

With regard to landscape art in general, the speaker advanced the theory that the strictly characteristic thing on the continent of North America was a high regard for large aspects of natural scenery. Lantern slides were exhibited showing the beauties of native scenery, special attention being given to the magnificent views in the Canadian Rockies. Canadians and Americans dearly love this wild scenery, and its preservation in large public parks is a great national duty. The speaker said that while landscape gardening in many of the older countries of Europe had often meant gardening with the landscape left out, it might well mean on the continent of North America landscape with the gardening left out. While this should not be interpreted to cover the whole of landscape art, it should always be recognized as one of the most important manifestations of it in Canada and the United States.

BOOK NOTICES.

THE HOME-LIFE OF THE OSPREY, photographed and described by Clinton G. Abbott, B.A., Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union, with thirty-two mounted plates. London: Witherby & Co., 326 High Holborn, W. C. Published price 6/- net.

This delightful story of the home-life of the Osprey is a companion volume to "The Home-life of a Golden Eagle", which was noticed in the July number of the OTTAWA NATURALIST. It is the third volume of the "Bird-lover's Home-life Series" which are being published by the above firm. The author's observations were mostly made on Gardiner's Island, which is a well known breeding ground for Ospreys, and which lies about three miles from the eastern point of Long Island. The photographs which accompany the volume are particularly good and well arranged. The whole work is very pleasing and it will undoubtedly have a ready sale among students and lovers of birds.

THE LIFE OF THE COMMON GULL, TOLD IN PHOTOGRAPHS, by C. Rubow, 1/6 net, is another bird booklet recently published by Witherby & Co. This contains 25 half-tone reproductions from photographs, illustrating the nesting habits, etc. of *Larus canus*, which is one of the most frequent gulls on the coast of the North Sea and the Baltic, and which has also been occasionally met with on the Labrador Coast.

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