

News and Notes

The Council of the R.A.O.U. is considering the possibility of having the first two volumes of *The Emu* reprinted. If those desirous of obtaining such volumes or either of them will write *at once* to the Hon. General Secretary, the Council will be in a position to see whether there is justification for having such work put in hand. Will those interested please indicate the amount that they are prepared to pay for such volumes or either of them that they may require.

The following new members have been enrolled:—V. Allardyce, 1 Fulton Street, East St. Kilda, Victoria; Yasuo Doi, Owashi Machi, Miye-Ken, Japan; H. M. F. Alexander, Matlock Mansions, Dandenong Road, Caulfield, Victoria; Bird Observers Club, Melbourne; Mrs. J. S. Hutchinson, "Dhuringa," Berwick, Victoria; J. Ramsay, 53 George Street, Sydney. The two last-named have rejoined after not subscribing for a period.

During the last few years a number of important ornithological books and magazines have been gradually disappearing from the library of the R.A.O.U. In spite of precautions, the books have continued to disappear, which makes it apparent that the person or persons responsible for the taking of the books have had frequent access to the book-cases. Unfortunately, many of the missing magazines are out of print and cannot be supplied by the publishers.

It is most desirable for Melbourne members having any of the following works, the property of the R.A.O.U., to return them to the Hon. Secretary without delay:—*The Ibis*, *The Auk*, *The Condor*, *South Australian Ornithologist*, *Avicultural Magazine*, *Bird Lore*, *Birds of Australia* (Lucas and Le Souef) and other works.

In future the Council will not hesitate to give effect to Article 21, which provides for the expulsion of any member who removes books from the R.A.O.U. room without the authority of the Council.

Library Notes

The receipt of the following publications is acknowledged:—

The Avicultural Magazine, Vol. X, Nos. 1 and 2. No. 1 contains "The Crimson Finch" (with colour plate), and "Successful Breeding of Queen Alexandra's Parrakeets."

No. 2 contains "The Blue-winged Grass Parrakeet," by Ed. J. Boosey (with colour plate).

The Condor, Vol. XXXIII, Nos. 5 and 6, and Vol. XXXIV, No. 1.

The Ibis, Vol. II (13th Series), No. 1. Contains "Additions and Corrections to the 'Systema Avium Australasianarum'", by G. M. Mathews.

The Auk, Vol. XLVIII, No. 4, and Vol. XLIX, No. 1.

Animals and Birds Protection Board, Tas. Report for years 1929-31.

The South Australian Ornithologist. Vol. XI, Nos. 4 and 5.

The Geelong Naturalist, Vol. VII (2nd Ser.), No. 3.

L'Oiseau et la Revue Francaise D'Ornithologie, Vol. 1, Nos. 8 and 9 and Nos. 10, 11 and 12.

Rivista Italiana di Ornithologia, Vol. 1, No. 3.

Bird Lore, Vol. XXXIII, No. 5.

El Hornero, Vol. IV, No. 4.

The Australian Zoologist, Vol. 7, Part 2.

American Game, Sept.-Oct., 1931.

The Proceedings of the Linnean Society of N.S.W., Vol. LVI, Parts 4 and 6.

Bulletin of the American Museum of Natural History, Vol. LXIII, Article 1, "The Upper Zonal Bird-life of Mts. Roraima and Duida," by Frank M. Chapman.

Australian Science Abstracts, Vol. 10, No. 4, and Vol. 11, No. 1.

American Museum Novitates, Nos. 450; 486, 502 and 504 (Birds of the Whitney South Sea Expedition), 489 (Parrot Finches).

Proceedings of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia (Vol. LXXXIII, pp. 450, 451, 453, 455-467, 469).

Boletin del Ministerio de Agricultura de la Nacion, Vol. XXX, No. 2.

Measurements of Birds. By S. Prentiss Baldwin, Harry C. Oberholser and Leonard G. Worley. See review in this part.

The Art of Bird Watching. By E. M. Nicholson. See review in this part.

Check-list of Birds of the World. By James Lee Peters. See review in this part.