

Extracts from the "London Times" Weekly Edition.

Re JOHN GOULD.

In the issue of 25th October, 1928, the following appears in a paragraph referring to the death of Mr. Henry Cecil Sotheran, of the firm of Henry Sotheran & Co., "Booksellers to His Majesty the King." The centenary of the firm was celebrated in 1916:—

". . . The firm has taken a leading part in many book transactions. Perhaps one of the most famous was that of securing the copyright of the ornithological books of John Gould, for which Henry Sotheran gave £5,000. . . ."

This paragraph is taken from the issue of 17th January, 1929:—

"Raræ Aves.—More than 1,500 birds were exhibited at an international show of canaries, British hybrids, and foreigners at the Trinity Hall, Great Portland-street. They ranged in variety from the common bullfinch to the toucan from South America. The latter was the first bird of its species to be shown in London since 1872, when one specimen was brought to the Zoo. Other foreigners were a pair of golden-breasted waxbills from East Africa, and pairs of cordon blues and zebra finches, also from Africa, white Java sparrows, an African black-headed nun, a pair of Australian diamond sparrows, a red-headed Gouldian finch, from Australia, Rhodesian spotted fire-finches, Jameson's fire-finches, and Gay's finch. The Budgerigar section was one of the most interesting in the show, more than 100 birds, green, blue, yellow, white, olive, and apple-green, being exhibited. In the British section there was a good collection of songsters, including the nightingale, the missel-thrush, the song-thrush, the blackbird, and the blackcap. The rarest of the British birds in the show were the treecreeper, long-tailed tit, cinnamon starling, and cinnamon lark."