

Stone on the Crows, Birds of Paradise, and Orioles in the Museum of the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences.*—The Corvidæ number 434 specimens, representing 109 species, or about two thirds of the commonly recognized species. *Cyanocorax heilprini* Gentry, known only from the type in the Academy's collection, is considered as probably a hybrid between *C. cyanomelas* and *C. cyanopogon* or *C. cayanus*. The collection also includes the two original specimens of *Corvus hawaiiensis* Peale.

The Birds of Paradise number 79 specimens, representing 25 of the 45 known species. Among these is the type of *Ptilorhis wilsoni* Ogden [—*P. magnifica* (Vieill.)], and also the type of *Schlegelia wilsoni* Cass.

The Orioles in the collection (including *Sphecotheses*), number 22 out of the 35 known species, and are represented by 97 specimens, including the probable type of *Sphecotheses flaviventris* Gould. The localities of the specimens are indicated, and there are a few technical remarks on questions of affinity and nomenclature.—J. A. A.

Stone on Birds collected by the West Greenland Expedition.†—These number 147 specimens, representing 21 species, collected mainly at Disco Island, Duck Island, Melville Bay, Cape York, and McCormick Bay, by Dr. William E. Hughes and Dr. Benjamin Sharp, between June 26 and August 11, 1891. Measurements are given of nearly all the specimens, with many interesting notes on the various phases of plumage presented by some of the species. The only land birds obtained are the Greenland Ptarmigan, Gyrfalcon, Snow Bunting, Lapland Longspur, and Wheatear. In addition to the above, about a dozen species are recorded as taken at Sydney, Nova Scotia, and in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, while on the way to Greenland.—J. A. A.

Minor Ornithological Publications.—There is a number of scientific periodicals which though not exclusively ornithological yet contain considerable matter relating to North American birds. In the cases of those that have not been noticed here before, the present record begins with the year 1879.

The American Naturalist.

Since it was last noted in these pages (Vol. VI, p. 181) there have appeared in the 'American Naturalist,' (Vols. XXIII-XXV, 1889-1891) the following articles relating to birds (Nos. 2321-2329).

2321. *The Food of the Owls.* By W. S. Strode, M. D., 'The American Naturalist,' Vol. XXIII, Jan., 1889, pp. 17-24.

*Catalogue of the Corvidæ, Paradiseidæ and Oriolidæ in the Collection of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, by Witmer Stone. Proc. Acad. Nat. Sci. Phila., 1891, pp. 441-450.

† Birds collected by the West Greenland Expedition. By Witmer Stone. Proc. Acad. Nat. Sci. Phila., 1892, pp. 145-152.