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It is to be hoped that the author will continue his observations, and after several years more of field work will give us a further report upon the fauna of his neighborhood. Probably he will be able to record the occurrence of some species not yet noted, and may find reason to change a few of his statements as to habits and abundance. — C. F. B.

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GENERAL NOTES.

Larus atricilla at Springfield, Mass.—Yesterday I captured near Springfield a Laughing Gull (*Larus atricilla*). This fact may not be worthy of note, but not having seen or heard of one here before, I conclude it was a rare bird to find so far in the interior. The Great Black-backed, Herring, and Ring-billed Gulls are often here.—ROBERT O. MORRIS, *Springfield, Mass., Oct. 2, 1887.*

The Yellow-nosed Albatross (*Thalassogeron culminatus*) in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.—During a recent visit to the Museum of Laval University,