

The May meeting of the Council was held on May 6. Mr. Ross occupied the chair. A request was received from Tasmania for the support of the Union with regard to the proclamation of Bell's Parade and part of the Mersey as a sanctuary. The State Secretary for Tasmania was asked to act for the Union in the matter. A sub-committee was appointed to report on the serious position of the Union because of the failure of many members to forward their subscriptions. By an almost unanimous decision of members of Council, both Melbourne and interstate, it was decided that, in view of the fact that the value of the Union's interest in the will of the late Dr. J. A. Leach was not ascertainable on account of the possibly diminishing royalties on his books, the Union should surrender its interest in consideration of an immediate gift of £100 offered by the executors. A suggested programme for the next Congress and Camp-out in Queensland was received from the State Secretary for that State. The suggestions were received with unanimous approval, and full details will appear elsewhere.

On June 10 Mr. Ross again occupied the chair. Through Mr. A. S. Le Souef, of Sydney, an offer was made to procure Lyrebirds for introduction into Tasmania. It was agreed to make further enquiries as to the attitude of the authorities in Tasmania. Consideration was given to the object to which the £100 received from the estate of Dr. Leach should be devoted, but no decision was arrived at. The action of the Forestry Commission in Victoria in destroying large trees in Sherbrooke Forest was discussed. It was decided to ask the opinion of qualified members of the Field Naturalists' Club on the matter. At the suggestion of the committee appointed to deal with the matter, it was decided to make one more appeal to members whose subscriptions are in arrear before removing their names from the membership list. Gratification was expressed at the success of the Victorian Advisory Council in inducing the Government to reserve 10,000 acres adjoining Wyperfield Park as a sanctuary. This area is of considerable importance as the breeding haunt of the Mallee Hen.

News and Notes

Members, particularly State Secretaries, are invited to make nominations for office-bearers of the Union for the ensuing year. All nominations should, where possible, be accompanied by the consent of the nominee, and they must be forwarded in time to reach the Hon. General Secretary not later than September 8, 1930.

A letter has been received from the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, Melbourne, asking that the "Catalogue of Scientific and Technical Periodicals in the Libraries of the Commonwealth" referred to in the current *Emu* in "Library Notes" be advertised among members. The price is 10/- per copy, and if not available elsewhere can be obtained from the Secretary of the Council at 314 Albert Street, East Melbourne.

An original member of the Union is anxious to dispose of a large collection of Australian birds' eggs, containing eggs of over 500 species. The collection is in very good condition and each set is complete with full data. Further particulars are available from the Hon. General Secretary.

A complete set of Mathews's *Birds of Australia* is usually sold for £160, but a member has a set, in parts, for which he will accept £125. Apply Hon. General Secretary, 170 Latrobe Street, Melbourne.

The Californian University, U.S.A., is anxious to obtain Part 2, Volume 2, of *The Emu*, and is prepared to pay a good price therefor. Will any member who has a copy for sale please communicate with the Hon. General Secretary.

Through the efforts of the Victorian Advisory Council for the Protection of Fauna and Flora, an area of 10,000 acres adjoining the Wyperfeld National Park in the Mallee, Vic., has been added to and incorporated in the park. This additional portion, which contains much typical Mallee country, is of special interest in the sanctuary it affords the Mallee Hen or Lowan.

Despite the notice in last issue, contributors still continue to return corrected proofs to the printer and not to the Editor. Will members please refrain from doing so, as their corrections are more likely to be recorded if sent to the Editor.

The following new members have been enrolled since the issue of the April, 1930, part:—H. M. Wilson, 8 Campbell Street, Subiaco, W.A.; A. J. Marshall, 152 Penshurst Street, Penshurst, N.S.W.; R. P. Cooper, 29 Petersham Road, Marrickville, N.S.W.; D. Picking, Dromana, Vic.

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