

Annual Congress and Camp

The Annual Congress will be opened in the Union's room, 168-170 Latrobe Street, Melbourne, at 10.15 a.m. on Monday, November 5, 1934, the whole of that day to be devoted to Congress business. The following day (a public holiday in Melbourne) is to be spent in an all-day excursion to be arranged.

State secretaries are asked to prepare and forward branch reports in time for the opening of the Congress.

On November 7, members and friends attending the Camp-out will leave by car for Nelson, situated at the mouth of the Glenelg River, in the extreme south-western corner of Victoria. The camp will continue until about November 16. Final details of the camp have not yet been arranged, but a quotation for catering at 6/- per head per day has been obtained. If the camp is held under canvas the site will be on the property of our member, Mr. C. E. Simson, of Casterton, which site is about a mile from the township. In such an event each member attending the camp will be expected to contribute towards the cost of hire, transport and erection of tents, etc.

In view of the fact that the town is situated in a most central position the party may possibly seek accommodation in Nelson. Enquiries to that end are being made at present, and members desirous of attending will be apprised later.

Some miles of river are available for investigation by persons attending the camp. Sand hills are found along the coast, at the back of which are swamps, and heathy country wherein the Ground-Parrot occurs. Behind those areas is wattle and lightly-timbered country, then heavier forest.

An excursion to Mt. Gambier (S.A.) will be arranged, and, if possible, a more-extended trip to Portland, and to the Lawrance Rocks, where *Pachyptila desolata* breeds. As a landing on Lawrance Rocks is, however, rarely possible, the latter excursion cannot definitely be regarded as a feature of the camp.

The car fare from Melbourne to Nelson (return) is £2 per head. The excursions from the camp should cost only a few shillings each.

Members desirous of attending the camp should notify the Congress secretary (C. E. Bryant, 394 Collins Street, Melbourne) as soon as possible, in order that arrangements may be completed.

Concession fares to Melbourne (available if six are travelling from New South Wales or South Australia, or three from Queensland) are applicable, and State secretaries are requested to arrange for concessions required.

Further details, as available, may be obtained from the Congress secretary upon application.

Members are requested to endeavour to make the session a success by ensuring a good attendance of members and friends. An invitation is extended to members of other natural history bodies to attend the camp.

Library Notes

The following publications have been received into the Library:—

The Victorian Naturalist, Vol. LI, Nos. 3, 4 and 5. No. 4 contains "A Camera Interview with the Fairy Tern," by R. T. Littlejohns. No. 5, contains "Birds that Build Play-houses," by A. H. Chisholm.

The Ibis, Vol. IV, No. 3. Contains "Nomenclatorial Notes [Amendments to *Systema Avium Australasian-arum*], by G. M. Mathews.

The Avicultural Magazine, Vol. XII, Nos. 6, 7 and 8. No. 8 contains "Nesting Notes on Bronze-wing Pigeons," by Professor Carl Naether; "Notes on New Zealand Birds," by Sydney Porter.

The Condor, Vol. XXXVI, Nos. 3 and 4.

Boletim do Ministerio da Agricultura, Ano 22.

American Museum Novitates, Nos. 709 and 714. "Birds Collected during the Whitney South Sea Expedition." No. 709 is "Notes on Some Birds from New Britain, Bismarck Archipelago," by Ernst Mayr. No. 714 is "Notes on the Genus *Petroica*," by Ernst Mayr. Describes new subspecies, *P. multicolor becki*, *P. m. feminina*, *P. m. soror*, *P. m. polymorpha*, *P. m. septentrionalis* and *P. m. kulambangræ*.

The Auk, Vol. LI, No. 3.

The Wilson Bulletin, Vol. XLVI, No. 2. Contains "Field Observation in Economic Ornithology," by E. R. Kalmbach; "Further Additions to the List of Birds Victimized by the Cowbird," by Herbert Friedmann.

Australian Science Abstracts, Vol. 13, No. 3.

Bulletin of the Arctic Institute, Nos. 1 and 2.

Acta Ornithologica Musei Zoologici Polonici, Tom. I, Nos. 1-8.

The South Australian Ornithologist, Vol. XII, Parts 5-7. Nos. 5 and 6 contain bird lists and interesting notes. Under "Additional Records for South Australia," J. Sutton records, in No. 5, *Rhipidura rufifrons*, *Ixobrychus minutus* and *Numenius phaeopus*. In a reference to birds required to be included to bring up to date a list of South Australian birds the Grey Heron (*Ardea cinerea*) is included. Part 6 contains "Bird Notes Taken on a Trip to Panitya, Vic.," by F. E. Parsons and J. Neil McGilp, an account of an unsuc-