

## International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

Three recent notices of the use by the Commission of its plenary powers in certain cases have been given—under dates February 21, 1955; May 20, 1955; and June 27, 1955.

The first contains no matter of peculiar reference to Australian birds but refers to the proposed adoption of two declarations—

(a) clarifying rule (g) of Article 30 relating to the selection of the type species where a species has two or more names objectively synonymous with each other (pp. 86-89) (Z.N. (S.) 878).

(b) regarding the specific name to be adopted for the type species of a genus where that species possesses two or more such synonymous names (pp. 112-113) (Z.N. (S.) 908).

The second notice includes, *inter alia*, the following items—

*Hemiprocne* (Class Aves), validation of, as from Nitzsch, 1829, with *Hirundo longipennis* Rafinesque, 1802, as type species.

The proposed adoption of declarations—

(a) defining the expression 'monotypical' genus (pp. 146-152) (Z.N. (S.) 904),

(b) defining the combination to be attributed to the specific name for a species described as belonging to one genus but for which at the same time a second nominal genus is established conditionally (pp. 179-180) (Z.N. (S.) 883).

The third notice includes, *inter alia*, the following items—

Determination of a gender in harmony with accustomed usage for generic names in the Class Aves having the termination 'rhynchus'.

The proposed adoption of declarations—

(a) Article 21—clarification of the authorship to be attributed in certain special circumstances to zoological names and to actions affecting the status of such names (pp. 235-238 (Z.N. (S.) 891).

(b) Article 25—clarification of the status of names published only in the indexes of books (pp. 246-249) (Z.N. (S.) 929).

Persons desiring to comment on the second and/or third notices should communicate with Mr. Francis Herring, Secretary to the Commission, at 28 Park Village East, Regent's Park, London (N.W.1) by November 31, 1955 (on the second notice), or by January 7, 1956 (on the third notice).