

Turquoise Parrot in the New York Zoological Gardens.—

With reference to my letter some time ago to your valuable Journal on the Turquoise Parrakeet (*Neophema pulchella*), which you so kindly printed, I have just come on a most interesting note on this beautiful Parrakeet (now called the Turquoise Parrot) in the September, 1922, issue of the *Avicultural Magazine*. It is written by Mr. J. B. Housden, and is entitled "My First Visit to New York Zoological Park, Bronx Park (Winter Season)." "Of this splendid collection, there were two birds certainly that the writer coveted (although I have stuffed specimens, I have not seen a living specimen for many years), one a beautiful male of the nearly extinct Australian Turquoise Parrakeet, the other a male Cock of the Rock." Mr. Chisholm in his article in the July *Emu* quotes my letter of 1913, but he goes on to say that no response came to my question, so I take it the bird is almost extinct in Australia. It is therefore very strange that one should have turned up in the New York Zoo.*—W. H. WORKMAN, M.B.O.U., Belfast.

* Since this latest letter from Mr. Workman arrived, I have made further inquiries regarding the beautiful Turquoise Parrot, but with little success. Mr. A. S. Le Souef, who recorded in "The Emu" the re-appearance of a small company of the birds near Sydney, understands that one or two of these were captured and sent abroad, and that at least one other was held as a call-bird. The whole business goes to show what urgent necessity exists for guarding the vanishing *Neophema* and *Psepholus* Parrots, both inland and at the seaports†—A. H. Chisholm, Sydney.

†See "Notes from Stanthorpe," p. 320 (Eds.)