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THE Annual Meeting of the Section was held in the Wyndham Hall, Taunton Castle, on 18 April 1941, when the Rev. F. L. Blathwayt presided.

The Treasurer presented the financial statement for the year ended 31 December 1940, which showed a credit balance of £2 1s. 10*d.* But, it was reported, the sum of £7 15s. 6*d.* remained to be paid on account of the Annual Report for 1940. The balance in hand on the special deposit account amounted to £24 5s. 2*d.*

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.

Consideration of the protection of the Little Owl was brought forward at the request of the Clerk of the County Council. It was decided to recommend its protection, in which matter they followed the views of the British Trust for Ornithology.

In the afternoon, Mr. H. Tetley, B.Sc., of Bristol Museum, gave a lantern lecture on 'Bird-Life in the Outer Hebrides'.

H. ST. GEORGE GRAY

REPORT ON SOMERSET BIRDS, 1941.—The shortened form of this Report was not received in time to be included in this volume; but the 28th Report of the Ornithological Section for 1941 will be issued to the members of the Section in due course.