

A Correction.— In 'The Auk' Vol. XXVI, Jan., 1909, p. 9, under the heading of 'Some Birds of Baker Co., Oregon' the record of *Certhia familiaris montanus* should read *Certhia familiaris zelotes*. Since making the list three years ago more specimens have been taken and a skin recently sent to the Biological Survey was identified by Mr. H. C. Oberholser as *C. f. zelotes*.— STANLEY G. JEWETT, *Portland, Oregon*.

An Item for Bibliographers.— A paper dealing with American birds, which is seldom or never referred to is the following: Relation succincte d'un voyage fait aux bords de l'Oostanaula en Géorgie, États-Unis,¹ par Julien Deby.

All of the matter relating to birds is included in the following extract: "I am unable to describe in detail the pleasures of a search for Unios along the flowery banks of the Oostanaula, the pleasing Indian name of which means the great waters coming from the west.

"The exhilarating sunshine of this delightful clime; the sky of azure blue, rarely flecked with clouds; the thousands of turtles grouped upon every old log and rock that overhangs the water; the Kingfisher (*Alcedo alcyon*), with piercing cry, which constantly crosses from bank to bank, and perches upon some dead or denuded branch, where it watches for its aquatic prey; the palmipeds which jump into the air, frightened by the appearance of a boat and boatman; the buzzards (*Cathartes atratus et aura*), those vultures of the new world which soar overhead in lazy circlings, on the watch for some dead animal; all these new experiences make an inefaceable impression upon the naturalist.

"The bushes and trees teem with life; birds of bright plumage abound everywhere; the mockingbird, the nightingale of America, enchants us with its sweet notes . . ."

This effusion which might well be mistaken for a description of Paradise, while a good advertisement for Georgia, was written, we must conclude, in retrospect, when distance lent enchantment to the view. Upon what other supposition are we to account for the author's failure to mention the mosquitos, ticks and redbugs, the deer flies, fleas and bedbugs, those satellites which oft attend travellers in Dixie, to journey's end.— W. L. McATEE, *Washington, D. C.*

¹Bul. de la Soc. Malacologique de Belgique XII, 1877, pp. XXI-XXV. Separates paged 1-7. The word voyage in title replaced by the word excursion. Bruxelles, 1877.