

regarding that prince of mocking birds, the Lyrebird. In this matter of mimicry also the Bower Birds are well to the fore.

The book is splendidly illustrated with 50 pages of excellent photographs with two coloured plates and a map, and contains a comprehensive index. Mr. Chisholm's book is of value both for its wealth of scientific ornithology, and for its general appeal fragrant with the beauty of the green places that it tells about.

Obituary

In a recent issue of the London *Times* the death is announced of Mr. Herbert C. Robinson, author of a fine work on the Birds of the Malay Peninsula. Mr. Robinson was born in Liverpool on November 4, 1874, and was educated at Marlborough where he was unable to finish his studies owing to ill-health. When quite young he started on a collecting trip to New Guinea, but illness detained him in Queensland, and he was compelled to return to England without reaching New Guinea. After working for some time in conjunction with Dr. H. O. Forbes at the Museum in Liverpool, he visited the Malay States and later accepted the Directorship of Museums, Federated Malay States. While there he did the most important work of his life. He remained in the East from 1910 to 1920, when he made a short visit to England. In 1924 he was again in England in charge of the Malay workers at Wembley. He remained in England for two years. In 1926 he retired from the Civil Service and at once set about preparing a comprehensive account of the birds of Malay Peninsula. Of the five proposed volumes only two have been published, and a third was almost completed when illness caused him to leave London. He subsequently died in a nursing home at Oxford early in June. It is matter of much regret that Mr. Robinson was not spared to complete his work, as he had an unrivalled knowledge of the birds of the Malay States. In 1900 he contributed to the *Ibis* the results of his examination of a collection of skins from North Queensland.

At the close of his second term as President of the R.A.O.U. comes news of the death of Mr. A. J. Campbell, who died on September 11, 1929, following a long illness. Actually his last work—the presidential address for next Congress—was laid on the table at the Council meeting the evening before his death. While the sympathy of the Union goes out to those bereaved by this sad loss, it is intended to hold over an obituary until next issue, when a fitting tribute can be paid to this great worker on Australian ornithology.