

of Curator of the Botanic Garden and Lecturer on Natural History at Harvard University. In 1842 he returned to England, where he resided until his death in 1859, at the age of seventy-three.

The first volume of the "Manual," containing an account of the Land Birds, was published in 1832, and a second edition, with some additional matter, appeared in 1840. The second volume, of which one edition only was issued, came out in 1834.

The "Manual" was the first hand-book of the subject that had been published, and its delightful sketches of bird-life and its fragrance of the field and forest carried it into immediate favor. But Nuttall was more than a mere lover of Nature, he had considerable scientific attainment; and though he appears to have enjoyed the study of bird-life more than he did the musty side of ornithology, with its dried skins and drier technicalities, he had an eye trained for careful observation and a student's respect for exact statement. It was this rare combination that gave to Nuttall's work its real value; and these chapters of his are still valuable, — much too valuable to be lost; for if a great advance has been made in the study of scientific ornithology, and of the species that occur in the Western half of the continent, our knowledge of the life-histories of most of the Eastern birds has been advanced but little beyond that left us by Nuttall and his contemporaries.

I must not however be understood as undervaluing the recent work of the "American School," as they are styled by European writers; for it may be said, without exaggeration, that the present generation of workers in this field have placed American ornithology quite