

The Ornithological Section

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THE Annual Meeting of the Section was held in the Wyndham Hall, Taunton Castle, on 7 May 1943, when the Rev. F. L. Blathwayt presided.

The Treasurer presented the financial statement for the year ended 31 December 1942, which showed a credit balance of £7 2s. 10d. The balance in hand on the special deposit account amounted to £16 6s. 11d.

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.

The formation of a sub-committee for Nature Reserves Investigation was explained by Mr. H. Tetley and the Secretary. The final decision of the Central Committee was that the local Sub-committee should be formed by the University of Bristol with Mr. Tetley as convener. The Som. A. & N.H. Society, the Wiltshire A. & N.H. Society, and the Cotteswold Naturalists' Society would elect about four representatives each for the Sub-committee; and Mr. Blathwayt was appointed by the Section that day to represent Somerset ornithology.

In the afternoon a lantern lecture was given by the Vice-President, Mr. B. W. Tucker, M.B.O.U., on 'Dutch Birds and Bird Haunts'.

The autumn meeting was held at Taunton Castle on 15 October, when the President occupied the chair. He made reference to the death of Mr. Leyborne-Popham, M.B.O.U.

In the afternoon a lantern lecture was given by Mr. Eric J. Hosking, M.B.O.U., on 'Nature in the Wild', which was illustrated by the speaker's fine photographs. Arrangements were

made that this should be a joint meeting with local members of the Som. A. & N.H. Society and the Taunton Field Club.

H. ST. GEORGE GRAY.

REPORT ON SOMERSET BIRDS, 1943.—The shortened form of this Report was not received in time to be included in this volume; but the 30th Report of the Ornithological Section for 1943 will be issued to the members of the Section in due course.

The Botanical Section

OWING to the ruling of the authorities with regard to 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.