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UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM

UNDER DIRECTION OF

THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

WASHINGTON

August 4, th 1887.

Professor Spencer T. Baird,
Secretary Smithsonian Institution
My Director United States National Museum.

Sir:-

I have the honor to submit herewith
a report upon work done during the
month of July, 1887, in the Department
of Birds.

Accessions

The number of entries made in the bird
catalogue during July is 49 (Museum
Register Nos. 111454 to 111502 inclusive) the
principal accessions being as follows:-

Waldemar Knudsen, Marion, Mass. - 2
specimens Ptilinopus psittacea, from Kauai,
Hawaiian Islands. The museum only possessed
a young bird of this species. (Gift).

Anastacio Alfaro, San José, Costa Rica. -
The type specimen of Parzana alfari, recently
described by Mr. Ridgway. (Gift).

H. A. Conklin, Central Park, New York City. -
1 Cacatua moluccensis, in the flesh. (Gift).

Lieut. H. C. Benson, U.S.A., Fort Huachuca, Arizona.
32 specimens, 16 species. A very valuable
and interesting collection, containing,
among others, a fine adult specimen
of Trogon ambiguus, a series of 10 Corvus
cryptoleucus and 4 Falco fusco-carinu-
scus. (Gift)

H. H. Coale, Chicago, Ill. - 4 specimens,
4 species, from South America and Malacca,
all new to the collection. (Exchange).

José Zeledón, San José, Costa Rica. -
3 Paradise Trogans (Pharomacrus costaricensis)
in excellent plumage. (Purchased).

Robert Ridgway, Washington, D.C. - 4 Specimens,
3 species, from Gainesville, Fla. (Gift)

Dr. C. Hart Merriam, Washington, D.C.
A fine albino Horreorator lunum, from Canada. (Exchange)

Specimens distributed.

The number of specimens of birds
distributed during July is 23 representing
11 species, as follows; -

a Lent for examination.

Ernest E. Thompson, Toronto, Canada.
1 specimen Saltriparus melanotis from Mexico.

C. E. Aiken, Colorado Springs, Colorado. -
8 specimens Myiata acadica from North America.

Wm Brewster, Cambridge, Mass. - 12 specimens,
7 species, from North America, Central America,
and Galapagos Islands.

C. On Exchange.

Conrad Zeller, Washington, D.C. - 1 Cardinal
Grosbeak, from North America.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam, Washington, D.C.
1 specimen Melospiza cinerea, from Alaska.

Packages sent out.

a. By Express.

(1) State University, Ann Arbor, Mich. - Natural History specimens from José C. Zeledon, Costa Rica. (Collect).

(2) Boston Society Natural History, Boston, Mass. Mounted birds (Lafresnaye types) borrowed for examination and returned to owner. (Paid)

(3) E. A. Forbes, Champaign, Ill. (Personal R.R.) (Collect).

(4) Wm Brewster, Cambridge, Mass. Bird skins returned to owner and others lent for examination. (Collect)

(5) Geo. B. Bennett, New York City. - Specimens borrowed for examination and returned to owner (Paid).

C. By mail.

(1) Chas. H. Worthen, Warsaw, Ill.
Specimens returned to owner.

(2) H. H. Coale, Chicago, Ill. Bird skins
returned to owner.

(3) H. B. Goss, Topeka, Kansas. - Two mounted
birds returned to owner.

(4) Ludwig Kunzlin, Milwaukee, Wisc.
Colored drawings of birds (rec'd for naming)
returned to owner.

(5) Chas. B. Long, Boston, Mass. - Bird
skins returned to owner.

(6) C. E. Aiken, Colorado Springs, Colorado.
Specimens lent for examination.

d Delivered personally.

① Dr. C. Hart Merriam, Washington, D.C.

Bird skin, in exchange.

Minor Bookbinding Work.

Official letters written - - - - -

" memoranda " - - - - -

Memo of packing - - - - - 11.

Orders for work - - - - - 2.

Requisitions - - - - - 8.

Invoices (triplicates) - - - - - 15.

Proof corrected by Assistant Curator
Galeys. - - - - - 16

Pages. - - - - - 90.

Papers prepared for publication.
a By the Curator.

- ① On the correct subspecific title of *Bairds Wren* (No. 7196, A.O.U. Check List).
Ep. 2½, Mss. (Sent to Editor of the Auk).

b. By the Assistant Curator.

- ① Notes on *Psittirostra psittacea* from
Kauai, Hawaiian Islands. 4 pp Mss. (Editor
Proc. U.S. Nat. Mus. July 2, 89)

- ② *Parus propatagialis* *musculi* *encell-*
aris. 9 pp. Mss. + 2 figs (Editor "Science", July 22)
[Correcting some mistakes of Dr. Shufeldt in
a previous number of "Science"]

Work of Assistants.

The Assistant Curator during July continued his work in connection with the report upon Japanese Birds.

The difficult genera Phylloscopus and Emberiza were thoroughly investigated.

Mr. J. M. Noah has performed satisfactorily the various duties assigned him.

Work of Taxidermist.

Mr. H. Marshall during the month of July has mounted 38 birds.

Very respectfully,

R. Ridgway.

Curator, Department Birds.

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UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM

UNDER DIRECTION OF

THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

WASHINGTON

Copies made for
Dr. Müller

September 2, 1884.

Mem. to Mr. Goode:

The following birds, selected from Dr. Aug. Müller's catalogue (No. 70, 1886), are very desirable for the National Museum, and if possible I should like to arrange an exchange with Dr. Müller, with the view of obtaining them. We have many duplicates of western, Alaskan, and Labrador birds, and probably could send him some species which he would like to procure. At any rate, it would respectfully suggest that he be asked to send us a list of his wants, and that the list appended herewith be sent him.

R. Ridgway
Curator, Dept. Birds.

UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM

UNDER DIRECTION OF

THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

WASHINGTON

+ 1887

Sept. 2, 1887.

List of Birds selected from Dr. Aug. Müller's
Price List No. 70 (1886) which are desired
by the United States National Museum
(by exchange, if possible).

No.	Price (marks).
6. <i>Scops brasiliensis</i> , subsp. <i>guatemalensis</i> .	4, 50
8. <i>Syrnium nebulosum</i> . (Mexico.)	10, 00
12. <i>Orudrochelidon mystacea</i> .	6, 00
87. <i>Poliopstila albiloris</i>	3, 00
135. <i>Buchanga leucogenis</i> .	4, 00
161. <i>Attila citreopygia</i> .	4, 00
179. <i>Basorhynchus nudicollis</i> .	8, 00
182. <i>Pachyrhynchus nigriceps</i> .	4, 00
183. <i>Pachyrhynchus major</i> .	3, 00
250. <i>Oryzoborus aethiops</i>	2, 50
255. <i>Buceros exaratus</i>	8, 00
256. " <i>cassidix</i>	20, 00
257. <i>Bucorax caffer</i> .	30, 00

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258.	<i>Tockus fasciatus.</i>	Price.
		10, 00
259.	" <i>fistulator.</i>	12, 00
260.	" <i>coronatus.</i>	10, 00
282.	<i>Indapicus strictus.</i>	8, 00
283.	<i>Callolophus malaccensis.</i>	4, 00
284.	<i>Gecinus Weberi.</i>	10, 00
285.	<i>Campethera rubica.</i>	4, 50
286.	<i>Picus Nempichii.</i>	8, 00
287.	" <i>Albigoni.</i>	7, 00
288.	" <i>pernix.</i>	12, 00
289.	<i>Chrysocolaptes javensis</i> ♂ ad.	5, 00
289 a.	" " ♀ ad.	4, 00
307.	<i>Muscophaga Rossae.</i>	75, 00
308.	<i>Corythaix Livingstoni.</i>	30, 00
310.	<i>Centropus superciliosus.</i>	9, 00
311.	" <i>nigromus.</i>	9, 00
319.	<i>Camptoprotonotus superbus.</i>	12, 00
322.	<i>Treron griseicauda.</i>	4, 00
327.	<i>Reinwardtoenas Reinwardtii.</i>	12, 00
331.	<i>Columba rufina.</i>	5, 00

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	Price.
332. <i>Nemipodius pugnax</i> .	4,50
335. <i>Phasianus scintillans</i> .	20,00
337. <i>Megapodius senex</i> .	25,00
339. <i>Locivanellus atronuchalis</i> .	4,00
341. <i>Charadrius tricollaris</i> .	6,00
353. <i>Glareola nuchalis</i> .	8,00
359. <i>Ortygornis nigra</i> .	4,50
368. <i>Hycticorax manillensis</i> .	8,00
371. <i>Anas pelewensis</i> .	15,00
372. <i>Hymenolaemus malacorhynchus</i> .	10,00

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UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM

UNDER DIRECTION OF

THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

WASHINGTON

September 3rd 1887.

Professor E. Brown Goode,
Assistant Secretary,
in charge of National Museum.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit
herewith a report upon work done
during the month of August, 1887,
in the Department of Birds.

Accessions.

The number of entries made in the
Bird catalogue during August is 164
(Museum Register Nos. 111503 to 111666
inclusive), the principal accessions
being as follows; -

Henry Erbohm, London, England. -
7 specimens, 3 species Old World waders.

Haranger Museum, Haranger, Norway.
20 specimens, 18 species, from Norway. (Exchange)

C. E. Siken, Colorado Springs, Colorado. -
5 specimens of Leucosticte atrata. (Gift.)

Hugh M. Smith, U. S. Natl Museum, Washington. -
5 specimens, 4 species, from vicinity of Washington. (Gift.)

Robert Ridgway, U. S. Natl Museum, Washington. -
3 specimens, 3 species, from Virginia. (Gift.)

E. W. Nelson, Springerville, Arizona. - 102
specimens, 38 species, from Arizona, Colorado and New
Mexico. A very valuable collection filling many im-
portant gaps in Museum collection, and completing series
of several of the rarer Western species. (Purchased.)

Tokio Educational Museum, Tokio, Japan. -
14 specimens, 11 species, from the Island of
Idzumi, Japan. Though small in number,
the present collection is extremely interesting
as coming from a group of islands hitherto
unexplored. Mr. Haninze, of the Tokio Edu-
cational Museum, visited the "Island of Idzumi"
in the early part of the present year. The
most interesting specimens are three Crow
Pigeons (*Janthoenas ianthina*) and a
pair of an undescribed and very distinct
new species of Thrush, which Mr. L. S. S. S.
has named *Eurdus celanops*. A detailed
report upon the collections has already
been made by him and transmitted
to the Editor of the 'Proceedings' of the
U. S. National Museum, for publication.

Specimens distributed

The number of specimens of birds distributed during August is 32, representing 4 species, as follows:-

sent for examination.

H. H. Goale, Chicago, Ills. - 24 specimens
Spinus tristis, from North America. (Returned, in good condition.)

Arthur Pesler, Baltimore, Md.
1 specimen Sciurus motacilla, from Illinois.
(Returned, in good condition.)

Count Hans von Berlepsch, Müinden, Germany.
7 specimens, 2 species, from Central America.

Packages sent out

a By express

- (1) Henry Klein, New York City. - (Personal,
J. C. Zeddon) (Prepaid by R. B.)

(1) b By wagon. (to freight depot).

A. A. Wright, Oberlin College, Ohio.
Specimens in exchange.

c By Mail.

- (1) G. F. Brenninger, Ft. Collins, Colo. -
Specimens received for identification and
returned to owner.

- (2) Chas B. Cory, Boston, Mass. -
Specimens returned to owner.

- (3) Hans Graf von Berlepsch. - Münden, Germany.
Specimens for examination. (Registered.)

(4) L. Stejneger, Bay Bridge, Md. -
collecting material.

(5) N. K. Coale, Chicago, Ill. -
Specimens for examination.

(6) Arthur Resler, Baltimore, Md. -
Bird skin for examination.

(7) B. Ridgway, Gainesville, Va. -
collecting material.

Minor routine work.

Official letters written. - - - - -	21.
" memoranda " - - - - -	21.
Orders for work. - - - - -	5.
Requisitions - - - - -	8.
Memoranda of packing. - - - - -	9.
Invoices (Triplicates) - - - - -	9.

Papers prepared for Publication.
By the Assistant Curator.

- (1) Diagnosis of a New Species of Thrush (Turdus celanops), from Japan, 11 p. MBS. (To "Science" Aug. 18.)
- (2) On a Collection of Birds made by Mr. Haniye in the Islands of Izu, Japan. 14 pp. MBS. (To Editor "Proceedings" U.S. Nat. Mus., Aug. 31.)

Special work done.

One of the Museum cases was emptied of its contents and provided with adjustable shelves and a diaphragm, and the interior painted, with the view to deciding upon a suitable color for the exhibition cases — one side being painted "standard" gray, the other "standard" buff. The matter is now awaiting your decision.

A large number (more than 300) of the mounted birds have been transferred to new walnut stands, and many old or dilapidated specimens, not suitable for exhibition but ^{of} scientific value, have been taken off their stands and made into skins.

Investigations have been actively prosecuted, as time permitted, upon Tropical American birds, by the curator, and upon the birds of Japan, by the assistant curator. The former has nearly ready for publication a critical review of the birds of Mexico and Central America, including the Families Turdidae, Sylviidae, Paridae, Certhiidae, Cinclidae, Troglodytidae, and Minimidae, which it is hoped may prove a most useful work to those who are making a special study of the ornithology of that section of

of the continent. As an aid to the prosecution of this study, the entire unmounted collection of the Boston Society of Natural History, embracing some 300 skins, has been forwarded to the National Museum, and will be returned with names written on the labels.

Work of the Taxidermist.

The following work was done by Mr. Henry Marshall during the month of August:

Birds mounted	30
" skinned	5

During the same time Mr. George Marshall performed the following services:

Mounted birds made into skins	68
" " put on new stands	326
New stands put together	60.

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Recommendations.

It is respectfully recommended that the question of a suitable color for the exhibition cases be decided as soon as practicable, and the work of painting them, both inside and outside, be commenced without delay and ^{be} continued with as little interruption as possible until completed. The curator would also suggest that the entire interior of the lower main hall of the Smithsonian Building be suitably repainted. It is also very desirable to have all the exhibition cases provided with the standard adjustable shelving and diaphragms, with as little delay as possible, in order that the collection may be rearranged and put in more presentable shape. It is also earnestly recommended that the quarter-

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- unit boxes, so urgently needed for the study collection, and for which requisition has long ago been made, be provided as soon as circumstances will permit. The want of these boxes interferes very materially with the matter of exchanges, it being without them impossible to separate the duplicates from the reserve specimens.

Among other matters requiring attention are the following:

- (1) Locks to four (4) standard Cook cases in Bird dept.
- (2) " " two (2) "Galvin" bird cabinets in West Basement.
- (3) " " certain exhibition cases.
- (4) Printing of " labels.

Very respectfully,
R. Ridgway
Curator Department Birds.

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UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM

UNDER DIRECTION OF

THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

WASHINGTON

October 5th 1887.

Professor I. Brown Goode,
Assistant Secretary,
in charge of National Museum.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit herewith a report upon work done during the month of September, 1887, in the Department of Birds.

Accessions.

The number of entries made in the catalogue during September is 226 (Museum Register Nos. 111667 to 111892 inclusive) the principal accessions being as follows:-

24
R. Ridgway, Washington, D.C. - 8 specimens,
8 species, from Gainesville, Fla (Gift)

Zoological Society of Philadelphia,
through Mr. Arthur E. Brown, Superintendent.
A Lady Amherst Pheasant, ^{an} Australian
Parrot (Psephotus xanthorrhoeus), and a
Demoiselle Crane, all in the flesh.
All valuable and interesting additions
to the exhibition collection, and excepting
the last are new to the collection.

U. S. Fish Commission, Washington, D.C.
149 specimens, 50 species, all collected during
the recent cruise of the Fish Commission
schooner "Grampus", Capt J. H. Collins,
by Messrs. William Palmer and Frederick
A. Lucas, of the National Museum.
The collection is a highly valuable one, not
only for the species collected, but also for

Preparation of the specimens.

the excellence of their preparation.
It contains many interesting species and
plumages, especially those of young birds.
A pair of the Newfoundland Ptarmigan
(Lagopus welchi Brewst.) recently described
and hitherto unrepresented in the Museum
collection, deserves special mention.

William Palmer, Washington, D.C.
A specimen of Kirtland's Warbler (Dendroica
kirtlandi) from the District of Columbia.
A very rare species, and the first specimen
ever obtained east of the Alleghenies. (Gift).

C. B. Cory, Boston, Mass. - 12 specimens,
8 specimens, of Old World Woodpeckers. (Gift).

Specimens distributed

The number of specimens of birds distributed during September is 440 representing 202 species, as follows:-

a loaned for examination.

Dr. H. K. Fisher, Washington, D.C. - 2 specimens, 2 species of owls, from North America.

Frank M. Chapman, New York City. - 14 specimens, 3 species, of Meadow Larks (Hirundella), from North America and Central America.

Ernest E. Thompson, Toronto, Canada. 6 specimens, 6 species, from America.

Robert Galvin, London, England. - Type specimen of Articulata sandwicensis Ridgw.

C. B. Cory, Boston, Mass. - 4 specimens
of Turdus caribbaeus, from West Indies.

b. In Exchange.

C. B. Cory, Boston, Mass. - 1 specimen
Calliste cucullata, Grenada, W. I.

Col. Shutt, Washington, D. C. - 2 mounted
specimens of Pheasants, from Europe and India.

Edward Partlett, Maidstone Museum, Kent, ^{Engl.}
293 specimens, 84 species, of Fringillidae,
mostly from North America.

Tokio Educational Museum, Tokio, Japan.
117 specimens, 99 species, mostly from
North America.

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Packages sent out
a. By Express.

- (1) James M. Southwick, Providence, R.I.,
6 Pandion Trogus (sent for Don José G. Zule don) collect.)
- (2) A. J. Schuck, Mt. Carmel, Ill.
(Personal, R.R.) (Paid, charge to R.R.)
- (3) Ernest E. Thompson, Toronto, Canada.
Specimens to make illustrations from. (collect.)
- (4) Prof. C. A. Forbes, Champaign, Ill.
(Personal R.R.; collect.)

b. By Mail.

Frank M. Chapman, New York City.
Bird skins lent for examination.

c. By International Exchange.

① Edward Bartlett, Kent, England. -

Specimens in exchange.

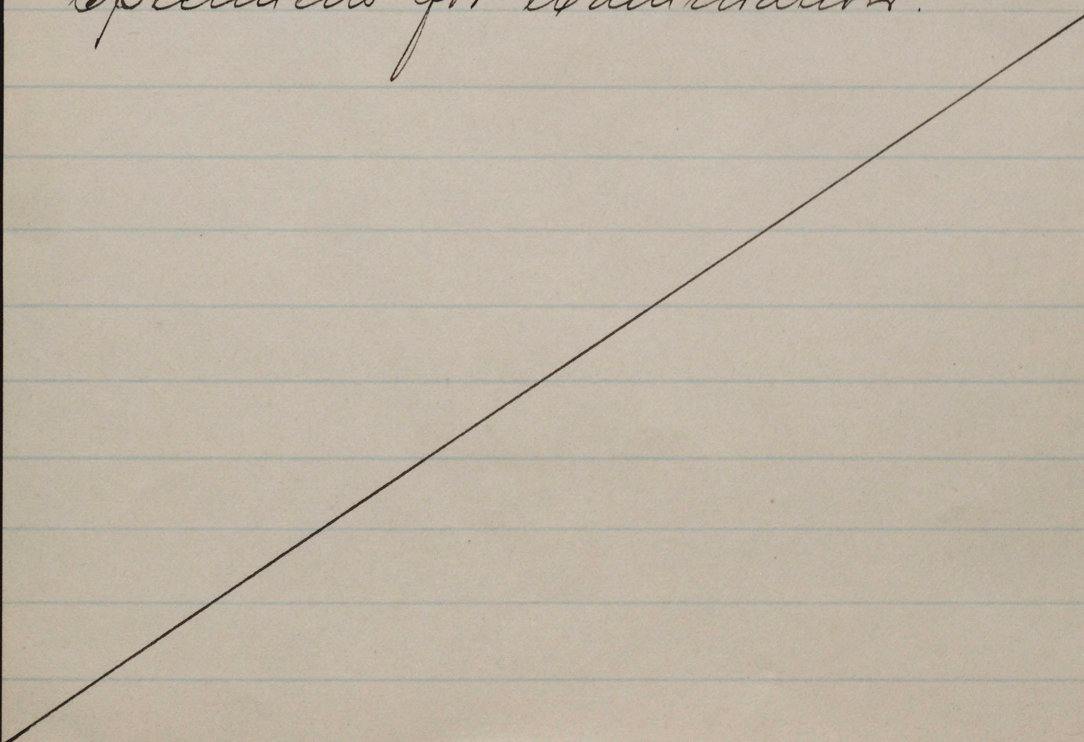
② Oskar Salvin, London, England. -

Specimens in exchange.

d. Delivered Personally.

Dr. A. N. Fisher, Washington, D.C.

① Specimens for examination.



Minor routine work.

Official letters written - - - - -	35.
" memoranda " - - - - -	35.
Orders for work " - - - - -	3.
House requisitions " - - - - -	10.
Outside " " - - - - -	8.
Memoranda of Packing - - - - -	7.
Invoices (triplicates) - - - - -	24.
Monthly report for August.)	1
Proof corrected:	
By Curator - - - - - galley.	2 1/2.
By Asst Curator - - - - - "	18.

Papers prepared for publication.

a. By the Curator.

- (1) Description of two new races of *Tyrchuloxia sinuata*. - 3 pp ms. (To Editor of the "Auk").
[*P. s. beekhami* and *P. s. peninsular*; types in the museum collection].

b. By the Assistant Curator.

- (1) Olphe-Galliard's Ornithology of Western Europe. - 5 pp ms. To Editor of the "Auk", Sept 9.
[a Review of Lion Olphe-Galliard's work: *Contributions à la Faune Ornithologique de l'Europe Occidentale*].

Special work accomplished.

During the month of September, two cases in the Bird Hall have been entirely remodelled, their old platform shelves replaced by the standard adjustable shelves, and the outside and inside repainted. Before rearranging the specimens they were provided with exhibition labels, with the exception of the foreign species, labels for which have not yet been printed, though copy for them has been ready for several months. All the foreign species in one case, however, were provided with temporary, written exhibition labels.

Much special work has been done also in the way of original research, the most important of which has been the determination of a collection of birds from the Lower Amazon

(Diamantina), belonging to Mr. C.B. Riker, of New York City, - a collection of so much importance that, although not extensive, ^{it} contains no less than 3 new species and one new genus.

Work of Taxidermist.

The following work was performed during September by the taxidermist, Mr. Henry Marshall:-

Birds mounted - - - - - 36.

During the same time (deducting 4 days when absent on account of sickness in his family) the following work was performed by Mr. George Marshall:-

Mounted birds transferred to new stands - - - - - 218.

New stands put together - - - - - 68.

Mounted specimens made over into skins - - - 5.

Fresh " skinned - - - - - 2.

Very respectfully,

R. Ridgway.

Curator, Department Birds.

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UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM

UNDER DIRECTION OF

THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

WASHINGTON

Oct. 20, 1887.

Mem. to Mr. Ford:

The following plan for doing away with the unsightly and otherwise objectionable old cases now encumbering the middle of the bird hall is respectfully submitted for your consideration:

The area now occupied by these old cases will nicely accommodate 24 Smith unit tables with square upright exhibition cases on top of them, and these 24 cases (of which six are already provided) would easily accommodate hold the specimens now in the old cases. Arranged crosswise these new cases would not obstruct the light, and would themselves be sufficiently well lighted.

In addition to the vast improvement in appearance which this change would give to the hall, and the assured safety of the specimens transferred to them, the

following additional permanent advantages
would accrue to the Museum:

(1) In case of removal or transfer of the
bird collection to another building, that
number of standard cases would be already
available.

(2) The storage capacity of the 24 unit
tables would relieve the serious overcrowd-
ing of the skin collection, and enable us to
get rid of various old cases, & cabinets,
chests, etc., which now encumber the
West basement and other places, and which
afford very insecure ~~for~~ storage for an
immense valuable collection.

(3) The exhibition collection could be
made vastly more attractive and instruct-
ive, by superior arrangement, better il-
lumination, etc.

Very respectfully yours

R. Ridgway
Curator Department Birds.

K. lower Ridgway Oct. 1887

UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM

UNDER DIRECTION OF

THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

WASHINGTON

Nov. 5/87

Prof. G. Brown Goode,
Assistant Secretary,
in charge of National Museum.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit herewith
a report upon work done during the
month of October, 1887, in the Department
of Birds.

Accessions.

The number of entries made in the
bird catalogue during October is 541 (Museum
Register Nos. 111893 to 112433 inclusive),
the principal accessions being as follows:-

Dr. W. H. Fox, Washington, D.C. - 76 specimens,
34 species, of birds from Massachusetts and
New Hampshire (Exchange).

C. B. Cory, Boston, Mass. - A specimen of
Mimus magnirostris, from St. Andrew's, N.I.,
a species but recently described and new to
the collection. (Exchange).

W. Palmer, Washington, D.C. - A specimen
of Grinnell's Water Thrush (Seiurus norbora-
censis notabilis), the first specimen of this
form obtained east of the Alleghenies. (Gift).

W. F. Roberts, Washington, D.C. - 6 specimens,
6 species, from Guayaquil, Ecuador. (Exchange).

Col. A. S. Tassin, U.S.A., Commander Bedloe's Id.,
New York Harbor. - 200 specimens, 27 species, in the
flesh. These, together with a great many others,
were killed by flying against the electric light
of the statue of Liberty, New York harbor, during migration. (Gift)

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Chas. N. Townsend.

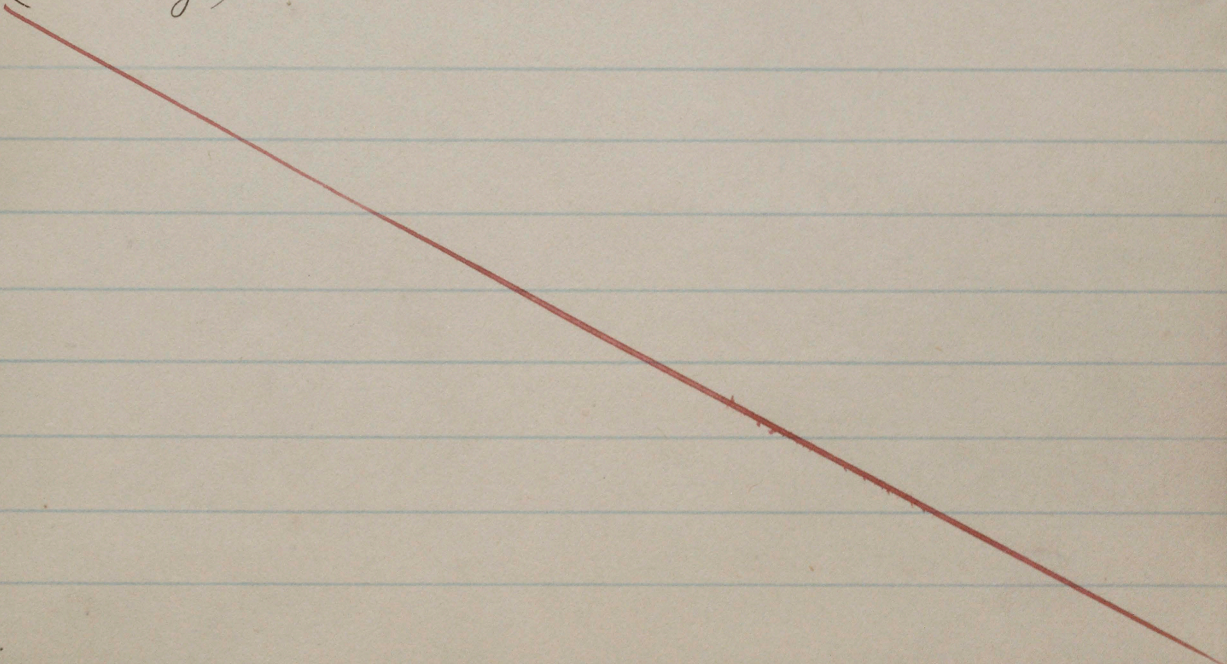
205 specimens, 96 species, from Begovia Riost,
Honduras.

G. B. Riker, New York City, N.Y. — 38

specimens, 37 species, from the Lower
Amazon. Many of these the type of
new species, shortly to be described in
"Proceedings" of the Museum. (Exchange,
for determining the species in his collection.)

G. B. Bennett, New York City, N.Y. — 138

specimens, 34 species, from Southern Texas.
(Exchange).



Specimens distributed.

The number of specimens of birds distributed during October is 62, representing 49 species, as follows:-

a. Lent for examination.

L. B. Gory, Boston, Mass. - 6 specimens, 3 species, from Costa Rica and the island of Grenada, W. I.

b. In exchange.

W. F. Roberts, Washington, D. C. - 17 specimens, 16 species, American bird skins.

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Packages sent out.

a. By express.

- (1) H. Nehrling, Milwaukee, Wisc. -
Drawings (personal R.R.) (Collect).
- (2) H. Nehrling, Milwaukee, Wisc. -
Proofs of drawings (personal R.R.)
(Paid, Chicago R.R.).
- (3) W. E. Bryant, Oakland, California. -
Specimens borrowed for examination and
returned to owner. (Paid)

Tokio Educational Museum, Tokio, Japan.

Specimens in exchange and others returned
to owner. (Collect).

b. By mail.

- (1) A. J. Wayne, Charleston, S.C. - Bird
skins returned to owner.

Dr. Thos. B. Roberts, Minneapolis, Minn. -
Ornithological Papers.

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(3) N. K. Coale, Chicago, Ills. -
Bird skin returned to owner.

(4) Dr. W. N. Fox, Washington, D.C. -
Bird skins in exchange.

(5) L. Humble, Milwaukee, Wis. -
Bird skins returned to owner.

(6) C. B. Cory, Boston, Mass. - Specimens
lent for examination.

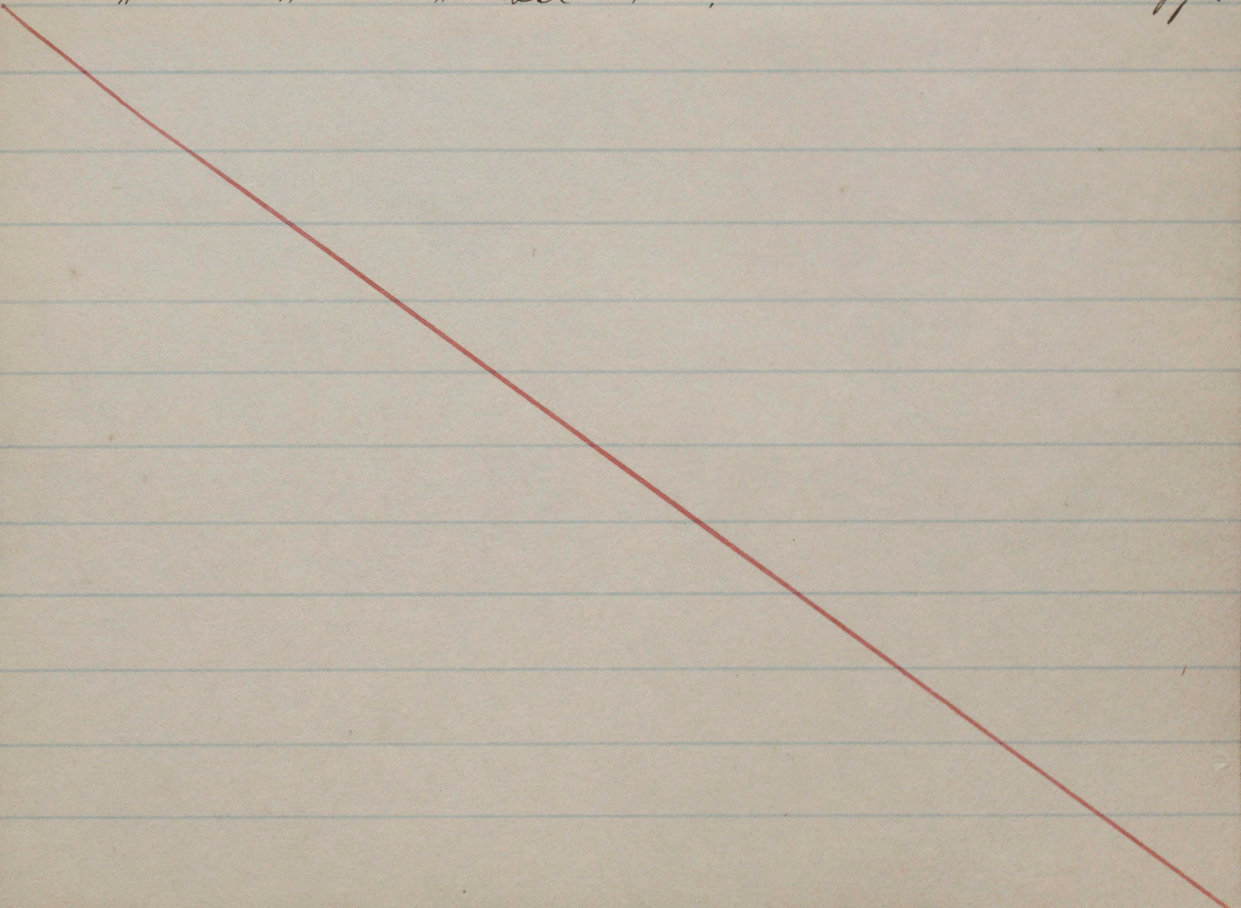
C. By wagon.

Comparative
(1) Department of Anatomy, U.S. Nat.
Mus., in care of F. A. Lucas. - Birds
in alcohol.

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Minor routine work.

Official letters written	— — — — —	25.
" memorandum "	— — — — —	23.
Orders for work "	— — — — —	14.
Mem. packing "	— — — — —	12.
Requisitions "	— — — — —	13.
Invoices (triplicates)	— — — — —	9.
Monthly report: "	— — — — —	1.
Proof corrected by Curator	— — — — —	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ pp.
" " " Asst "	— — — — —	41 pp.



Papers for publication.

a. By the Curator.

(1) Review of the Genus Dendrocincla Gray. Pp. 28 Ms. (Proc. 26. S. Nat. Mus. Oct. 10.) [New species: (1) D. lapusnaysii, hab. ignot.; (2) D. rufo-olivaceo, Lower Amazon; (3) D. castanoptera, Lower Amazon.]

(2) Descriptions of some New Species and Subspecies of Birds from Middle America. Pp. 15, Ms. (Proc. 26. S. Nat. Mus. Oct. 26.) [New species: 1. Catharus furnaceus, Costa Rica; 2. Mimus gracilis leucophaeus, Cozuamel; 3. Narpothyrrhynchus longirostris sinnetii, O. Arpa; 4. Campylorhynchus castaneus, Guatemala and Honduras; 5. Thryothorus rufalbus castanotus, Nicaragua to Colombia; 6. Microcerculus daullias, Costa Rica; 7. Dendroornis lawrencei, Panama to Veracruz; 8. D. lawrencei costaricensis, Costa Rica.]

(3) Note on the generic name Uropsila
Bee. & Balw. (Proc. U.S. Nat. Mus., Oct. 26, 1887, p. 44).
[Name Uropsila preoccupied, and Hemivra
proposed as a substitute.]

(4) Remarks on Catharus berlepschi Lawr.
Op. 14, MS. (Proc. U.S. Nat. Mus., Oct. 26, 1887).
[Critical remarks, synonymy, etc.]

5. By the Assistant Curator.

(1) How the Great Northern Sea-Goose
(Aysia) became exterminated (20th Edition
of The American Naturalist, Oct. 26, 1887.)

- c. By persons not officers of the Museum, but based on Museum material.
- 1) Description of a New Species of Bird of the Genus Catharus, from Ecuador. By Geo. H. Lawrence, P. 12 MS. (Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., Oct.) [C. berlepschi Lawr. MS.]

Work of Assistants.

The assistant curator, Mr. Leonard Stejneger, has been engaged during the month exclusively with preparing manuscript for labels for the Redwood Exhibition series, and with the identification of the species necessitated by this work.

Mr. Noah performed the usual duties assigned him.

Special work accomplished.

Under this heading may be specially mentioned the refitting of ten small cases with adjustable shelves, and the transfer to them of a large portion of the exhibition collection of smaller birds, which have been wholly rearranged.

These cases at the same time ~~were~~^{were} suitably painted, and the specimens in one case labelled with the new exhibition species labels, giving the English name of each species, in large type, scientific name, habitat, and other information desired by the interested public. The work of refitting the old cases with adjustable shelves ^{and} repainting them, is progressing, and the rearrangement of the collection follows after as speedily as possible.

In the way of special investigations, a collection of birds made at Diamantina, Lower Amazon, by Mr. C. B. Riker of New York

City, was carefully worked up, the results proving unusually important, the novelties numbering no less than 18 new species and two new genera. Nearly all the new species (which will be described in the "Proceedings"), have been presented by Mr. Riker to the National Museum.

Work of Taxidermists.

The following work was performed during October by the taxidermist, Mr. Henry Marshall:-

Birds mounted - - - - - 36

" Skinned - - - - - 25

During the same time the following work was performed by Mr. George Marshall:

New stands put together. - - - - 439.

Mounted birds transferred to new stands - - - 134.

" " made into skins. - - - - 3.

Birds skinned. - - - - - 21.

" " and mounted. - - - - 8.

Very respectfully yours,

R. Ridgway

Curator Department Birds.

UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM ✓

UNDER DIRECTION OF

THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

WASHINGTON

December 5, 1887.

Professor. G. Brown Goode,
Assistant Secretary
in charge of National Museum.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit herewith a report upon work done during the month of November, 1887, in the Department of Birds.

Accessions.

The number of entries made in the bird catalogue during November is 168 (Museum Register Nos. 112434 to 112601, inclusive,) the principal accessions being as follows:-

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William Palmer, Washington, D.C. -
4 specimens, 2 species, of flycatchers
from Michigan.

Col. A. G. Tassin, U.S.A., Commander
Bedloe's Island, New York Harbor. -
60 specimens, 13 species, in the flesh,
killed by flying against the electric
light of statue of Liberty. (Received
Oct. 26; only 10 specimens preserved.) (Gift).

C. B. Riker, New York City, N.Y. -
7 specimens, 6 species, from the Lower
Amazon. With the exception of one,
these specimens belong to new species
the descriptions of which have already
been handed in to the editor of the
"Proceedings of the Museum" (Exchange
for determining the species in
his collection).

G. B. Benner, Philadelphia, Pa.,
Two mounted specimens of Aegialitis
semipalmata, parents of eggs in
the Oölogicae collection.

National Museum of Costa Rica,
San José, Costa Rica, C. A. - One specimen
of Botinga amabilis, from Costa Rica. (Gift).

P. L. Jouy, Washington, D. C. -
One specimen of Lady Amherst Pheasant
(Phasianus amherstiae), full plumaged
old male. (Exchange).

Chas. H. Townsend, U. S. Fish Commission.
125 specimens, 63 species, from Rustan
Island and Trivello, Honduras, C. A.
(U. S. Fish Commission.)

Capt. W. L. Carpenter, U. S. A., Ft Apache,
Arizona. - One specimen Catherpes
mexicanus conspersus. (Gift)

Specimens distributed.

The number of specimens of birds distributed during November is 339, representing 41 species, as follows:

a. Lent for examination.

G. B. Bennett, Mus. Nat. Hist., New York City. 80 specimens, 28 species, chiefly from North and Central America.

William Brewster, Cambridge, Mass. - 200 specimens, 12 species, chiefly from North and Central America.

J. A. Allen, Am. Mus. Nat. Hist., New York City, N.Y. - 51 specimens, *Troglodytes ardon parkmani*, from North America.

Robert Galois, London, Engl. - 3 specimens of *Malurania townsendi*, from Central America.

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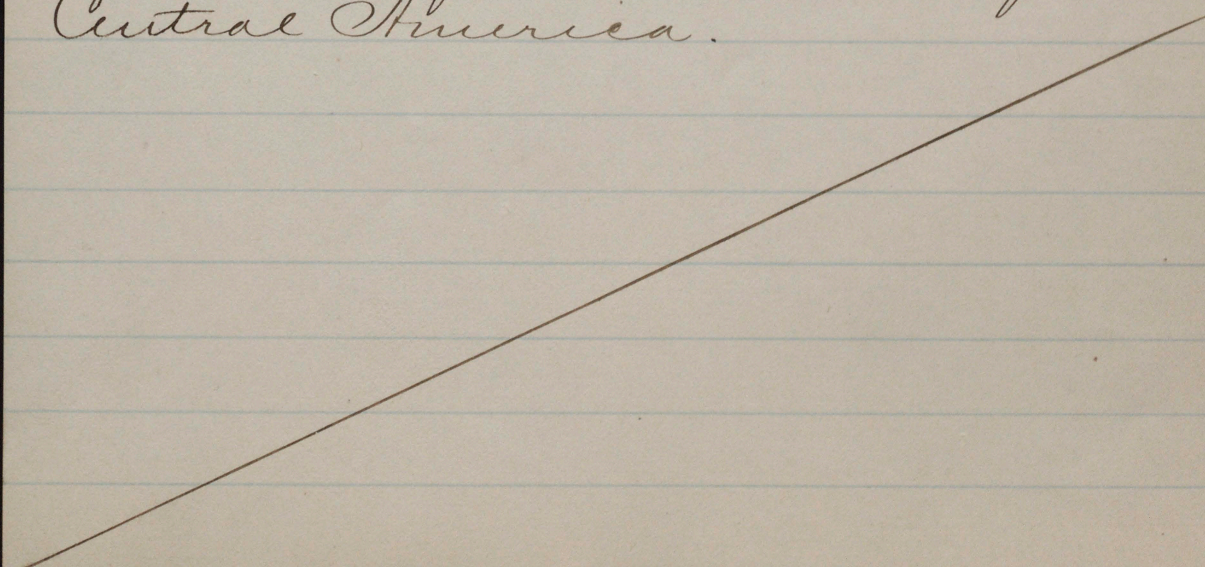
C. In Exchange.

Howard Saunders, London, England. -
1 Specimen Rhodostethia rosea, from
Alaska.

Prof. A. Augès, Guanajuato,
Mexico. - 1 Specimen Megascops
trichopsis.

C. Gift.

Dr. Edward Kargitt, Chiswick,
London, England. - 3 Specimens,
2 species, of Woodpeckers from
Central America.



Packages sent out.

a. By express.

(1) Chas. H. Worthen, Warsaw, Illinois.
Bird skins (personal, Joe C. Leedom).
(Paid, chq to R.R.I.)

(2) William Brewster, Cambridge, Mass.
Bird skins for examination (Collect).

(3) Merwin, Hulbert, & Co., New York City.
(personal R.R. (Paid; chq to R.R.))

(4) Chas. B. Cary, Boston, Mass.
Bird skins returned to owner (Collect).

(5) Merwin, Hulbert, & Co., New York City.
(personal R.R.) (collect).

(6) William Brewster, Cambridge, Mass.
Bird skins for examination and
others returned to owner. (Collect).

(7) G.B. Bennett, New York City.

Bird skins for examination and others returned to owner. (Collect).

L. By snail.

(1) G.B. Bennett, New York City.

Specimens for examination.

(2) G.B. Riker, New York City.

Bird skins returned to owner.

(3) J.A. Allen, New York City.

Specimens for examination.

(4) G.B. Riker, New York City.

Specimens returned to owner.

(5) G.B. Bennett, New York City.

Specimens lent for examination.

(6) Museum Comparative Zoölogy,

Cambridge, Mass. - Specimens returned to owner.

(7) Boston Society of Natural History, Boston, Mass. - Bird skins returned to owner.

(8) American Museum Natural History, New York City. - Bird skins returned to owner.

(9) Edward Kargitt, Chiswick, London, England. - ^{1st} ³ Bird skins ✓

(10) Osbert Salvin, London, England. - Bird skins lent for examination.

2. Through International Exchange Dept.

(1) Howard Saunders, London, England. - Bird skin in exchange.

(2) Zoological Museum, Imp. Academy Sciences, St. Petersburg, Russia. - Two mounted birds returned to owner.

d. Through office of Assistant Secretary

① Prof. A. Suges, Guanajuato,
Mexico. One Bird Skin in exchange.

Minor routine work

Official letters written	37
" memoranda "	15.
Memoranda of Packing	19.
Orders for work	15.
Requisitions (house)	9.
" (outside)	2.
Invoices triplicates	30.
Report for October	11(?) pages.
Proof corrected (by Curator)	
Galley	10 1/2
Pages.	9
" " by Assistant Curator.	
Galley	5 1/2.
Pages	6.

Papers prepared for publication
By the Curator.

(1) Descriptions of New Species and
 Genera of Birds from the Lower Amazon.
 Sp. 33, MS. "Proceedings"; handed in Nov. 23.
 2 New species as follows:— 1. Thryothorus
herberti Riker, MS.; 2. Thryothorus
ayapoensis (from Guiana); 3. Thry-
ophilus taenioptera; 4. Cyphosinus
griseolateralis; 5. Colaptes inornatus;
 6. Ornithion napaëum; 7. Tyrannulus
reguloides; 8. Attila viridescens; 9. Tham-
nophilus inornatus; 10. Heterocercus (?)
hypoleuca; 11. Zodichroa zononota (new genus);
 12. Phlogopsis Cowmani Riker, MS.; 13.
Rhegmatorhina gymnops (new genus);
 14. Dendrocinis fraterculus; 15. Dendro-
colaptes obsoletus; 16. Zenaida jessiae
Riker, MS. All these new forms
 were collected at Diamantina, near
Baturus, by Mr. C. B. Riker, of
New York City, who has presented

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a large part of his collection, including types of most of the new species, to the National Museum.

(3) A Review of the Genus Pitta Brissou. Pp. 53, 188. "Proceedings"; handed in Nov. 33. 2 New species as follows: (1) P. exquisita, Cartagena, Colombia; (2) P. deliciosa, Diamantina, Sorte Arayon; (3) P. insularis, His Marias Islands, Western Mexico; (4) P. passerina virida, eastern Brazil. The genus is very carefully monographed, with full synonymy, descriptions, etc., and a key to the species. The types of all the new forms are in the National Museum collection, which forms the main basis of the paper, though supplemented by the specimens of this genus belonging to the American Museum of Natural History, in New York City and the Boston Society of Natural History.

which were borrowed for the occasion.

Work of Assistants

The assistant curator, Mr. Leonard Stejneger, was absent on leave during the latter half of the month. During the first two weeks he was exclusively engaged with preparing manuscript labels for the Old World exhibition series and with the identification of the species necessitated by this work.

Mr. Noah has performed the usual duties assigned him.

Special work done.

During November 5 additional wall cases were fitted with adjustable shelves, repainted, and filled with specimens of the exhibition series, systematically arranged. In addition to these 5 wall cases, two of the largest exhibition cases have been similarly renovated and are nearly ready for the transfer of specimens. This work is being prosecuted as rapidly as possible.

In the way of special investigations, the Diamantina collection mentioned in the last monthly report has been finally worked up, and the results embodied in a paper transmitted November 28th to the editor of the "Proceedings." (See list of Papers prepared for Publication.) Besides this work, a very careful review of the

genus Pittacula Brisson has been prepared, and also transmitted to the editor. This review was necessary in order to determine the species in the National Museum collection, the literature pertaining to the genus being in an exceedingly unsatisfactory condition. The labor of determining the species in the collections made by Mr. Chas. W. Townsend on Grand Cayman and Oran Island, and in Honduras has been largely done, but not finished, the preparation of special papers on these collections being now in progress.

Work of Taxidermists

During the month of November (minus 11 days' leave), Mr. Kury Marshall performed the following work:-

Bird mounted (chiefly from dried skins) 22
" Skinned - - - - - 1

During the month Mr. George Marshall performed the following services:-

Birds transferred to new walnut stands - 374
" Skinned - - - - - 3
Mounted specimens made over into skins - - 2
New stands made up (ordinary) - - - 200.
" " " " (special) - - - 13.

Very respectfully yours,

P. Ridgway.

Curator Department Birds.

Amateur reports, Ridgway December 1887

UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM

UNDER DIRECTION OF

THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

WASHINGTON January 13, 1888

Professor G. Brown Goode,
Assistant Secretary
in Charge of National Museum.

Sir: -

I have the honor to submit
herewith a report upon the work done
during the month of December, 1887,
in the Department of Birds: -

Accessions:

The number of entries made in
the bird catalogue during December
is 376 (Museum Register Nos. 112602 to
112977 inclusive) the principal accessions
being as follows: -

Dr. A. K. Fisher, Washington, D.C. - A
Buteo borealis, from Sandy Springs, Md.)

Wm. Brewster, Cambridge, Mass. - 3
specimens, 3 species, viz, a Green Heron
from Lower California; a specimen Aimophila
sonorana spec. nov., and an Amphispiza
quinquestriata, both from Northern
Mexico.

U. S. Fish Commission through Vinal
Edwards, Wood's Holl, Mass. - A large number
of birds in the flesh, of which 14 specimens,
8 species, mostly Water Birds, have been
prepared.

Ernest E. Thompson, Toronto, Canada. -
13 specimens, 5 species, from Canada.

C. W. Richmond, U.S. Geolog. Surv.,
Washington, D.C. - A mounted specimen
of Arkinga anhinga (Exchange).

H. E. Dresser, London, England. - 21
specimens, 19 species, from various localities

in the Old World. Besides a number of rare species new to our collection, among which a fine male of Ammodramus bonhaini is to be mentioned, the collection contains the downy plumages of 9 species of Water birds, a series of great value and interest. (Exchange).

A. Nehrke, Riddagshausen, Braunschweig, Germany. — 91 specimens, 75 species, chiefly from Africa and the Malayan Archipelago. Nearly all the species were hitherto unrepresented in the Museum, and many are of great rarity and beautiful plumage. The collection contains 6 Hornbills, among which the curious Ground Hornbill (Bucorvus caffer), 11 Parrots, but it is particularly rich in gayly colored Pigeons, containing as it does, no less than 24 specimens, among which 7 species of the genus Otilopus. Of other species the rare Mosophaga rossae, from

Central Africa, deserves being mentioned.
(Exchange).

Dennis Gale, Goldhill, Colo. — 8 specimens,
5 species, from Colorado.

C. W. Beckham, Washington, D.C. —
219 specimens, 53 species, from Southwestern
Texas. This is an extremely interesting
collection which, both on account of its
excellent preparation and the extensive series
of many of the rarer birds hitherto represented
in the Museum by a few specimens only,
may be regarded as one of the most valuable
accessions received of late. (Gift).

Specimens distributed.

The number of specimens of birds
distributed during December is 218,
representing 22 species, as follows: —

a. Loaned for Examination.

Wm Brewster, Cambridge, Mass. - 280 specimens, 14 species, from North and Central America.

Edward Bartlett, Kent, England. - 4 specimens, 2 species, Cardinal Grosbeaks, from North America.

J. A. Allen, Amer. Mus. New York City. - 28 specimens, 2 species, from North America and Mexico.

W. F. Barrows, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. - 3 specimens, 2 species, from Florida and Cuba.

b. In exchange.

C. W. Richmond, U.S. Geol. Surv., Washington, D.C. - 1 Ampelis garrulus, from Montana Terr.

P. L. Jouy, Washington, D.C. - 2 Dubo virginianus, from District of Columbia.

Packages sent out.

a. By Express.

- (1) Merwin, Hulbert & Co., New York City. -
(Personal, R. R.) (Collect).
- (2) Wm Brewster, Cambridge, Mass. - Bird
skins for examination, and others returned
to owner (Collect).
- (3) Wm Brewster, Cambridge, Mass. - Bird
skins for examination, and others returned
to owner (Collect).
- (4) C. B. Cory, Boston, Mass. - Specimens
returned to owner (Collect).
- (5) Wm Brewster, Cambridge, Mass. -
Specimens for examination (Collect).

b. By mail.

- (1) Wm Brewster, Cambridge, Mass. - Specimens
for examination, and others returned to
owner.

(2) Wm Brewster, Cambridge, Mass. - Specimens for examination.

(3) Wm W. Price, Riverside, Cal. - Specimens returned to owner.

(4) E. Bartlett, Maidstone, Kent, England. - Specimens for examination (Registered).

(5) Wm Brewster, Cambridge, Mass. - Specimens for examination.

(6) G. B. Sennett, Amer. Mus., New York City. - Specimens lent by Mr. Henshaw for examination.

(7) Wm Dutcher, New York City. - Specimens returned to owner by Mr. Henshaw.

(8) J. A. Allen, Amer. Mus., New York City. - Specimens for examination and others returned to owner.

(9) Otto C. Poling, Quincy, Ill. - Specimens returned to owner.

(10) G. B. Sennett, Amer. Mus., New York City. - Specimens returned to owner.

(11) Wm Brewster, Cambridge, Mass. - Specimen for examination.

(12) G. B. Lennox, New York City. - Specimens returned to owner.

c. Delivered personally.

(1) C. W. Richmond, Washington, D.C. - Specimen in exchange.

(2) P. L. Jouy, Washington, D.C. - Specimens in exchange.

(3) W. F. Barrows, Washington, D.C. - Specimens lent for illustrating a lecture.

Minor routine work.

Official letters written	35
" memoranda "	21
Memoranda of packing	18
Orders for work	1
Requisitions ("home")	13
" ("outside")	3

Invoices (triplicates) 36
 Report for November 15 pages.
 Proof corrected (by Curator) 1½ galleys
 " " (by Assist. Curator) 2 "
 " " " " 354 Labels.

Papers prepared for publication.

a. By the Curator.

- (1). Catalogue of a Collection of Birds made by Mr. Chas. H. Townsend in Islands of the Caribbean Sea and in Honduras. — Op. 48 Ms. (To Editor "Proceedings U. S. Nat. Mus.).

[The following new species are described:

1. Dendroica auricapilla (Townsend, Ms); 2. Columbigallina passer. insularis (Townsend, Ms);
3. Contopus vicinus; 4. Butorides saturatus;
5. Thamnophilus intermedius; 6. Centurus santacruzi pauper; 7. Engyptila vinacei.

ventris; 8. Pitylus polioq. scapularis; 9. Sturnella magna inexpectata; 10. Thalurania townsendi; 11. Colinus nigr. segoviæ; (Columba purpureotincta); 12. Porzana exilis vagans; 13. Tigrisoma excellens].

(2). Grouse and Mallard Plumage. - P. 3 MS. (To Editor "Forest & Stream", Dec. 26).

b. By Assistant Curator.

(1) Propatagialis cucullaris. - Pp. 11 MS. (To Editor "Auk", Dec. 12).

(2) Review of Japanese Birds. VII. - The Creepers. Pp. 14 MS. (Editor "Proceedings" Nat. Mus., Dec. 19).

Work of Assistants.

The Assistant Curator, during December, has continued preparing manuscript labels for the Old World exhibition series, besides

working up part of the collection of Japanese birds sent by Mr. Harry V. Henson, of Hakodate, Japan, for examination.

Mr. J. Noah has performed the usual duties assigned to him.

Special work done.

The work of refitting and repainting the exhibition cases in the main hall has been progressing as rapidly as circumstances would allow, and the specimens have been rearranged in the cases as soon as the latter were finished by the painter.

The examination and determination of the collections of birds made by Mr. Chas. H. Townsend in Central America were finished during the month, and the report, in form of a special paper mentioned above, has been handed by the Curator to the Editor of the

"Proceedings" for publication. A list of the new species described is also given above.

Work of Taxidermist.

During the month of December Mr. Henry Marshall performed the following work:

Birds skinned and mounted	7
" mounted from skins	15
" skinned	1

During the month Mr. George Marshall performed the following services:—

Birds transferred to new walnut stands . . .	244
Mounted specimens made over into skins . .	4
New stands made up	72

Very respectfully, yours
 Leonhard Stejneger,
 Acting Curator Department Birds.

Curators reports
Birds. Jan. 88.

UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM

UNDER DIRECTION OF

THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

WASHINGTON

February 10, 1888.

Mr. G. Brown Goode,

Assistant Secretary

in charge National Museum.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit
herewith a report upon work done
during the month of January, 1888,
in the Department of Birds.

Accessions

The number of entries made in the
bird catalogue during January is 172
(Museum Register Nos. 112978 to 113149 in-
clusive) the principal accessions being as follows:

Edward Barslett, Maidstone, Kent, England.
59 specimens, 48 species, nearly all from
the old World, especially Australia;
a few are new to the collection (Exchange).

William Brewster, Cambridge, Mass. —
94 specimens, 25 species, all collected
by Mr. M. A. Frazar in Lower California.
This collection is an extremely inter-
esting accession, containing as it does
large series of well prepared specimens
of many rare species; thus, for instance,
6 specimens of Merula *confinis*; 12
specimens *Geothlypis *beldingi**; 5 specimens
*Basilinna *vanduzeei**; and 13 specimens of
*Columba *fasciata *viroscae***, recently
described by Mr. Brewster. (Exchange).

Prof. A. Dugès, Guayaquato, Mexico. —
15 specimens, 14 species, from Northern
Mexico. (Gift).

Specimens distributed.

The number of specimens of birds distributed during January is 1, representing 1 species, as follows:-

Lent for examination.

E. M. Haskewick, Washington, D.C., —
1 mounted *Podilymbus podiceps*.

Packages sent out by express.

- (1) Robert Ridgway, Olney, Richland Co., Ills.
Collecting material (Paid).
- (2) Joseph Ridgway, Olney, Ills. —
(Personal RR) (Paid by RR.)

b. By mail.

- (1) F. Stephens, Salina, San Diego Co.,
California. — Specimen returned to owner.

c. Delivered personally.

- (1) E. M. Haskewick, Washington, D.C. —
Specimen lent for examination.

Minor routine work.

Official letters written	-	-	-	17
" memoranda	-	-	-	13
Orders for work	-	-	-	4
Requisitions	-	-	-	4
Invoice (triplicates)	-	-	-	3
Proof corrected by Asst Curator:	-	-	-	1
Galley	-	-	-	1
Labels	-	-	-	376

Papers prepared for publication.
By the curators.

(1) Description of a new Psaltiriparus from southern Arizona. Sp. 2, MS. Editor "Proceedings", etc. Nas. Mus., Jan. 4. [*P. sanctaristae* sp. nov. Type in Nas. Mus. collection.]

Special work done.

During January the work of reshelving and repainting exhibition cases and rearranging mounted specimens was continued. One of the old cases standing in the middle of the bird hall was removed, four unit tables, supporting square uprights being placed where it stood - thus greatly improving the lighting of that portion of the hall.

Work of Assistants

The Assistant Curator continued his work on the report upon Mr. N. S. Munson's collection of birds from Northern Japan.

Mr. J. M. Noah was absent during the month with the exception of the two last days, on account of sickness in his family.

Work of Taxidermist and his Assistant.

During the month of January
Mr. Henry Marshall performed the
following work:-

Birds mounted from skins	- -	15
" " " flesh	- -	6
" skinned	- - - -	2

George Marshall performed the follow-
ing services:-

Mounted birds transferred to new stands	-	111
New stands made up	- - -	97
Bird skins poisoned	- - -	20

Very respectfully,
R. Ridgway.
Curator, Dept Birds.

Curators Reports
Birds. Feb. 1888

UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM

UNDER DIRECTION OF

THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

WASHINGTON March 9, 1888

Professor G. Brown Goode,
Assistant Secretary
in charge National Museum.

Sir:—

I have the honor to submit
herewith a report upon work done
during the month of February, 1888,
in the Department of Birds:

Accessions.

The number of entries made in
the Bird Catalogue during February
is 162 (Museum Register Nos. 113150 to
113311 inclusive), the principal accessions
being as follows:—

C. W. Chamberlain, Boston, Mass. — 20 specimens, 2 species, from Gurnet Beach, Mass., being 14 Ipswich Sparrows (Ammodramus princeps) and 6 Horned Larks (Otocoris alpestris). (Exchange).

Bergen Museum, Bergen, Norway. — 75 specimens, 39 species, mostly from Western Norway. Among these may be mentioned a series of 8 Eiders (Somateria mollissima) as of special interest as affording a good material for comparison with the North American forms. A specimen of Leucosticte, from Siberia, is also of particular interest. (Exchange).

P. L. Jouy, Washington, D.C. — 46 specimens, 35 species, from China. This collection contains several interesting and rare species from the interior of China, for instance, Suthora alphonisiana, Pycnonotus xanthorrhous, etc., and many are new to the Museum collection (Gift).

J. W. Dutton, Wellesley, Mass. - 8 specimens, 8 species, from New Guinea, all new to the collection. These specimens are Pigeons and Parrots especially selected for the exhibition series on account of their peculiar and striking appearance. Several of them belong to genera hitherto unrepresented in the Museum Collection, and as they are carefully labelled and from a rarely visited country, they are also of considerable scientific interest. (Purchased).

Specimens distributed.

The number of specimens of birds distributed during February is 84, representing 65 species, as follows: -

a. Loaned for examination.

E. E. Thompson, Toronto, Canada. - 15 specimens, 15 species, from various extralimital localities.

Dr. J. Amory Jaffries, Boston, Mass.

4 specimens, 3 species, of Hummingbirds from California, Arizona, and Mexico.

G. B. Sennett, American Museum Nat. Hist., New York City. - 8 specimens Tallus longirostris, from Florida, West Indies, and Demerara.

E. M. Hasbrouck, Washington, D.C. - 1 specimen Podilymbus podiceps.

Wm Brewster, Cambridge, Mass. - 3 specimens, 3 species of Empidonax, from Mexico and Guatemala.

Amos W. Butler, Brookville, Ind. - 17 specimens, 12 species, being 11 Flycatchers, from the West Indies, and 6 Psittacus alaudinus, from Mexico.

b. In Exchange.

C. K. Worthen, Warsaw, Ind. - 10 specimens, 8 species, from the United States, and Mexico.

c. Worthless specimens destroyed.

6 specimens, 2 species, of Northern Sea Ducks.

d. To be mounted under the
special direction of the Secretary
of the Smithsonian Institution.

F. W. Very, Alleghany City, Pa. - 20
specimens, 20 species of Hummingbirds.

Packages sent out.

a. By Express.

- (1) E. E. Thompson, Toronto, Canada. - Bird
skins for examination (Collect).
- (2) G. B. Sennett, New York City. - Specimens
for examination. (Collect).
- (3) J. A. Allen, New York City. - (Personal L.S.)
(Collect).
- (4) Geo. Marshall, Laurel, Md. - (Personal R.R.)
(Paid; charge to R.R.)
- (5) F. W. Very, Alleghany City. - Specimens for
special mounting (Paid).

b. By mail.

- (1) H. G. Smith jr., Denver, Col. - Skins returned to owner.
- (2) A. H. Jennings, Baltimore, Md. - Skins returned to owner.
- (3) C. K. Wooten, Warsaw, Ill. - Specimens in exchange.
- (4) Dr. J. A. Jeffries, Boston, Mass. - Specimens returned to owner.
- (5) L. O. Pindar, Hickman, Ky. - Specimens returned to owner.
- (6) A. W. Butler, Brookville, Ind. - Specimens returned to owner.
- (7) Dr. J. A. Jeffries, Boston, Mass. - Specimens loaned for examination.
- (8) W. E. Bryant, San Francisco, Cal. - Specimen returned to owner.
- (9) G. A. Boardman, Calais, Me. - Specimen returned to owner.
- (10) J. McIlwraith, Hamilton, Canada. -

Specimen returned to owner.

(12) W^m Brewster, Cambridge, Mass. -

Specimens returned to owner, and others loaned for examination.

(13) A. W. Butler, Brookville, Ind. - Specimens for examination.

(14) H. G. Smith Jr., Denver, Col. - Specimens returned to owner.

c. Delivered personally.

(1) E. M. Kastrouck, Washington, D.C. - Specimen for examination.

Minor Routine Work.

Official letters written	40
" memoranda "	17
Orders for work	3
Memoranda of packing "	19
Requisition, "house"	7
" "outside" "	5

by Messrs. Peale and Cassin, specimens of great value to science though unfit for exhibition. The removal of these specimens from the cases will give three important results: (1) the saving of so much space in the cases; (2) the improved appearance of the collection; and (3) the better preservation of valuable specimens.

Work of Assistants.

The Assistant Curator continued his work on the report upon Mr. H. V. Henshaw's collection of birds from Northern Japan.

Mr. John M. Noah has (when present) performed satisfactorily some of the duties assigned him, but he has, as usual, been found unreliable with work requiring accuracy and inefficient in other ways.

I should not omit mention under this

heading of the volunteer services of Louis M. McCormick, preparator of the museum of Oberlin College, who, in consideration of specimens given him (for that institution) from our duplicate mounted collection, has rendered efficient help in the work of making over into skins the large number of badly mounted birds referred to above, by removing the labels from the stands and fastening them to the specimens, relabeling, etc.

Work of Taxidermists.

During February * Mr. Hurry Marshall has performed the following work:—

Skins mounted 20

Fresh birds mounted 2

* Minus Six (6) days, when absent on account of illness.

During the same period, Mr. George Marshall rendered the following services:—

Mounted birds made over into skins	433
" " transferred to new stands	3
Fresh birds skinned	4
New stands made up	22

Very respectfully
 R. Ridgway
 Curator Department Birds.

Curators reports
Birds March 88

UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM

UNDER DIRECTION OF

THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

WASHINGTON April 9, 1888.

Mr. G. Brown Goode,
Assistant Secretary
in charge National Museum.

Sir:—

I have the honor to submit herewith
a report upon work done during the month
of March, 1888, in the Department of Birds.

Accessions.

The number of entries made in the
Bird Catalogue during March is 99
(Museum Register Nos. 113312 to 113410
inclusive), the principal accessions being
as follows:—

Henry Seebohm, London, England. - 49 specimens, 19 species, mostly from the Old World. This collection is a very interesting and valuable one, containing as it does many species from Asia and Africa hitherto unrepresented in our museum, besides large series of some of the more difficult Old World Plovers. Among the American birds contained in the collection, a specimen of Merula murina, from Roraima, British Guiana, recently described, and one of Acanthoparus leucopodus from the Falkland Islands, both new to the museum collection, deserve special mention (Gift).

O. C. Smith, Tombstone, Arizona. - A male Trogon ambiguus from Arizona. (Gift).

Chas. W. Richmond, Washington, D.C. - 7 Crossbills, Loxia curvirostra minor, from the vicinity of Washington. (Exchange).

Vinal W. Edwards, Wood's Hole, Mass. - 20 specimens, 7 species, from Wood's Hole, Mass. (Gift).

Specimens distributed.

The number of specimens of birds distributed during March is 182, representing 136 species, as follows: -

a. Loaned for examination.

Dr. E. Hargitt, Broadwater, England. - 11 specimens, 8 species, woodpeckers, from Central America, and Kamtschatka.

E. W. Hastronck, Washington, D. C. - Two mounted specimens of Podilymbus podiceps.

Amos W. Butler, Brookville, Ind. - 22 specimens, 2 species, Passerculus, from Western North America.

b. In exchange.

Chas. W. Richmond, Washington, D. C. - 4 specimens, 3 species, from North America.

Harold B. Stabler, Sandy Springs, Md. - One mounted Short-eared Owl (Asio accipitrinus) from District of Columbia.

Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio. - 141 specimens

120 species, mostly North American.

c. Returned at request of Collector.

E. C. Greenwood, Corpus Christi, Texas. - One
Phalaropus tricolor, from Texas.

Packages sent out.

a. By express.

(1) Shelly W. Denton, Wellesly, Mass. - Specimens
returned to owner. (Paid).

(2) Harold B. Stabler, Sandy Springs, Md. -
Mounted specimen in exchange (Collect).

(3) Amos W. Butler, Brookville, Ind. -
Specimens for examination (Collect).

(4) Amos W. Butler, Brookville, Ind. -
Specimens lent for examination, and others
returned to owner (Collect).

b. By mail.

(1) Dr. Edward Hargitt, Broadwater, England. -
Specimens lent for examination (Registered).

(2). Will. W. Price, Riverside, Cal. - Specimens

returned to owner.

(3) E. C. Greenwood, Corpus Christi, Texas. -
Specimen returned to owner.

(4) Geo. H. Cherrie, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. -
Specimens returned to owner.

(5) Geo. L. Toppaw, Chicago, Ills. - Specimens
returned to owner.

c. By freight.

(1) Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio. - Duplicate
mounted birds in exchange (Collect).

(2) Geo. A. Boardman, Calais, Me. - Old
bird stands. (Collect).

d. Delivered personally.

(1) E. M. Hasbrouck, Washington, D.C. - Two
mounted birds to paint from.

Minor routine work.

Official letters written 14

" memoranda " 21

Memoranda of accessions " 11

Memoranda of Packing written	11
Orders for work	2
Requisitions, "house"	9
" " "outside"	1
Invoices (triplicates)	21
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Proof corrected (by Assistant Curator)	
Labels	87

Papers prepared for publication.

By the Assistant Curator.

(1) Notes on the European Crested Titmice.
4 pp. Ms. (To Editor of "Proceedings" Nat. Mus.,
March 31).

Special Work Accomplished.

The only work done under this heading was the continued rearrangement of the exhibition series, and various matters pertaining thereto, the unmounting, or making

over into skins, of a large number of specimens withdrawn from the exhibition series, and the selection, invoicing, and packing of a collection of birds for the Costa Rica National Museum.

Work of Assistant.

The Assistant Curator, Mr. Leonhard Stejneger, has continued his studies of Japanese birds. While working up the Paridae of Mr. Harry V. Henson's collection, he was also led to examine the allied European species of the same family with the result of discovering two new European Titmice. These he has described and discussed in two separate papers, one of which was handed over to the Editor of the "Proceedings" during March.

Work of Taxidermists.

Mr. Henry Marshall performed the following work during March:—

Skins mounted 25

Birds skinned and stuffed 17

During the same period Mr. George Marshall performed the following work:—

Mounted birds made over into skins . . . 440

" " put on new stands 82

New stands made up 33.

Large (Struthious) birds cleaned up

and stands oiled 4.

Head, etc., of Cassowary remodelled . . 1.

Very respectfully

R. Ridgway

Curator Department Birds.

~~Let to~~ Curator's report for
UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM

UNDER DIRECTION OF

THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

WASHINGTON

Birds, April 28
May 10, 1888.

Mr. G. Brown Goode,
Assistant Secretary
in charge National Museum.

Sir:—

I have the honor to submit
herewith a report upon work done in the
Department of Birds during the month of
April, 1888.

Accessions.

The number of entries made in
the Bird Catalogue during April is 23
(Museum Register Nos. 113411 to 113433 inclusive),
the principal accessions being as follows:—

A. H. Hawley, Los Gatos, Cal. - 6 specimens,
6 species, from Los Gatos, Cal. -

José W. Rovirosa, _____ ? —
14 specimens, 13 species, from the State of
Tabasco, Mexico.

Specimens distributed.

The number of specimens of birds
distributed during April is 48, representing
13 species, as follows: -

a. Loaned for examination.

Ernest E. Thompson, Toronto, Canada. -
4 specimens, 4 species, from various countries.

J. W. Ragsdale, Gainesville, Texas. -
1 Merganser americanus, from Illinois.

J. A. Allen, Am. Mus. Nat. Hist., New York
City. - 42 specimens, 7 species, of Tityra, from
Central and South America.

b. Gift.

J. W. Ragsdale, Gainesville, Texas. - 1 Merg-

anser americanus, from Alaska.

Packages sent out.

a. By express.

- (1) G. W. Ragsdale, Gainesville, Texas. -
Specimens for examination. (Collect).
- (2) Museum Comparative Zoology, Cambridge, Mass. - Specimens borrowed for examination and returned to owner. (Paid).
- (3) J. A. Allen, Am. Mus. Nat. Hist., New York City. - Specimens for examination. (Collect).

b. By mail.

- (1) J. A. Allen, Am. Mus. Nat. Hist., New York City. - Specimens returned to owner.
- (2) J. A. Jeffries, Boston, Mass. - Specimens returned to owner.
- (3) Ernest E. Thompson, Toronto, Canada. -
Bird skins for examination.
- (4) Arthur P. Chadbourne, Cambridge, Mass. -
Specimens borrowed for examination and

returned to owner.

Minor routine work.

Official letters written	19
" memoranda "	5
Memoranda of packing "	7
Requisitions (house) "	2
Orders for work "	1
Invoices (triplicates) "	9
Report for March "	8 pages.

Papers prepared for publication.

By the Assistant Curator.

- (1) Notes on European Marsh-tits with Description of a New Subspecies from Norway. 15 pp. MS. (To Editor of "Proceedings", April 2).

Special Work Accomplished.

The rearrangement of the exhibition series and the various matters pertaining thereto were continued during April.

Four new quarter-unit cases having become available for the reserve series of smaller birds in the South-west gallery, a rearrangement of the entire type series and reserve series has been commenced, which will necessitate the overhauling and transfer to other trays and drawers of about 40000 bird skins. The relief thus secured from overcrowding was highly needed. At the same time the reserve series is carefully compared with the duplicates, in order to readjust the series containing the latter.

Work of Assistants.

The assistant curator, Mr. Leonhard

Stejneger, has continued his studies of Japanese birds. He has worked up, during the month, the Woodpeckers and Thrushes of Mr. Hanson's collection. He also commenced the rearrangement of the reserve series of Old World species, two new quarter unit cases having been assigned to that part of the collection.

Mr. J. S. Sessford has, since his assignment to this department, performed his duties very satisfactorily.

Work of Taxidermists.

Mr. Henry Marshall performed the following work during the month of April:

Birds mounted 53

" skinned 7

During the same period Mr. George Marshall did the following:

Mounted birds transferred
to new stands 195
New stands made up 75
Birds skinned (sectors) 3.

Very respectfully
R. Ridgway

Curator Department Birds.

UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM

UNDER DIRECTION OF

THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

WASHINGTON

Curators Reports

Birds

Ridgway

May, 88.

June 14, 1888

Mr. G. Brown Goode,
Assistant Secretary
in charge National Museum.

Sir:—

I have the honor to submit
herewith a report upon work done
in the Department of Birds during
the month of May, 1888.

Accessions.

The number of entries made
in the Bird Catalogue during May
is 162 (Museum Register Nos. 113434 to
113595 inclusive), the principal accessions
being as follows:—

N. S. Goss, Topeka, Kansas. - 4 specimens,
2 species. One pair each of the two new
species, Sula gossi and S. graysoni, discovered
by Col. Goss on Martin Isle, Gulf of
California, the males being the types of
the respective species. (Gift).

Viral W. Edwards, Wood's Holl, Mass. -
12 specimens, 7 species, chiefly Water Birds
in the flesh, from Wood's Holl. (Gift).

Valdemar Knudsen, Boston, Mass. -
23 specimens, 11 species, from the islands
of Kauai and Nihaui, Hawaiian Archi-
pelago. A very interesting collection
adding several species to the Hawaiian
Fauna, and one species, Puffinus knudseni,
new to science. The Assistant Curator
has submitted for publication a special
report on this collection. (Gift).

Arthur E. Brown, Zoological Gardens,
Philadelphia, Pa. - 1 specimen Javan

Adjutant (Leptoptilus javanicus) in the
flesh. (Gift).

B. H. Warren, West Chester, Pa. - 63
specimens, 3 species, from Chester Co., Pa.,
being series of Quiscalus quiscula and
Agelaius phoeniceus. (Exchange).

A. W. Butler, Brookville, Ind. -
3 specimens, 3 species, from Mexico and
Jamaica, one being an authentic specimen
of Ammodramus brunneus recently
described by Mr. Butler. (Gift).

Specimens distributed.

The number of specimens distributed
during May is 131 representing 62
species, as follows: -

a. Loaned for examination.

D. G. Elliot, New York City. - 55 specimens,
4 species of Jacanas, from America.

C. B. Cory, Boston, Mass. - 7 specimens,
2 species of Certhiolas from the West Indies.

B. H. Warren, West Chester, Pa. - 2
specimens of Passer montanus, from
England.

b. Entered by mistake and returned to owner.

A. H. Hawley, Los Gatos, Cal. - 2
specimens, 2 species, from California.

Geo. W. Lawrence, New York City. -
50 specimens, 46 species, from South America.

c. In exchange.

B. H. Warren, West Chester, Pa. - 15
specimens, 7 species, Fringilline birds
from North America.

Packages sent out.

a. By express.

(1) Geo. W. Lawrence, New York City. -

Bird skins from Count von Berlepsch. (Collected)

(2) Geo. W. Lawrence, New York City. —
Bird skins from Count von Barlepsch
(Collect).

(3) D. G. Elliot, New York City. — Bird
skins lent for examination (Collect).

(4) C. B. Cory, Boston, Mass. — Specimens
for examination (Collect).

(5) Boston Society of Natural History,
Boston, Mass. — Specimens borrowed for
examination and returned to owner (Paid).

(6) Frank B. Webster, Boston, Mass. —
(Personal R. R.) (Collect).

b. By Mail.

(1) W. Chamberlain, Ottawa, Canada. —
Specimens returned to owner.

(2) A. H. Hawley, Los Gatos, Cal. — Specimens
returned to owner.

(3) Wm Brewster, Cambridge, Mass. —
Specimens returned to owner.

(4) B. H. Warren, West Chester, Pa. — Specimens

in exchange, and others for examination.

(5) American Museum Natural History,
New York City. — Specimens returned to
owner (2 packages).

(6) E. A. Forbush, Worcester, Mass. —
Bird skins returned to owner.

(7) W. S. Richardson, Annapolis, Md. —
Bird skins returned to owner.

Minor routine work.

Official letters written	28
" memoranda "	22
Memoranda of packing	13
Requisitions ("house")	9
" ("outside")	4
Order for work	1
Invoices (triplicates)	15
Report for April	7 pages.

Papers prepared for publication.

By the Assistant Curator.

- (1) Further Contributions to the Hawaiian
Avifauna. 28 pp. MS. (To Editor "Proceedings",
May 22) [*Puffinus kumdseni* sp. nov.].
- (2) Obituary Notice of Henry Pryer. 4 pp.
MS. (To Editor "Auk", May 22).
- (3) Obituary Notice of Modest Bogdanow.
2 pp. MS. (To Editor "Auk", May 26).
- (4) Palmén's Contributions to the Knowledge
of the Bird Fauna of the Siberian Coasts
of the Arctic Sea. 15 pp. MS. (To Editor
"Auk", May 27) [Review].

Special Work accomplished.

The rearrangement of the exhibition
series and the various matters pertaining
thereto were continued during May.

The redistribution of the specimens in the cabinets of the reserve series in the South-west Gallery was continued until the work caused by the participation of the department in the coming Cincinnati Exposition necessitated the temporary suspension of the arrangement referred to.

Work of Assistants.

The Assistant Curator, Mr. Leonhard Stejneger, was particularly engaged during the month in working up a small but very interesting collection of Water Birds from the Hawaiian Islands, presented by Mr. Valdemar Knudsen. Besides several additions to the Hawaiian Fauna, the collection contained a specimen of a new Shearwater which Mr. Stejneger

in the report submitted for publication has named Puffinus Knudseni.

Mr. J. S. Sessford performed satisfactorily the various duties assigned to him.

Work of Taxidermist.

Mr. Henry Marshall performed the following work during the month of May: -

Birds mounted	25.
" skinned	4.

Very respectfully

R. Ridgway

Curator Department Birds.

~~Curators Reports~~ ~~But~~ Birds, Bridgway June 1888.
UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM

UNDER DIRECTION OF

THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

WASHINGTON

July 13, 1888

Mr. G. Brown Goode:
Assistant Secretary
in Charge National Museum.

Sir:—

I have the honor to submit
herewith a report upon work done in
the Department of Birds during the
month of June, 1888.

Accessions.

The number of entries made in
the Bird Catalogue during June is
64 (Museum Register Nos. 113596 to
113659 inclusive), the principal accessions
being as follows:—

Wm C. Avery, Greensboro, Ala. - Three specimens Peucaea bachmani from Greensboro (Gift).

Vinal N. Edwards, Wood's Holl, Mass. - Two Puffinus stricklandi, and one Urinator inuber, from Wood's Holl (Gift).

Dr. C. Hart Merriam, Washington, D.C. - Wing of Erethia canora collected by Mr. M. E. Spencer at Sombrio Key, Florida, the first specimen of this species obtained in North America (Gift). Also a fine specimen Yellow-billed Tropic Bird, from the Bermudas (Exchange).

C. S. Galbraith, through J. N. Lawrence, New York City. - Three male Bachman's Warblers, from Lake Pontchartrain, near New Orleans, La. (Purchased).

S. W. Denton, Wellesley, Mass. - 5 specimens, 4 species, from Australia and New Guinea. Among these may be mentioned a specimen

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Prince Albert's Crowned-Pigeon, a Victoria
Lyre-bird, and a female Drepanornis
albertini, a Paradise-bird of a genus
hitherto unrepresented in our collection.
These will form a valuable addition to
the exhibition series (Purchased).

M. Hardy du Dréneuf, Rio Janeiro,
Brazil. — One Giant Snipe (Gallinago
gigantea), from Brazil, the largest Snipe
known, and hitherto unrepresented in
our collection (Purchased).

Ernest E. Thompson, Toronto, Ontario,
Canada. — 23 specimens, 16 species, from
Canada. (Gift).

J. McIlwraith, New Westminster, B.C. —
9 specimens, 8 species, from British Columbia

National Museum, San José, Costa
Rica. — Type specimen of a new species
of Aramides (Gift).

Specimens distributed.

The number of specimens distributed during June is 529, representing 502 species, as follows: —

a. Loaned for examination.

Dr. Theodor Pleske, Imp. Academy of Sciences, St. Petersburg, Russia. — 1 specimen from Kamtschatka.

b. Loaned to Section of Transportation and Engineering to be mounted with Indian on snow shoes — 4 white ptarmigans, from Labrador.

c. Loaned to Department of Agriculture for exhibition at Cincinnati, Ohio. — 79 mounted specimens, 61 species, chiefly birds of prey, from North America.

d. Sent to Cincinnati, Ohio, as part of the National Museum Exhibit. — 445 specimens, 439 species, from all parts of the world.

Packages sent out.

a. By mail.

- (1) José C. Zelenon, New York City. - Bird skin returned to owner.
- (2) Geo W. Lawrence, New York City. - Bird skin returned to owner.
- (3) Theodor Pleske, St. Petersburg, Russia. - Bird skin for examination. (Registered).
- (4) H. J. Smith, Denver, Col. - Bird skins received for identification and returned to owner.
- (5) Wm Brewster, Cambridge, Mass. - Specimens returned to owner.
- (6) E. S. Thompson, Toronto, Canada. - Specimens received for identification and returned to owner.

Minor Routine Work.

Official letters written	32
" memoranda "	26

Memoranda of packing written 6

Requisitions (house) ..

Ordinary 4

Cincinnati Exposition . . . 13 17

" (outside) ..

Ordinary 4

Cincinnati Exposition . . 9 13

Orders for work (Cincinnati Expos.) . 3

Invoices (duplicates & triplicates) . . . 14

Report for May 9 pages

Proof read (by assistant Curator) 3½ galleys

" " " " 154 labels.

Special Work accomplished.

During the month of June all work, except the most necessary routine, was stopped in order to get the exhibit for the Cincinnati Exposition ready in time. As a result the whole exhibit consisting of 524 mounted birds (including those lent to

the Department of Agriculture) and a number of pictures, packed in 10 large boxes, were shipped before the end of the month.

Work of assistants.

The Assistant Curator was chiefly engaged in preparing labels for and arranging the Old World birds of the Cincinnati Exhibit.

Mr. J. S. Scosford performed satisfactorily the various duties assigned him.

Work of Taxidermists.

Mr. Henry Marshall performed the following work during the month of June:

Birds mounted 36

" skinned 3

" transferred to new stand 14

New stands made up . . . 10

Mr. George Marshall (for the Cincinnati exhibit) performed the following work during the same period:

Birds mounted 6

" skinned 1

" transferred to new stands 132

New stands made up . . 52

In addition he was employed for 7 days in packing the birds sent to Cincinnati.

Very respectfully
Leonhard Stejneger
Acting Curator Department Birds.