

Mr. Griscom is based on the collections made for Dr. Dwight by Mr. Austin Paul Smith which were also used by Mr. Griscom in his Panama studies. Four species and subspecies are here named belonging to the genera, *Crypturus*, *Micromonicha*, *Myiochanes* and *Phoenicothraupis*.—W. S.

**Pearson's 'Hérons of the United States.'**—Under the above title<sup>1</sup> Dr. T. Gilbert Pearson, president of the National Association of Audubon Societies, has prepared a Bulletin of the Society dealing with all of the species of Herons found in our country.

Dr. Pearson's pamphlet gives one an excellent outline of the life history of each of the species, and of the distribution and plumages of these interesting birds, which have unwittingly, and to their sorrow, played such a prominent part in the campaign for bird protection. Even yet the insistent demand of fashion for egret plumes makes the task of the wardens not only difficult but perilous and the saving from extinction of some of the rarest species is by no means an assured thing.

Many persons desire to know more about these persecuted birds and this publication will meet their needs admirably. Four colored plates from paintings by Louis Aggasiz Fuertes add to the value and interest of the pamphlet. Some if not all of these have already appeared in the Audubon Department of 'Bird-Lore' as has much of the text although for the present purposes it has been amplified and brought up to date.—W. S.

**Grinnell's 'Bibliography of California Ornithology.'**—Dr. Grinnell has in this publication<sup>2</sup>, taken up the bibliography of Californian ornithology at the point at which he left it in his previous volume—January, 1908—and carried it on to the end of 1923. Besides listing all of the titles for the included years he has added 133 which were overlooked in preparing the first installment, so that the grand total now reaches 4071.

The scrupulous care that has been exercised in the compilation has resulted in the most accurate and complete bibliography that has yet appeared for any State in the Union, and those who contemplate the making of a bibliography may well follow Dr. Grinnell's model. This class of work is one that, if worth doing, is worth doing well, for any error in a bibliography, like one in a dictionary, is likely to be copied over and over again, for years to come, by those who have not the opportunity or inclination for personal verification. We congratulate Dr. Grinnell upon a difficult and thankless task well done.—W. S.

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<sup>1</sup> *Hérons of the United States*. Bulletin No. 5. By T. Gilbert Pearson, LL.D. National Association of Audubon Societies, 1974 Broadway, New York. 1924—pp. 1-38. Price 50 cents.

<sup>2</sup> *Bibliography of California Ornithology*, Second Installment to end of 1923. By Joseph Grinnell. Contribution No. 421 from the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology of the University of California. Cooper Ornithological Club, Pacific Coast Avifauna Number 16. Berkeley, California. Published by the Club, September 15, 1924, pp. 1-191 (W. Lee Chambers, Eagle Rock, Los Angeles Co., California. Price \$6.00).