
[The proclamation regarding exportation has been temporarily suspended except as regards skins and plumage of non-edible birảs.-Eds.]

## Mr. Mathews' Work on "The Birds of Australia."

In procuring material for his great self-imposed task of a coloured figure for every known Australian bird, Mr. Gregory M. Mathews is amassing a collection of Australian bird-skins that promises to be second to none in the world. However, he is still in want of many of the rarer species. Any persons desiring to aid in the reduction of Mr. Mathews' desiderata, either by exchange or purchase, are invited to communicate with him direct. AddressLangley Mount, Watford, Herts., England.

## Important Notice.

ANNUAL SESSION OF THE ROYAL AU'STRALASIAN ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION.
The eleventh session of the R.A.O.U. will commence at Sydney 28th October (this month).

On the afternoon of that day (Saturday) there will be a local outing. On Sunday the National Park will be visited, members being under the guidance of Mr. Basset Hull. The general meeting will be held on Monday evening, at the British Medical Hall; and the public lecture, "Tropic Islands and Coral Strands," will be given on Tuesday evening, at the King's Hall.

On Wednesday, ist November, arrangements will be made for an extended working excursion to the neighbourhood of Gosford and the celebrated Hawkesbury district, under the leadership of Mr. A. S. Le Souëf, of the Sydney Zoological Gardens. Every member will receive the usual circular notice. Further particulars may be obtained from Mr. A. H. E. Mattingley, Acting Hon. Secretary, R.A.O.U., Customs House, Melbourne.

