

Barbour and Peters on Two More New Birds from Cuba.¹—Before we have had time to recover from our astonishment at the discovery of the remarkable new Wren in the Zapata peninsula of Cuba, Dr. Barbour's collector, Fermin Z. Cervera, has visited the locality again and has secured a Rail and a Finch both of which, like the Wren, are not only new species but cannot be referred to any known genera.

Dr. Barbour obtained the specimens from Mr. Cervera on a recent trip to Cuba and in conjunction with Mr. J. L. Peters has published descriptions of them. The Rail they name *Cyanolimnas cerverai* (p. 95) and the Finch *Torreornis inexpectata* (p. 96). The Rail is said to resemble *Pardirallus ryrirhynchus* in color and to suggest relationship to the fossil *Nesotrochis* in structure. As to the relationship of the Finch the authors are silent, but promise a later paper which will deal with the affiliations of both birds.

The discovery of three such distinct birds as these would be remarkable anywhere today but in an island supposedly so well known as Cuba it is astonishing.—W. S.

Peters on the Golden Warblers.²—Mr. Peters uses the name Golden Warblers for the resident birds of the West Indies, *Dendroica petechia* and its races, including *D. ruficapilla* regarded by some as specifically distinct. These are contrasted with the migrant *Dendroica aestiva* group—the Yellow Warblers—and the Mangrove Warblers, *D. rufigula*, *D. erithacoides* and *D. bryanti*.

Fifteen races are recognized of the Golden Warbler group, inhabiting respectively: Jamaica, Cuba, Haiti, Bahamas, Porto Rico, St. Thomas and adjacent islets, Guadeloupe and Dominica, Barbados, Grenada, Islands on the north Coast of Venezuela, Los Roques, St. Andrews, Cozumel, Galapagos, Colombia and Ecuador.

His report is a most careful piece of work and thanks to the activities of previous writers no new names have to be proposed while there are but few synonyms. The most important innovation is the discovery by Mr. Peters that Linnaeus' name *petechia* refers to the Barbados bird and not to that of Jamaica, and that Gosse's name *eo* is available for the latter.—W. S.

Recent Papers by Lönnberg.—In a report³ on the birds observed on a trip to Lapland and the east coast of Västerbotten the author describes the breeding range and migration of the Redshank (*Totanus totanus*) and suggests that the birds which now breed in the Swedish moun-

¹ Two More Remarkable New Birds from Cuba. By Thomas Barbour and James Lee Peters. Proc. New England Zoological Club, IX, pp. 95-97. May 12, 1927.

² A Revision of the Golden Warblers. *Dendroica petechia* (Linne). By James L. Peters. Proc. Biol. Soc. Washington. Vol. 40, pp. 31-42. March 5, 1927.

³ Nagra ornithologiska anteckningar fran en kort resa till Lappland och Västerbottens-kusten i aug. 1926. Av. Einar Lönnberg. Fauna och Flora. 1926. pp. 193-208.