NOTE ON ÆSTRELATA SANDWICHENSIS RIDGW.

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In volume IX of these proceedings, p. 96, in an additional note to an article on this bird, I expressed a suspicion that it might be the same as .E. phaopygia Salv. (Trans. Zool. Soc. Lond., Vol. IX, Part IX, May, 1876, p. 507, pl. 88, fig. 1), and in my more recently published "Manual of North American Birds"* (p. 65) relinquished any doubt as to the question by giving the Sandwich Island bird as .E. phaopygia. In the mean time the type had been sent to Mr. Salvin for comparison with the types of his species, and his letter, dated December 11, 1887, confirms the views which I had adopted, as the following quotation from his letter will show:

"I have compared it [i.e., the type of .E. sandwichensis] with the two types in the British Museum of .E. phaopygia, and done my best to make them different, but they are as like as any three specimens of the same species of Petrel that I ever examined. The bill is a trifle small in all its dimensions and outer rectrices a little more freely mottled with white, but the Galapagos birds vary just as much inter se."

* J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia, 1887.
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