

the organizer of the bird sanctuary and the bird masque, will read with interest of his work in behalf of the buffalo, his strenuous opposition to nature faking and his able campaign in behalf of vivisection and his exposures of the deception of its opponents. The book is well written, handsomely gotten up and illustrated with a number of excellent half-tones—W. S.

**Baxter and Rintoul on Distribution of Scottish Birds.**<sup>1</sup>—This handsomely printed work is a sort of glorified faunal list. A full page is devoted to each species or subspecies, headed by a general statement such as: "A rare Visitor," to quote a simple case, or "An abundant Resident in wooded districts. A Winter Visitant from the Continent and a Passage Migrant," in the case of a bird of more complicated occurrence, like the Chaffinch. Then in heavy type come names of the fourteen geographical areas into which the authors have divided Scotland and under each the names of the counties or parts of counties which they include in the area, these being printed exactly alike on every page. Then there are symbols placed after each county from which the bird has been recorded indicating the character of its occurrence: viz. "R." is resident, "O." occasional visitor, etc. The scheme is convenient as it provides a place for entering the future occurrence of any bird in any county or district of Scotland, but rather expensive since it sometimes happens that an entire page is devoted to the fact that a species has once been recorded from Aberdeen.

There are several appendices of additions and corrections, and lists of unaccepted records and introduced species, while a map of Scotland showing the various geographical areas forms a frontispiece.

The book has apparently been compiled with great care and the authors, already well known for their intensive studies of the Scottish avifauna, are to be congratulated upon an excellent and painstaking work placing Scotland ahead, perhaps, of any other country in the matter of a detailed and graphic record of its avifauna.—W. S.

**Some Birds of Dar es Salaam.**<sup>2</sup>—This little brochure consists of random notes on birds observed during a residence at Dar es Salaam, on the east coast of Africa, in Tanganyika Territory, by the granddaughter of J. H. Gurney the noted British ornithologist. They vary in length some presenting many items of interest on the life history of the species others mere notes on appearance or dates of observation. A supple-

<sup>1</sup> The Geographical Distribution and Status of Birds in Scotland. By Evelyn V. Baxter and Leonora Jeffrey Rintoul. Oliver and Boyd, Edinburgh: Tweeddale Court, London: 33 Paternoster Row E. C. 4, 1928, pp. i-viii + 1-425. Price 15sh. net.

<sup>2</sup> Notes on Some Birds of Dar es Salaam. By Cecily J. Ruggles-Brise, M. B. E., F. R. G. S., F. Z. S. With 29 illustrations. Norwich., Jarrold & Sons Ltd., pp. i-xvii, 1-96. Price 4sh. 6 pence, net.