Dr. Collinge made good application of this method in his report<sup>5</sup> on the Barn Owl, founded on the contents of 12 stomachs and more than 300 pellets. The investigation like all others relating to this species is emphatically in the bird's favor.

A study of 'The Food of the Nightjar (Caprimulgus europaeus Linnaeus)' is prefaced by a statement that this species had been greatly diminished in numbers by persecution because of its being considered a hawk and on account of general prejudice and superstition due to its nocturnal, hence little-known, habits. This is unfortunate as the species is almost exclusively beneficial. The case parallels that of the American Nighthawk and Dr. Collinge's conclusion like that of bird-lovers in this country, is that these birds should receive the maximum of protection.—W. L. M.

## The Ornithological Journals

Bird Lore. XXII, No. 2. March-April, 1920.

A Bird Watcher in France. By Dr. Herbert R. Mills.

Field Sparrows. By F. N. Whitman.—Some excellent photographic illustrations of the nest and young

A Surprised Crow. By Verdi Burtch.—An amusing set of photographs. An Unusual Horned Lark Family. By Frank Levy.—Eight eggs all of which hatched.

Migration Group Chart. By S. A. Hausman.—A good diagramatic representation of residents, summer residents, etc.

The Plumages of North American Birds. By F. M. Chapman, Color plate by L. A. Fuertes.—The Arizona, Florida, California and Santa Cruz Jays.

Dr. A. A. Allen in the School Department and the Editor on the preceding page dwell upon the importance of accuracy in observation. The latter suggests the desirability of writing down an accurate description of all parts of the bird that may be under observation so as to compel the observer to gain a complete idea of what he sees while Dr. Allen urges that teachers do not hesitate to question the accuracy of children's identifications when they would seem to be unlikely. Too much emphasis cannot be placed upon the importance of this matter. The carelessness is not limited to children but to many of those whose observations are being published as part of the records of the National or State governments or of clubs and societies and we are forced to rely upon the rigorous pruning and questioning of an editor to save us from a mass of absolutely worthless records. The plan practiced by certain careful observers of

 $<sup>^{5}</sup>$  Some remarks on the food of the Barn-Owl (Strix flammea Linn.), Journ. Wild Bird Investigation Soc., Vol. 1, No. 1, Nov. 1919, pp. 9–10.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Journ. Ministry Agr., Vol. 26, No. 10, Jan. 1920, pp. 992-5.

never recording a bird that both have not seen and satisfactorily identified is excellent though of course it can only be practiced by two observers working always together. Confirmation of other observers is an excellent feature and the person who always works alone and always sees the largest number of species cannot help but arouse a doubt as to whether his enthusiasm has not carried him away.

Bird-Lore. XXII, No. 3. May-June, 1920.

Spring Thunder. By H. E. Tuttle.—Drumming of the Ruffed Grouse, with photograph of bird in action.

Some Robins' Nests. By W. F. Smith.—Curious locations, on the hub of a wagon, a stove-pipe, etc.

A Much-used Robin's Nest. By D. D. DuBois.—Six broods reared in the same nest during several successive years.

The educational leaflet deals with the Yellow-bellied Sapsucker with a plate by Sawyer and text by T. Gilbert Pearson. In the latter the author seems a little mixed in his migration dates; the swallows as a rule are early migrants in the autumn but the Swift instead of leaving with them as he states remains in the vicinity of New York about as late as does the Sapsucker.

Arthur A. Allen has an excellent article on bird song in which he adopts a scheme of notation somewhat like that advocated by A. A. Saunders in 'The Auk.' (1915, p. 173.)

An unfortunate newspaper article on a supposed Audubon collection of birds at Amherst College is reprinted in the Audubon department apparently without making any effort to determine its accuracy, while a line to Mr. Bangs, whose name appears in connection with the story, would have shown that, like many articles in the daily press, the whole thing was the result of some reporter's too vivid imagination.

The Condor. XXII, No. 2. March-April, 1920.

The Nesting Habits of the Alaska Wren. By Harold Heath.—Raises the interesting question as to the possible restocking of the island of St. George where the bird is found. The wrens are reported by natives to be abundant there some years and to disappear in others. As the Aleutian Islands, according to Oberholser, are populated by different races with the exception of Kodiak, then the repopulation must take place from this remote island, 700 miles away, but it is hardly conceivable that some representatives from the other nearer islands should not also come to the Pribilofs, if any such migration occurs. Mr. Heath prefers to think that one or more pairs have survived even in years when they seemed to have disappeared. In the winter of 1919, however, only a single pair of the birds could be found and it would therefore seem that the existence of the bird in the Pribilofs was precarious.

Autobiographical Notes. By Henry W. Henshaw. (Continued.) Nesting of the Dusky Poorwill near Saugus, Los Angeles Co., California. By A. J. Van Rossem and J. H. Bowles. Bryant Marsh Sparrow upon the Hills. By Jos. and J. W. Mailliard. A Return to the Dakota Lake Region. By Florence M. Bailey. (Continued.)

Wilson Bulletin. XXXII, No. 1. March, 1920.

The Raptores of Nelson County, Kentucky. By B. J. Blincoe.

Notes on the Birds of Wakulla County, Florida. By John Williams (Completed in June number).

Bluebird Migrations. By Howard C. Brown.

A Synopsis of the Genus Thryomanes. By Harry C. Oberholser.—This revision recognizes the same races and species as the author's previous monograph of the genus with the addition of T. albinuchus (Cabot) placed in the genus by Mr. Ridgway, and the two races described by Grinnell, T. b. catalinae and T. b. marinensis with a new race, T. b. ariborius (p. 25) from Agassiz, B. C., which is said to range over the southwestern corner of British Columbia and adjacent Washington.

Wilson Bulletin. XXXII, No. 2. June, 1920.

List of Birds made during service in France and Germany. By C. C. Sanborn.

The Oologist. XXXVII, No. 3. March 1, 1920.

Bird Nesting Notes from Yates County, N. Y. By C. F. Stone.—Additional notes in May issue.

The Oologist. XXXVII, No. 4. April, 1920.

Bohemian Waxwings in Kansas. By P. B. Peabody.

The Oologist. XXXVII, No. 5, May, 1920.

Annotated List of the Birds of Brooke County, W. Va.—Anonymous. **Journal of the Museum of Comparative Oology**. I, No. 3-4. March 31, 1920.—Like its predecessor this issue is largely devoted to articles by Mr. W. L. Dawson in exploitation of his Museum of Comparative Oology. There are, however, several special articles dealing with birds eggs, as follows:

An Oölogical Revision of the Alciformes. By W. L. Dawson.—This is a remarkable contribution in which the author first admits that he is not "deeply versed in the lore of taxonomy" and then states that the taxonomist is "all too easily satisfied with incomplete, or superficial evidence." Following this and some ridicule of the systematic worker he proposes that classification be based upon eggs alone. It is true that a knowledge of eggs is an aid to classification, and in certain groups has pointed to important relationships, just as have many other characters, but to insist upon using one character only, no matter what the character may be, is preposterous. There are resemblances between eggs that mean nothing from the phylogenetic point of view, just as there are resemblances in structure between birds which are only remotely related. Mr. Dawson's italicised "propositions" governing the matter we can hardly regard seriously.

Gaps in Our Knowledge of Eggs. By A. C. Bent.—Calls attention to certain species of North American birds the eggs of which are unknown or about which additional information is needed.

The Ibis. (11th Series), II, No 2. April, 1920.

List of the Birds of the Canary Islands, with detailed reference to the Migratory Species and the Accidental Visitors. Part VI. Appendix A-Appendix B. By D. A. Bannerman.

A Contribution to the Ornithology of the Island of Texel. By C. B. Ticehurst.

A List of the Birds collected in northern Saskatchewan and northern Manitoba by Captain Buchanan in 1914. By J. H. Fleming [published also in 'The Canadian Field Naturalist' for December, 1919].

Notes on South African Accipitres. By C. G. Finch-Davis.—Treats of habits and distribution.

A Review of the African *Dicruridae* in the British Museum. By D. A. Bannerman.

A Nominal List of the Birds at present known to inhabit Siam. By Count N. Gyldenstolpe.

On the Type Specimen of *Chloephaga inornata* King in the British Museum, and some further Notes. By F. E. Blaauw.—The type specimen is really a young *magellanica* so that *inornata* King becomes a synonym of that species while the Black-banded Goose reverts to the name *C. dispar*.

On a New Species of Bower-bird. By T. Carter and G. M. Mathews. Chlamydera maculata nova Mathews. Under certain contingencies not clearly explained, Mr. Mathews suggests that the form be renamed C. maculata carteri (p. 499).

Bulletin of the British Ornithologists' Club. No. CCXLVIII. March 4, 1920.

Largely devoted to an address by E. C. Stuart Baker on 'The Value of Subspecies to the Field Naturalist.' Dr. Hartert, in commenting upon the address, stated that he objected to making supposed intergradation between two forms a criterion of the subspecies and cited the case of island races which were formerly regarded by American ornithologists as full species because of the impossibility of intergradation but which now they regard as subspecies. This action as we understand it has not been a change of opinion but rather the recognition of another kind of intergradation, i. e., the overlapping of characters. While we do not think that the actual existence of intergrades should be required to establish a form as a subspecies, we nevertheless cannot admit subspecific relationship between forms separated by great distances and by other species of the genus, as for instance Dr. Hartert's listing of the Carolina Chickadee (Penthestes carolinensis) as a subspecies of an old world species.

The following new forms were described:

By Dr. Van Someren: from East Africa and Uganda: Cercomela turkana (p. 91) Turkana country, west of Lake Rudolf; Eremomela badiceps turneri (p. 92) Yala River; E. elegans elgonensis (p. 92) S. Elgon; Sylvietta isabellina macrorhyncha (p. 92) Tsavo; Dryodromus rufifrons turkanae (p. 93) Meuressi; Prinia mistacea immutabilis (p. 93) Nakuru Lake; Hedydipna platura

karamojoensis (p. 93) Karamojo; Cinnyris habessinicus turkanae (p. 94) Lake Rudolf; Anaplectes jubaensis (p. 94) Juba River; Charitillas kavirondensis (p. 95) Kakamega Forest; Dicrurus elgonensis (p. 95) Lerundo; Crateropus melanops clamosus (p. 95) Naivasha; Campothera teniolaema barakae (p. 96) Baraka.

By J. D. LaTouche: *Petrophila solitaria magna* (p. 97) a large race of *P. s. manilla* without type locality or mention of type specimen.

By A. DeCarle Sowerby: *Uragus sibiricus fumigatus* (p. 99) Tataschew, southern Siberia.

Bulletin of the British Ornithologists' Club. No. CCXLIX. March 31, 1920.

G. M. Mathews described six new forms of Australian birds.

C. Chubb proposed: Dendrocinclopa (p. 107) new genus; type D. guianensis Chubb; Vavasouria (p. 107), type Ampelis nivea (Bodd.); Calloprocnias (p. 107) type Casmarhynchus tricarunculatus (Verr), also Rhynchocyclus sulphurascens examinatus (p. 108) Bartica, British Guiana; R. poliocephalus inquisitor (p. 108) Bartica; R. flaviventris gloriosus (p. 108) Quonga, British Guiana; R. f. collingwoodi (p. 109) Trinidad.

Bulletin of the British Ornithologists' Club. No. CCL. April 30, 1920.

- E. C. Stuart Baker presented a revision of *Prinia sylvatica* recognizing three races and of *Pericrocotus peregrinus* and *P. brevirostris* recognizing five forms of the former and four of the latter. The following are described as new: *P. p. vividus* (p. 114) Attaran River, Burma; *P. p. pallidus* (p. 115), Larkhana, Sind; *P. p. saturatus* (p. 115), W. Java; *P. p. styani* (p. 117), Sechuen; and *P. speciosus fohkiensis* (p. 116), Yamahan, Fohkien.
- H. F. Witherby publishes some notes on birds from southern Spain showing among other things that the true *Cisticola cisticola cisticola* must be restricted to this country and north Africa and proposes for the bird of the rest of Europe, Asia Minor and Egypt, C. c. harterti (p. 120). Platea, Greece.

An account of the seventh oological dinner is appended.

British Birds. XIII, No. 10. March, 1920.

Ornithological Notes from Norfolk for 1919. By J. H. Gurney.—Includes an account of the destruction of Rooks during migration.

On Some Results of Ringing Certain Species of Birds. By H. F. Witherby. (Continued in April.)

British Birds. XIII, No. 11. April, 1920.

Breeding of the Knot in Grinnell Land. By Col. H. W. Fielden.— Eggs found by the late Admiral Peary on June 26, 1909.

The Dutch and British Little Owls. By H. F. Witherby.—Athene noctua mira (p. 283) Limburg, Holland, is described as new; being darker than the bird from Germany, etc. The British bird was introduced from Holland.

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Migration Notes from Bardsey Island, October, 1919. By F. W. Headley.

British Birds. XIII, No. 12. May 1, 1920.

The Common Gull Breeding on Dungeness Beach. By N. F. Tice-hurst.—Excellent half-tones from photographs of bird at nest.

Some recent results of Ringing Certain Species of Birds. By H. F. Witherby.

Avicultural Magazine. XI, No. 2. February, 1920.

Notes on the Birds of the Balearic Islands. By Philip Gosse.

Avicultural Magazine. XI, No. 3. March, 1920.

Birds in the National Zoological Gardens at Washington. By R. W. Shufeldt.

Avicultural Magazine. XI, No. 5. May, 1920.

The Cry of Owls. By A. Trevor-Battye.

Cockatoo-Catching in Victoria. By Thornton Skinner.

The South Australian Ornithologist. V, Part 1. January, 1920. The Birds of the Mallee. By Edwin Ashby.

New Subspecies of Emu Wren. By F. E. Parsons.—Stipiturus malachurus halmaturina (p. 15) Kangaroo Island.

Ornithological Nomenclature: Its History and Reason. By G. M. Mathews.

A Fortnight on Kangaroo Island, S. Australia. By J. N. McGilp.

Tori. Bulletin of the Ornithological Society of Japan. II, No. 8. July, 1919. [In Japanese]

On Some Specimens of Birds from Saghalin in the Sapporo Museum. By T. Momiyama.—Cichloselys sibircus davisoni, Locustella ochotensis, Parus ater pekinensis, Chelidon rustica gutturalis, Surnia ulula pallasi.

On the Migration of Some Common Species of Birds in the Vicinity of Seoul, Corea. By Y. Kuroda and J. Miyakoda.

On the Habits and Sexual Differences of the Himalayan Cuckoo. By M. Kawaguchi.

Migration and Habits of Swallows in Shikoku. By Y. Enomoto.

Notes on Some Birds from Iruma-gun Saitama. By T. Momiyama and M. Nomura. List of 132 species.

Tori. II. No. 9. April, 1919. [In Japanese.]

Notes on and Descriptions of the Flower-peckers of Formosa. By N. Kuroda.—Dicaeum minullum uchidai new race from Horisha, Nanto District. [This paper reprinted in English.]

On Some Birds from the Quelpart Island, Corea. By T. Mori.—Fortynine species.

On the Sexual Differences of Pseudotadorna cristata Kuroda. By N. Kuroda.—[Tadorna casarca × Querquedula falcata?]

Notes on Chelidon rustica gutturalis and C. daurica nipalensis. By Y. Kanetsune.

Description of a New Subspecies of Aplonis from the western Micronesia. By T. Momiyama.—A. kittlitzi kurodai subsp. nov. Yap Island, western Carolinas. (This paper in English.)

Revue Française d'Ornithologie. No. 131. March, 1920. [In French.]

On the Song of Birds in Winter, By H. Darviet.

An Amateur Bird Guide for One Visiting Africa. By Dr. Millet-Horsin. (Continued.)

Inquiry on the Disappearance of the Sparrow. By A. Menegaux, (Continued in April.)

Revue Francaise d'Ornithologie. No. 132, April, 1920. [In French.] Contribution to a Study of the Forms of *Bubo ascalaphus* of North Africa. By Louis Lavauden.

On the Bird Producers of the Peruvian Guana. By J. Berlioz. (Abstract of Coker's Report.)

L'Oseau. Vol. I, No. 1. January, 1920. [In French.]

Birds of the London Zoo. By D. Seth Smith. Mentions such rare birds as *Irena*, *Comatibis*, *eremita*, *Scopus*, etc., and figures the two specimens of the Kagu now living in the garden.

Hummingbirds in Captivity. By J. Delacour. (Continued in February.)

Observations on Some Waeverbird Hybrids. By A. DeCoux.—Colored plate of Zonogastris melba×Estrilda phoenicotis.

Breeding of the Demoiselle Crane. By A. Touchard.

Ornithological Reminiscences of Belgium during the Occupation. By C. Dupond. (Continued in February.)

L'Oseau. Vol. I, No. 2. February, 1920. [In French.]

The Golden-naped Woodpecker. By H. D. Astley.—Chrysophlegma flavinucha.

Descriptive Notes on Hummingbirds that have been imported living into Europe. By E. Simon.

Some Experiences in Crossing Peafowls. By F. E. Blaauw.

The Mikado Pheasant, Syrmaticus mikado. By J. Delacour.

L'Oseau. Vol. I, No. 3. March, 1920. [In French.]

The Blue-tailed Pitta. By H. D. Astley.

Acclimatization in French West Africa. By Dr. Millet-Horsan.—Possibility of introducing Paradise-birds on the Ivory Coast. (Continued in No. 4.)

Some Collections of Living Birds in England. By J. Delacour.

Calliste in Captivity. By A. DeCoux.

L'Oseau. Vol. I, Nos. 4-5, April-May, 1920. [In French.]

The Kite. By R. Reboussin.—With numerous pen sketches of attitudes.

Note on Three West African Birds. By A. DeCoux.

Hybrid of Peafowl and Common Fowl. By E. Trouessart.

A Feministe.' By C. Debreuil. A female Golden Pheasant exhibiting plumage of the male.

La Gerfaut. 10 Ann. Fasc. 1, 1920. [In French.]

Ivan Braconier. By L. Coopman.—With portrait.

Capture of a Red-necked Brant in Belgium. By A. Paque.—With colored plate.

The Birds of Devon (England) Compared with those of Belgium. By Th. Bisschop.

Der Ornithologische Beobachter. XVII. No. 5. February, 1920. Influence of Meteorological Conditions on the Migration of the Woodcock. By Dr. L. Pittet. [In French.]

Summer Life of the Starling. By H. Fischer-Sigwart. [In German.] **Der Ornithologische Beobachter.** XVII, No. 7. April, 1920.

On Zoological Nomenclature. By A. Hess.—The use of and between two specific names to indicate intermediates, the open end of the "V" being toward the species which it most resembles. [In German.]

Ornithological Notes on the Region of the Bosphorus. By A. Mathey Dupraz. [In French.]

The Call-Notes of Birds and their Significance. By H. Noll-Tobler. [In German.]

Der Ornithologische Beobachter. XVII, No. 8. May, 1920.

Report of the Swiss Central Station for Bird Ringing in Bern, 1917–1919. By A. Hess. [In German.]

Influence of Meteorological Conditions on the Migration of the Woodcock. By L. Pittet. [In French.]

Ornithologische Monatsberichte. Vol. 27, No. 3-4. March-April, 1919. [In German.]

Remarks on the Breeding Habits of the Swift (Cypselus apus.) By W. Bachmeister.

Ornithologische Monatsberichte, Vol. 27, No. 5-6. May-June, 1919. [In German.]

Why do the larger Migrating Birds fly in the Wedge Formation? By W. R. Eckardt.

New East African Forms. By H. Grote.—Macrosphenus albigula (62), Alseonax murinus roehli (p. 62), Phyllastrephus tephrolaemus usambarae (p. 62), and P. fischeri cognatus (p. 63) all from Mlolo, Usambara.

Ornithologische Monatsberichte. Vol. 27, No. 7-8, July-August, 1919. [In German.]

Geographic Errors in Connection with Scopoli in Hartert's 'Vogel der Palaearctischen Fauna'. By G. Schiebel.

On the Nomenclature of the Genus Phalaropus Brissen 1760. By A. Laubmann.—Adopts the same nomenclature as already used in the A. O. U. Check-List of 1910.

On the Position of the Feet of the Bustard in Flight. By E. Hesse.—Holds them straight back under the tail. See also November-December issue for comment.

Ornithologische Monatsberichte. Vol. 27, No. 9-10. September-October, 1919. [In German]

On Some Species of the Genus Callocalia. By O. Neumann.—C. uropygialis heinrothi (p. 110) Nusa, New Mechlenberg, is described as new.

Journal für Ornithologie. Vol. 67, No. 1. January, 1919. [In German.]

The Migration Routes of European Birds and the Results of the Ringing Experiments. By F. von Lucanus. See also note in No. 3.

A Contribution to the Ornithology of Munsterland. II. By H. Reichling.

Journal für Ornithologie. Vol. 67, No. 2. April, 1919. [In German.]

A Contribution to the Ornithology of South Venetia and the Coastlands. By E. Paul Tranz.

The Pleistoceme Bird Fauna of Pilifszante. A Critical Review. By Geyr von Schweppenberg.

Some Critical Remarks on the Palaearctic Corvidae. By J. Gengler. **Journal für Ornithologie.** Vol. 67, No. 3. July, 1919. [In German.]

Annual Report of the Bird Observation Station at Rossiten. By J. Thenemann.

Should Connecting Forms be Named? By E. Stresemann.

On Some Birds from the Southeast Coast of German East Africa. By H. Grote. Estrilda astrilt litoris (p. 301) Ruvu; Lagonosticta rubricata reichenowi (p. 301), Mikindani described as new.

An Ornithological Account of Sedan. By R. Zimmerman.

Journal für Ornithologie. Vol. 67, No. 4. October, 1919. [In German.]

Ornithological Observations in the South Ural Country. By H. Grote. (Continued in January.)

Birds of the Leipzig District. By E. Hesse.

The Fissirostres of Egypt. By A. Koenig.

On the Forms of Turdus musicus. By O. Graf Zedlitz.

Journal für Ornithologie. Vol. 68, No. 1, January, 1920. [In German.]

On the Eastern Forms of Certhia. By O. Graf Zedlitz.—C. familiaris bachmeisteri (p. 72), C. brachydactyla neumanni (p. 76), both from Slonim, Western Russia.

New Genera and Species of African Birds. By O. Neumann.—Knestrometopon (p. 77), type Sigmodus scopifrons Peters; Suaheliornis (p. 77), type Phyllastrephus kretzschmari Rchw. [here selected] Sathrocercus (p. 78) type Bradypterus barakae Sharpe, Vibrissosylvia (p. 78), type Callene cyornithopsis Sharpe. Also sixteen new races of Glareola, Pternistes, Francolinus, Gymnobucco, Malaconotus, Lamprocolius, Onychognathus, Potoptera, Ploceus, Geocichla, and Erythropygia.

Berajah. pp. 55-62 ppl. XXVIII-XXXI. 1918. [In German.]

Deals with Falco peregrinus. Numerous plates of feathers.

Falco. XIV. No. 2. 'Schluss-nummer' for 1918. (April, 1919.) [In German.]

Ornis Germanica. III, April, 1919. Supplement to 'Falco.' [In German.]

A list of German birds with names according to the peculiar ideas of the author, O. Kleinschmidt.

## Ornithological Articles in other Journals<sup>1</sup>

L. McI. Terrill. Fall Migrants. (Canadian Field Naturalist, January, 1920.)—A review of the autumn migration at Quebec.

Criddle, Norman. Notes on the Nesting Habits and Food of the Prairie Horned Larks in Manitoba. (Ibid.)

Laing, Hamilton M. Lake Shore Bird Migration at Beamsville, Ontario. (Ibid. February, 1920.)—An annotated list covering the summer and autumn of 1918.

Morris, Frank. Belated Guests. (Ibid.)—Midwinter records of Brown Thrasher, Towhee and Goldfinch at Peterborough, Ontario.

Nichols, J. T. Wintering Snipe and Rainfall. (Forest and Stream, May, 1920.)—"Heavy precipitation the last half of the year is favorable to the presence of Snipe on Long Island at its close."

Anderson, R. M. The Brant of the Atlantic Coast.—A leaflet of the Canadian Geological Survey in the interests of the protection of these birds under the Migratory Bird Treaty.

Nelson, E. W. Federal and State Game Preserves. (Bulletin Amer. Game Protective Asso., April, 1920.)

Lawyer, George A. Results from the Migratory Birds Treaty Act. (Ibid.)

Allen, Arthur A. A Day with the Ducks on Lake Cayuga. (American Forestry, April, 1920.) With photographs of Canvas-backs and duck-shooting.

Burroughs, John. Bird Photographs of Unusual Distinction. With extracts from the writings of John Burroughs (Natural History, December, 1919.)—Following a review of his 'Field and Study.'

Allan Brooks Birds and a Wilderness. (Ibid.)—In France.

**Nelson, E. W.** Region too Alkaline for Crops. (Ibid.)—A further illustration of the folly of draining the Klamath Lake region, which is resulting in the ruination of the famous bird reservation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Some of these journals are received in exchange others are examined in the library of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia. The Editor is under obligations to Mr. J. A. G. Rehn for a list of ornithological articles contained in the accessions to the library from week to week.