

Six half-tone plates illustrate many nests and nesting birds and show several characteristic types of North Dakota scenery.—W. S.

**Mathews' 'The Birds of Australia.'**—The first part of Volume XI<sup>1</sup> contains the genera *Falcunculus*, *Oreoica*, *Aphelocephala*, *Sphenostoma*, and one species of *Neositta*. Part 2 completes the Nuthatches and Creepers. No new forms are described in either instalment.—W. S.

**Kirke Swann's 'Chronological List of British Birds.'**—This brochure<sup>2</sup> which is published as a supplement to Mullen's and Swann's 'A Bibliography of British Ornithology' aims to present the names of all the species and subspecies of British birds arranged in the order of their description in scientific literature. There is also a list of genera on the same plan and of the principal generic and specific names which have been discarded.

All bibliographic works have their interest and while the reviewer has in the past considered the advisability of such a list of American bird names he came to the conclusion that if effort were to be expended on such a list it would be better to make it a chronological list of the first mention of each bird in literature rather than a list of the accepted names. A list of the latter type is always subject to change. For example the British Bullfinch naturally does not appear in Mr. Swann's work until 1917, when it was first given a distinctive trinomial name, but it was known in literature at least 200 years earlier and had Mr. Swann written ten years ago when it was regarded as identical with the continental form it would have been entered at 1758.

However these remarks in no way reflect upon the excellence of this little book and the care that has been bestowed both upon its compilation and printing. It is but fitting that a bibliography should be a fine piece of printing and this is distinctly so in the present case.—W. S.

**Finley on Hunting Birds with a Camera.**—When bird photography is mentioned one naturally thinks of Mr. Finley and in the August issue of the 'National Geographic Magazine' he has published an account<sup>3</sup> of his experiences in hunting birds with a camera that will interest all bird students especially such as "take pictures."

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<sup>1</sup> The Birds of Australia. By Gregory M. Mathews. Volume XI, Part I. H. F. and G. Witherby, 326 High Holborn, London W. C. 1. October 8, 1923. pp. 1-56, Plates 491-496. Part 2. November 21, 1923. pp. 57-120, plates 497-502.

<sup>2</sup> A Bibliography of British Ornithology from the Earliest Times. Supplement. A Chronological List of British Birds. By H. Kirke Swann, F. Z. S., M. B. O. U., & c. Corresponding Fellow of Amer. Orn. Union. London, Wheldon and Wesley, Ltd., 2, 3 & 4 Arthur Street, New Arthur Street. 1923. pp. i-xvii + 1-42. Price 5 shillings net.

<sup>3</sup> Hunting Birds with a Camera. A Record of Twenty Years of Adventure in Obtaining Photographs of Feathered Wild Life in America. By William L. Finley. With Illustrations from Photographs by H. T. Bohlman, Irene Finley and the Author. Reprinted from the National Geographic Magazine, August, 1923.