

to be thoroughly known. Following on Dr. Wm. L. Abbott's remarkable discoveries, noticed recently in these columns, come the results of Mr. R. H. Beck's explorations on the island, carried on in the interests of Mr. F. F. Brewster and Dr. L. C. Sanford, during the early part of the present year. Mr. Beck visited Mt. Tina and other points in the province of Azua and secured numerous specimens of the crossbill and finch discovered by Dr. Abbott, and also a new species of ground dove, a new goatsucker and a new warbler. These Dr. Chapman has described in the paper before us as: *Oreopeleia leucometopius* (p. 327), Mt. Tina; *Microsiphonorhis* (gen. nov.) *brewsteri* (p. 329), Tubano, allied to *Siphonorhis* and *Microligea montana* (p. 330), Mt. Tina.— W. S.

Sclater on the Birds of Yemen.¹— Mr. G. Wyman Bury who spent a year in the province of Yemen in southern Arabia making zoölogical collections for the British Museum in 1912 and 1913, secured a series of over 400 bird skins. Eight of these represented undescribed forms which have been duly published by Mr. Ogilvie-Grant while Mr. Slater in the present paper lists the entire collection adding the field notes of the collector and other comments. In all 111 forms are listed, 27 of which besides the new forms had not previously been recorded from southern Arabia. An interesting historical note describes the various explorations of southern Arabia the earliest of which were those of Forskål (1761-63), Hemprich and Ehrenberg (1825) and Rüppell a little later. Both Forskål and Hemprich "sacrificed their lives to their enthusiasm," the one dying at Yerim and the other at Massowah. A map and a colored plate of *Pseudacanthis yemenensis* and *Accentor fagini* complete Mr. Slater's interesting paper.— W. S.

Henninger on the Ornithological Work of Dr. E. I. Shores.²— The collection and manuscript diary of Dr. Shores having recently come into the possession of Mr. Henninger he has prepared a very appreciative notice of Dr. Shores, who was apparently born in the late 50's and who died in Schenectady, N. Y., May 6, 1906, and has added the more important records contained among his notes. These refer in the main to Suffield, Conn. and West Bridgewater, Mass., but there are also records for other parts of New England and for Florida. Some of these have already been published but those compiling New England lists will do well to consult Mr. Henninger's paper. It is unfortunate that so many collectors who have extensive ornithological knowledge have published nothing and too often have left not even a manuscript record. When the latter does exist it is most commendable for those who may have access to it to make it public as Mr. Henninger has done in the present case.— W. S.

¹ The Birds of Yemen, south-western Arabia, with an account of his journey thither, by the collector, Mr. G. Wyman Bury. By W. L. Slater. *The Ibis*, April, 1917, pp. 129-186.

² The Diary of a New England Ornithologist. An Appreciation. *Wilson Bulletin*, March, 1917, pp. 1-17.