

The Ornithological Section

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THE Annual Meeting of the Section was held in the Wyndham Hall, Taunton Castle, on 15 April 1942, when the Rev. F. L. Blathwayt presided.

The Treasurer presented the financial statement for the year ended 31 December 1941, which showed a credit balance of £4 5s. 5d. But, it was reported, the sum of £6 18s. 6d. remained to be paid on account of the Annual Report for 1940. The balance in hand on the special deposit account amounted to £24 17s. 2d.

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

The General Committee of seven, and the Wild Birds Protection Committee were re-elected.

Mr. Tetley gave a description of the ornithological library which had been bequeathed some years ago by the late Dr. J. Wigglesworth to the University of Bristol, and who had left a considerable amount of money for the upkeep of and for additions to the Library. To the Somerset A. & N.H. Society the doctor had bequeathed his cabinets of birds' eggs and the sum of £100.

In the afternoon Mr. H. H. Davis, M.B.O.U., gave a lantern lecture on 'The Severn Geese and other Birds of the Estuary'.

H. ST. GEORGE GRAY.

REPORT ON SOMERSET BIRDS, 1942.—The shortened form of this Report was not received in time to be included in this volume; but the 29th Report of the Ornithological Section for 1942 will be issued to the members of the Section in due course.