

(p. 72) is said to be "Undoubtedly not an uncommon migrant with *A. nelsoni*," etc., which latter is, curiously, not otherwise mentioned. We have here, also, almost the only case where the changes in nomenclature made in the Ninth Supplement to the A. O. U. Check-List have not been followed in the present list.

As a whole, the list has evidently been prepared with great care and thoroughness of research. In the case of the rarer species, the original records are cited in footnotes, and there is, besides, an extended and practically complete bibliography of Rhode Island ornithology, numbering nearly two hundred entries. There are also two indexes, one for the technical names, and one for the vernacular and local names. The text is very tastefully printed, typographical errors are exceedingly few, and these are apparently all corrected in a list of errata at the close of the work. The six plates (only four of them are now first published) are pertinent of the subject, illustrating 'Purgatory,' at Middletown, where Barn Swallows breed in the rocks; Mount Hope, on Narragansett Bay; Cormorant Rock and Tern's nest; an Osprey nest; a Bank Swallow colony, and a Rose-breasted Grosbeak's nest. The work is attractive as a specimen of book-making, and in every way a credit to the authors. —J. A. A.

**Newton's 'Dictionary of Birds.'**<sup>1</sup>—The reissue of this standard work in a cheaper form, yet unabridged and unchanged as regards the matter, will place it within reach of many who could not afford the original work. The paper is thinner and the volume less bulky, and thus more convenient for use, so that the cheaper form is in this respect rather an improvement upon the original. As the character of the work has already been placed before the readers of 'The Auk,'<sup>2</sup> we need only call attention to the fact of its reissue at reduced cost. This is especially gratifying, there being no other work of similar character extant. Professor Newton's masterly treatment of the general subject, and Dr. Gadow's contributions on the anatomy of birds, supply a fund of information alike valuable to the specialist and the general reader, and render the 'Dictionary' a compendium of ornithology of unrivalled excellence. — J. A. A.

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<sup>1</sup>A Dictionary of Birds. By Alfred Newton, assisted by Hans Gadow, with contributions from Richard Lydekker, Charles S. Roy, and R. W. Shufeldt. Cheap issue, unabridged. 1 vol. 8vo, pp. 1-124, i-viii, 1-1088, map, and numerous figures in text. The Macmillan Company, 66 Fifth Ave., New York. \$5.00.

<sup>2</sup>Vol. X, 1893, pp. 357-360; XI, 1894, pp. 56-60; XII, pp. 169, 170; XIV, 1897, pp. 234-244.