

Torrey's 'The Foot-Path Way.'<sup>1</sup> — Mr. Torrey's writings always have a charm in their happily worded sentences that never dull the delicate edge of his humor, and that bring us the fragrance of the northern woods without loss of any of its freshness, but each time he gathers together a new volume we realize more and more the weightier reasons for his preëminence in the group of writers with whom one naturally associates him. He is not merely a philosopher and a sayer of happy things. He observes nature keenly as well as sympathetically, and with a spirit of scientific caution that stamps his work with a value which the writings of many a more prominent ornithologist will never possess.

About two thirds of the chapters in the present collection are devoted to birds, and in them he tells much that is interesting besides some facts of real importance—as for instance the record of the Pine Grosbeak as a summer bird on Mt. Lafayette, New Hampshire. Two chapters are given to his experience of the breeding habits of *Trochilus colubris*; there is another upon 'Robin Roosts'; and such titles as 'June in Franconia,' 'The Passing of the Birds,' 'A Great Blue Heron,' and 'December Out-of-doors,' give a fair idea of the other ornithological contents of the volume. Most of the chapters have already appeared in the pages of the 'Atlantic Monthly,' but their reappearance in the present form deserves a cordial welcome. — C. F. B.

**Ornithological Report of the Canadian Institute.**<sup>2</sup>—This publication is a record of the members' observations reported at the meetings from April 15, 1890, to June 9, 1891. It contains among other things a detailed report, of fourteen pages, from a number of observers, on the occurrence of the Evening Grosbeak in Ontario during the winter of 1889-90, and an annotated list, by W. L. Kells, of nearly a hundred and fifty species occurring at Listowel, Ontario. In addition to these there are a multitude of brief notes, some of the highest interest, others less important, relating many of them to habits, but the majority to dates of migration, etc., of various species, rare and common. With hardly an exception the localities referred to are all within the Province of Ontario. It is impossible here to quote any, even the most interesting, of the records, in spite of the importance of many of them, especially of such as bear upon the faunal peculiarities of the region.

The number of persons who have contributed to the report is large, and their work seems, on the whole, to show unusual accuracy as well as

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<sup>2</sup> Proceedings | of the | Ornithological Sub-section | of the Biological Section of the | Canadian Institute | for | 1890-91 | edited by the editing committee. | (Extracted from the Proceedings of the Canadian Institute by permission | of the Council.) | — | Price - -25 cents. | — | Toronto: | The Copp, Clark Company, Limited, | 9 Front Street West. | — | Published Nov. 1892. — Proc. Canad. Inst., Vol. III, pp. 27-89.

activity in the field. If they can continue to accumulate data at the present rate, we may soon hope to know more of the birds of the Province than of almost any other part of Canada.

The only serious fault to be found is with the arrangement of the matter, which seems to have been printed in the order in which the observations happened to be reported at the successive meetings. There is a vast mass of valuable material, but much of it is, for this reason, almost inaccessible. This difficulty might have been to a great extent remedied by a good index, which is sadly lacking.—C. F. B.

**Publications Received.**—Allen, J. A. On a collection of Birds from Chapada, Matto Grosso, Brazil, made by Mr. H. H. Smith. Part II. Tyrannidæ. (Bull. Amer. Mus. Nat. Hist., IV, pp. 331-350.)

**Büttikofer, J.** (1) A Review of the genus *Rhipidura*, with an enumeration of the specimens in the Leyden Museum. (Notes from the Leyden Mus., XV, pp. 65-98.) (2) Europäische Zugvögel als Gäste in Liberia. (Hauptberichte des II-ten Internat. orn. Congress zu Budapest.)

**Chapman, Frank M.** Notes on Birds and Mammals observed near Trinidad, Cuba, with Remarks on the origin of West Indian Bird-Life. (Bull. Am. Mus. Nat. Hist., IV, pp. 279, 330.)

**Cory, Charles B.** Catalogue of West Indian Birds. Containing a list of all species known to occur in the Bahama Islands, the Greater Antilles, the Caymans, and the Lesser Antilles, excepting the Islands of Tobago and Trinidad. 4to, Boston, 1892.

**Dixon, Charles.** The Migration of Birds, an Attempt to reduce Avian Season-Flight to Law. 8vo. London, 1892.

**Hartert, Ernst.** (1) On the Birds of East Prussia. (Ibis, 1892, pp. 504-522.) (2) On a little-known Species of Lark, of the Genus *Otocorys*. (Ibis, 1892, pp. 522, 523, pl. xiii.)

**Leverkühn, Paul.** (1) Bericht über eine Reise nach Ungarn im Frühjahr 1891. (Hauptberichte des II-ten intern. orn. Congress zu Budapest.) (2) Zur neuen ornithologischen Nomenclatur. (Die Schwalbe, XV, No. 7.) (3) Ornithologisches aus Schiltberger's Reise. (*Ibid.*, Nos. 13 and 20.) (4) Ueber eine interessante Schwarzspecht-Höhle. (Orn. Monatsschrift des Deuts. Ver. zum Schutze der Vogelwelt, XVI, No. 9.) (5) Litterarisches über das Steppenhuhn, nebst Original-Mittheilungen über die 1888er Invasion. (*Ibid.*, No. 2.) (6) Ueber eine abnorm gefärbte Ente. (Zeitschr. f. Orn. u. prakt. Geflügelzucht, XVI, p. 102.)

**Lockwood, Samuel.** Why the Mockingbirds left New Jersey—a Geological Reason. (Am. Nat., Aug. 1892.)

**Shufeldt, R. W.** Ridgway on the Anatomy of Hummingbirds and Swifts. (Am. Nat., Oct. 1892.)

**Stejneger, Leonhard.** Two Additions to the Japanese Avifauna, including descriptions of a New Species. (Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., XV, pp. 371-373.)

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