

'Red Hills' of the so-called "Pennsylvania Dutch" have already been mentioned in these columns. His latest volume<sup>1</sup> deals with the White Mountains of New Hampshire, where he for years has had a summer home, and their inhabitants. While not so rich in bird lore as its predecessors it is full of that appreciation of nature which characterizes the author's work. In two chapters, "The Cock of the Woods" and "Crows on the Barn" the birds take first place.

It is interesting to see this Pennsylvania writer trespassing into a field which New Englanders have long considered peculiarly their own.—W. S.

**Priest's 'Birds of Southern Rhodesia.'**—Just as we go to press we have received the second volume<sup>2</sup> of Captain Priest's excellent work on the birds of southern Rhodesia. It fully maintains the standard of the former volume both in style and make-up. There are ten color plates and 172 text figures.

The four Orders comprising (1) the Rails and their allies; (2) the Shore-birds, Sand-grouse and Doves; (3) Cuckoos, Parrots, etc., and (4) Rollers to Woodpeckers are covered in the present volume. The Passerine families will be treated in succeeding volumes.

We congratulate Captain Priest upon the progress of his work which will be a great boon to ornithologists of Rhodesia as well as to visitors from elsewhere.—W. S.

**Brooks and Wetmore on North American Birds.**—Another installment of Major Brooks' paintings of North American birds, with text by Dr. Wetmore, has appeared in the May issue of the 'National Geographic Magazine' (pp. 575-596). It covers the Titmice, Nuthatches, Creepers, Wrens, Dipper, Kinglets and Gnatcatchers. The color plates are very pleasing, on gray tinted backgrounds with the birds in little groups, after the fashion of Thorburn's 'British Birds,' with branches of trees or sprays of flowering shrubs and bits of hazy scenery.

Dr. Wetmore in his sketches of the various species has combined brief notes on field experiences with general information on relationships and habits, which makes interesting and instructive reading. Why it is necessary to present such valuable matter under such modern newspaper publicity headlines it is hard to understand—Dr. Wetmore's contribution appears as "Winged Denizens of Woodland, Stream, and Marsh" while Major Brooks plates are termed "Blithe Birds of Dooryard, Bush, and Brake!" This we presume is the work of an editor not of the authors.—W. S.

**DeSchaunsee on 'Birds from Siam and the Southern Shan**

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<sup>1</sup> The White Hills. Mountain New Hampshire, Winnepesaukee to Washington. By Cornelius Weygandt. Henry Holt and Company, New York. 1934. Pp. i-xi+1-309. Price \$3.50.

<sup>2</sup> The Birds of Southern Rhodesia. By Captain Cecil D. Priest. Volume II. William Clowes and Sons, Limited, London and Beccles. 1934. Pp. 1-553. To be obtained at 94 Jermyn St., London, S. W. 1. Or the Herald Book Store, Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia. Price £ 1. 10.