

and put them on permanent record before the fragile manuscripts are lost forever. And would that our present day sportsmen would take the time to keep such records for the benefit of posterity.—W. S.

Bent's Life Histories of North American Shore Birds.—We have before us Mr. Bent's eighth volume¹ of his "life histories," completing the Shore Birds, and would congratulate him upon the splendid progress that he is making with this great undertaking.

Many familiar species are treated in the present volume including the Willet, Upland Plover, Spotted Sandpiper, Hudsonian Curlew, Black-bellied and Semipalmated Plovers, Killdeer and Turnstone. As heretofore the author has had the hearty coöperation of a host of students of the breeding habits of birds, as well as of photographers, so that the high standard of both text and illustrations is amply maintained, while Mr. F. C. Lincoln has again, on behalf of the Biological Survey, compiled the distributions of the species from the Survey records. Several special life histories have been contributed by Dr. Charles W. Townsend, Rev. F. C. R. Jourdain and Dr. Winsor M. Tyler.

In turning the pages of Mr. Bent's work we must again express our amazement at the vast amount of information that he has been able to collect and the admirable manner in which it has been presented. All ornithologists are indeed deeply indebted to him for his devoted labors in their behalf.—W. S.

Audubon Bird Cards.—We are pleased to see another set of "bird cards" issued by the National Association of Audubon Societies, from paintings by Allan Brooks. This set² is entitled "50 Summer Birds of Eastern North America" and contains an excellent collection, without of course duplicating those in previous issues.

The artist, in the great majority of cases, has been most successful in his poses, and the color reproduction is excellent with the exception of the Least Flycatcher, Warbling Vireo and Catbird which are entirely too dark. The text is helpful and instructive.

The value of these bird cards cannot be overestimated; not only will they prove indispensable to schools and children but every lover of birds will wish to have a set for handy reference in his ornithological library.—W. S.

Hellmayr on the Ornithology of Northeastern Brazil.—When Dr. Hellmayr came to Chicago to assume the continuation of Cory's

¹ Life Histories of North American Shore Birds, Order Limicolæ (Part 2). By Arthur Cleveland Bent of Taunton, Massachusetts. U. S. National Museum Bulletin 146. Washington, 1929. pp. i-ix + 1-412 (63 of the 66 plates are included in the pagination but plates 1 to 3 are not). Price \$1.00; to be had from the Supt. of Documents, U. S. Govt. Printing Office, Washington, D. C.

² Audubon Bird Cards, Set No. 3. 50 Summer Birds of Eastern North America. From Color Drawings by Allan Brooks. Published by the National Association of Audubon Societies, 1974 Broadway, N. Y. City. Sold in Sets. Price \$1.00.