

by Dr. Hartert in a later number (No. 7, December, pp. 208-222) in a paper entitled 'On Birds represented in the British Isles by peculiar forms,' twenty-two in number, the history and the characters of each of which are presented.

There are also continued papers running through several numbers each, as 'Nesting Habits observed abroad of some Rare British Birds,' by F. C. Selous; 'On the More Important Additions to our Knowledge of British Birds since 1899,' by H. F. Witherby and N. F. Ticehurst; 'Nesting Birds and Some of the Problems they present,' by W. P. Pycraft; 'Wind and Flight,' by F. W. Headley, etc. Each number contains also several pages of 'Notes,' and a number of reviews of new books and papers. There are also memoirs of Professor Alfred Newton, by Dr. Sharpe, and of Howard Saunders, by Abel Chapman, each with a portrait.

As shown by the foregoing, there was evidently a field for a magazine like 'British Birds,' and, furthermore, that the field is now excellently filled by this new Journal.—J. A. A.

Godman's Monograph of the Petrels.¹—Part I of this beautiful monograph treats of 24 species, of which 20 are figured, belonging to the genera *Procellaria*, *Halocyptena*, *Oceanodroma*, *Garodia*, *Pelagodroma*, *Pealea*, and *Cymodroma*. The synonymy and bibliographical references are followed by a Latin diagnosis, a fairly full biography, and by an account of the various plumages of the species. The subject seems to be brought well up to date, both as to the technical and biographical details.

It may be noted that *Oceanodroma socorroensis* Townsend, 1890, is referred to *O. monorhis* Swinhoe, 1867, and that *O. monorhis chapmani* Berlepsch, 1906, is not considered as separable from *O. monorhis* after an examination of the types, kindly submitted to the author of the 'Monograph' for study. On p. 9, *O. beldingi* is evidently a lapsus for *O. beali*.

This useful work is a most welcome and important contribution to the literature of these little-known birds. As we have already announced (*antea*, p. 105), the 'Monograph' is to be issued in five quarterly parts, and will contain over 100 hand-colored plates.—J. A. A.

Mathews's 'Handlist of the Birds of Australasia.'²—This is stated by the author to be preliminary to his proposed work 'The Coloured Figures

¹ A | Monograph | of the | Petrels | (order Tubinares) | By F. Du Cane Godman | D. C. L. F. R. S. President of the British | Ornithologists' Union etc, etc. | With hand-coloured Plates | by J. G. Keulemans | In Five Parts | Part I. | Witherby & Co. | 326 High Holborn London | December 1907 — Large roy. 4to, pp. 1-68, pll. i-v, va, vi-xix. Subscription price, £2 5s. per part.

² Handlist | of the | Birds of Australia | By Gregory M. Mathews | F. L. S., F. Z. S., M. B. O. U., &c. | With an Introductory Letter | by R. Bowdler Sharpe, L.L. D. | Assistant Keeper, Department of Zoology, British Museum. | Melbourne: | Walker, May & Co., Printers, Mackillop Street | (off 390 Little Collins Street) | 1908.—Supplement to 'The Emu,' Vol. VII, January, 1908, pp.1-108.