

*macleayi caruleus* subsp. n. by Edwin Ashby; and several notes. We congratulate the Editors of the new journal upon the appearance of the first issue and hope it may have a successful career.—W. S.

**Mullens' 'Guide to Selborne.'**<sup>1</sup>—This little brochure intended originally for the anniversary trip of the British Ornithologists' Club is admirably adapted for the use of any visitor to the historic residence of Gilbert White. The points of interest are mentioned and described just as the visitor would approach them, and one who is familiar with the 'Natural History of Selborne' gets a much clearer idea of the relative position of the various buildings, trees, etc., by reading this guide even if he be not fortunate enough to be a visitor. The appended synopsis of Gilbert White's life is an interesting biography and an accurate character sketch of the naturalist.

In this connection we might call attention to another delightful contribution to the same subject which although published some years ago may not be familiar to the readers of 'The Auk', this is 'A Selborne Pilgrimage,' by Dr. Cornelius Weygandt, an associate of the American Ornithologists' Union, which appeared in 'The Atlantic Monthly' for August, 1905.—W. S.

**Sarasin on the Birds of New Caledonia.**<sup>2</sup>—The first part of the zoölogy of Sarasin and Roux's 'Nova Caledonia' consists of the account of the birds of New Caledonia and the Loyalty Islands by Dr. Fritz Sarasin. Eighty-seven species are listed, together with several subspecies, and a comparative list of the birds of the two island groups is added as well as a list of nine species from the New Hebrides and a good bibliography of 84 titles.

In the main list the following are described as new: *Pseudogerygone flavilateralis lifuensis*, Lifou; *P. rouxi*, Ouvea; *Myiagra caledonica weaensis*, Ouvea; *M. c. mareensis*, Mare; *Diaphoropterus nævius similimus*, all three Loyalty Isls.; *Zosterops lateralis nigrescens*, Mare and Ouvea; *Merula mareensis larochensis*, Mare; *Aplonis atronitens minor*, Lifou and Ouvea; *Columba hypænochroa weaensis*, Ouvea; *Porphyrio calvus caledonicus*, New Caledonia.

As imported birds are listed, *Acridotheres tristis*, *Estrilda astrilda* and *Passer domesticus*. Three plates illustrate this important paper.—W. S.

**Hellmayr on the Avifauna of Timor.**<sup>3</sup>—This excellent paper covers all the birds known from the island which comprise 140 species. Among

<sup>1</sup> Guide to Selborne and Synopsis of the Life of Gilbert White. By W. H. Mullens. Bull. of the British Ornithologists' Club, CXC. pp. 1-27. Witherby & Co. 1913. Price 2s. 6d. net.

<sup>2</sup> Die Vögel Neu-Caledoniens und der Loyalty-Inseln. von Dr. Fritz Sarasin. Nova Caledonia, Zoologie, Band I, Heft I. Mit 3 Tafeln in Lithographie und 6 Abbildungen im Text. Wiesbaden. C. W. Kreidels. Verlag. 1913.

<sup>3</sup> Zoologie von Timor. Ergebnisse der unter Leitung von Joh. Wanner im Jahre. 1911 ausgeführten Timor-Expedition Herausgegeben von C. B. Hanfeli I Lieferung. Die Avifauna von Timor von C. E. Hellmayr. Mit einer Farbentafel. January 10, 1914. 4°. pp. 1-112.