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members (Dr. Dwight, Dr. G. C. Fisher, Dr. Janvrin, and Messrs. Bowdish, Chubb, Davis, Gladden, Granger, Hix, LaDow, Lang, Lewis, Marks, E. G. Nichols, J. T. Nichols, L. N. Nichols, Philipp and Valentine) and fifteen visitors (including Mr. W. DeW. Miller) present.

Messrs. Clark L. Lewis, Jr., Edward G. Nichols and J. Manson Valentine, whose names had been proposed at the preceding meeting, were elected to Resident Membership.

The Acting Secretary read correspondence with Mr. Howard H. Cleaves relative to the publication of his report of the American Bird-Banding Association. After some discussion, a motion was passed empowering the Publication Committee to print the report of Mr. Baldwin's records in the next *Abstract* if Mr. Cleaves's complete report were not submitted by the date when the *Abstract* was ready to go to press.

Mr. Wm. T. Davis showed a photograph of an Osprey (*Pandion haliaëtus carolinensis*) nest on the ground, occupied in 1917 and 1918 on Long Beach, off Orient, L. I. This was thought to be the only ground nest on record except those on Gardiner's Island.

Mr. Granger showed the skull of a Woodchuck (*Marmota monax*), brought to the Museum recently by Mr. Ernest Ingersoll, in which the incisor teeth had undergone remarkable abnormal growth from failure to meet and wear against one another in the normal manner.

Mr. Hix reported three White-tailed Deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*), including two bucks, at Jones Road, near Englewood, N. J., on November 17, 1918.

The paper of the evening was by Mr. Waldron DeWitt Miller, "Remarks on the Woodpeckers." The speaker suggested that the true Woodpeckers (*Picidæ*) with stiffened tails be divided into two subfamilies, the specialized Ivory-bills (*Campephilinæ*) and the others (*Picinæ*) which are less specialized. In his opinion, the zygodactyl foot of the *Picinæ* is not, as popularly supposed, a scansorial adaptation, but an inheritance of a similar foot from birds of perching habits similar to the Barbets (*Capitonidæ*). In the Ivory-bills the foot is not zygodactyl, but all the toes point more or less for-