

Part III, 'Conclusions' (pp. 333-358), relates mainly to a discussion of the component elements of the ornithology of Kamtschatka and, incidentally, of the Commander Islands, and consists of a series of 'Tables' (numbered I to XX), showing the faunal relations of the various Kamtschatkan species, genera, etc., with explanatory and analytical text. The bird fauna of the Commander Islands is essentially Kamtschatkan, only eleven species occurring there which are either American or peculiar to the Islands. Of the Kamtschatkan species 22.3 per cent are 'Circumpolar,' 21.1 per cent are 'Palæarctic,' 16 per cent are 'Pacific,' 4.6 per cent are 'American,' 5.1 per cent 'Siberian,' and 30.9 per cent 'East Asiatic or peculiar.' The peculiarities of distribution displayed by certain species is the subject of much interesting comment.

The work closes with a sketch map of the region under consideration, a list of illustrations, and a very carefully prepared index.—J. A. A.

Torrey's 'Birds in the Bush.'*—Under this characteristic title. Mr. Torrey has presented the public with a collection of his field studies in bird life, most of them previously published in the 'Atlantic' or other literary magazines. The author is thoroughly in sympathy with the feathered denizens of field and wood,—a bird-lover of the ardent sort. His pages show that he is even more than this—a keen, discriminating field naturalist, able to correctly identify his birds—to a fair degree an ornithologist, with much book-knowledge of birds, as well as more than a speaking acquaintance with the birds themselves. He not only sees well, and listens well, but is able to tell felicitously what he has seen and heard. While the ornithologist will find in these pages much that is not new to him he will be interested and entertained by the manner of the telling, not a little that has never been so well told before, and not unfrequently features of bird-life delineated that have not before found their way into print. In short, the book is a delightful series of field studies, intermixed with a little moralizing from the bird point of view, seldom monotonous, and never wearisome,—a book which not only bird-lovers, but most ornithologists will find entertaining and instructive. An indication of the character of the contents may be derived from the following list of the titles of the Chapters: 'On Boston Common'; 'Bird-Songs'; 'Character in Feathers'; 'In the White Mountains'; 'Phillida and Coridon'; 'Scraping Acquaintance'; 'Minor Songsters'; 'Winter Birds about Boston'; 'A Bird-Lover's April'; 'An Owl's Head Holiday'; 'A Month's Music.'—J. A. A.

Holder's Catalogue of the Birds of Lynn, Mass.—Dr. Holder's original Catalogue† was published in December, 1846, as 'Number I' of the 'Publications of the Lynn Natural History Society,' and is therefore one of the earliest of the 'local lists.' It has been long out of print, and practically

* Birds in the Bush. By Bradford Torrey. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin and Company, 1885. 12 mo., pp. 300.

† Catalogue of the Birds noticed in the vicinity of Lynn, Mass., during the years 1844-'5-'6. By J. B. Holder. 8vo., pp. 8. No date. [Nov., 1885.]

inaccessible. It is a nominal list of 185 species; and its chief interest now is that of a 'pioneer' list. In its present form it is very nearly a literal reprint of the original (we are informed that a few typographical errors have been corrected). It can be had, we are desired to state, free of cost on application to the author, whose address is 'American Museum of Natural History, New York City.'—J. A. A.

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