

CORRESPONDENCE.

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About twenty years ago, I began a study of the anatomy of the Tubinares. This work involved the examination of the literature of bird anatomy and the accumulation of a bibliography of about three thousand references.

Some years later, I sought advice concerning the best form for the bibliography of the monograph I was preparing. It was suggested to me that the bibliography be published separately so that it might be available for those who could not obtain the monograph. From Dr. E. W. Gudger came the suggestion that I consider the plan followed in that great work, the Dean Bibliography of Fishes, to which Dr. Gudger gave a very large amount of time.

It was not feasible for me to attempt a complete bibliography of the literature of birds. This would be more than a one-man job, and I did not find anyone interested in coöperating. The literature of birds is very much greater than that for fishes, and yet several persons coöperated in the preparation of the Dean bibliography. I was, however, much impressed with the usefulness of such a work.

The extensive topical classification of the Dean bibliography is of incalculable value, and I decided to attempt a similar analysis for the literature covered in my bird bibliography. This has involved examination of every publication included, whenever possible. I also decided to include physiology, behavior, and a few other subjects. Later, other fields were included until now only taxonomy and distribution are not fully represented. However, these two probably include 75% or more of the literature dealing with birds. I have not ignored them entirely but have included the names of important taxonomic works. Taxonomic bibliographies are also included.

At the time this communication appears, the typing of the author catalog, alphabetically arranged, will be in progress. There is still opportunity, however, for any persons who have not already done so, to send me references to *published* bibliographies of their contributions to ornithology, including all phases, and they will be exceedingly welcome.

No arrangements have yet been made for publication. It seems likely that a subsidy may be needed. Any suggestions as to how this may be obtained will be gladly considered. The monograph presents a much greater problem of expense of publication, as yet unsolved.

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