

Bower-bird "resembles Catbirds in its green colouring in both sexes," but the author's general enthusiasm for his subject and his first-hand experience with the birds of the three eastern States are apparent throughout.

The book is illustrated with 58 excellent photographs by the author and others, many of which have appeared in this journal.—G.M.

Library Notes

The following publications have been received:—

The Condor, Vol. xxxvi, No. 5.

Quest for Birds, by W. K. Richmond. See review in this part.

Australian Science Abstracts, Vol. 13, No. 4.

Memoirs of the National Museum, Melbourne, No. 8. Contains "A Revision of the Genus *Malurus*," by George Mack. See review in this part.

The Wilson Bulletin, Vol. xlv, No. 3.

Boletim do Ministerio da Agricultura, Vol. 23—January-March, 1934.

Proceedings of the California Academy of Sciences (4th ser.), Vol. xxi, No. 16, pp. 189-198. "The Templeton Crocker Expedition to Western Polynesian and Melanesian Islands."

Annals of the Transvaal Museum, Vol. xv, part iii.

El Hornero, Vol. v, No. 3.

Proceedings of the Royal Zoological Society of N.S.W., 1933-4.

The Victorian Naturalist, Vol. li, Nos. 6, 7 and 8.

The Avicultural Magazine, Vol. xii, Nos. 9, 10 and 11.

Smithsonian Miscellaneous Collections, Vol. 89, No. 13. "A systematic classification for the birds of the world, revised and amended," by Alexander Wetmore.

The Ibis, 13th ser., Vol. iv, No. 4. Contains "Remarks on Albatrosses and Mollymawks," by Gregory M. Mathews. [Admits eight genera. "After an intensive examination of this family it should be quite easy to name any perfect adult bird, and almost as easy from seeing only the bill." *Diomedea chionopectera*, "Distr., Indian Ocean," included as subspecific to *D. exulans*.]

The Auk, Vol. li, No. 4. Contains "The Role of Anger in Evolution, with particular reference to the colours and songs of birds," by Francis H. Allen; "Short Notes on Some New Zealand Birds," by H. G. Deignan.

Bird Wonders of Australia, by A. H. Chisholm. See review in this part.

An Aviary on the Plains, by Henry G. Lamond. See review in this part.

Songs and Poems. Issued by N.S.W. Gould League. See review on outside back cover.

The South Australian Ornithologist, Vol. xii, part 8.

Checklist of Birds of the World, by James L. Peters. Vol. 2. Will be reviewed in next part.

Obituary

DR. A. M. MORGAN.

Dr. Alexander Matheson Morgan was born at "Netherby," Mitcham, South Australia, in 1867, and was a son of Sir William Morgan, one of the founders of the State. Dr. Morgan from when quite a boy showed a great love for nature and no boy could have had better surroundings in which to indulge a taste for bird life, for his old home's spacious grounds were well stocked with native and other trees. At that time the adjacent country was in its natural state of virgin bush. Dr. Morgan was educated at the Geelong Grammar School, and, after he took his M.B. and B.Sc. degrees at the Adelaide University, he practised in the country—mainly at Laura and Stone Hut. There he devoted all his spare time to the hobby that interested him so much—and the district was a wonderful one to further his knowledge of ornithology and zoology. Over a space of several years he made a large collection of bird skins and eggs.

It was about 1898—when the Doctor came to Adelaide to practise—that the writer came into touch with him, and ever since a strong and lasting friendship existed between us. All the early meetings of the South Australian Ornithologists' Association were held at his rooms. At that time the Doctor was a good friend and strong supporter of that Association. About 1907 he went to England and specialized as an oculist during his sojourn there. He came into touch with leading British ornithologists, which was a source of great pleasure to him, and often he recounted discussions he had over nomenclature and other matters relating to ornithology.

At first Dr. Morgan was inclined to support the "old school" in ornithology, but he soon realized that trinomials must be used and it was not long before he was a strong supporter of the "new thought." It was the writer's great pleasure to undertake many excursions with Dr. Morgan, both inland and along the coast. Some trips stand out very prominently, such as the "Cruise of the Avocet," in search of Skuas and other forms. Dr. Morgan was especially fond of the sea birds, and our trip together in a mutual friend's yacht, the *Avocet*, in January, 1916, was most enjoyable.