

devoted to illustrating the nests of birds. Part III contains plates of the nests and eggs or nests and young of the Long-tailed Tit (two plates), Black-headed Gull, Little Grebe (two plates), Golden Plover, Lapwing (two plates), Herring Gull, Greenshank. In Part IV, nests of the following species are figured: Woodcock, Oyster-catcher (two plates), Tree Pipit, Reed Bunting, Ringed Plover (two plates), Little Tern (two plates), Jackdaw.—F. M. C.

Birds of Wellesley.¹—The author states that this list “is designed especially for the use of students in Wellesley College, and others interested in the bird-life of Wellesley and surrounding towns, its chief purpose being to give an approximately correct idea of the bird-life of the district, and serve as a convenient pocket guide to observations,” and it is admirably adapted to meet this end. It is well summarized as containing “75 water-birds and 169 land-birds, in all 244 species and varieties. Of these about 23 are visitors from the coast, and about 36 are accidental wanderers from various points of the compass, chiefly from the West and South. Of the 185 species remaining, 95 land-birds and 20 water-birds are fairly common, and should be met with by an ordinary observer in the course of a year, while the remaining 70 are either scarce or irregular in distribution, and are unlikely to be seen except by special effort or good fortune.”

Each species is annotated with reference to its time and manner of occurrence, haunts, and in the case of breeding species, location of nests, and there are also cross-references to text-books treating of the birds of the same region.

While lists of this kind may not have sufficient value to deserve publication in an ornithological magazine or the proceedings of a natural history society, their value to local bird-students is undoubted, and we trust Mr. Morse's excellent list may be followed by others of similar character throughout the country.—F. M. C.

Nehrling's Birds: Vol. II.²—Previous notices³ of this interesting work have given its scope and character so fully that the reviewer in the present instance has little to do beyond attesting the fidelity with which the promise of earlier portions has been kept to the end, and congrat-

¹ Annotated List of Birds of Wellesley and Vicinity, Comprising the Land-birds and most of the Inland Water-fowl of Eastern Massachusetts. By Albert Pitts Morse, Curator of the Zoölogical Museum, Wellesley College. Published by the Author: Wellesley, Mass., 1897. 16mo, pp. 56, one plate.

² Our Native Birds of Song and Beauty, being . . . etc. By Henry Nehrling. Vol II. Milwaukee: George Brumder. 1896. Large 4to or sm. folio, title-leaf and pp. 1-452, pll. col'd xix-xxxvi. (Pub. in Parts, 1894-96.)

³ Auk, Jan. 1890, p. 70; Apr. 1894, pp. 160, 161.