

consecutively under a uniform title. The number of the 'Novitates' will answer the same purpose, of course, if it is always quoted.—W. S.

Hellmayr on the Birds of "Silla de Caracas."—This paper¹ deals with the birds of a section of the coastal mountains of northern Venezuela supplementing a contribution by Hellmayr and Seilern, published in 1912, on the avifauna of the "Cumbre de Valencia" which lies a little to the westward. The principal basis of the present report is the extensive collection made by S. M. Klages, who also procured the material for the former study.

This paper is entirely technical in character, consisting of an annotated list of species with a catalogue of the specimens, discussions of their plumages and relationships, and in many cases a synopsis of all of the forms belonging to the group under consideration. The new forms seem all to have been described in previous papers in other periodicals. The author apparently did not have an opportunity to see the proof sheets as the text abounds in typographical errors which have been largely corrected, in manuscript, in the copy sent for review. This important paper forms the second of a series entitled "Beitrage zur Ornithologie von Venezuela" and the present installment covers only the families Turdidae to Tanagridae, in essentially the order of the A. O. U. 'Check-List.'—W. S.

Recent Papers by Griscom and Dwight.—A recent paper² by Mr. Ludlow Griscom describes sixteen new birds obtained by the author and his associates on an expedition to western Panama undertaken under the auspices of the American Museum of Natural History during the spring of 1924, and a few from Costa Rica, which a study of the Panama series showed to be undescribed.

The new forms belong to the genera, *Trogonurus*, *Aulacorhynchus*, *Scytalopus*, *Margarornis*, *Pseudocolaptes*, *Atalotriccus*, *Troglodytes*, *Catharus*, *Planesticus*, *Phainoptila*, *Emberizoides*, *Atlapetes*, *Pseliophorus*, and *Chlorospingus*.

In another paper³ Mr. Griscom gives an account of the expedition upon which this material was obtained, illustrated by excellent halftones from photographs of the country. His associates were Messrs. Rudyerd Boulton, George A. Seaman, J. Manson Valentine and R. R. Benson. The reports throw much light on the avifauna of a hitherto unexplored mountain region lying between Volcan de Chiriqui and the Pico Calovevora.

A paper⁴ on new birds from Costa Rica by Dr. Jonathan Dwight and

¹ Beitrage zur Ornithologie von Venezuela, Von C. E. Hellmayr II. Die Vögel der Silla der Caracas. Arch. für Naturg. 90 Jahrgang, May, 1924, Abt. 1, Heft. 2. pp. 132-204.

² Descriptions of New Birds from Panama and Costa Rica. By Ludlow Griscom, Amer. Museum Novitates, No. 141, October 31, 1924, pp. 1-12.

³ Bird Hunting Among the Wild Indians of Western Panama. By Ludlow Griscom. Natural History, Vol. XXIV, No. 4, 1924, pp. 509-519.

⁴ Descriptions of New Birds from Costa Rica. By Jonathan Dwight and Ludlow Griscom. Amer. Museum Novitates, No. 142, November 3, 1924, pp. 1-5.