

summarizing as it does the avifauna of an out of the way corner of the world with which no one is more familiar than Mr. Mathews.—W. S.

Swann's 'Monograph of the Birds of Prey.'—This notable publication¹ which has been suspended since the death of its author is now resumed under the editorship of Dr. Alexander Wetmore. No change is to be made in regard to the distinctness of the various forms and their relationship to one another and Mr. Swann's manuscript was fortunately left in such shape that no major alterations will be necessary. The present installment completes the genera *Buteo* and *Triorchis* while the illustrations consist of colored plates of species of *Aquila* and *Ictinaetus*, eggs of Eagles as well as plain plates from photographs by George H. Stuart 3rd, of Philadelphia, of the nest and nest site of the Ferruginous Rough-leg in Saskatchewan.

We notice that the name *Buteo platypterus cubanensis* Burns (Wilson Bull. XXIII, No. 76-77, p. 148) has been omitted. It is in all probability a synonym of *platypterus* as considered by Barbour.

It is very gratifying to know that this important work is to be brought to completion, and a better selection of an editor could not have been made.—W. S.

Havre's 'Birds of Belgium'.²—This work is a thoroughly up-to-date list of the birds of Belgium with details of their distribution. It includes 366 species and subspecies and seems to be very carefully compiled and exhaustive.

Under each species is given the more important synonyms and references, followed by detailed consideration of distribution under three heads—General, Belgium, and Neighboring Countries. There are keys to the species in each genus and many text figures of feet, wings and heads, which aid in identification; also a map and an excellent bibliography of local notes and papers relating to Belgian birds.

M. Havre's work will long stand as the authoritative book on the birds of Belgium.—W. S.

Bangs and Peters on Chinese Birds.³—Dr. Joseph F. Rock, during 1925 and 1926, visited western China in the interests of the Arnold Arboretum to secure botanical and horticultural material. Through the gen-

¹ Monograph of the Birds of Prey (Order Accipitres). By H. Kirke Swann and Alexander Wetmore. London: Wheldon and Wesley Ltd., 2, 3 & 4 Arthur St., New Oxford St., W. C. 2. Part VII, Sept. 1928, pp. 397-428, five plates. Price 26 shillings net.

² Les Oiseaux de la Faune Belge Relevé documenté des espèces sauvages observées en Belgique. Par le Chevalier G. C. M. van Havre, Membre du Comité Ornithologique International et Permanent et du Conseil Supérieur de la Chasse. Bruxelles, Maurice Lamertin, Editeur, 56-60 Rue Coudenberg. 1928. pp. 1-497. Price 150 francs.

³ Birds Collected by Dr. Joseph F. Rock in Western Kansu and Eastern Tibet, Bull. Mus. Comp. Zool. LXVIII, No. 7, pp. 313-381, pls. 1-5. August, 1928