

ganui, N.Z., was elected a member of the Council to represent New Zealand. Unfortunately, Mr. Marriner has since died. He was apparently a strong and healthy young man, with every prospect of a long and useful career. He was confined to his bed for a month, and during that period had three operations for appendicitis and other troubles, and ultimately succumbed on 25th February to septic poisoning. The loss of one so young and strong has been a great sorrow to his relations, to whom the Council, on behalf of the members of the A.O.U., desires to offer its sincere condolence. A recent work of Mr. Marriner, "The Kea : a New Zealand Problem," was favourably noticed in *The Emu* (*vide* vol. viii., pp. 229-231).

FROM THE MINUTES OF THE B.O.C., 15/12/09:—

Mr. G. M. MATHEWS remarked that the two following names should be added to his work "Handlist to the Birds of Australasia," 1908 :—

On p. 11 add :

LOPHOPHAPS LEUCOGASTER, Gould.

On comparing the white-breasted *Lophophaps* from Central Australia with examples from other parts of Australia, it will be found that the former have a much larger bill and thicker tarsi.

On p. 76 add :

ACANTHIZA AUSTRALIS, North.

Mr. North, in his book "Nest and Eggs of the Birds found breeding in Australia and Tasmania," pointed out the differences between this bird and *A. reguloides*, Vig. & Horsf., from New South Wales. Skins in Mr. Mathews' collection, proved that the characters pointed out by Mr. North were reliable.

Mr. MATHEWS added that on p. 5 the following alteration should be made:—*Dromæus peroni*, Roths., must stand as *D. parvulus*, Gould [Penny Cyclop., xxiii., p. 145 (1842)].

Mr. MATHEWS also described and exhibited an example of a new sub-species of Grass-Wren, which he proposed to call

AMYTORNIS WHITEI, sub-sp. n.

Differs from *A. striatus*, Gould, in being larger in all its measurements, the bill being especially large. It is also redder on the back and underparts.

Hab.—Coongan R., North-western Australia. This form is named in honour of Mr. H. L. White.—*Bulletin B.O.C.*, No. clvi.

FROM THE MINUTES OF THE B.O.C., 16/3/10:—

DR. E. HARTERT exhibited examples of a new form of *Acanthiza*, and made the following remarks :—

"When arranging the specimens of *Acanthiza* in the Tring Museum I was struck by the different colouration in a series which had been named *Acanthiza nana*, and it soon became evident that two different sub-species were represented. One form is characterized by having the upper surface olive-green and the under side bright yellow. This bird inhabits New South Wales, and has been described by Vigors and Horsfield as *Acanthiza nana*. I have examined skins from Sydney and Parramatta.

"In the other form the upper parts are less green, rather less bright, and of a more brownish tint; and the under surface is paler and of a more buffy yellow, contrasting with the pale rufous-buff throat. This form inhabits Victoria, and I have examined skins from Box Hill, Castlemaine, Mulgrave, and Springvale in the Tring Museum, and from Saddleworth in Mr. Mathews' collection. I propose to call this new form

ACANTHIZA NANA MATHEWSI, sub-sp. n.,

in honour of Mr. G. M. Mathews, the author of the most recent list of Australian birds.

"Type in the Tring Museum. ♂. No. 76A. Springvale, 23/10/97, A. G. Campbell coll.

"It may be added that the specimens of *Acanthiza* in the British Museum said to have been collected in Queensland (cf. Cat. Birds B. M., vii., p. 293) were certainly not procured in that locality. They were purchased from Cockerell, and the particulars on his specimens are always untrustworthy."—*Bulletin B.O.C.*, No. clix.

Important Announcement.

THE next annual session of the Australasian Ornithologists Union will be held at Brisbane during the first week in October. Thereafter the usual working expedition (for about 10 days) will be made to one or two of the islands of the Great Barrier Reef, with Gladstone as a base. The Government of Queensland, through the Under-Secretary, have been good enough to intimate that a suitable steamer will be placed at the disposal of the expedition. Applications from members intending to join the expedition must reach the hon. secretary A.O.U., Mr. H. W. Wilson, 105 Drummond-street, Carlton, Victoria, not later than 31st August.