

persons living on the island, besides forming a valuable contribution to ornithology. — J. A. A.

Mrs. Miller's 'The Second Book of Birds'.¹—Mrs. Miller's 'Second Book of Birds'² treats briefly of twenty-eight families of the land birds of North America, beginning with the Thrushes and ending with the Vultures. Generally several typical members of each family are treated at greater or less length, their leading traits being sketched in simple language, without technicalities, the accounts being pleasantly enlivened with anecdotes of particular birds, or pairs of birds, that have come under the writer's personal observation, or derived from authentic sources. The book is thus well adapted to interest beginners in the study of ornithology, and especially to help the younger aspirants to secure some knowledge of birds and bird-ways. Its influence will be eminently healthful in stimulating interest in the living bird and its welfare.

In an appendix of eight pages the characters by which the families may be distinguished are briefly given, including a few remarks on their food and habits. The twenty-four full-page plates, eight of which are colored, after designs by Mr. Fuertes, give full-length portraits of some representative species of nearly all of the families treated. Altogether the book is well designed to fill its intended rôle. — J. A. A.

Lord's Birds of Oregon and Washington.¹—Mr. Lord's little book on the birds of Oregon and Washington is a 'first book' in a double sense, it being the first formal treatise on the birds of these two States, and also a 'first book' in the sense that it is especially intended for beginners. It treats of about one hundred and fifty species, mostly the commoner land birds, excluding, however, the game birds. "The book is also limited," says the author, "in that it seeks mainly to help one to become acquainted with the birds by sight and song, leaving, for the most part, a treatment of the habits of birds, their nesting, etc., for later study." The book was prompted by the difficulties the author himself experienced in trying to

¹ The Second Book | of Birds | Bird Families | By Olive Thorne Miller | With eight colored plates from designs | by Louis Agassiz Fuertes, | and six- | teen other full-page | illustrations | [Vignette] Boston and New York | Houghton, Mifflin and Company | The Riverside Press, Cambridge | 1901. — Sq. 12mo. pp. viii+210, pll. 24. Price \$1.00.

² For a notice of the 'First Book' see Auk XVI, 1899, p. 368.

³ A First Book upon the Birds of Oregon and Washington. A Pocket Guide and Pupil's Assistant in a study of the more common Land Birds and a few of the Shore and Water Birds of these States. By William Rogers Lord. Revised and enlarged edition, 1902. William Rogers Lord, Office of the J. K. Gill Company, Portland, Oregon. — 16mo, pp. 1-304 + i-iv, with 20 full-page half-tone plates. Price 75 cents.

become acquainted, in the absence of any such aid, with the birds of Oregon on first visiting the State a few years since.

The subject matter is arranged under seven chapter headings, with supplemental matter in the form of keys for identification, etc. Chapter V, 'How to name the Birds,' occupies about two thirds of the book, and contains brief 'general descriptions' of the species treated, consisting of a short summary of the external characters of each and a brief notice of its song and leading personal traits, followed by a more detailed or 'particular description' of its external appearance. The species are arranged in heterogeneous order, on the principle "mainly . . . of interest and discovery rather than the one of artificial classification"; but some offset to this disorder is furnished by the list of the species at the end of the book, where they are enumerated in the order of the A. O. U. Check-List.

This 'First Book' will undoubtedly prove a great help to those for whom it has been especially prepared, and the issue of a second "corrected and enlarged edition" within three weeks of the publication of the first, indicates that it is meeting with a cordial welcome from the bird-loving portion of the public in the States to which it relates. —J. A. A.

Witherby's 'Bird Hunting on the White Nile.' ¹—Mr. Witherby's little book is an interesting narrative of his experiences during a collecting trip to the Soudan in 1900, including an account of the country and the people as well as of the birds and mammals. The chapter on 'Camping and Collecting,' as well as that entitled 'Birds,' is especially instructive and entertaining. At the end of the book a nominal list is given of the birds collected or observed, and another of the mammals. A more extended and formal report on the birds was published in 'The Ibis' for 1901 (pp. 237-278). The chapters composing the present work were published serially in the journal 'Knowledge' during 1901, but their interest well warrants their republication in a more convenient and permanent form.—J. A. A.

Publications Received.—**Bangs, Outram.** (1) Description of a new Woodpecker from Chiriqui. (Proc. N. Engl. Zool. Soc., II, pp. 99, 100, Dec. 30, 1901.) (2) On a Second Collection of Birds made in Chiriqui, by W. W. Brown, Jr. (*Ibid.*, III, pp. 15-70, Jan. 30, 1902.)

¹ Bird Hunting | on the | White Nile | a Naturalist's Experiences in the | Soudan. | By | Harry F. Witherby, | Fellow of the Zoölogical Society; Member of | the British Ornithological Union; Author of "Two Months on the Guadalquiver," etc. | London : | The Office of "Knowledge," | 326 High Holborn, 1902. —8vo, pp. 117, with numerous half-tone illustrations. Price, 2s 6d.