

erosity of Dr. Thomas Barbour he was enabled to take with him two Chinese bird collectors. The present report is based upon the ornithological material secured on the trip which consists of upwards of 1000 skins.

New forms of the following genera are proposed:—*Athene*, *Ianthocichla*, *Fulvetta*, *Suthora*, *Prunella*, *Lanius*, *Parus*, *Aegithaliscus*, and *Galerida*.

The authors are experienced in working out collections from China and the present report is therefore of particular value.—W. S.

The Heart of Burroughs' Journals.¹—This volume compiled by Clara Barrus, for years the physician and confidante of Burroughs, consists of especially noteworthy passages selected from his earliest notebooks, which he kept in 1854 when but seventeen years of age, and his journals which were continued down to within a few weeks of his death, in 1921.

The complete journal covering some 2000 type-written pages has not yet been published and the compiler says that she has experienced much difficulty in making her selections, as with no complete edition to which to refer her readers, she feels that they are constantly being robbed when she has been able to "bring away so little of the treasure to which she herself has had access."

However, since her readers do not yet know what treasures are contained in the unpublished journals, they do not appreciate any loss, and will thoroughly enjoy the admirable picture of Burroughs which she has been able to present. We see him through his own eyes, as it were, his likes and dislikes, his views on a great variety of subjects, and through it all his abiding love of nature and especially of birds. As Dr. Barrus says, "whatever of interest the journals hold, of self-communings, of opinion on persons, on literature, on life, they prove how completely Nature was Burroughs' guide and liberator from beginning to end."

This is what makes the volume before us of especial interest to bird lovers, most of whom are already familiar with one or more of Burroughs' books and who naturally desire to learn more of the man himself.

A useful chronology of Burroughs' life is included in the volume and there is a good portrait and an excellent index.—W. S.

Pellett's 'Birds of the Wild.'²—There have been many books written on the subject of attracting birds to our homes but this little volume of Mr. Pellett's seems to us one of the best. The author describes his efforts to preserve and increase birds and wild flowers on his two properties, one in Iowa, and the other on the prairies of Nebraska.

Nesting boxes and nesting places, water for drinking and bathing, winter shelters and feeding stations, tree and shrub planting, all receive attention.

¹ *The Heart of Burroughs's Journals*. Edited by Clara Barrus. Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston and New York, Riverside Press, Cambridge. 1928. pp. i-xvii+1-361. Price \$3.00.

² *Birds of the Wild. How to Make Your Home Their Home*. By Frank Chapman Pellett. New York. The A. T. DeLa Mare Company, Inc., 1928. pp. 1-118. Price \$1.75.