

north to the Transition zone, east of the coast district; *A. h. sanctilucae*, southern Lower California; *A. h. cognata* Galapagos Islands, *A. h. hyperonca* subsp. nov., Pacific coast region of U. S.; *A. h. oligista* subsp. nov., Santa Barbara Islands, California; *A. h. fannini*, Pacific coast of north-western North America; *A. h. lessonii*, Mexico to northern South America.— W. S.

**Torrey's 'Field-Days in California.'**<sup>1</sup>— Our pleasure in turning the pages of this last volume of Bradford Torrey is mingled with sadness at the thought that the pen, which for so many years depicted for us the ever-changing face of nature, is forever stilled.

This little book treats of the experiences of the last few years of his life, which were spent in California; and it is particularly interesting to those bird-lovers who are familiar only with the Atlantic slope as it depicts so vividly the easterner's impressions of the birds of 'the coast.'

There is a frontispiece portrait of the author and eight plates illustrating localities treated in the book, in two of which Mr. Torrey himself appears. The Chapter headings are, A California Beach; In the Estero; An Exciting Forenoon; A Long Procession; A Visitation of Swans; My First Condor; My First Water-Ouzels; An Unsuccessful Hunt; Yellow-billed Magpies; Some Rock-haunting Birds; Under the Redwoods; In the Santa Cruz Mountains; Reading a Check-List; On Foot in the Yosemite; A Bird-Gazer at the Grand Cañon.

The Chapter on the A. O. U. Check-List will be read with much interest and the Committee we feel sure will be gratified with Mr. Torrey's opinion of this volume, that 'there's plenty of good reading in the Check-List,' while they will be surprised to see what inspiration he derives from its pages.

'Field Days in California' will take its place as the fitting completion of a series of nature studies which will continue in the future, as they have in the past, to delight all lovers of the great out doors, to sharpen our powers of observation and to help us the better to appreciate what we see.— W. S.

**Nelson on Two New Birds from Panama.**<sup>2</sup>— The specimens here described are from the rich collections made by Mr. E. A. Goldman on the Smithsonian Survey of Panama. Mr. Nelson names them *Capito maculicoronatus pirrensis*, the Mount Pirri Barbet, and *Pseudotriccus pelzelni berlepschi*, the Berlepsch Flycatcher.— W. S.

**Bent on a New Crossbill from Newfoundland.**<sup>3</sup>— A series of eleven Crossbills obtained by Dr. L. C. Sanford in Newfoundland prove to be

<sup>1</sup> Field-Days in California | By | Bradford Torrey | With Illustrations from Photographs | [vignette] | Boston and New York | Houghton Mifflin Company | The Riverside Press, Cambridge | 1913. 12mo, pp. 1-235. Frontispiece portrait and eight half-tone plates. \$1.50 net.

<sup>2</sup> Two New Species of Birds from the Slopes of Mount Pirri, Eastern Panama. *Smithson. Misc. Collec.*, Vol. 60, No. 21, pp. 1-2. February 26, 1913.

<sup>3</sup> A New Subspecies of Crossbill from Newfoundland. By A. C. Bent. *Smithson. Misc. Collec.*, Vol. 60, No. 15, pp. 1-3. December 12, 1912.