

**Mathews' 'The Birds of Australia.'**<sup>1</sup>—Part Eight<sup>2</sup> of Volume eleven continues with the Honey-eaters of the old genus *Ptilotis* which has been subdivided by the author into many groups. "Corrections" and "additions" to the earlier parts of the volume are interjected here and there in the text in a most confusing manner. Why these could not have been reserved for an appendix it is hard to understand, and the method impresses one with the idea that, as the work grows to a close, less attention is given to editorial detail. We note no new names proposed in this part. Apparently about seventy species remain to be treated which we suppose will be covered in one more volume.

Since our last notice we have also received the final part of the quarto 'Check-List' which accompanies the large work as a uniform "Supplement III". This, besides completing the list of Australian birds on the plan adopted in the preceding parts, includes corrections and a series of miscellaneous notes, the application of some of which it is difficult to understand, especially the statement that "as in all my works the designation of type of genera and the type locality of species and subspecies can be accepted when correct."

One item that Mr. Mathews might well add before his work closes would be a statement as to the individuals after whom many of his new subspecies are named. In many cases one can guess, but there are others where the name is ambiguous and may have been given for one of several persons since usually no clue is given in the original place of publication.

The 'Birds of Australia' is making good progress and we hope soon to be able to announce its completion—W. S.

**Life and Bibliography of Salvadori.**—Count E. Arrigoni Degli Oddi has prepared an excellent bibliography<sup>3</sup> of the publications of the late Tommaso Salvadori which is accompanied by a brief biographical sketch. No less than 338 titles are listed together with a list of 490 species and 27 genera described by Salvadori and 24 species and one genus named in his honor.

We are indebted to Count Arrigoni for this excellent resume of the work of one of the most indefatigable of the European ornithologists of the past generation, and one who throughout his life was a leader in the advancement of ornithological knowledge—W. S.

**Murphy on the Cormorants of Peru.**—Those familiar with Dr. Murphy's entertaining lectures on the Peruvian Coast will be pleased to find in this well illustrated paper<sup>4</sup> the best of his photographs of the birds

<sup>1</sup> The Birds of Australia. By Gregory M. Mathews. Volume XI, Part 8. October 25, 1924.

<sup>2</sup> Supplement No. 3. Check List of the Birds of Australia, Part 3. Order Passeriformes (Concluding Part) September 8, 1924. London, H. F. and G. Witherby, 326 High Holburn, W. 1. C.

<sup>3</sup> Cenni sulla Vita e sulle Opere di Tommaso Salvadori. Messina. (1924) estratto dalla 'Revista Italiana Ornithologia' VI, pp. 65-105, repaged 1-51.

<sup>4</sup> The Most Valuable Bird in the World. The National Geographic Magazine, September 1924, pp. 278-302.