

for Lyrebirds and did not have the Tasmanian advantage of lack of foxes, and that Otway residents, unlike Tasmanians, were not far away from the natural quarters of the birds in Gippsland.

Gannets of Cat Island.—The Council agreed that a serious state of affairs had been disclosed by Drs. G. M. and B. Anderson (see *The Emu*, vol. xxxv, pt. 4) in regard to the Gannets of Cat Island, Bass Strait. It was decided to ask the State Secretary for Tasmania to ascertain the views of his Government on the matter, and to recommend that a ranger be employed to guard the birds during the breeding season.

More Members Needed.—Concern is felt by the Council at the fact that the membership of the Union has fallen away considerably in recent years. Members in general and State Secretaries in particular are asked to make special efforts to meet this situation by enrolling their friends. It is obvious that unless the membership and funds of the Union are kept at a satisfactory level the standard of *The Emu* cannot be maintained.

Annual Congress and Camp-out

The Council has decided that the 1936 Congress will be in Adelaide and the Camp at Bool Lagoon, South Australia. The State Secretary, Capt. S. A. White, is proceeding with arrangements.

The *tentative* itinerary is set out below. Possibly a larger period will be devoted to the Camp. Further details will appear in the October issue. Members contemplating attending will be advised of any further information from time to time available upon application to the Hon. General Secretary.

November 24 (Tuesday).—Congress opens.

November 25, 26.—Congress continues. Outings to Mt. Lofty Ranges, etc.

November 27.—Leave for Bool Lagoon.

December 1.—Return to Adelaide.

The contemplated route is through Mt. Lofty Ranges, Murray Bridge, Tailem Bend, Coonalpyn, Bordertown and Narracoorte, the return to be via Narracoorte, past Lake Eliza and Lake Howden, to Robe and Kingston, through the Coorong to Meningie, and across the Murray at Wellington. Transport by cars.

The estimated cost is about £5. A chef to cook and prepare meals will accompany the party, but members must provide their own sleeping material, cutlery and crockery.

Early intimation of intention to attend is requested. This aspect of the matter is of particular importance as South Australian members cannot advance their arrangements until an approximate estimate of attendance is available. Members are urged to attend and are invited to bring friends.

Members requiring loose parts of vol. xxxv, or others, bound, should forward them to the Hon. General Secretary by July 20.