

## The Ornithological Section

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THE Annual Meeting of the Section was held in the Wyndham Hall, Taunton Castle, on 26 April 1946, when the Rev. F. L. Blathwayt presided.

The Treasurer presented the annual statement for the year ended 31 December 1945, which showed a credit balance of £15 15s. 11d. The balance in hand on the special deposit account amounted to £17 11s. 5d.

The President, the Vice-President, and the Secretary-Treasurer were re-elected, and the Rev. C. J. Pring was elected as an additional Vice-President. The General Committee and the Editorial Committee were re-elected.

The day in the week for holding meetings was discussed, and it was resolved that Saturday should be given a trial.

In the afternoon a meeting was held to hear Mr. G. K. Yeates (of Sherborne) on 'The Birds of the Rhone-Delta (Camargue)', illustrated by the lecturer's own lantern slides. Mr. Yeates was thanked by the Rev. C. J. Pring, who had also visited the Camargue.

The autumn meeting was held at Taunton Castle on 14 September, when only eleven members were able to attend, which proved that Saturday was not a popular day.

The annual subscription—a subject which had been discussed at the Annual Meeting—was raised from 2s. 6d. to 4s. to members of the Parent Society, and from 5s. to 7s. 6d. for others.

The meeting concluded with Mr. W. B. Alexander's talk on 'Bird Observatories and their Future', illustrated by lantern slides. The speaker was thanked by Mr. H. H. Davis.

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