

But withal the best part of the report is that—some four and a half pages—devoted to the Guacharo, and this alone amply justifies its publication.—E. G. H.

Nichols' 'Birds of Marsh and Mere.'—In 1926 under the above title Mr. J. C. M. Nichols published an attractive little volume dealing mainly with British game birds and more recently a second edition has appeared.¹ It is a book that will please all lovers of sport, especially duck hunters to which subject it is mainly devoted. Beginning with the Geese—the Gray Lag, White-fronted, Bean and Pink-footed, with the "Black Geese," Bernicle and Brant—we have interesting accounts of their habits and their shooting, interspersed with anecdotes and personal experiences which will appeal strongly to the sportsman. Following are detailed accounts of blinds, guns, and ammunition as used in England.

Then the Ducks are considered and there are chapters on 'Shooting in Canada,' the 'Larger Wading birds and Shorebird Shooting,' the latter a sport no longer permissible in America.

It is interesting to read of the abundance of the European Widgeon and of the occasional capture of an American Widgeon, just the reverse of conditions on our own coasts, but the mention of the regular migration of the Trumpeter Swans in Canada must surely be a slip of the pen for the Whistling Swan, a species which is not mentioned.

The author's statement that Geese feed in the fields on moonlight nights just as they do in the daylight and his theory that they resort to the shore the next day "for salt and sand to help digest their meal" is interesting though perhaps the theory is not proven. The book is full of such little bits of fact and theory on the habits of the birds which add much to its interest.

Mr. Nichols, by the way, is not only author but artist as well and has furnished a lot of line sketches and excellent wash or pencil drawings mainly of birds on the wing, reproduced in half-tone as well as a color plate of the White-fronted Goose.—W. S.

Wetmore's 'The Birds of Haiti and the Dominican Republic.'—As is generally known Dr. Alexander Wetmore has for some time been interested in the bird life of Haiti and San Domingo and the results of his explorations in the island and his studies of its avifauna have just been published as a Bulletin of the U. S. National Museum.²

This report owes its inception to the researches of Dr. William L. Abbott who in 1883 and again from 1916 to 1923 made extensive collections on the

¹ Birds of Marsh and Mere and how to Shoot them. By J. C. M. Nichols, with an Introductory Note by J. G. Millais. Illustrated by the Author. Heath Cranton, Limited. 6 Fleet Lane, London, E. C. 4. Pp. 1-287. Price 7 shillings, 6 pence net., postage 6 pence extra.

² The Birds of Haiti and the Dominican Republic. By Alexander Wetmore and Bradshaw H. Swales. Bulletin 155 U. S. National Museum, U. S. Government Printing Office. Washington: 1931. Pp. 1-483, pl. 1-26. (For sale by the Supt. of Documents, Washington, D. C., Price \$1.00.)