

Since Mr. A. W. Milligan's arrival in Perth from Victoria he has presented no less than one hundred and twenty-five birds and twelve mammals to the local museum, in addition to other help he has given, and so, to mark their appreciation, the Committee, at the suggestion of the Director, Mr. Bernard Woodward, have offered to Mr. Milligan the position of Honorary Consulting Ornithologist, which all concerned are glad he has accepted. Mr. Milligan's enthusiasm in the field may be judged by the fact that his new Bristle Bird (*Sphenura litoralis*) was shot by himself in the South-West after a four days' chase. This interesting bird lives in the dense coastal scrub, and runs through cover instead of taking wing over it. In fact, Mr. Milligan only obtained his type specimen by firing into the bush whence the bird's notes came, and so frightened it into flight, when with a shot at a long range from his second barrel he secured the prize.

### Correspondence, &c.

THE American Ornithologists' Union has 44 active, 16 honorary, 62 corresponding, and 616 associate members. Grand total, 738.

A member in New Zealand writes:—"I received the second instalment of *The Emu* not many days ago. It is a very good number, and the editors are to be congratulated on the general 'get up' and the sustained interest of the magazine. Should suitable contributions become scarce after a time, which is hardly likely, I shall be pleased to contribute a paper now and again."

Mr. Edwin Ashby, Adelaide, sends a leaflet from the Trans. Roy. Soc. of S.A. (1901), containing "A List of Birds" collected by himself in Western Australia during the end of August last. Forty-two species are enumerated (with brief notes), shot mostly at Speakmans, a locality situated about 85 miles north of Coolgardie. Mr. Ashby must have worked very assiduously, because he only spent five days there, collecting mostly at early morn. He claims the Chestnut-rumped (*Acanthiza uropygialis*) as "the first record of south-western Australia." The Black-throated Butcher Bird (*Cracticus nigrigularis*) may be claimed on the same grounds. Unfortunately, owing to a typographical error, Mr. Ashby's name was made to read Ashley on page 47 of the previous issue.

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