

## Library Notes.

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The following publications have been received since the last notes were prepared (*Emu*, Vol. XXV., p. 44):—

*Revue Francaise d'Ornithologie*: Nos. 190, 191, 192.

*Revista Italiana di Ornithologia*: 1923, 1924.

*Zoological Record*, Vol. LX., 1923, XV. *Aves*, W. L. Sclater, M.A.

*The Condor*, Vol. XXVII., No. 2. "Notes on Sea-Birds observed between England and New Zealand, via Panama." By J. G. Myers and R. A. Falla. "The Relative Value of Bird Measurements." By W. H. Bergtold.

*The Auk*, Vol. XLII., No. 2. "A Graphic Method of Recording Flight." By Earl L. Poole.

*The Queensland Naturalist*, Vol. V., No. 1.

*The Victorian Naturalist*, Vol. XLI., No. 12.

*The South Australian Ornithologist*, Vol. VIII., Part 2. "An Interesting Ornithological Record for South Australia" (Recording the occurrence of *Pterodroma lessona* at Encounter Bay.) "The Pectinate Middle Claw in Australian Birds." By A. M. Morgan. "Notes on the Birds of the Port Lincoln District." By J. Burton Cleland, M.D. "Birds seen between Beltana, Farina, and Cordillo Downs Station." By J. Burton Cleland, M.D.

*Avicultural Magazine*, Vol. III., Parts 2 and 3. Part 2 contains an excellent photo of a pair of Southern Stone Curlews with young, taken by Mrs. A. L. Nimmo of South Australia.

*British Birds*, Vol. XVIII., Nos. 11, 12. No. 11 contains "The Effect of Hot Sun on Young Birds." By Albert H. Willford.

*Bird Lore*, Vol. XXVII., Nos. 1, 2. No. 1 contains "With Camera and Jack-Light on the Seashore." By Henry R. Carey. A most interesting article with unique illustrations opening up a new field for bird photographers. No. 2, contains a handsome coloured plate of Humming Birds. "Two Days with the American Avocet." By Walter W. Bennett.

*Proc. Linn. Soc., N.S.W.*, Vol. I., Part I.

*Ibis*, 12th series, Vol. I, No. 2. "Some Points in Labelling Specimens." By Claud B. Ticehurst, M.A., M.R.C.S., M.B.O.U. This paper is well worth perusal by collectors of skins, as some valuable hints are given *re* sexing, age, etc.

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## Notes and Comments.

In this number we publish extracts from the first report of the Migration Committee. It is disappointing to learn that so few members of the Union responded to Mr. Cohn's request to supply him with their observations and we hope that during the coming season the Committee may be able to secure many more correspondents.

In order that any adequate idea of the movements of our birds may be obtained hundreds of observers are required. Every member of the Union must surely make at least one observation each year as to the arrival or departure of some migratory bird. By itself such an observation may be of little value, but if many such observations can be collected they may reveal facts of great interest.

If you have made any observations of this nature please send them to the convenor of the committee, Mr. M. Cohn, 29 Hope St., Bendigo.

The following have been enrolled as members of the R.A.O.U. since June, 1925. In N. S. Wales : Misses V. A. Bartlett, E. Doyle, J. Hook, and D. McCulloch, and Master J. Wansey ; in Victoria : Messrs. N. A. Arnold and E. V. McHutchison and Rev. C. J. Lang.

The following members have resigned. In N. S. Wales : Messrs. C. J. Bauer and R. Beech ; in Victoria : Messrs. G. M. Black and A. MacCaskill, Jr. ; in Queensland : Dr. H. Kenny ; in New Zealand : Mr. A. Hansen.

The Moscow Ornithological Society, Moscow, Russia, has become a subscriber to *The Emu*.

An article by Mr. A. H. Chisholm, Chairman of the N.S.W. Branch of the R.A.O.U., which appeared recently in the *Australian Zoologist*, and which dealt largely with matters affecting the R.A.O.U., was commented upon in the "Library Notes" of the July issue of *The Emu*. Arising from this, the N.S.W. Branch desire to point out that the article in question was written at the request of the editor of the *Zoologist*, who is an ex-President of the R.A.O.U., and that it was not merely Mr. Chisholm's private opinion, as the "library note" inferred, but the opinion of N.S.W. members generally, who have since re-elected Mr. Chisholm as their Chairman. It is added that N.S.W. members join with those of Queensland in resenting the conduct of the last election (which, they point out, had a wholly inequitable result) and that, as regards collecting of birds or eggs, they agree with the *Zoologist* statement that such work should only be done under permit and for a definite, disinterested purpose. Further, it is urged by N.S.W. members that Mr. Chisholm's long and valuable service to the R.A.O.U., in various States, should have been sufficient to prevent the suggestion by the librarian that he is now trying to arouse "interstate jealousy."

All communications in connection with the *Emu*, and articles or photos for publication should be addressed to the Editor at Sherwood, Brisbane, not to the official address of the Union. Authors desiring reprints of their articles should note on their manuscript the number required.

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