

attractive portraits of some of the more interesting birds of the Colony, while the 95 text figures illustrate structural characters of many of the genera.

The classification is the same as that followed by Brabourne and Chubb in their 'List of the Birds of South America,' but the nomenclature has been revised where further research rendered it necessary. Three forms are described as new, from specimens in the McConnell collection, viz.: *Ortygops notata duncani* (p. 74), Abary River, *Creciscus melanophæus macconnelli* (p. 75), Bonasika River, and *Ciccaba superciliaris macconnelli* (p. 290) Ituribisi River.

Judging by the first volume Mr. Chubb's book is most welcome, and will be of the greatest value to students of neotropical birds, as well as to the general reader who wishes to ascertain what is known of the habits of the birds of this part of South America.

The recent activity in the study of the birds of this great southern continent has resulted in such a flood of descriptions of supposed new subspecies that to those not in the closest touch with the work, the whole subject seems a maze. A work, therefore, of the kind before us which brings together all the data bearing upon a particular area, and presents it in a systematic manner, seems especially timely.

The typography of the volume is good and we congratulate both Mr. Chubb and Mrs. McConnell upon the excellence of the work that they have brought out.— W. S.

Chapman's 'The Travels of Birds.'¹— Dr. Chapman's latest contribution to popular ornithology is a little text book on bird migration entitled 'The Travels of Birds,' illustrated by text cuts by E. J. Sawyer. The twelve chapters bear the following headings which indicate pretty clearly the subjects which are considered: 'Birds as Travellers'; 'Preparing for the Journey'; 'First Flights'; 'The Bird's Air Line'; 'The Bird's Time-table'; 'The Day Flyers'; 'The Night Flyers'; 'The Travels of the Bobolink'; 'Some Famous Bird Travellers'; 'The Dangers on the Way'; 'The Bird's Compass'; 'Why Birds Travel.' The style is clear and devoid of all technicalities while the information presented is based upon the author's wide experience and upon the writings of other ornithologists, notably those of the late Wells W. Cooke, to whose memory the little volume is appropriately dedicated. Each chapter concludes with a series of questions bearing upon the subject just considered, entitled 'Suggestions for Study.' The book will form an admirable one for nature study classes in schools or elsewhere, and will give the general reader a clear, 'up to date' knowledge of one of the most interesting phenomena of bird life.— W. S.

¹ The Travels of Birds. Our Birds and their Journeys to Strange Lands. Frank M. Chapman. The Bird's Historian. New York and London. D. Appleton and Company. [1916]. 12mo. pp. 1-160. Cloth. 40 cents net.