

producing something of value by reason of the careful and regular attention given it.

As a local list, it would form a complete guide to those needing some help in making a beginning in the field of ornithology; as a migration record, it has a certain value to the advanced student, both as one of the few examples of published field notes and for the care and appreciation with which the field has been covered.

To one who has felt the same kindling of enthusiasm in the field set apart by such observers as Mr. Torrey and Mr. Wright, that of ornithology without a gun, the words of Mr. Torrey's introduction are particularly interesting. May these words indeed "set many another man upon the same delightful quest," and, so doing, give him that happiness which comes from sitting "in the saddle of a pet hobby horse, ambling at his ease, morning after morning, over the pleasant malls", if only of a quiet city garden.

The book is published in this well known firm's usual style with pleasing binding and careful printing.—H. T. C.

AN ANNOTATED LIST OF THE BIRDS OF BOULDER COUNTY, COLORADO, by JUNIUS HENDERSON. University of Colorado Studies, Vol. VI, No. 3; Boulder, Colorado; April, 1909.

This list which, according to the introduction, includes 216 species of birds known to occur in Boulder County, is a compilation based upon the published and unpublished observations of a number of ornithologists who have worked within the confines of the county at various times.

The introduction deals with the topography of the county, and is followed by a bibliography, which is only partially complete. The remarks under each species in the annotated list proper are exceedingly brief, only enough being said to establish the status of the species.

Taken as a whole, the list, which is 23 pages in length, altho written by a paleontologist, is quite comprehensive, and aside from the usual quota of errors in citation, omissions, etc., and a few rather surprising statements (e. g., the Lesser Scaup recorded as a "rare migrant") the list is well written and a timely contribution to Colorado Ornithology.—R. B. R.

BIRDS OF THE WORLD | a Popular Account by | FRANK H. KNOWLTON, Ph. D. | [etc., 7 lines] | The Whole Edited by | Robert Ridgway | [one line] | with 16 colored plates and 236 illustrations | [monogram] | New York | Henry Holt and Company | 1909. Royal 8vo, pp. i-xiii, 1-873, ills. and col. pl. (as above). [\$7.00].

Not since the final edition of Coues' Key have we received a book already proving itself so generally useful as the one of the above

title. Of course its scope is so totally different that one does not think of it in the same connection as the several purely systematic works appearing lately. The text is popularly written, in the sense of being well-wordsed in complete sentences, and the matter shows itself to have been culled out so as to present the sort of information desired by the mass of its intended readers. Yet there is no carelessness in the way of inexact statements, and as far as we have read scientific correctness seems to have been the ambition of the author well realized. The convenience of having at hand abridged accounts of foreign birds we hear of frequently, makes the book one to keep on the reference shelf along with Newton's "Dictionary of Birds." The chapter on classification, giving an "Outline of the Classification of Birds," as adopted by Dr. Knowlton, and approved of by Mr. Ridgway, is a valuable feature. While the colored plates are rather poor, the text figures are good, tho few are new.—J. G.

## MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

### NORTHERN DIVISION

APRIL.—The April meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held in the lecture room of the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology at Berkeley on the 20th inst. The meeting was called to order at 11:30 A. M. with Pres. W. K. Fisher in the chair and the following members present: W. K. Fisher, J. Grinnell, Jos. Mailliard, R. S. Wheeler, J. Rowley, J. R. Pemberton, W. P. Taylor, F. E. Newbury, M. S. Ray, O. J. Heinemann, Carriger, Miss Alexander, Mrs. Grinnell, Mrs. Burnham and Dr. Ella Cool Walker.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as read.

The motion was made and carried that the secretary cast the unanimous ballot of those present electing to active membership all those whose names were presented at the last meeting. [See list of names and addresses in last CONDOR.]

The motion was made and carried that the Secretary make a list of the publications in the Club's library to be disposed of and mail same to C. O. C. members.

On motion the club adjourned and thru the courtesy of Miss Alexander those present were enabled to examine the extensive collections contained in the new museum. After this all assembled beneath a large tree near the museum where a group photo was taken; a walk was then taken up a nearby canyon and lunch was enjoyed beneath the trees lining the stream.

H. W. CARRIGER, *Secretary*.