

The Secretary read the report of the Executive Committee which was taken up clause by clause, and after some discussion adopted. The report contained the following important recommendations :—

“ Moved by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Barber, that at the January meeting of this Association notice be given, and the same is hereby given, that at the February meeting the question of borrowing of birds for exhibition be discussed, and that this Association endeavor to solve the difficulty in a way which will be satisfactory to the fanciers at large as well as those conducting Exhibitions in order not to interfere with the revenue thereof. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Bonnick, seconded by Mr. Durston, that your Committee recommend to this Association, and they do hereby so recommend, that a sale of stock be held at the March meeting, and that all members having stock for sale bring them to that meeting and give all persons desirous of purchasing an opportunity of so doing. Carried.”

Moved by Mr. Miles, seconded by Mr. Brown, that an entrance fee of 5 cts. be charged on each bird brought for sale at the March meeting, and that the Secretary be instructed to place a short advertisement in one or two of the city papers prior to the meeting calling attention to the sale. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Bache, seconded by Mr. Gray, that in future all birds brought to the meetings of this Association be judged by comparison, instead of scoring. Lost.

A large number of birds were on exhibition and prizes awarded as follows :—

POULTRY. Class 1.—Barred Plymouth Rocks ; cock or cockerel, 1st J E Bennett, 2nd C Grimsley, 3rd F & C Coulter ; hen or pullet, 1st J E Bennett, 2nd and 3rd C Grimsley. Class 2.—Silver & golden Wyandottes ; cock or cockerel, 1st J Dorst, 2nd F & C Coulter ; hen or pullet, 1st J Dorst, 2nd and 3rd F & C Coulter. Class 3.—White and Black Wyandottes, Javas and white Plymouth Rocks ; cock or cockerel, 1st and 2nd James Brown ; hen or pullet, 1st and 2nd James Brown.

PIGEONS Class 1.—Barbs, Antwerps & Dragoons ; cock, 1st and 2nd W Fox, 3rd J Powell ; hen, 1st and 2nd W Fox, 3rd J Powell.

Messrs. E. J. Otter and R. Downes judged the poultry and Mr. J. McKenzie the pigeons.

The following varieties will be on exhibition at the February meeting ; Class 1.—Light Brahmas ; Class 2.—Black red and brown-red Game Bantams ; Class 3.—Pile and Duckwing Game Bantams ; Class 4.—A.O.V. Game Ban-

tams ; Class 5.—White and black Minorcas ; Class 6.—Spanish, Andalusians and Dorkings.

The Judges are as follows : Light Brahmas, Mr. J. E. Bennett ; Game Bantams, Mr. Gordon Henderson ; white and black Minorcas, Mr. John Gray ; Spanish, Andalusians and Dorkings, Mr. John Miles.

The meeting adjourned at 10.30. Receipts for the evening \$7.60.

THOMAS A. DUFF,
Secretary.

POPULAR QUESTIONS ANSWERED BY PRACTICAL BREEDERS.

How do you feed laying hens in winter, with the object of getting the greatest number of eggs and under what conditions are they kept ?

Feed soft feed in the morning, composed of cooked potatoes or carrots, mixed with shorts or ground oats, the latter preferred, and at night wheat or oats. I have secured the best results from a liberal supply of oats, for breeding or laying hens, rarely being troubled with soft shelled eggs. I supply them with sufficient grit, and fresh water at all times, and warm dry quarters with plenty of chaff to work in.

Malvern.

GEO. ROBINS.

Before I start feeding for eggs I make sure my birds are all sufficiently developed to produce eggs or through moult, then feed in morning cut clover with bran and shorts sprinkled and mixed thoroughly through it. I use a large steamer fill it at night and thoroughly wet it with boiling or hot water, I feed this every morning, they get nothing more until evening, then they get corn. Occasionally I throw oats in the litter on floor, I also feed chopped onions three or four times a week. shells and grit, charcoal and plenty of fresh water before them at all times, cabbage hung up before them so they have to jump for it. Above all keep nests and dropping boards clean. By this process I have never failed to get good results. Once each month I burn pine tar and carbolic acid in the pens which keeps them sweet.

Galt.

S. M. CLEMO.

I always have eggs in the winter months. Last January I got 148 eggs, February 99 and March 208 from 17 hens, and this January I have received 53 up to date. Early morning meal I give them wheat of the finest quality warmed in the oven, and whole corn at noon. I only feed twice a day in the winter months, I keep them always supplied