

Huntington's 'Our Feathered Game.'¹—In a single volume of about 400 pages Mr. Huntington treats of all of the species of North American birds commonly hunted as game, among which are included the Bobolink and Mourning Dove, but not the Robin nor the Meadowlark. Of the former he says: "I have placed the Bobolink at the end of my list, a place most convenient to strike it off, and I hope before long the handsome song-bird of the meadows will not be an object of pursuit." In respect to the Mourning Dove he is less lenient, and although he mentions the States which have prohibited its shooting, he decidedly favors its continued treatment as a game bird.

This book is written by a sportsman, for sportsmen, and from the sportsman's point of view, and should prove welcome to such as care for a 'manual' of North American game birds in a single volume. The first chapter is introductory, treating of the changed conditions as regards the present scarcity of game birds, methods of hunting, stringent game laws, etc., in comparison with twenty-five years ago, when feathered game was abundant and the hunter could shoot whenever and wherever he pleased, with no limit to the bag. While the author manifests regret at the passing of these 'good old times,' he recognizes the necessity for stringent game protection. Chapters follow on 'Guns and Dogs,' and 'Game Clubs, Parks, and Preserves.' The rest of the book is divided into four sections and an appendix, treating respectively of (1) Gallinaceous Birds; (2) Wild-Fowl, or Swimmers; (3) Shore Birds or Waders; (4) Cranes, Rails, and Reed Birds, Wild Pigeons and Doves; (5) Appendix, giving brief descriptions of the species. The purpose and character of the book is well expressed in the author's closing paragraph of the introduction: "My observation of the birds is from the sportsman's blind, or as he sees them in a tramp across the field, with dog and gun; a sufficient description, however, being given in the notes at the end of the volume to enable the reader to identify the species. We do not go to the museums to compare skins with the naturalists in the hope of creating a subspecies, but to the fields to shoot over those still open, as well as on club-grounds and private preserves, making some inquiry by the way as to the natural history of our game, and the new methods of preservation and propagation." The eight full-page colored plates of shooting scenes are in the style of this author's well-known illustrations published in his 'In Brush, Sedge, and Stubble' (folio, 1899,) since republished as 'The True Game Birds,' while the 135 full-length 'bird portraits' are arranged in 29 half-tone plates at the end of the volume.—J. A. A.

¹ Our Feathered Game | A Handbook of the | North American Game Birds | By | Dwight W. Huntington | With eight full-page shooting scenes in color | and one hundred and thirty-five bird portraits | Charles Scribner's Sons | New York, 1903—Crown 8vo, pp. xii + 396, 8 col. pll., 29 half-tone pll. Price, \$2.00; postage, 15 cts.