

his death, show him to have been one of the leading ornithological students of his time, and even after a lapse of fifty years they have still value and interest as a contribution to Hungarian ornithology.

An introduction of nearly twenty pages by Otto Herman contains an interesting biographical sketch of Petényi, and the editor's preface adds many details respecting his ornithological work. From the latter it appears that as early as 1842 he had already reached the point of distinguishing climatic varieties as such. In the 'Fragments' we have some account of less than half of the species of the Hungarian ornis, and these accounts vary from rather brief and incomplete notices to elaborate monographs, as in the case of *Falco sacer*, which occupies over twenty pages, besides some dozen additional pages by the editor, on the status of *F. feldegyi*, which he considers as merely a subspecies of *F. sacer*. The illustrations, by the editor, though not numerous, are especially noteworthy, particularly for the naturalness of pose of the birds depicted, both in the text cuts and in the plates; in fact, more life-like or more pleasing bird pictures we have rarely seen.— J. A. A.

**Harvie-Brown's 'Travels of a Naturalist in Northern Europe.'** — These two beautiful volumes<sup>1</sup> relate to travels made by the author some thirty to thirty-four years ago, in Norway, Archangel, and Petchora, but the narrative has lost little of interest through the long delay in making it public. It is in journalistic form, being the author's journals just as he "wrote them down at the close of each day," with no attempt to rewrite or clothe in new phraseology the original entries. And herein lies much of the charm and much of historical value.

The first trip was to Norway in 1871, the account of which occupies pp. 1-103, with an appendix of twenty pages giving an annotated list of the birds (101 species) observed. The second trip was to Archangel in 1872, recounted in pp. 127-182, with appendices (pp. 183-209) giving lists of the birds and eggs collected around Archangel, and of the rarer birds in the museum at Archangel. The third journey was to Petchora in 1875 (pp. 215-476), the account of which is followed by several appendices on the ornithological results of the expedition, with some account of the Samoyèdes. The author on the first two trips was accompanied by the late Edward R. Alston, and on the journey to the Petchora by the late Henry Seebohm, on which journey was based his well-known 'Siberia in Europe.'

The illustrations include two colored plates (eggs of Gray Plover and Little Stint), portraits of the author, of Prof. Robert Collett, E. R.

<sup>1</sup>Travels of a Naturalist | in Northern Europe | Norway, 1871 | Archangel, 1872 | Petchora, 1875 | By | J. A. Harvie Brown, F. R. S. E., F. Z. S. | Member of the British Ornithologists' | Union, etc. | Joint Author of 'Fauna of the Moray Basin' and | 'A Vertebrate Fauna of Orkney'; | Author of 'A Vertebrate Fauna of the N. W. Highlands and Skye' | With coloured plates and other illustrations | and 4 maps | Vol. I [-II] | London: T. Fisher Unwin | Paternoster Square. MC MV | — 2 vols. 8vo. Vol. I, pp. i-xiv, 1-260, 15 pl. and 2 maps. Vol. II, pp. i-viii, 261-541, 2 col. pl., 2 maps, 8 plain pl., and numerous text cuts.

Alston, Henry Seebohm, and others, several landscape views, nests of the Osprey, and various text illustrations of native implements, etc., and maps showing the routes traveled.

The daily narrative of the experiences of these travellers and collectors in these far northern and still little known regions, noting the progress of the season, the arrival and nesting of the birds, the characteristics of the country and the people, will be read with sympathetic interest by many beyond the wide circle of ornithologists to which it immediately appeals.—J. A. A.

**Wytzman's 'Genera Avium.'**—This important work<sup>1</sup>, proposed in 1903 (see Auk, XXI, 1904, p. 312), seems now well under way, the first five parts having recently reached us for notice. Each part, restricted to a single family, is paged separately, and is practically complete in itself. Part I, by Ernst Hartert, treats of the Eurylæmidæ (pp. 8, 1 pl. col.); Part II, by P. Wytzman, of the Todidæ (pp. 4, 1 pl. col.); Parts III, IV, and V, by T. Salvadori, treat respectively of the Stringopidæ (pp. 2, 1 pl. col.), Nestoridæ (pp. 3, 1 pl. col.), and the Cacatuidæ (pp. 7, 1. pl. col.). The text consists of a brief general account of the family, in regard to its relationships and technical history, keys to the genera and species, with their principal synonymy and geographical distribution. The work will thus be of great convenience and value as a synopsis of the birds of the world. It is edited by P. Wytzman, is published in English, and the illustrations are by Keulemans. They give a full length figure of a characteristic species, with head, feet and other detail figures of a number of other species, thus far all in color, and of course well executed.—J. A. A.

**'Ootheca Wooleyana.'**—We are glad to note the appearance of Part III<sup>2</sup> of this well-known work, comprising 'Columbæ-Alcæ.' It is of course prepared on the well-considered lines of the previous parts.<sup>3</sup> In addition to being a catalogue of the famous Wolley Collection, with authentic and detailed records of the specimens, it comprises also extended notes on the nesting habits and breeding ranges of the species, often to the extent of eight to a dozen pages to a species, with many important editorial additions. The entry numbers included in the present volume are 2798 to

<sup>1</sup>Genera Avium. Edited by P. Wytzman, with Contributions by Messrs. P. L. Sclater, R. Bowdler Sharpe, W. R. Ogilvie-Grant, E. Hartert, C. E. Hellmayr, T. Salvadori, etc. 4to, with colored plates. Printed and published by V. Vertemuil & L. Desmet, Brussels. Parts I-V, 1905. (Pt. I, 3/9; Pt. II, 3/1; Pt. III, 2/; Pt. IV, 2/11; Pt. V, 6/0.)

<sup>2</sup>Ootheca Wooleyana: [An illustrated Catalogue] of [the Collection of Birds' Eggs] formed by the late [John Wolley, Jun., M. A., F. Z. S.] Edited from the original notes [by] Alfred Newton. — [Part III. Columbæ-Alcæ.] — [London: R. H. Porter, 7 Prince's Street, Cavendish Square. M. C. M. V.] [Price £2 2s, net. — 8vo, pp. i-iv, 1-384, pll. col. xiv-xxi.]

<sup>3</sup>Part I, Accipitres (including Striges), 1864; Part II, Picariæ-Passerres, 1902.