

of treatment found in the two preceding sections. The orders treated in their entirety are the Ardeiformes, Phœnicopteriformes and Anseriformes, while the first few pages are taken up with the last of the text on the Charadriiformes. The account of the habits of the Steamer Duck (*Tachyeres cinereus*), compiled from numerous sources, and the plate of three progressive stages of the downy young of the same peculiar species are of particular interest.

Owing to the death of both of the authors of the third and preceding portions of this report the preparation of the remaining installments has been placed in the hands of Mr. Witmer Stone, who also read the proof-sheets of the present section, although as presented it is entirely the work of the deceased authors.— J. A. G. R.

Kuser's Birds of Somerset Hills.¹— In this dainty little volume Mr. Kuser has presented the results of his studies of the birds of Somerset County, northern New Jersey. The species are arranged according to their haunts, and their habits and plumages briefly described, while there are colored illustrations from paintings by Mr. C. A. Reed. There are special chapters on The Increase and Decrease of Birds, My Best Day's Record — 64 species, Calendar of Bird Migration in Somerset Hills, Terms used to denote the Abundance or Rarity of Birds, List of Birds Observed in the Somerset Hills, and The Horrors of the Taking of Aigrettes. The book is tastefully gotten up and beautifully printed and the subject matter cannot fail to interest its readers in birds and their protection.— W. S.

Murphy on Birds of Prospect Park, Brooklyn.²— Mr. Murphy contributes a nominal list of 147 species of birds observed in Prospect Park, Brooklyn, by members of the 'Bird Lovers' Club of Brooklyn' during the past six years. Twelve of these have not been recorded from Central Park, New York, while eighteen species seen by observers in the latter locality have not been found in Prospect Park.

The list will be interesting to those engaged in observing birds in other public parks and reservations in or about our large cities.— W. S.

Bragg's Supplement to the Birds of South Carolina.³— This list is intended as supplementary to Mr. Arthur T. Wayne's 'Birds of South Carolina,' published by the Museum in 1910. It contains notes on ninety-six species, giving additional records, exceptional dates of occurrence and

¹ The Birds of Somerset Hills. By John Dryden Kuser. Published by the Author. 1912. Svo., pp. 1-160, pl. 22 and a map.

² The Birds of Prospect Park, Brooklyn. By R. C. M(urphy). The Museum News, published by the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, Vol. 7, No. 8, May, 1912.

³ Birds of South Carolina. Supplement. By L. M. Bragg. Bull. Charleston Museum, Vol. 8, Nos. 2-3, Feb. and March, 1912.