

Publications Received.

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The first issue of a special Bird Day number of this *School Paper*. It is a pleasing and praiseworthy production. Stories, articles, poems, and pictures are devoted to the instruction of the youngsters in bird-lore. To Mr. A. H. Chisholm, R.A.O.U., is due the credit of having secured the contributions, which are from observers in many States of Australia.

Mr. R. C. Murphy's interesting paper on the Anatidæ of South Georgia, on which island he had the unique opportunity of studying bird-life, has been received. It is a reprint from *The Auk*, vol. xxxiii., No. 3. One is glad to see that there is not much chance at present of the Ducks mentioned being exterminated, and it is to be hoped that the introduced Magellanic Geese will survive.

Messrs. Witherby and Co., publishers, 326 High Holborn, London, W.C., announce the publication of a volume entitled "A Veteran Naturalist," being the life and work of W. B. Tegetmeier, by E. W. Richardson, with an introduction by the late Sir Walter Gilbey, Bart.; with portraits and many other illustrations, demy 8vo, cloth, 10s. net. The subjects dealt with include:—The First Pigeon Flight in England; Use of Carrier Pigeons for Lightships; the Discovery of the Cylindrical Origin of the Bee's Cell; Co-operation with Charles Darwin; Long Connection with *The Field*; Introduction of Anæsthetics and Automobiles; the Introduction of Decimal Coinage in England; of Balloon Post and "Pigeongrams"; Axolotls; Aeroplanes; Bees; Cock-fighting; Mendelism; Micro-photography; Okapi; Pallas's Sand-Grouse; Pheasants and Game Preserving; Pigeons; Poultry; the Savage Club; Snakes and Vipers; Sparrows; "Wireless"; Zebras.

Obituary.

MR. B. H. WOODWARD.

WE regret to learn of the death of Bernard H. Woodward, F.G.S., C.M.Z.S., which took place in October last at Harvey, Western Australia. Mr. Woodward was a member of a Norwich family which has produced a number of men well known in the scientific world. As a young man he came out to Western Australia for the sake of his health, and acted as mineral registrar and assayer, and when a Geological Museum was established in 1889 he was appointed Curator. From that date until his retirement at the end of 1914 the advancement of the Museum was the leading object of his activities, and his enthusiasm for and interest in natural history, geology, and art enabled him to gather valuable

collections in all these branches, so that the Western Australian Museum and Art Gallery compares favourably with similar institutions in the other States. Mr. Woodward was specially interested in ornithology, and was for many years a member of the R.A.O.U. He organized numerous collecting expeditions to various parts of Western Australia, with the result that the W.A. Museum contains some 6,000 skins of local birds, besides a good series of birds from all parts of the world obtained by purchase and exchange. In 1899 a special Bird Gallery was opened, one end of which is occupied by a case illustrating the bird-life of a Western Australian swamp, the details of which were copied from photographs taken by him. Mr. Woodward's interest in Australian ornithology will be preserved for all time by the fact that three species discovered by Mr. J. T. Tunney, the W.A. Museum collector, were named after him—viz., *Amytornis woodwardi*, Hartert, *Colluricincla woodwardi*, Hartert, and *Mirafra woodwardi*, Milligan, whilst Mr. G. M. Mathews subsequently named several Western Australian sub-species in his honour. Mr. Woodward was much interested in the preservation of the disappearing fauna of Australia, and mainly as the result of his efforts several faunal reserves were set aside by the Western Australian Government, of which the most important are Barrow Island, off the North-West coast, and a large area in the Darling Ranges, in the south-west. He was always ready to welcome and help any naturalist who visited his State, and his own activities for the advancement of the study of natural history in Western Australia will be much missed.

MISS W. MELLOR.

Members of the R.A.O.U. will regret to hear of the death of Miss Winifred Mellor, younger daughter of Mrs. J. F. Mellor, of Fulham, Adelaide, S.A. For a number of years Miss Mellor was a regular attendant at the annual meetings and excursions of the Society, and during the "camp-out" expeditions held throughout the Commonwealth her unselfish manner and cheerful personality endeared her to all. In her own State Miss Mellor was a well-known nature-lover, and she took an active interest in the welfare of ornithology.

Royal Australasian Ornithologists' Union.

THE annual meeting of the Union was held in Melbourne on 13th December, 1916, at 7.30 p.m., to receive the answers to the printed questions sent out to all members. There were present:—Dr. J. A. Leach (in the chair), Col. G. Horne, Col. H. W. Bryant, Dr. B. Nicholls, Messrs. W. B. Alexander, C. Barrett, J. Barr, A. J. Campbell, R. H. Croll, G. A. Dyer, W. F. Gates, C. G. Gibson, Z. Gray, F. Howe, W. H. D. Le Souëf, A. H. Mattingley, A. F. Phillips, H. Pottenger, T. Tregellas, and A. Wilkie.