

of the species listed. The paper is posthumous, Mr. Ferry having died February 11, 1910, at the beginning of what seemed a promising scientific career (*cf.* Auk, XXVII, April, 1910, pp. 240, 241).— J. A. A.

'A Naturalist in the Bahamas.'— A volume with this title,¹ just published, contains a biographical sketch, by the editor, Professor Henry Fairfield Osborn, and the collected papers of the late Dr. John I. Northrop, who died, full of promise for an eminent career as a scientific investigator and teacher, at the early age of 29 years, June 25, 1891, his death resulting from the accidental explosion of alcohol. Dr. Northrop was interested in a wide range of subjects, including ornithology, and at the time of his death was an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union. In 1890 he, with his wife, visited the Bahamas, where he spent six months in making collections in nearly all branches of natural history. Among the birds he obtained was a new species of *Icterus* (*I. northropi* Allen), described and figured in 'The Auk' (Vol. VII, October, 1890, pp. 344-346, pl. i, colored). He made a collection of 75 species of birds on Andros Island, an account of which was published by him, also in this journal (Vol. VIII, 1891, pp. 64-80). Besides these papers the present volume contains an account of the flora and a narrative of the Bahama trip by Mrs. Northrop, and a large number of papers by various specialists on the invertebrates collected by Dr. Northrop on the Bahama expedition, in addition to papers by Dr. Northrop and Dr. and Mrs. Northrop jointly, on a variety of scientific subjects — geological and botanical as well as zoological.

In Professor Osborn's appreciative notice of Dr. Northrop he states that the finished and unfinished work he left behind him "gave evidence of acute powers of observation, of painstaking study, and of strict regard for truth in the recording of facts"; and adds that he "had in mind the ultimate publication of a volume on the Bahamas which would embody the results of his work there and of other contemplated trips to the islands." The present memorial volume was planned to carry out this project, so far as possible, and it is hoped that through it "the memory of his labors and activities, brief as they were permitted to be, may live, and the influence of his example be handed down to future generations of the students of Columbia and of other universities."— J. A. A.

Cooke's 'Distribution and Migration of North American Shorebirds.'²— The 85 recognized forms of Shorebirds (Limicolæ) — 76 species

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² Distribution and Migration of North American Shorebirds. By Wells W. Cooke, Assistant, Biological Survey. Bulletin No. 35, Biological Survey, U. S. Department of Agriculture. 8vo, pp. 100, with 4 half-tone plates. Washington, Government Printing Office, 1910. Issued October 6, 1910.