

The Ornithological Section

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THE Annual Meeting of the Section was held in the Wyndham Hall, Taunton Castle, on 8 June 1944, when the Rev. F. L. Blathwayt presided.

The Treasurer presented the financial statement for the year ended 31 December 1943, which showed a credit balance of £12 3s. 4d. The balance in hand on the special deposit account amounted to £16 14s. 11d.

The President, the Vice-President, and the Secretary-Treasurer were re-elected. The Editorial Committee of five were also re-elected.

Six of the seven members of the General Committee were re-elected. Capt. R. L. Cochrane, R.N., having resigned, Mr. E. B. Whish was elected to fill the vacancy.

The Wild Birds Protection Committee had no report to present.

In the absence of Mr. H. Tetley, owing to indisposition, Mr. St. George Gray made a short statement with regard to the meeting of representatives of the Nature Reserves Investigation Committee which was held at Bristol University in January.

In the afternoon a lantern lecture was given by Mr. St. George Gray on 'The Somerset Lake Villages, including the natural history of the sites'. This was a joint meeting with some local members of the Som. Arch. & N.H. Society and the Taunton Field Club. The lecturer was thanked by Sir Alexander Rodger.

It was not found possible to arrange for an autumn meeting at Bristol to see the Wiglesworth Library at the University, owing to the death of Mr. H. Tetley, which occurred on 26 September.

H. ST. GEORGE GRAY.

REPORT ON SOMERSET BIRDS, 1944.—The shortened form of this Report was not received in time to be included in this volume; but the 31st Report of the Ornithological Section for 1944 will be issued to the members of the Section in due course.

The Botanical Section

OWING to the restrictions on the use of paper it is regretted that the Botanical Report cannot appear in this year's *Proceedings*. A small number, however, will be printed separately, and those wanting copies should apply to the Secretary. The members of the Botanical Section will be entitled to a copy in any case, and will receive it through the Section.