

LETTER.

DISEASED FEET OF WOODCOCK.

To the Editors of BRITISH BIRDS.

SIRS,—I need hardly say how interested I was to read the report on the feet of a Woodcock which I sent you in December, 1912, and in which Dr. N. F. Ticehurst states: "Had the subject been human and not avian, I should not have hesitated to have ascribed the conditions as due to tuberculosis." On July 23rd, 1905, I picked up a Lapwing in a moribund state, which I forwarded after death to Dr. C. G. Seligmann. He found that it was "the subject of advanced tuberculosis," and a short description of it together with a plate (fig. 3) duly appeared in *The Proceedings of the Royal Society of Medicine* for December, 1907. May I add how glad I am to feel that I was in some way instrumental in bringing about your decision (expressed in Vol. VI., p. 282) as to undertaking "Post-mortem examination of Birds" on behalf of contributors to your Magazine.

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