

The Ornithological Section

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THE Annual Meeting of the Section was held in the Wyndham Hall, Taunton Castle, on 20 April 1945, when the Rev. F. L. Blathwayt presided.

The Treasurer presented the financial statement for the year ended 31 December 1944, which showed a credit balance of £17 10s. The balance in hand on the special deposit account amounted to £17 2s. 11d.

The President, the Vice-President, and the Secretary-Treasurer were re-elected. The Editorial Committee was re-elected, Mr. Tetley's place (owing to his death) being filled by Mr. H. H. Davis.

Six of the seven members of the General Committee were re-elected. Owing to the death of Mr. Tetley, Mr. H. H. Davis was elected to fill the vacancy.

In the afternoon a meeting was held, jointly, by the Ornithological Section, the Taunton Field Club, and members of the Society resident in the Taunton area, to hear Mr. Ludwig Koch on 'Songs of Wild Birds and How I Record Them', illustrated by the lecturer's own recordings and by lantern slides. Mr. Koch was thanked by Mr. B. W. Tucker, editor of *British Birds*.

The autumn meeting was held at Bristol on 18 October to examine the books in the Wiglesworth Library in the University buildings.

The President, Mr. H. H. Davis and the Secretary spoke on the life and work of the late Dr. Joseph Wiglesworth and the famous library he had bequeathed to the University of Bristol. Mr. Blathwayt made reference to Dr. Wiglesworth's catalogue and manuscript on Somerset birds which would be deposited at Taunton Castle. Reference was also made to the two large cabinets containing Dr. Wiglesworth's collection of British birds' eggs preserved at Taunton Castle.

H. ST. GEORGE GRAY.