

is described from Victoria (p. 50) and in the list of races "Victoria" in inadvertently given as the author of the name!

On April 6, 1925, there was also published the first part of a 'Bibliography of Australian Birds' of which another part will follow. This like the 'Check List' is uniform with the large work and is regarded as a part of it. The introduction consists of biographical sketches with portraits of Charles Daviès Sherborn and Charles Wallace Richmond two of the leading figures in ornithological bibliography to whom the author has been under continued obligations.

The bibliography itself, covering the letters A-N, is wonderfully full of historical and biographical data, exact dates of publication etc. etc., and constitutes one of the most important portions of this work from the standpoint of the general ornithologist, as many of the publications listed and described deal with birds of other parts of the world beside Australia. So valuable to the systematic worker will this 'Bibliography' prove that it is to be hoped that, in the interest of science, arrangements will be made by which it may be obtained separately. In any event, we are under a debt of gratitude to Mr. Mathews for working out all the information which it contains and publishing it.—W. S.

**Balsac on the Ornithology of the Northern Sahara.**—M. H. Heim de Balsac, who has been publishing in the 'Revue Francaise de Ornithologie' an account of his expedition into the northern portion of the Sahara, has now issued the several installments in book form, rearranged and repaged, forming a very valuable contribution to our knowledge of the birds of north Africa. His route lay from Sfax through Maknassy and Gafsa to Tozeur, in Tunis, and from Ghardaia north to Algiers, in Algeria. The annotations are full with measurements of important specimens and French vernaculars for each species, while the introduction contains many observations on the fauna and flora of the region.—W. S.

**Townsend's 'Sand Dunes and Salt Marshes.'**—Dr. Charles Wendell Townsend has published a new edition of his 'Sand Dunes and Salt Marshes,'<sup>1</sup> a series of delightful sketches of the natural history of the Massachusetts coast already reviewed in 'The Auk' for 1913 (p. 593).

The present volume seems to differ in no respect from the original except in the use of heavier text paper and the addition of a short introduction by Ralph Hoffman. Dr. Townsend has delighted many nature lovers with his writings and the present attractive edition of this earlier work will be welcome to those who possess his later publications.—W. S.

**Skinner's 'Birds of the Yellowstone National Park.'**—This admirable work<sup>2</sup> published as one of the Roosevelt Wild Life Bulletins of

<sup>1</sup> Sand Dunes and Salt Marshes. By Charles Wendell Townsend. L. C. Page & Company, 53 Beacon St., Boston, Mass. Large 12 mo illustrated with numerous half-tones from photographs. \$3.50.

<sup>2</sup> The Birds of Yellowstone National Park. By Milton P. Skinner. Roosevelt Wild Life Bulletin of the Roosevelt Wild Life Forest Experiment Station, Syracuse, N. Y. Volume 3, No. 1. February, 1925, pp. 1-192. Price \$1.00.