

Streams and Swamps and Birds of the Ocean; with further ecological divisions on the several plates. There are also fourteen photographs of habitats and a map. When we learn that some 700 species are treated (exclusive of subspecies which are not considered) we realize not only the wealth of the Australian avifauna but also the gigantic task that the author has so successfully completed.

There is only one omission—one that American bird students have been quick to recognize i. e. no mention whatever of Dr. Frank M. Chapman's book of the same title published in 1920, and treating of American birds. Not only is the title of Mr. Cayley's book the same but the same red question mark adorns the cover while there is the same idea of many small figures on a plate and the same reproduction of a foot rule with each plate to indicate the size of the birds.

It would seem impossible that all of these similarities should originate independently in two minds, and in view of the wealth of other acknowledgements in the preface some word of indebtedness to Dr. Chapman for the inspiration that prompted these admirable popular features would seem to have been in order.

Mr. Cayley's book will, we are sure, prove a most valuable aid to popular bird study in Australia as well as a welcome guide for the visiting ornithologist and an important hand book in any ornithological library.—W. S. S.

Brown's 'My Animal Friends.'—The Philadelphia Zoölogical Garden is well known as one of the earliest "zoos" in America and one in which a remarkably complete exhibition of animals has always been maintained. The present attractive volume¹ by C. Emerson Brown, director of the Garden, is based largely upon its collections and upon Mr. Brown's experiences in caring for his "wards."

It contains interesting accounts of the various species of animals usually found in captivity and some of the rarities in the Philadelphia collection, notably the wonderful series of anthropoid apes. There are also chapters on the care of animals in zoological gardens, their feeding and health—chapters which well-meaning critics of "zoos" would do well to read! There are also many excellent illustrations from photographs of the animals in the Garden.

While the work is mainly devoted to mammals there are several chapters on birds and one on reptiles. The book is interesting and instructive reading and will prove a most welcome guide to those whose experience with wild animal life is of necessity limited to zoological gardens.—W. S. S.

Coble and Life's 'Introduction to Ornithological Nomenclature.'
—This little book² is not, as its title might imply, a synopsis of the rules

¹ My Animal Friends | By C. Emerson Brown, C. M. Z. S. | Director, Philadelphia Zoological | Garden | Doubleday, Doran & Company, Inc. | Garden City, New York | 1932. Pp. i-xiv + 1-262. Price \$3.50.

² Introduction to Ornithological Nomenclature. By Mary Ferguson Coble, M.A. and Cora Smith Life, M.A. Wm. B. Straube Printing Co., Los Angeles. Pp. 1-91. Price \$1.00 [1932].