the case that the bird, which has not previously been seen at 'Minyah', is referred to by the men as 'Herb's bird' (Herb being engaged in rabbiting) from its habit of following the rabbit pack as it moves about the property.

Quail are numerous and have remained longer than is their wont, which may account for the exceptional number

of birds of prey to be seen at any time of the day.

Falco subniger spends much time perched motionless on some slight eminence, such as a rock or fence post, but its head is never still and I shoull say it misses little of what is passing, although it ignores Magpie-Larks, Willie Wagtails, Starlings and cockatoos.

## Annual Congress, 1952

Following an excursion, to be arranged, on Sunday, September 21, 1952, the Annual Congress is planned to open in Adelaide, South Australia, on the following day. On September 25, at 8 a.m., delegates will depart by train for Alice Springs, Central Australia, and the camp site on the Finke River. The camp will continue until October 8, and the party will leave for the return to Adelaide by plane, on October 10. Estimated cost, from Adelaide to Adelaide, is £63.

The camp will be held at the Amphitheatre, on the Finke River, in the James Range, near the Hermannsburg Mission and Palm Valley, about 100 miles from Alice Springs. Bond's Tours are catering for the party from the time of arrival at 'The Alice'. They have a modern chalet both in Alice Springs and at the Amphitheatre. At the latter there is new hut accommodation for 40 people and 'tentage' for any number in excess. All meals, transport and accommodation (including bedding and linen) are included in Bond's charge of £3 per head per day from Alice Springs to the camp and back. Buses will be at the camp for short excursions.

Further information may be obtained from the Branch Secretary for South Australia, Mr. H. T. Condon, South Australian Museum, Adelaide, S.A., or from Mr. Howard Jarman, Zoological Gardens, Adelaide, S.A. Notification of intention to attend the Congress and camp should be conveyed to Mr. Condon, and, in addition, to the Hon. General Secretary. A deposit of £5 is required when placing bookings.

It is imperative that deposits reach Mr. Condon by July 29 and that plane bookings be arranged without delay.