

point of view, soon constitute another! Mr. Stead, referring to the cats, quotes the old rhyme

“Ding, dong dell, Pussy’s in the well,  
Who put her in? Little Tommy Thin.” etc.

and suggests that following London’s statue to the memory of Hudson for his interest in birds, New Zealand might erect a monument to Little Tommy Thin!

We congratulate Mr. Stead upon a valuable contribution to bird biography and also his publishers who have spared no pains to make a most attractive book.—W. S.

**Taka-tsukasa’s ‘The Birds of Nippon.’**—Prince Taka-tsukasa, president of the Ornithological Society of Japan has begun the publication of a sumptuous work<sup>1</sup> wholly in English on the birds of the Japanese Empire of which the first part is before us. The work is limited by political, not faunal boundaries, and includes Sakalin Island, Korea (Chosen), and the Pacific islands under Japanese mandate, etc., as well as Japan proper. After a brief introduction explaining the scope and plan of the work and calling attention to the fact that of the three works on the birds of Japan, those of Temminck and Schlegel and Seebohm are out of print, while that of Uchida is written in Japanese, the author proceeds at once to a consideration of the Gallinaceous birds of which two species of megapodes and two pheasants are covered in the present part.

The accounts of plumage, relationship, variation, and life history are very full and satisfactory and the illustrations numerous and excellent. Each species is depicted in colors and there are artistic photographic views of haunts reproduced in photogravure. The work is excellently printed on heavy paper and makes a fine appearance.

Prince Taka-tsukasa’s book bids fair to be our authoritative work on the Japanese avifauna and we wish him success with his great undertaking.—W. S.

**LaTouche’s ‘Birds of Eastern China.’**—The latest part of this important “Handbook”<sup>2</sup> appeared in December last and covers the remainder of the birds of prey, the pigeons, sand grouse, pheasants, quail and rails.

To those who, like the reviewer, have been making constant use of Mr. LaTouche’s excellent work the appearance of each additional part is welcomed as an indispensable aid to work on the birds of China, and his plan of including summaries of the races of widely spread species, from the

<sup>1</sup> *The Birds of Nippon.* By Prince Taka-tsukasa. Vol. I, Part I. Introduction and Order Galli. H. F. and G. Witherby, 326 High Holborn, London, W. C. 1. Yokendo, 7 Motozono-Cho, Kojimachi-ku. Tokyo. August 15, 1932. Pp. 1-70, Pl. I-VIII.

<sup>2</sup> *A Handbook of the Birds of Eastern China.* By J. D. D. LaTouche. Vol. II, Part III. Taylor and Francis, Red Lion Court, Fleet Street, London, E. C. 4. Pp. 193-288, pl. XVIII and XIX. Price 7s. 6d. per part.