

and also other tables and charts relating to bird migration for the same period and locality. The usefulness of this effort to aid beginners in becoming acquainted with wild birds in life seems to be attested by the appearance of the present revised edition.—J. A. A.

Snow's Catalogue of Kansas Birds.—Professor Snow has recently issued a fifth edition of his Catalogue of Kansas Birds,¹ which first appeared in April, 1872, and was reissued, with additions, in July, and again in October, of the same year, the latter being commonly known as the 'second edition,' though here counted as the third. In 1875 a 'third' ("in reality the fourth") edition was issued, dated on the title-page "November, 1875," and "January, 1876," on the first page of the text, and now stated to have been "complete to Jan. 1, 1876." The history and character of these earlier editions is here given, followed by extended comment on Goss's and Lantz's Catalogues and especially on Prof. D. E. Lantz's 'Review of Kansas Ornithology,' published in 1899 (see Auk, XVI, pp. 364, 365). There is considerable criticism of Lantz's 'Review,' but the general tone seems rather hypercritical. The author treats the historic portion of his subject (pp. 1-11) at length, and in minute detail, even to points of trivial importance.

Upon this thorough foundation of criticism and research, such as the bird fauna of few States has received, Professor Snow proceeds to give us a 'Catalogue of the Birds of Kansas,' in which all species attributed to Kansas whose occurrence in the State "cannot be verified by actual captures since the opening of the University of Kansas, in September, 1886," are excluded, including 14 species entered in his earlier editions on the manuscript authority of Dr. T. M. Brewer and Prof. Spencer F. Baird. The list, as now revised and annotated, includes 342 species and subspecies, not one of which is apparently open to question. While doubtless others may be added by future captures within the State, we have here a most thorough and up-to-date exposition of the bird fauna of Kansas.—J. A. A.

Proceedings of the Nebraska Ornithologists' Union.—The Proceedings of the Third Annual Meeting of the Nebraska Ornithologists' Union forms a thick pamphlet of 108 pages, well illustrated with sixteen half-tone plates and about one hundred text cuts. The meeting was held at Lincoln, Nebraska, Feb. 1, 1902, with the President, Erwin H. Barbour, in the chair and 19 members present. The officers elected for the ensuing year were: President, J. M. Bates; Vice-President, Mrs. George H.

¹A Catalogue of the Birds of Kansas (fifth edition) with Notes upon Preceding Catalogues and Lists. By Francis H. Snow, Ph. D., LL. D., of the University of Kansas. 8vo, pp. 23, May, 1903. Reprinted from Vol. XVIII, Trans. Kansas Acad. Sciences.