

## GENUS XXII. PTERIDOPHORA.

## 1. PTERIDOPHORA ALBERTI.

Add:—

*Pteridophora alberti*, Sharpe, Monogr. Parad. part vii. (1897).—Meyer, Abhandl. k. zool. Mus. Dresden, vii. no. 2, p. 51 (1898).—Rothschild, Thierreich, Lief. 2, Parad. p. 21 (1898).

Both Dr. Meyer and the Hon. Walter Rothschild differ from me as to the natural position of the genus *Pteridophora* in the *Paradiseidae*.

## GENUS XXIII. SEMIOPTERA.

## 1. SEMIOPTERA WALLACII.

Add:—

*Semioptera wallacii*, Sharpe, Monogr. Parad. part v. (1895).—Meyer, Abhandl. k. zool. Mus. Dresden, vii. no. 2, p. 50 (1898).

*Semioptera wallacei (typica)*, Rothschild, Thierreich, Lief. 2, Parad. p. 37 (1898).

## 2. SEMIOPTERA HALMAHERÆ.

Add:—

*Semioptera wallacii*, pt., auct. (spec. ex Ins. Halmahéra).

*Semioptera wallacii*, var. *halmaheræ*, Salvad. Orn. Papuasie e delle Molucche, ii. p. 573 (1881).—Id. Agg. Orn. Papuasie etc. ii. p. 157 (1890).

*Semioptera gouldi*, Boucard, Humming-Bird, i. p. 43 (1891).

*Semioptera halmaheræ*, Sharpe, Bull. Brit. Orn. Club, iv. p. xiii (1894).—Meyer, Abhandl. k. zool. Mus. Dresden, vii. no. 2, p. 50 (1898).

*Semioptera wallacii*, pt., Sharpe, Monogr. Parad. part v. (1895).

*Semioptera wallacei halmaheræ*, Rothschild, Thierreich, Lief. 2, Parad. p. 38 (1898).

On a reconsideration of the subject, I have come to the conclusion that the Halmahéra Standard-wing can be separated from the Batchian bird by slight but constant characters, and it has been recognized as distinct by Dr. Meyer and the Hon. Walter Rothschild. As it is confined to a separate island, a trinomial name ought scarcely to have been given.

## GENUS XXIV. PHONYGAMA.

Mr. Rothschild points out (Thierreich, *l. c.* p. 46) that the oldest name for this genus is *Phonygammus*, Less. & Garnier, in Férussac, Bull. Sci. Nat. viii. p. 110 (1826).

## 1. PHONYGAMA KERAUDRENI.

Add:—

*Phonygama keraudreni*, Sharpe, Bull. Brit. Orn. Club, iv. p. xiii (1894).—Id. Monogr. Parad. part iv. (1895).—Meyer, Abhandl. k. zool. Mus. Dresden, vii. no. 2, p. 51 (1898).

*Phonygammus keraudreni*, Rothschild, Thierreich, Lief. 2, Parad. p. 46 (1898).

The great resemblance of immature *P. jamesi*, in its steel-blue plumage, to *P. keraudreni*, has led to the uniting of the two birds under the latter heading, and the extension of the range from Dutch New Guinea to S.E. New Guinea. Having gone over the series of specimens in the Rothschild Museum, I have adopted his opinion that *P. keraudreni* is not found in the last-named area, and that *P. jamesi* is a distinct species.