

Bannerman on Birds from the Belgian Congo.¹—This paper consists of notes on nineteen species of particular interest or rarity, among the 197 contained in the collection made by Dr. Cuthbert Christy in the Uelle River District, N. E. Belgian Congo. Notes on some of the specimens and a description of a new *Crateropus* have already been published by Mr. Bannerman in the Bulletin of the British Ornithologists' Club.—W. S.

Rothschild on Birds from Dutch New Guinea.²—The collection here described was made mainly on Mt. Kunupi, Weyland Mts., inland, from Geelvink Bay. It contained among other interesting specimens 153 skins of Paradise-birds representing 22 species and subspecies. A new Honey-eater *Melirrhophetes belfordi joiceyi* (p. 285) is described—W. S.

Recent Papers on Bird Conservation.—The constant demand for literature in carrying on the work of bird conservation necessitates the continual reissue of the leading facts and arguments in new form. An admirable pamphlet covering the whole theory of bird protection is 'The Utility of Birds' by Edward H. Forbush,³ issued by the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture, while the U. S. Biological Survey's latest publication on these lines is 'Farm Help from the Birds' by W. L. McAtee⁴ in which the food of many species of birds is briefly summarized and the method of investigating the food habits is described. Another pamphlet from the same source by E. A. Goldman⁵ is entitled 'Conserving our Wild Animals and Birds' and explains both the object and the difficulties in keeping up the game supply and preventing extermination of species. The existence today of over five million licensed hunters who go out for game every year is a serious factor.

Dr. John C. Phillips⁶ discusses much the same questions in his 'Conservation of our Mammals and Birds' and he is forced to admit that "the outlook today to the lover of wild life and wild places, is most discouraging" though he does not share the views of some who care deeply for these

¹ On some Rare Birds from the Belgian Congo collected by Dr. Cuthbert Christy. By David A. Bannerman. Rev. Zool. Afric. (Bruxelles). VII, Fasc. 3, 1920. pp. 284-295.

² On Some Birds from the Weyland Mountains, Dutch New Guinea, By Lord Rothschild. Novitates Zool. XXVIII, pp. 280-294, September 1921.

³ The Utility of Birds. Dept. Bull. No. 9. Dept. of Agric. Commonwealth of Mass. Div. of Ornithology. Edward Howe Forbush, Director. July 1921, pp. 1-83. Numerous illustrations.

⁴ Farm Help from the Birds. By W. L. McAtee. Separate No. 843. Year Book U. S. Dept. Agriculture, 1920. pp. 253-270. Illustrated.

⁵ Conserving our Wild Animals and Birds. By Edward A. Goldman. Separate No. 836, Year Book U. S. Dept. Agriculture, 1920. pp. 159-174. Illustrated.

⁶ Conservation of Our Mammals and Birds. By John C. Phillips. Harvard Graduates' Magazine. September, 1921, pp. 36-51.