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and one hundred and twenty-four species. The "keys" and text are of an exhaustive character and the volume is, as were its predecessors, beautifully illustrated with a large number of coloured plates.

Amongst the species figured are some of considerable interest to South African Ornithologists, such as *Urobrachya affinis* (Natal Fan-tailed Weaver), supposed to be a variety of *U. axillaris* (Red-shouldered Widow Bird), which assumes the form of plumage denoted as that of *U. affinis* when kept in captivity for some length of time; *Anomalospiza rendalli* = *Serinus imberbis* and *Serinus rendalli* (Sclater, Fauna of S. Africa, Birds, vol. i. p. 172; vide also Annals S. African Mus. vol. iii. pt. viii. no. 9, pp. 313 & 372); *Lagonosticta rhodopareia* (Heuglin's Ruddy Waxbill), recently added to the South African List (vide Annals S. African Mus. vol. iii. pt. viii. no. 9, pp. 309 & 368); *Ploceipasser pectoralis* (Stripe-chested Weaver-Bird); *Sycobrotus stictifrons* (Spot-headed Weaver Bird); and *Hyphantornis nigriceps* (Black-headed Weaver Bird).

(4) IN the 'Ornithologische Monatsberichte' for September 1905 appears an article by Dr. A. Reichenow on "Three new Species of Seed eaters from North-east Africa."

He describes in detail *Poliospiza erlangeri* (named after the late Carlo von Erlanger), *P. collaris*, and *P. pachyrhyncha*. The specimens from which these birds were described are from Erlanger's collection made during his travels in Africa.

(5) IN the same Number of the same Journal Dr. Reichenow further describes a new species from South Africa:—

PLOCEUS TROTHÆ (Rchw.), n. sp.

Similar to *P. rubiginosus*, but with the red-brown of the plumage paler, going over more into yellowish. Collected by General von Trotha in Windhoek, German South-west Africa.
