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Marmaduke Tunstall, of Wycliffe, in the North Riding of the county of York, is said to have been born in 1748, and to have died October 11th, 1790. As a memoir of him was given by Fox in that mine of curious information on Natural History, the 'Synopsis of the Newcastle Museum', published in 1827, it is only needful here to mention a few facts referring to this work, which seem to have been unknown to that writer.

In the 'Gentleman's Magazine' for January, 1824 (vol. xciv. pt. i. pp. 14, 15) are printed three letters from Linneæus to Tunstall.* The first of them, dated (as is stated) "Upsalio, 1772, Aug. 13", contains this passage:—

"Dum in eo sum, ut adornem novam editionem tomi 1st Systematis, quem typographus eflagitat a me, magnopere exoptarem allegare Ornithologiam tuam, quam dicas te liberali manu ad me misisse; sed meo magno cum dolore nondum excepi: queso, dicas mihi per quem exoptatissimum opus misisti."

In the second, written on October 13th, 1773, he acknowledges the arrival that day of the book—"Ornithologiam tuam Britannicam"—with certain specimens sent him by Tunstall.

In the third letter, bearing date "Upsalio, 1773, 21 Nov.", Linneæus writes:—"Catalogus tuus de Avibus Britannicis certe perplacuit."

Tunstall was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society on the 11th of April of the year in which he brought out his work.† His certificate, in the handwriting of his proposer, Daines Barrington, describes him "of Welbeck Street in the parish of Marybone," and sets forth

* These letters have been reprinted in the 'Mémoires de la Société Linnaëenne de Calvados' (1824, pp. 296-300).
† Not in 1777, as stated by Fox (op. cit. p. 14).
his qualification as "a gentleman of most general erudition and more particularly versed in every branch of Natural History." His seconder was Pennant, and the names of five other Fellows of the Society, less known to ornithological fame, follow.

The reader may be reminded that Tunstall's Museum, including his collection of Birds, which was said to have cost him several thousands of pounds,* formed the basis of the flourishing Museum of Newcastle-on-Tyne; and, according to Fox's investigations, twelve of the figures of birds in Brown's 'Illustrations of Zoology' and fifty of Bewick's well-known engravings were drawn from specimens contained in it—many of which, owing to the care taken of them, still exist.

The present reissue of Tunstall's work has been executed by means of photolithography. For greater convenience it has been reduced in size from the original folio which measures twenty inches by fourteen and a half.

Magdalene College, Cambridge.
June 11, 1879.

A. N.

* £3000 according to Nichols in one place (Illustr. Lit. Hist. v. p. 514), but in another (Lit. Anecd. viii. p. 366) £5000!
Ornithologia Britannica:

SEU

Avium omnium Britannicarum tam Terrestrial, quam Aquaticarum

CATALOGUS,

Sermone Latino, Anglico & Gallico redditus:

CUI SUBJICITUR APPENDIX,

AVES ALIENIGENAS,

IN ANGLIAM RARO ADVENIENTES, COMPLECTENS.

In tenui labor: at tenuis non gloria—Virg.

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J. Alken, printer.
AVES BRITANNICÆ TERRERSTRES.

Que unico Afterico * notantur hinc vorr, que duplici ** autem migrant.

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* Notius Lucas vel et Lucas vel et ultima editione Zodiæum Britannicum, Gallen vocat et ornithologia Anglica plenamque decerta fuit.

** In editio Orientalis, soli Schabdiu, Bene hic manu manuscripta occura.
AVES AQUATICÆ

FISSIPEDES.

CINEREA. Avitus.

VILLENA. Aquata, Fluvia, Phragmipites, Neerius, Aegyptiaca, Logoponica, Limnica, Gelluca.

CAVITAS.

Calidris.

*Maritima, B. Z. 357.

Gallinago.

Vanellus.

Squatarola.

*Plegana.

*Canor.

*Maculata.

*Nigr. B. Z. 359.

*Montifilis.

*Utronus.

*Hydrocorax.

*Alpinus.

*Circus.

Struthus.

Ciconia.

Pluvialis.

*Ansernicus.

*Pluvialis.

*Ammenata.

*Morinellus.

*Horniscus.

*Ceridius.

*Aguina.

*Porzana.

*Coxa.

Chloropus.

Common Heron. Bittern.


Gnathor or Worm-eater.


Snipe or Snier. Jet or Jud-Creek or Jack-Snipe.

Lapwing or Pewit. Gray Fluer.

Rail or Reeve. Snipe.


Turnstone. Green Sandpiper.

Common Sandpiper. Dunlin.

Pavon or Stint.

Olive or Sea-piper.


Duck. See Liick. Sanderling.


Small Spotted Water Hen.

Common Water Hen.

*tHeronia commun. le Buit.

*Le Coute. le petit Courtil.

*La Becalfe. la grande Barge frêle.

*La Barge frêle. la petite Barge frêle.

*La Grand Pasture ou Chevalier aux pieds vertes.

*Le Becalfe ou Chevalier aux pieds rouges.

*Le Chevalier aux pieds vertes et blanches.

*La Becalfe. la petite Becalfe ou Chevalier.

*Le Vanneer. le Vanneau gris.

Oiseau de combat ou Pint de Mer. le Couron. le gravé de coq.

*le Couron chauve. le Becalfe ou col blanc.

*le Guigasse. le Dunlin ou Becalfe d'Angletere. l'Abestique de Mer.

*le Pie de Mer ou l'Histrion. le Couril de Terre.

*le Fluvier de Mer. le Grand Chevalier ou Becalfe.

*le Guigaste. le Petit Fluvier ou col bleu.

*le Petite Mouchebeau gris. le Rallé d'Eau.

*le Marsocce.

*le Rollé ou Rol des couleurs.

*le Foul de eau.

VIII. Philoprogenites.

IX. Fulica x Columba.

V. Recurvirostra.

XII. Alia.

Avocetta. Great Avocet or Pennan.

**Impennis. common Avocet.


Marinot.

Cetrella. Calidris Ferus.

*Paradisus.


*Coena. Ruddy.

*Tridactylus.

*Hirundo.

**Minima.

**Nigra.

*Fulica, D. Z. 427.

P. Palmaris.

Le Philoepe. le Philoepe rouge.

*Foulque Garn. le Grebe bufigé. le Grebe. le Grebe aux oreilles. le petite Grebe de rivière. le petite Grebe.

P. Palmaris.

Le Petit Guillerm. le grand Pinguin.

*Le Pinguin. le Petit Pinguin. le Macaren. le petit Guillermot. le Guillermot. le petit Guillermot noir.

*Le grand Pinguin noir. le grand Pongon tartare. le petit Pongon. le Pongon à Gorge rouge. le Glaucard noir.

*Le pochard. le Glaucard aux pieds verts.

*Le Glaucard gris. le Glaucard varié. le Mouette d'hyère. le Mouette cendrée. le Mouette rieula ou petites. le Mouette condre ou petites. le Mouette cendrée. le Grand Héronelle de Mer. la petite Héronelle de Mer. l'Eopouavastre.
APPENDIX.

Ares rared in Britanniam Adventus et que vix unquam ibi nondum cognoscitum.

TERRESTRES.

Caryocarifus
Garraus.

Uppa
Epops.

Oro
Tetrae.

Tardus
Refereus.

Angela
Grauclus.

Lucis
Coccorhyncho.

Emberia
Convivus.

Nivalis.

AQUATICAE.

Platina
Ardea

Leucocorria.
Grue.

Grauclus.
Garretta.

Alba.
Minata.

Fuscus.

Spurn-hill.
Cerne.

Egrette.

Great white Heron.
Little Egret.

Red-stand-piper.

FINIS.

1 Grus et Garraus eis in paludibus Angliae, utrae radix & alia, posteaue sunt, his vend temporalibus inters exitimaius & alieniorem haberent.

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THE WILLUGHBY SOCIETY.

At a Meeting of Ornithologists, at 6, Tenterden-street, Hanover-square, on May 7, 1879, Professor Newton in the Chair, it was agreed "That an Association should be formed for reprinting certain Ornithological Works interesting for their utility or rarity."

The late and present Editors of "The Ibis" and Mr. Tegetmeier were requested to form an Organising Committee to promote this object, and Mr. F. Godman to act as Secretary.

The Committee thus appointed met at 11, Hanover-square, on June 4, 1879, when it was agreed:—

I. "That this Association be called 'THE WILLUGHBY SOCIETY for the Reprinting of scarce Ornithological Works.'"

II. "That the Annual Subscription be £1, payable to the Secretary."

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In addition to Tunstall's "Ornithologia Britannica," now issued,

Sir Andrew Smith's papers in the "South African Journal," and "Report" of his Exploring Expedition, and

Desfontaine's "Mémoire sur quelques nouvelles espèces d'oiseaux des côtes de Barbarie," from "Hist. de l'Akad. des Sciences," 1787,

are already in hand for the subscribers of the year 1880; and the
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following works are under consideration as suitable to the operations of the Society.

Mr. B. H. Hodgson’s papers in the “Indian Review” and “ Asiatic Researches.”
Savigny and Audouin’s Ornithology of Egypt. The complete text in 8vo.
Vieillot’s “ Analyse d’une nouvelle ornithologie.”
Leach’s Catalogue of the Mammalia and Birds in the British Museum.
Barrière’s “ Ornithologie specimem novum.”
Mühring’s “ Avium genera.”
Bechstein’s papers in the “ Naturforscher.”
Pennant’s “ Faunula Americana.”
Temminck’s “ Catalogue Systématique du Cabinet d’Ornithologie.”
Ornithological papers by Ray and Lister in the “ Philosophical Transactions.”
Schwenckfeld’s “ Aviarium Silesiacum.”
Ornithological papers in the Transactions of the Academy of Sciences of St. Petersburg.
Ornithological portion of the Appendices to the “ Reise ” of Pallas, S. G. Gmelin, and other Russian Travellers.
Charleton’s “ Onomasticon.”
Turner’s “ Avium &c. brevis et succincta Historia.”
Barton’s “ Fragments of the Natural History of Pensylvania.”
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