

## Notes and Notices.

**Assisting Bird Protection.**—The South Australian Railway Department has issued instructions in printed form to all station-masters throughout that State that they are “hereby instructed to refuse to accept for carriage on the railways any consignment of protected birds.” Then follows a list of the fully protected birds of South Australia. This has been done to assist the Government in carrying out the provisions of the *Birds Protection Act* of 1900. At a meeting of the South Australian Ornithological Association held on 28th July, 1911, at Adelaide, the action of the Railway Department was favourably commented upon, and a desire expressed that other States should follow the example.

**Coloured Figure Fund.**—The hon. treasurer, R.A.O.U., has pleasure in acknowledging the following contributions to the Coloured Figure Fund of *The Emu* made during the year ended 30th June last, namely:—W. J. T. Armstrong (Vic.), 2s.; C. A. Barnard (Q.), 5s.; H. G. Barnard (Q.), 5s.; Miss Brumby (Tas.), 5s.; Dr. H. W. Bryant (Vic.), 7s. 6d.; A. J. Campbell (Vic.), 4s.; Tom Carter (W.A.), 2s. 6d.; E. M. Cornwall (Q.), 2s. 6d.; G. Graham (Vic.), 5s.; C. Gubanzi (Vic.), 5s.; Robt. Hall (Tas.), 1s. 6d.; G. F. Hill (Vic.), 2s. 6d.; Dr. W. W. Hope (Vic.), 7s. 6d.; Wm. Lawford (Vic.), 2s. 6d.; Col. Legge (Tas.), 5s.; Dr. Macgillivray (N.S.W.), 1s. 6d.; H. Quiney (Vic.), 5s.; A. W. Swindells (Tas.), 5s.; Thos. Tindale (Vic.), 5s.; Toowoomba Field Naturalists' Club (Q.), £2 2s.; W. Young (Q.), 5s.

It is also announced that Mr. H. L. White, Belltrees, paid the cost of the illustrations in part 5 of vol. x., excepting the photographs of the Royal patrons.

**Close Season in South Australia.**—Some time ago the Victorian Gun Club Association wrote to the South Australian Government, pointing out the very wide margin between the dates for the ending of the close season for game and birds generally in the two States, and urging the necessity of coming more into line with Victoria, which opens the close season on 1st February. The Commissioner of Crown Lands forwarded the communication to the South Australian Ornithological Association. The association found that the extending of the close season to 1st February would be opposed; but a recommendation was made, with the result that the Commissioner, Mr. Crawford Vaughan, has issued a proclamation extending the close season from 20th December to 10th January. As the season starts on 1st August for Ducks, and 1st July for the greater portion of all other birds, they will now enjoy a large amount of protection. The alteration will at least stay the hands of those thoughtless persons who go out and blaze away at every living creature during the Christmas holidays.

**Prohibition of Importation.**—A proclamation by the Governor-General (the Earl of Dudley) in *The Commonwealth of Australia*

*Gazette*, No. 20, dated 25th March, 1911, provides that the importation into the Commonwealth of the plumage and skins of the birds mentioned in the schedule hereunder shall be prohibited, unless it is proved to the satisfaction of the Comptroller-General of Customs that the plumage or skins were imported for educational or scientific purposes :—

The Birds-of-Paradise .. .. .	Family <i>Paradiseidæ</i>
The Humming-Birds .. .. .	" <i>Trochilidæ</i>
The Monal .. .. .	" <i>Phasianidæ</i>
Any one of the several species of Asiatic Pheasants of the genus <i>Lophophorus</i> , as the Impeyan Pheasant.	
The Argus .. .. .	" "
Any one of the several species of Asiatic Pheasants of the genus <i>Argusianus</i> , as the Argus Pheasant.	
The Crowned Pigeon .. .. .	" <i>Columbidæ</i>
Any of the several species of large crested Pigeons of the genus <i>Goura</i> , inhabiting New Guinea and the adjacent islands.	
The Rheas .. .. .	" <i>Rheidæ</i>
The Owls .. .. .	" <i>Strigidæ</i>
The Kingfishers .. .. .	" <i>Alcedinidæ</i>
The Macaws .. .. .	Order <i>Psittaci</i>
Any Parrot of the genus <i>Sittace</i> or <i>Macrocerus</i> .	
The Stork tribe .. .. .	Family <i>Ciconiidæ</i>
The Heron Tribe .. .. .	" <i>Ardeidæ</i>
The Ibises and Spoonbills .. .. .	" <i>Plataleidæ</i>
The Todies .. .. .	" <i>Todidæ</i>
The Cock-of-the-Rock .. .. .	<i>Rupicola aurantia</i>
The Quezal, or Resplendent Trogon .. .. .	<i>Pharomacrus mocinno</i>

**Prohibition of Exportation.**—Another proclamation by the Governor-General (the Earl of Dudley) in *The Commonwealth of Australia Gazette*, No. 20, dated 25th March, 1911, prohibits the exportation of the birds mentioned in the schedule hereunder, and the plumage, skins, and eggs (or egg-shells) of such birds, unless it is proved to the satisfaction of the Comptroller-General of Customs that the birds, or the plumage, skins, or eggs (or egg-shells) thereof are being exported for educational or scientific purposes :—

Emus .. .. .	<i>Dromæidæ</i>
Terns and Gulls .. .. .	<i>Laridæ</i>
Egrets, Herons, and Bitterns .. .. .	<i>Ardeidæ</i>
Lorikeets .. .. .	<i>Loriidæ</i>
Cockatoos .. .. .	<i>Cacatuidæ</i>
Parrots .. .. .	<i>Psittacidæ</i>
Dollar-Birds, or Rollers .. .. .	<i>Coraciidæ</i>
Kingfishers .. .. .	<i>Alcedinidæ</i>
Bee-eaters .. .. .	<i>Meropidæ</i>
Cuckoos .. .. .	<i>Cuculidæ</i>
Lyre-Birds .. .. .	<i>Menuridæ</i>

Pittas	..	..	..	<i>Pittidæ</i>
Robins	..	..	..	<i>Muscicapidæ</i> , genus <i>Petræca</i>
Ground-Thrushes and Chats	..	..	..	<i>Turdidæ</i>
Wrens	..	..	..	<i>Sylviidæ</i> , genus <i>Malurus</i>
Shrike - Tits, Thickheads, and	..	..	..	<i>Laniidæ</i> , genera <i>Falcunculus</i> .
Shrike-Robins	..	..	..	<i>Pachycephala</i> , <i>Eopsaltria</i>
Sun-Birds	..	..	..	<i>Nectariniidæ</i>
Bower-Birds	..	..	..	<i>Ptilonorhynchidæ</i>
Rifle-Birds	..	..	..	<i>Paradisæidæ</i>
Grebes	..	..	..	<i>Podicipedidæ</i>
Albatrosses	..	..	..	<i>Diomedæidæ</i>
Finches	..	..	..	<i>Ploceidæ</i>
Orioles	..	..	..	<i>Oriolidæ</i>
Shining Starlings	..	..	..	<i>Eulabetidæ</i> , genus <i>Calornis</i>

[The proclamation regarding exportation has been temporarily suspended except as regards skins and plumage of non-edible birds.—Eds.]

### Mr. Mathews' Work on "The Birds of Australia."

IN procuring material for his great self-imposed task of a coloured figure for every known Australian bird, Mr. Gregory M. Mathews is amassing a collection of Australian bird-skins that promises to be second to none in the world. However, he is still in want of many of the rarer species. Any persons desiring to aid in the reduction of Mr. Mathews' *desiderata*, either by exchange or purchase, are invited to communicate with him direct. Address—Langley Mount, Watford, Herts., England.

### Important Notice.

#### ANNUAL SESSION OF THE ROYAL AUSTRALASIAN ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION.

THE eleventh session of the R.A.O.U. will commence at Sydney 28th October (this month).

On the afternoon of that day (Saturday) there will be a local outing. On Sunday the National Park will be visited, members being under the guidance of Mr. Basset Hull. The general meeting will be held on Monday evening, at the British Medical Hall; and the public lecture, "Tropic Islands and Coral Strands," will be given on Tuesday evening, at the King's Hall.

On Wednesday, 1st November, arrangements will be made for an extended working excursion to the neighbourhood of Gosford and the celebrated Hawkesbury district, under the leadership of Mr. A. S. Le Souëf, of the Sydney Zoological Gardens. Every member will receive the usual circular notice. Further particulars may be obtained from Mr. A. H. E. Mattingley, Acting Hon. Secretary, R.A.O.U., Customs House, Melbourne.