

Wellington, and that arrangements for Congress and Camp-out could be made in the time available. Pending receipt of the views of interstate members of Council, it was agreed to ask New Zealand members to suggest a suitable date.

Discussion arose regarding the Presidential address printed in the January *Emu* and the editorial addendum thereto. Two motions on the general subject were framed for submission to all members of Council. One motion aimed at repudiation of the views advanced in the Presidential address, and the other advocated that editorial comments should not deal with matters of opinion but only matters of fact.

A careful and interesting report on the state of the Mutton-Bird rookeries on Phillip Island was submitted by Mr. A. G. Campbell. Copies are to be sent to interested parties.

Further complaint was received regarding the action of Melbourne members of the Council in respect of office-bearers. While the volume of protest showed clearly that some revision was necessary, it was considered that the imputation of motives was uncharitable. Several interests are represented on the Council in Victoria, and members are asked to accept the assurance that there is no desire to make partisan nominations for other States.

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## Notes and Comments.

The Council of the R.A.O.U. has decided that the next Congress and Campout shall be held in South Australia. A cordial invitation was received from New Zealand, but the Articles of Association limit the meeting-places to Australia. Steps are to be taken to amend the Articles.

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The Hon. General Secretary of the R.A.O.U. has a note from a member who is willing to sell a complete set of *The Emu* and also a set of Mathews' *Birds of Australia*.

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It is an astonishing and lamentable fact that there are very many members of the R.A.O.U. who have not paid their subscriptions for the current year. In most cases this omission is due to carelessness. Such members are invited to be more thoughtful. The Union is conducted on an entirely honorary basis, and the Secretary and Treasurer have quite enough to do without pursuing members who default, however unwittingly.

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