel N. Rhoads.

Vice-President. Stewardon Brown.

Secretary. J. Fletcher Street.

Treasurer. Samuel Wright.

Letters were read from absent members Capt. Frank B. Eastman, Dr. Spencer Trotter and C. J. Hunt.

The incoming president made a few introductory remarks upon the successful completion of twenty years of existence which the Club was gathered together to celebrate; and then introduced Dr. A. K. Fisher of Washington, the guest of the Club who spoke upon the importance of collecting specimens on the part of young ornithologists. Dr. Hughes followed stating his preference for study through an opera glass, but not until the specimen had been shot, unless perchance he had collected it in the egg. Mr. Stone was the last speaker and he reviewed the work of the Club since its organization in 1890 dealing mainly with personal recollections of members and their exploits. His paper had been printed and was later distributed as a souvenir of the evening. After being photographed the meeting adjourned to partake of a luncheon which had been provided, and the night passed in reminiscences and discussion of collecting trips of days gone by.

January 20, 1910. Fifteen members present and ten visitors, Vice-President Brown in the chair.

Mr. Samuel C. Palmer who had been attending Harvard University read a paper entitled "Notes on Cambridge Birds." A letter was read from Mr. William Brewster congratulating the Club on its twenty years of activity. Mr. Stone spoke of the

death of Dr. R. Bowdler Sharpe of the British Museum and briefly reviewed his work.

Mr. Baily reported European Starlings at Penn's Manor, Pa. Mr. Street read a list of twenty-five species observed at Cape May, N. J. January 16.

February 3, 1910.—Fourteen members present. Mr. Stone addressed the Club on "A Review of the Theories of Bird Migration"; general discussion followed. Mr. DeHaven exhibited an abnormal skull of the Bobwhite from Lake Apopka, Florida. Mr. Rehn reported a European Starling shot at Ocean View, Cape May Co., N. J.

February 17, 1910.—Twelve members present. Mr. Carter spoke on "White Mountain Birds in July," giving an entertaining account of a trip through this part of New Hampshire, during the past summer. Mr. Morris reported that the old roosting-place of the crows near Doylestown was deserted, while on February 13 he had observed a large flock of Starlings associated with Crows at Olney. Mr. Fowler reported another flock of fifty Starlings at Holmesburg early in January.

Mr. Carter exhibited an adult Cooper's Hawk killed near West Chester, Pa., Feb. 13, 1910, and called attention to the barred breast and orange iris.

March 3, 1910.—Eighteen members present. Alfred C. Redfield, Wm. E. Roberts and L. S. Pearson, were elected active members, and E. L. Poole, S. Earle Riddle, C. W. Palmer, J. D. Sudders and Francis Windle, associates. The resignation of Rev. J. H. Hackenberg was accepted.

Letters were read from Wm. S. Essick, describing the occurrence of Snow Buntings near Orbisonia, Pa., from Mr. R. C. Harlow, reporting the collecting of a set of Raven's eggs near State College, Pa., and from Dr. Spencer Trotter, who is still traveling in Europe. Mr. Redfield made a communication on "The Herons of Cape Cod, Mass.," illustrating his remarks with beautiful lantern slides of the Night Heron, Green Heron and Bittern. Mr. Rhoads spoke of the winter roosting of Redwing Blackbirds at Cambridge, Md., and Mr. Morris reported Cowbirds wintering near Atlantic City, N. J.

March 17, 1910.—Nineteen members present. As suited to the day a series of specimens illustrating birds of green plumage was exhibited and the comparative rarity of bright green in bird coloration was discussed. A paper by Dr. Weygandt entitled "A Zero Day on Broadhead's Creek" was read.

April 7, 1910.—Eighteen members and two visitors present, including Dr. Jonathan Dwight, Jr., of New York City. Mr. Brown spoke on "Impressions of Jamaica and its Birds," treating of observations about Mandeville during a trip made last month. Mr. Harlow gave an informal account of the finding of the Raven's nest near State College. He also reported an Evening Grosbeak seen at South Sterling, Wayne Co., Pa., during December, 1909, an Orange-crowned Warbler shot at State College, May 12, 1909, and a Bald Eagle's nest near Peach Bottom, in York County, Pa., March 22, 1910, which contained two eggs.

April 21, 1910.—Eighteen members present and one visitor. Several bird biographies intended for the proposed book on the birds of this region were read, as follows: "Turkey Vulture" by Mr. Moore, "Field Sparrow" by Dr. Weygandt, "Hermit Thrush" by Mr. Stone, "Olive-backed Thrush" by Mr. Baily, "Vesper Sparrow" by Mr. Rhoads.

May 5, 1910.—Eighteen Members and one visitor present. Mr. Pennock spoke on "Winter Bird Notes from Pinehurst N. C." He also read extracts from an old report of Wm. Penn dated 1683 and from the Literary Casket published in Chester Co., Pa. in 1830; relating to the abundance of Wild Turkeys and Wild Pigeons. Mr. Street reported Wild Turkeys seen at Goldsborough, Va. on April 23.

May 19, 1910.—Thirty members and two visitors present. Mr. Redfield addressed the club on "Photographing the Warblers" illustrating his remarks by lantern slides of all the common breeding species of Montgomery Co., Pennsylvania.

Mr. Morris described "Another Trip down the Blackwater River, Va." also with lantern slides.

Cape May Warblers were reported at West Chester, Pa., by Messrs. Windle and Sharples May 11 to 15, often several a day and two at Concordville, Pa., May 15 observed by Mrs. Styer were reported.

October 6, 1910.—Sixteen members and four visitors present. Mr. Stone reported the capture of five specimens of Philadelphia Vireo (*Vireosylva philadelphica*) at Walnut Hill, September 10 and 18, and exhibited and commented upon the long-looked-for A. O. U. Check List of N. A. Birds. Dr. Trotter spoke briefly of his experience with the Nightingale in Italy.

October 20, 1910.—Fourteen members and one visitor present. The resignation of Mr. John H. Steele was accepted. Mr. Carter addressed the Club on "Summer Birds of Syracuse, N. Y." He found the Florida Gallinule and the Green-winged Teal nesting on the Montezuma marshes. He also described the habits of Bald Eagles observed on Lake Ontario. Mr. Moore reported a White Heron (*Ardea egretta*) at Hammonton, N. J., July 26, 1899.

November 3, 1910.—Fifteen members present. Messrs. Robert Adams, Jr., Geo. W. Stuart, Samuel A. Tatnall, Dr. J. P. Ball and Dr. S. Parke Longenecker were elected associate members.

Dr. Spencer Trotter spoke on the birds observed during a year's absence in Europe, and discussed especially the songs of the Nightingale, Blackcap and Blackbird.

November 17, 1910.—Fourteen members present. Mr. Street addressed the club on "Spring Migration along the James River, Va.," describing a canoe trip from Lynchburg to Richmond.

The A. O. U. meeting, which closed to-day in Washington, was discussed by several members who had just returned from the sessions.

December 1, 1910.—Fifteen members and three visitors present—held in conjunction with the Ornithological Section of the Academy. A collection of sixty mounted birds was on exhibi-

tion, which was presented to the Club, on behalf of Mr. Francis W. Rawle for the D. V. O. C. collection.

Mr. S. N. Rhoads exhibited a Starling obtained at Audubon, N. J., Nov. 24, 1910, and presented it to the Club. Dr. Tucker reported two Black Ducks seen at Cape May, N. J., August 15, 1910.

A Gnat-catcher was reported shot at Walnut Hill, Pa., by Robert E. Morris, April 10, 1910, specimen examined by Mr. Stone; and a letter from Miss M. E. Swing was read describing a nest of this species at Bridgton, N. J., found May 9.

December 15, 1910.—Nineteen members present. Mr. Harlow described "Some Nesting Trips in Western Pennsylvania" referring especially to the vicinity of State College. He found both the Sora and Virginia Rails nesting on an extensive marsh in that neighborhood on May 27, 1909 and June 6, 1910.

Mr. Pennock described a trip to Delaware City, Del., where on the meadows bordering the Delaware River a large flock of Shore Larks (*Otocoris alpestris*) was found, among which were a few Lapland Longspurs (*Calcarius lapponicus*) and Prairie Horned Larks (*Otocoris a. praticola*) specimens of all three were obtained. Mr. Moore reported a Kingfisher at Haddonfield, N. J., December 9 and Mr. Baily reported one wintering at Mt. Pocono, Pa.