

DR. STRONG'S 'BIBLIOGRAPHY OF BIRDS'

EDITOR OF 'THE AUK':—

Though the author-catalog of the "Bibliography of Birds" was published over three years ago (Field Mus. Nat. Hist., Zool. Ser., 25, parts 1 and 2, 1939), there has been unavoidable delay in the publication of the third and much larger volume, which consists mainly of subject- and finding-indices. Galley proof for subjects as far as "Locomotion" in the subject index was received in the summer of 1941, also 110 pages of page proof, which includes subjects as far as "connective tissue." Occasional requests have been received for information contained in these indices, and I am sympathetic with these efforts.

The finding-index cannot be finally arranged until all of the page proof has been produced. However, all of the items have been written, and they have been sorted for those subjects covered by the page proof received. As a topic may occur in various parts of the subject-index, the finding-index is essential. It is not feasible to attempt to locate at this time all of the references dealing with a topic. However, many can be located, especially those grouped in the subject-index.

I cannot take the time necessary to search through the manuscript of the subject-index or through the many thousands of slips which bear the finding-index items. However, I am willing to employ and direct a student to do what is feasible in collecting references to topics which may interest correspondents. Such service can probably be obtained for 50 cents an hour, and it should ordinarily not take more than a few hours to do what is feasible on any single topic. This expense would be charged to the correspondent. Care would be taken to avoid impracticable searching. My memory of the location of items would of course help.

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NOTES AND NEWS

As this number goes to press, word has been received of the death of Rear Admiral Hubert Lynes, R.N., Honorary Fellow of the American Ornithologists' Union, on November 10, 1942, and of Dr. Leonhard Stejneger, Fellow Emeritus of the Union, at Washington, D. C., on February 28, 1943.