

transit, in the hold of a vessel or in a railway car, or in quarantine or in dealers' establishments. It is also pointed out that the seemingly high death rate in captivity is not as great relatively compared with wild animals as we might suppose, as in the case of wild animals at large we rarely or never see the sick individuals.

Dr. Fox and the Zoological Society are to be congratulated upon producing what is apparently the most important work of its kind and one which, as already pointed out, will be of service in many different ways as a work of reference.—W. S.

Mathews' 'The Birds of Australia.'—The last issue of this work¹ completes the Tree Creepers and covers the White-eyes and part of the Flowerpeckers. The six plates are by Grönvold and are up to the average of the work. The only new form that we notice in this instalment is *Zosterops lateralis investigator* (p. 153) from New Zealand, where it is said to have arrived from Australia and was supposed by Mr. Mathews to be identical with the Tasmanian form, but he now thinks it desirable to name it in order to "attract attention to the fact that a distinct form appears to be evolving."—W. S.

Chapman on New South American Birds.—Fifteen new forms are named in this paper² as a result of comparisons of material already on hand with recently acquired collections from eastern Ecuador containing topotypes of many "Napo" species. The new forms are: *Crypturus soui nigriceps* (p. 1), Upper Rio Suno, Ecuador; *Ortalis guttata caquetae* (p. 2), Caqueta, Colombia; *Trogonurus temperatus* (p. 2), Laguneta, Colombia; *Curucujus melanurus pacificus* (p. 4), Loja, Ecuador; *Anligena hypoglaucus lateralis* (p. 5), Junun, E. Peru; *Hypoxanthus rivolii meridae* (p. 6), Merida, Venezuela; *H. r. quindiuina* (p. 6), Laguneta, Colombia; *Chloronerpes rubiginosus coloratus* (p. 8), Chaupe, N. Peru; *Veniliornis dignus baezae* (p. 8), Baeza, Ecuador; *Myrmopagis ornata saturata* (p. 9), Upper Rio Suno, Ecuador; *Formicarius analis zamorae* (p. 9), Zamora e. Ecuador; *Hylopezus dives caquetae* (p. 10), Caqueta, Colombia; *Grallaricula peruviana* (p. 11), Chaupe, Peru; *Melanodera xanthogramma barrosi* (p. 12), Acanagua, Chile; *Philydor montanus yungae* (p. 12), is proposed for *P. m. bolivianus*, preoccupied.—W. S.

Stresemann on New Guinea Birds.—Dr. E. Stresemann has prepared a report³ on the ornithological results of Dr. Bürgers' collecting in the

¹ The Birds of Australia. By Gregory M. Mathews. Volume XI, Part 3. H. F. & G. Witherby, 326 High Holborn, London, W. C. 1, December 27, 1923.

² Descriptions of Proposed New Birds from Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Chile. By Frank M. Chapman. Amer. Mus. Novitates, No. 96, November 19, 1923, pp. 1-12.

³ Dr. Bürgers' ornithologische Ausbeute im Stromgebiet des Sepik. Ein Beitrag zur Kenntnis der Vogelwelt Neuguineas. Von Dr. Erwin Stresemann. Abdruck aus dem 'Archiv für Naturgeschichte' 1923, Abt. A. heft 7 und 8. Berlin, pp. 1-96, 1-92.