Western Australia in October, 1927," by Mr. Edwin Ashby were next read by the respective authors.

The invitation of Mr. G. H. Barker to hold the next Cong-ress in Queensland was considered, and it was decided to refer the matter to the Council of the Union.

Mr. Ashby then moved that the R.A.O.U. urge the Government in each State as a matter of policy to reserve sufficient spaces for fauna and flora purposes in close proximity to each town.

Dr. W. K. MacGillivray alluded to the indiscriminate slaughter of birds that is being carried on in the vato rous States, and thought that greater efforts should be made to teach the children in schools the value of birds.

This completed the formal business of the Congress.

Description of Eggs of the Dark Thornbill (Acanthiza hedleyi)

Collected October 16, 1929, near Salt Creek, Coorong, S.A. By R. W. E. MOLESWORTH and J. N. McGILP, R.A.O.U.

Though the nest of this small Acanthiza had been found previously, the eggs remained undiscovered until the R.A.O.U. Camp-out at Salt Creek this year. Mr. Molesworth found a nest with a single fresh egg, and Mr. McGilp took one egg from another nest, which also con-tained a very small young bird.

Description of egg taken by R. W. E. Molesworth.—The egg is a rounded oval in shape, slightly flattened at one end. It is white in colour, sparsely spotted pink all over, with fewer spots towards the smaller end, and has a decided ring of spots about one-third of its length from the larger end. Measurements of egg: .719 x .56 in.

The nest is dome-shaped in form with a side entrance near the top. The entrance at the mouth is nearly two inches in diameter and reduced in size inside to about one inch. The whole structure was made of swamp grasses and flower-down, lined with feathers and the latter material. The nesting site was in a clump of small bushes in a dry swamp, the nest being placed about 2 feet from the ground. Both egg and nest are typical of the Thornbill.

Description of egg taken by J. Nell McGilp.—The egg is of a rounded oval shape, tapering slightly at one end. The texture of shell surface is coarser than usual with the Acanthiza group. There is very little lustre (due pos-sibly to extended incubation period). The ground colour is white; the surface of the shell is minutely freckled with red-brownish spots, which are fairly evenly distributed except that they are not quite so numerous towards the smaller end of the egg. Measurement of egg: .719 x .56 in.