

Congress, 1960

Mr. Manton spoke of his suggestion, made to Congress in 1958, of the possibility of holding a Congress in New Guinea. It has not been possible to ascertain, as yet, the potential of attendance. The matter was still under discussion by Council. Mr. Wheeler spoke in favour of the New Guinea project, in support of Mr. Manton.

Dr. Lendon moved, Mr. Bryant seconded—"That the site of next Annual General Meeting be left in the hands of Council." Carried.

Thanks

Mr. McGill moved, Mr. Bryant seconded—"That this Congress place on record the Union's appreciation of the South Australian State Secretary's organization in preparation for Congress, and entertainment and accommodation of delegates, and that thanks be conveyed to Mr. Beruldsen for the way in which we had been catered for by the South Australian members." Carried.

Mr. Binns moved, Miss Wigan seconded—"That we place on record the Union's appreciation of Mr. E. C. Souter's valuable service to the R.A.O.U. as Hon. Treasurer, and that Mr. Souter be advised of this action." Carried.

Mr. McGill moved, Miss Wigan seconded—"That this Congress place on record our regret at the recent serious illness of our Hon. Auditor, Mr. H. C. E. Stewart." Carried.

Delegates expressed appreciation at the gesture of the South Australian members who entertained delegates at lunch at the kiosk in the Botanic Gardens on the day of the Annual Meeting.

Mr. Littlejohns expressed regret that he was not able to proceed to Kangaroo Island with the field party. After wishing the members a successful outing, he closed the meeting.

Brightly-coloured Wren.—In *The Emu*, vol. 59, pp. 218-219, W. Stewart McColl records a wren of unusual colouring. As the observation took place at a time of heavy flooding when the birds were forced into closer than normal concentration, it seems possible that what he saw was a specimen of *Malurus lamberti* displaying. Our close watching of *M. cyaneus* has shown that the birds have extraordinary powers of extending the surface area of their coloured feathers, and if strange birds invaded a territory it is probable that members of the same genus would show their resentment by similar display. See Bradley, *The Emu*, vol. 58, p. 322.—JOAN BRADLEY, Sydney, N.S.W., 20/11/59.