

## Copies of Royal Letters.

Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S.W.,

4th July, 1910.

DEAR SIR,—I have laid before the King and Queen the ninth volume of *The Emu*, and am commanded by Their Majesties to convey to the Australasian Ornithologists' Union Their Majesties' sincere thanks for their courtesy in sending the ninth volume for the acceptance of the King and Queen.

Their Majesties are interested to hear that the Union will hold its next sitting at Brisbane, and that the Government of Queensland are likely to afford the members facilities to explore the islands on the Barrier Reef.

The King and Queen wish the Union every success.

I am, yours faithfully,

(Sd.) E. W. WALLINGTON.

A. J. Campbell, Esq.

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

(PRIME MINISTER.)

Melbourne, 18th August, 1910.

SIR,—In continuation of my letter of the 16th May last, relative to the application of your society for permission to use the prefix "Royal," I now have the honour to inform you that advice has been received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies that His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve the grant of the prefix "Royal" to the Australasian Ornithologists' Union.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your most obedient servant,

M. L. SHEPHERD, Secretary

The President of the Ornithologists' Union,  
Zoological Gardens, Melbourne.

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COLOURED FIGURE FUND.—The proceeds of the popular lecture given at Brisbane during the session of the R.A.O.U. were £81 4s., which amount has been received by the hon. treasurer, thanks to Mr. H. Tryon, the organizing secretary, and the members of the Brisbane Field Naturalists' Club.