

with the statement that the bird figured as *grallaria* is *leucogaster*.

The writers go on to say that the measurements sent them of the type of *grallaria* were first published by them in their paper. But on page 41 of my work I gave the measurements of the type, in 1912 (*over 10 years ago*). The type was sent to me from France for examination.

Yours, etc.,

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Foulis Court, Fair Oak, Hants., 14/11/22.

About Members

The popularity of Mr. A. H. Chisholm, R.A.O.U., who, for the past seven years, has been a member of the literary staff of *The Daily Mail*, Brisbane, was evidenced on the evening of 19th September last, when the combined staffs assembled in the composing-room, in large numbers, for the purpose of saying good-bye to him. Mr. Chisholm has severed his connection with this paper, with a view to taking up a position on the staff of the *Daily Telegraph*, of Sydney, about the end of the year.

Mr. C. E. Sligo (editor), in the unavoidable absence of the managing director (Mr. Norman White), presented Mr. Chisholm with a pair of field glasses, which should prove of great value to him in his ornithological ramblings. Mr. Sligo referred to Mr. Chisholm's sterling qualities as a journalist, and voiced the hope that, should Mr. Chisholm decide to return to Queensland, he would again join the "*Daily Mail*."

Members of the R.A.O.U. will congratulate Mr. Chisholm on his promotion, although the Union loses his services as State Secretary for Queensland. No doubt some other useful office will be found for him in the Mother State.

Obituary

Mr. Joseph Gabriel, the well-known and genial field naturalist, has passed on. He had a strong leaning towards ornithology, and assisted in that direction in exploring Bass Strait Islands, notably with the Field Naturalists' expedition to Kent Group, 1890, and to Furneaux Group, 1893. He also landed on the bald and bleak Albatross Island, 1895, with the late Mr. H. D. C. Ashworth, when the latter secured some excellent pictures of Albatrosses. In 1894, during a memorable Riverina flood, Mr. Gabriel joined with Mr. A. J. Campbell in visiting the haunts of various wild-fowl among the back waters of the Edward and Wakool Rivers, when there was much adventure.

Mr. Gabriel was a pharmaceutical chemist by profession; as a man he wore a spotless garb; he was born in Wales 75 years ago, and spent his younger days at Bendigo, Victoria.

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