

brushes in New South Wales. Even to-day there is a vast unsettled, well-watered area there rarely visited by man. If that visitor was not John Gould, who was he?

Yours, etc.,

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News and Notes

Mr. K. A. Hindwood has been elected a Corresponding Fellow of the American Ornithologists' Union—an honour upon which he is to be congratulated.

The Ninth International Ornithological Congress was held in Rouen, France, from May 9 to May 13, 1938, under the presidency of Prof. A. Ghigi, Rector of the University of Bologna, with M. Jean Delacour as Secretary. Approximately 300 persons were in attendance with delegates representing 32 countries.

The motion picture films shown included Dr. Arthur Allen's sound film illustrating the voice and the appearance of a number of North American birds. There were also films by Horst Siewert on the display of the Great Bustard; by Captain C. W. R. Knight, on the Hammerhead Stork, the Secretary-bird, and the Crowned Hawk-Eagle; by Dr. M. Stolpe showing the flight of Humming-birds in slow motion; and by Dr. K. Lorenz, on the psychology of Gray-Lag Geese reared in captivity. Amongst other important contributions were an x-ray film by Dr. Stanislaus showing the movements of the air sacs in living birds, and an account by Dr. James Chapin of the discovery of the Congo Peacock *Afropavo*.

At the close of the sessions it was voted to accept the invitation of the American Ornithologists Union to hold the next Congress, which will come in 1942, in the United States. Dr. Alexander Wetmore, Assistant Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, was elected President.

By inadvertence a proof of the captions under the maps on pages 282 and 284 of the November *Emu* was not submitted by the printer to the Hon. Editor. The obvious errors in the spelling of isohyet and in the use of the capital letter for *pusilla* and *chrysorrhoea* will doubtless have been noted by readers.

On page 273 of the November *Emu* (vol. xxxviii, part 3) the sixth line from the bottom of the page should read

"Siberia Soak" not "Liberia Soak." The type locality of *Acanthiza robustirostris liberia* (Mathews) is given (*Aust. Av. Rec.*, vol. 3, p. 61), as "Liberia Soak," but Dr. Serventy, who had access to the original label, states that the name is "Siberia." On page 250, in the sixteenth line from the top, read "two of three birds" for "two or three birds."

A note in *The Condor*, vol. XI, p. 225, gives another instance of a hailstorm proving fatal to bird-life. Two California Condors (*Gymnogyps californicus*) were the victims. The birds, which weighed 18½ lb. and 22½ lb. respectively, were found to have badly bruised bodies, the hailstones being as large as walnuts and lying two feet deep in the surrounding gullies. There are estimated to be between 40 and 50 Californian Condors now in existence so that accidents of this nature might well be a serious factor in reducing their numbers.

From Dr. Lawrence E. Hicks, Secretary of the American Ornithologists' Union, the following information has been received:

The fifty-sixth annual meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union was held at the U.S. National Museum, Washington, D.C., from October 17 to 21, 1938, with an attendance of 233. A total of 59 scientific papers were read—many illustrated by colour slides or films.

Officers elected for the new year were: President, Dr. Herbert Friedmann, Washington, D.C.; Vice-Presidents, Dr. J. P. Chapin, New York City, and Dr. J. L. Peters, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Secretary, Dr. Lawrence E. Hicks, Columbus, Ohio; Treasurer, Rudyerd Boulton, Chicago, Illinois; Council: W. L. McAtee, Washington, D.C., John T. Zimmer, New York City, and Robert T. Moore, Pasadena, California.

The Brewster Medal Award was made to Dr. Thomas S. Roberts for his volume, *The Birds of Minnesota*. One Fellow, Dr. Ira N. Gabrielson, Washington, D.C.; two Honorary Fellows, Eliot Howard of England, and Jacques Berlioz of France; and six Corresponding Fellows—K. A. Hindwood, Australia; Konrad Lorenz, Austria; Wilhelm Meise, Germany; R. E. Moreau, Tanganyika, Africa; Ernst Shuz, Germany; N. Tinbergen, Netherlands—were elected.

The 1939 meeting will be held in the San Francisco Bay region of California from June 19 to 23. Dr. Alden H. Miller, of Berkeley, is the chairman of the Local Committee. Dr. Alexander Wetmore, of the U.S. National Museum, has been named President of the 10th International Ornithological Congress which will hold a joint meeting with the American Ornithologists' Union at the Philadelphia Academy of Sciences in May, 1942.