

Zoological Society, Regent's Park, London N. W. 8, for 7 sh. 6 d., and it is to be hoped that ornithologists will give the Society the liberal support that it deserves in so generously assuming the greater part of the burden of the publication.—W. S.

**Hellmayr's 'Birds of the Americas. Part VI.'**—This part<sup>1</sup> of Dr. Hellmayr's continuation of Cory's work, he covers the remainder of the Mesomyodean Passeres—Pipridae, Cotingidae, Rupicolidae, and Phytotomidae. As previously stated Dr. Hellmayr considers that the character of the tarsal envelope as a distinguishing mark between the Tyrannidae and Cotingidae has been overestimated and therefore some of the genera placed by Ridgway in the latter family have been restored to the former. Two new forms are proposed in the present part: *Schiffornis turdinus panamensis* (p. 84) El Real, east Panama and *Attila spadiceus pacificus* (p. 140) Mazatlan, Mexico.

The plan of the work follows that of the previous parts including the very full and helpful foot-notes which Dr. Hellmayr inaugurated in the volumes for which he has been responsible. We congratulate him upon the excellent progress that he is making in his great undertaking which is invaluable to every worker on the Neotropical avifauna.—W. S.

**Collin's 'Index Ornithologicus.'**<sup>2</sup>—This, according to the author's announcement, is to be "a bi-monthly journal devoted chiefly to successive development of an avian nomenclator according to the present system." The present number is devoted exclusively to the genus *Montifringilla* the genotype of which is given, followed by a long list of synonyms, all with the necessary references. Following this are the species in alphabetical sequence with type locality, habitat, published plates, synonyms and many references. Synonyms appear also in their proper place alphabetically and other species, apparently wrongly referred to this genus, are also listed with reference to their proper positions.

Such a detailed "nomenclator" cannot help but prove very useful, but if only some ten actual species are to be presented in two months the work will not progress very rapidly.—W. S.

**Chapman on Birds from Mt. Duida.**—An ambition of long standing was realized by the American Museum of Natural History when in the autumn of 1928 it was enabled, through the financial support of Mr. Sidney F. Tyler, Jr. of Philadelphia, to send an expedition to Mt. Duida near the headwaters of the Orinoco. The expedition was headed by Mr.

<sup>1</sup> Catalogue of Birds of the Americas and the Adjacent Islands in the Field Museum of Natural History, etc. By Charles E. Hellmayr, Associate Curator of Birds. Part VI. Oxyruncidae, Pipridae, Cotingidae, Rupicolidae, Phytotomidae. Chicago, U. S. A. November 14, 1929, pp. 1-258.

<sup>2</sup> Index Ornithologicus sive Nomenclator Avium tum viventium tum fossilium Studio et Opera: Alb. Collin. Ano. I, No. I. Montifringilla Brehm—M. walteri-Hart. Kotka, 1929, pp. 1-18. Subscription 6 shillings or \$1.50 should be addressed to the editor Alb. Collin, Kotka, Finland.