

Riley on Birds from Borneo and Mongolia.—In a recent paper¹ Mr. J. H. Riley reports on a collection of birds made by Mr. H. C. Raven at the instance of Dr. W. L. Abbott on islands off the northeast coast of Dutch Borneo. Forty-three forms are listed, a number of which had been previously described and named by the author. The report forms an interesting contribution to the ornithology of a little known region.

In another paper Mr. Riley reports on a collection made by Mr. F. R. Wulsin in inner Mongolia, Kansu and Chihli. This collection includes 166 species but apparently none new to science. Both collections are now in the U. S. National Museum.—W. S.

Recent Papers by Wetmore.—Dr. Alexander Wetmore has recently described² a new Ground Dove (*Chaemepelia p. navassae*) from Navassa Island, south of Haiti (p. 149). It would seem however, that it is necessary to revert to the generic name *Columbigallina* for these birds. This name of Boie was rejected some years ago on account of a previous *Columbigallina* of Oken but when these names of Oken were ruled to be *nomina nuda* by the International Commission the bar to the use of *Columbigallina* Boie was removed. This reversion is perhaps fortunate since it renders the controversy on the orthography of *Chaemepelia*, about which there was much discussion, a matter of little importance since the name becomes merely a synonym. The International Commission it will be remembered rendered a very unfortunate decision (no. 61) by ruling that we must emend the name to *Chamaepelia* in accordance with its probable derivation and regardless of its original spelling, Dr. Wetmore by the way seems to have ignored this ruling of the Commission!

In another recent paper³ Dr. Wetmore describes some fossil bird bones from the Temblor Formation near Bakersfield, Calif. naming as new *Puffinus inceptor* (p. 86), *Moris vagabundus* (p. 89) and *Presbychen* (genus nov.) *abavus* (p. 92).—W. S.

Carriker on New Peruvian Birds.—During the last part of December 1929 and the first six months of 1930, Mr. M. A. Carriker made a large collection of birds in Peru for the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia. A preliminary examination and study of this material has resulted in the discovery of several forms new to science and these have been described in a recent paper.⁴ They are as follows: *Eubucco richardsoni*

¹ Birds from the Small Islands off the Northeast Coast of Dutch Borneo. By J. H. Riley. Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus. Vol. 77. Art. 12, pp. 1-23. 1930. Birds Collected in Inner Mongolia, Kansu and Chihli by the National Geographic Society's Central China Expedition under the Direction of F. R. Wulsin. Ibid. Art. 15, pp. 1-39. 1930.

² The Ground Dove of Navassa Island. By Alexander Wetmore. Proc. Biol. Soc. Washington, Vol. 43, pp. 149-150. September 26, 1930.

³ Fossil Bird Remains from the Temblor Formation near Bakersfield, California. By Alexander Wetmore. Proc. Calif. Acad. Sci., Fourth Series, Vol. XIX, No. 8, pp. 85-93. 1930, July 15.

⁴ Descriptions of New Birds from Peru and Ecuador. Proc. Acad. Nat. Sci. Phila., LXXXII, pp. 367-376, Dec. 15, 1930.