

RECENT LITERATURE.

Davie's Nests and Eggs of North American Birds.¹—The fifth edition of this useful book contains seventy-nine pages more than the preceding edition,² the increase in size being due in part to the addition of new matter and in part to the introduction of many illustrations, some of which appear to have been drawn especially for this work but most of which are borrowed from other publications. They are very unequal in character and some of them might have been omitted to advantage, the attempt to print half-tones on uncalendared paper being particularly unsuccessful.

The text is greatly improved, much that was wanting in the preceding editions being supplied in the present one. In some instances, however, Mr. Davie does not appear to have availed himself of the most recent information concerning the species treated. Thus his remarks in regard to the Labrador Duck, Cory's Bittern, the Heath Hen, Ipswich Sparrow, Philadelphia Vireo, Bachman's Warbler, and Olive Warbler by no means represent our knowledge concerning these species. *Junco hyemalis connectens* is wrongly given as *Junco hyemalis shufeldti* and *Platypsaris alaiæ* [*sic*] is included presumably as a North American bird but on just what authority is not stated.

These errors are obviously not of a serious nature and they detract but little from a book whose value is measured by its marked success.—
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Bird-Nesting with a Camera.³—Since our last notice of this fine work⁴ the parts have continued to appear with regularity and we now have before us Part XII, completing the third volume. Many of the plates are fully equal to those of volume I, of which we could not speak too highly, while others have lost in clearness of definition, apparently through too great enlargement, it being presumably the author's desire to make all the plates in the book of the same size without regard to the

¹ Nests and Eggs | of | North American Birds | By | Oliver Davie | Author of "Methods in the Art of Taxidermy," etc. | — | The Fifth Edition | — | Revised, Augmented and Illustrated | — | Part II. Ornithological and Oölogical Collecting | (The preparation of skins, nests and eggs for the cabinet.) | — | Columbus: | The Landon Press | 1898.—8vo. pp. [i-xi] 1-509, 1-18, i-xxi, numerous text cuts.

² Reviewed in 'The Auk', XI, 1889, 328.

³ Among British Birds in their Nesting Haunts. By Oswin A. J. Lee. Illustrated by the camera.

⁴ Auk XIV, 1897, p. 334: see also *ibid.*, pp. 106, 247