

## News and Notes

The following new members have been enrolled:—C. B. Scott, Whitton, N.S.W.; R. H. Lloyd Moore, 18 Wilberforce Avenue, Rose Bay, Sydney; E. R. Caldwell, Box 19, Taroom, Qld.; F. Buckle, 84 Pitt Street, Sydney; E. A. Vidler, 541 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill; H. E. Prior, "St. Elmo," Sorrento, Vic.

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Mr. Donald Thomson, of Melbourne, a former assistant editor of *The Emu*, has been highly complimented by English naturalists upon his excellent article, "In Quest of the Albatross," which appeared in the English weekly journal, *Country Life*, on March 1, 1930. The photographs accompanying the article are unique, having been obtained on the well-known Albatross Rock off the north-west corner of Tasmania, where Mr. Thomson was successful in effecting a landing after waiting around the neighbouring islands for no less than ten days before the sea was calm enough to carry out his adventure. Although only on the rock for one day, Mr. Thomson obtained a wonderful series of photographs of the home life of the White-capped Albatross (*Diomedea cauta*).

A further article, "In Quest of Sea Birds," by this writer appeared in the same journal on March 29, when the nesting habits of the Pacific Gull (*Gabianus pacificus*) on Three Hummock Island, and the large rookeries of Little Penguins (*Eudyptula minor*) on Stack Island, are fully described and illustrated by some fine photographs.

Those who are aware of Mr. Thomson's capabilities as a naturalist and a nature photographer must feel a little regret that members of the R.A.O.U. have not had the privilege of perusing these two interesting articles through the pages of *The Emu*, instead of their appearing in a journal unprocurable in Australia.

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## Obituary

THOMAS HENRY CLEE.

Our late member, a well-known Moree builder and contractor, met his death while supervising the demolition of a building. He died at 5 p.m. on June 12, 1930.

The late Mr. Clee was a most useful citizen and highly respected by all classes. He was a member of the Pastoral and Agricultural Society and was elected to life membership at the meeting held just prior to his decease. A past president of the Parents and Citizens' Association at

Moree, he had served as an alderman of the municipality for a number of years, and actively associated himself with any progressive movement for the benefit of the town and district. He was a well-informed gentleman, an interesting conversationalist, and a great nature lover. His death will be an irreparable loss to the remaining members of the Union in Moree, most of whom were proposed for membership and sponsored by him. Any good word that one could say of any man could well be applied to the late Mr. Clee.

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## Review

[Our Own Trees—A first book on the Australian Forest, by Edward A. Vidler; 64 pages, price 2/-.]

Mr. Vidler, a new member of the Union, published this little booklet some time ago. Much of interest is to be found within its covers. The correlation between birds and trees is a matter of importance to students of ornithology, and one cannot advance far in the former science without a knowledge of the latter. As the author states in his foreword, his booklet is elementary only, nevertheless it is an admirable introduction for one wishing to become familiar with Australian trees. Mr. Vidler is, we believe, at present working on a companion volume on birds.

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## Library Notes

Since the issue of the July part (Vol. XXX., Part 1), the following publications have been received:—

*The Australian Zoologist*, Vol. 6, Part 3. This contains an article on the Cicada Bird (*Edoliusoma tenuirostre*) by Norman Chaffer, R.A.O.U.

*The Ibis*, Vol. VI., No. 3.

*The Auk*, Vol. XLVII., No. 3.

*Vergleichende Untersuchungen über das Gonadensystem weiblicher Vögel*. Teil 1—*Columba livia domestica*, by Hans Kummerlöwe.

*The Avicultural Magazine*, Vol. VIII., Nos. 6, 7 and 8.

*Australian Science Abstracts*, Vol. 9, No. 3.

*The Proceedings of the Linnean Society of New South Wales for 1930*, Vol. LV., Part 3, No. 229.

*Linnean Society of New South Wales*—Papers 436 and 437 (Abstract of Proceedings of Meetings of 30/7/'30 and 27/8/'30).

*The Natural History of the Double-crested Cormorant (Phalacrocorax auritus)*, by Harrison F. Lewis, Canada.

*The South Australian Ornithologist*, Vol. X., Part 7. Contains articles on the Birds of the Murray Mouth, by J.