

cordance and Index,' "in the order in which they stand in his 'Beiträge, with a reference to the volume and page of the 'Reise' or 'Beiträge' where they were first described," while "in the second column is given the equivalent name under which they are treated in the present paper, the figures at the extreme right referring to the page where the species is considered."

The paper is an extremely important one, and in its preparation the author has performed a good work, for which students of South American ornithology will be grateful.—R. R.

Dionne's Catalogue of the Birds of Quebec.*—The writer modestly expresses a hope that his work will be of some use as a guide to the young ornithologists of Quebec. This is evidently its chief purpose, and is one that cannot fail to be amply fulfilled. The Catalogue follows the classification and nomenclature of the A. O. U. Check-List, and gives also—as an aid in reference to earlier writers—the names and numbers borne by each species in the check-lists of Baird, Coues, and Ridgway. Following this comes a generalized statement of the bird's distribution, adapted from the A. O. U. Check-List, together with information as to its occurrence, abundance, times of appearance, etc., in the Province of Quebec. Of the 273 species and subspecies recorded, the following seem noteworthy: *Megalestris skua*, *Larus brachyrhynchus*, *Puffinus cinereus*, *Anas strepera*, *Ardea cœrulea*, *Otocoris alpestris praticola*, *Pica pica hudsonica*, *Ammodramus caudacutus subvirgatus*, *Pipilo erythrophthalmus*, *Piranga rubra*. It is to be regretted that in recording rarities Mr. Dionne does not always give full particulars and, in some of these cases, that the specimens were not identified by some ornithologist of unquestionable authority.

The author justly regrets the scantiness of the data at his command, and, doubtless, more field work in his own neighborhood would have led him to change some statements, especially as to the abundance of certain species. Nevertheless he gives us much valuable information, and a book that promises to serve so well the purpose for which it was written may well be spared too searching criticism.—C. F. B.

Proceedings of the Linnæan Society.†—The Linnæan Society has recently issued a brief 'abstract' of its Proceedings for the year ending March 7, 1890. "A large proportion of the papers read before the Society have been published in 'The Auk,' 'Forest and Stream,' and the 'Bulletin of the American Museum of Natural History,'" and are only mentioned here. The bulk of the abstract is made up of brief items, chiefly ornithological, and many of them of much importance. The only paper of any

* Catalogue | des | Oiseaux | de la Province de Québec | avec des Notes sur leur Distribution Géographique | par | C. E. Dionne | [cut] | Québec | des Presses à Vapeur de J. Dussault, | Port Dauphin | 1889. 8vo. pp. 119.

† Abstract | of the Proceedings of the | Linnæan Society | of | New York | for the Year ending March 7, 1890. 8vo. pp. 10.