

## Obituary

### GEORGE EDWARD SHEPHERD.

On June 25, 1932, Australian Ornithology lost another of its early supporters on the death of George Edward Shepherd at Somerville, Victoria. A foundation member of the R.A.O.U., Mr. Shepherd was a keen student of nature in its varied forms, and although he appears to himself have published but little of his bird-lore (there are some notes in early volumes of *The Victorian Naturalist*), yet his notes form a large and valuable part of A. J. Campbell's *Nests and Eggs*, and a smaller though equally valuable part of A. J. North's *Nests and Eggs of Birds Found Breeding in Australia and Tasmania*. The fact that Mr. Shepherd took the first Victorian eggs of the Jardine Caterpillar-eater (*Edoliisoma tenuirostre*) has already been mentioned in the pages of *The Emu*.

The district in which Mr. Shepherd was born and spent all of his life was a very fortunately situated one for a man with interests such as his. The western shores of Westernport Bay were readily available, and there Mr. Shepherd spent much of his time collecting and observing, particularly wading birds. A few decades ago a small coterie of fellow ornithologists and members of the R.A.O.U. (of whom many are also departed), was wont to share with Mr. Shepherd the enjoyment of the bird-life of his district.

The same keenness which he showed in his observations of nature, Mr. Shepherd also exhibited in the many other activities with which his life was filled. No record of his life could be complete without mention of his active interest in the Red Cross and returned soldier movements in general, and the Caulfield Military Hospital in particular.

His widow, son, daughter, and two grandchildren survive him. Esteemed by all who knew him, his loss is widely regretted, but his work remains as a monument to his memory.—R.S.M.

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Mr. Neville W. Cayley, R.A.O.U., State Secretary for New South Wales, has been elected President of the Royal Zoological Society of N.S.W.

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