

an East-Asiatic or Chinese-Himalayan Region, which might, he thinks, be as well regarded as a sub-region of the Palaearctic, and which includes the Himalayan, Sifanian, North Chinese and Japanese Provinces. The characteristics of the various provinces are discussed, mainly from an ornithological standpoint and the editor, H. Grote has a short biography of Nikolai Sewerzow with a portrait.—W. S.

**Bannerman on First Impressions of Tunisia and Algeria.**<sup>1</sup>—In the introduction to this admirable little sketch Mr. Bannerman apologizes for the fact that it contains “nothing new” and “is merely the account of a journey through Tunisia and Algeria which some ornithologists have already made and doubtless many others will make in the future.” Many more we might add will never have the opportunity to make the journey and they especially will welcome Mr. Bannerman’s first “impressions.”

Annotated lists, valuable as they may be, give one no idea of the country they treat of, or of its bird life as a whole, and the author who has exhaustively studied a region forgets his first impressions. There is therefore a very definite value to this sort of paper and we commend it to all who would like to know just what they would see as they enter Tunisia and pass on to the edge of the great Sahara.

The electric train from Tunis to Carthage follows the shore of the Lac de Tunis, where one may see from the car windows flocks of Flamingoes stalking about, and a variety of shore birds and some grebes close by, apparently not in the least disturbed by the train. The vicinity of Tunis we learn is notable for its variety of Larks, no less than twenty varieties occurring there.—W. S.

**Grote on the Birds of Ukerewe Island.**<sup>2</sup>—This interesting island, lying in the great African lake, Victoria-Nyanza, was visited during 1908-1909 by a German missionary, Peter Conrad, who formed a collection of 750 birds representing 175 species, which Mr. Hermann Grote has listed and discussed in the present paper. The novelties contained in the collection have been previously described.—W. S.

**Griscom on ‘The Winter Avifauna of the Camargue’.**<sup>3</sup>—This is a pleasing account of a four days visit to this remote corner of France with an annotated list of eighty species observed, also a list of 53 species observed on a single day, December 31, almost half of which were water birds.—W. S.

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<sup>1</sup> First Impressions of Tunisia and Algeria. By David A. Bannerman. *The Ibis*. July, 1921. pp. 387-414.

<sup>2</sup> Vogel der Ukerewe-Insel des Victoria-Nyanza. von Hermann Grote, *Jour. f. Ornith.*, July, 1921, pp. 406-457.

<sup>3</sup> Some Notes on the Winter Avifauna of the Camargue. By Ludlow Griscom. *The Ibis*, October, 1921. pp. 575-609.