

Dionne's Birds of the Province of Quebec.¹—In 1883, Professor Dionne published in French a volume on the Birds of Canada, having, however, special reference to those of the Province of Quebec. It was, and remained till now, the only systematic work in French treating of the birds of this region. As it has long been out of print, the author has wisely decided to bring out a new work restricted to the birds of this Province, in the form of a popular handbook, with a view to promoting a better general knowledge of the birds of this ornithologically neglected Province. As the author says, little has as yet been done towards making known the local distribution of the birds of this Province, which remains still to a large extent an unexplored field.

Following an introduction of ten pages, the species are taken up in systematic sequence, following the order and the nomenclature of the A. O. U. Check-List, even to the revisions of its latest supplements. Diagnoses are given of the genera and the higher groups, with keys to the latter and descriptions of the external characters of the species and subspecies, followed by biographies, sometimes extending to several pages. The plates furnish half-tone figures of about fifty species (mostly from well-known sources) and there are a number of text cuts. All in all, the 'Birds of the Province of Quebec' is well adapted to meet the great need for a popular handbook, in the French language, of the birds of eastern Canada. — J. A. A.

Clark's Birds of Amherst, Massachusetts.²—The first edition of this little work was published in 1887, and was reviewed in this journal, Volume V, 1888, pp. 105, 106. The number of species then recorded was 179, to which 7 are now added, making 186. The first edition having been long out of print, the present one has been prepared to meet the continued demand for copies. It differs from the former edition in having the species follow each other in a single series, instead of being arranged in three series, in accordance with whether they are of regular, irregular, or of extremely rare occurrence. The 'artificial key' has been rearranged, and a 'field key' added; as already noted seven species are added, and some additions are made to the field notes relating to other species, particularly with

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² Second Edition: Revised and Rewritten. |—| The | Birds of Amherst | and Vicinity, | including nearly the whole of Hampshire County | Massachusetts. |—| Hubert Lyman Clark. | With an Introduction by | Professor Charles H. Fernald, Ph. D. |—| Amherst: Massachusetts: | Press of Carpenter & Morehouse. | 1906.—8vo, pp. 96 + 4ll. not paged.