

The plan of the work was so fully described in our review of the 'Life Histories of the Diving Birds' that it is needless to make further mention of it here except to commend the care and perseverance of the author in bringing together the illustrations and data which have been used to supplement his own wide experience with the gulls and terns. The volume, like its predecessor, will be a work of reference which must needs be constantly within reach of every ornithologist, be he writer or editor, field-naturalist or museum curator. While according the author every praise for his part in the production, we regret to be again compelled to criticize the use of paper so thin that the appearance of the text is ruined, and the frequent unfortunate arrangement of the eggs in the otherwise excellent colored plates, which by presenting them in different positions on the same plate spoils the effect and renders them less easily comparable.

We wish Mr. Bent all speed with his work, and would urge the cooperation of all ornithologists who are in a position to help him.—W. S.

Chapman on New South American Birds.¹—As a result of Dr. Chapman's recent visit to the British Museum he has been able to definitely determine as new several birds obtained by the South American expeditions of the American Museum of Natural History which had to be compared with types preserved in the former institution. He also describes some new forms obtained by the recent Anthony-Cherrie expedition to Ecuador. The proposed new forms are as follows: *Nothocercus fuscipennis* (p. 1), Popayan, Colombia; *Penelope barbata* (p. 3), Taraguacochoa, Prov. del Oro, Ecuador; *Siptornis wyatti aequatorialis* (p. 4), Mt. Chamborazo, Ecuador; *Odontophorus parambae canescens* (p. 4), Alamor, Prov. Loja, Ecuador; *Nyctibius longicaudatus chocoensis* (p. 5), Novita, Choco, Colombia; *Picumnus parvistriatus* (p. 6), Daule, Prov. Guayas, Ecuador; *Thamnophilus zarumae* (p. 6), Zaruma, Prov. del Oro, Ecuador; *Automolus celicae* (p. 10), Celica, Prov. Loja, Ecuador; *Basileuterus fraseri ochraceicrista* (p. 11), Chone, Ecuador, and *Sporophila insulata* (p. 12), Tumaco, Colombia. There are also described from the Museum Goeldi, *Pachysylvia fuscicapilla albigula* (p. 11), Sta. Julia, Brazil; from the U. S. National Museum *Leptasthenura xenothorax* (p. 8), Urubamba Valley, Peru; and from the British Museum *L. s. cajabambae* (p. 9), Cajabamba, Peru.—W. S.

Mathews' 'The Birds of Australia.'²—Part 4 of Volume 9 covers the genera *Karua*, *Sphecotheres*, *Orthonyx*, *Macrorhonyx*, and *Cinclosoma*. Following Pycraft the author removes *Sphecotheres* from the Oriolidae,

¹ Descriptions of Proposed New Birds from Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Brazil. By Frank M. Chapman. Amer. Mus. Novit., No. 18. September 22, 1921. pp. 1-12.

² The Birds of Australia. By Gregory M. Mathews, IX, Part 4. pp. 145-192. October 19, 1921.