

By reason of the "material" and fine library at his hands, Mr. Basset Hull's services on the "Check-list" Committee will be doubly valuable.

Obituary.

DEATH has removed two influential members of the R.A.O.U.

First, Mr. O. W. Rosenhain, who was travelling with Mrs. Rosenhain in the East at the time. Three days before arriving at Japan Mr. Rosenhain was attacked by a heart seizure, which ended fatally on the 4th September, 1917. He was born in South Australia, and was comparatively a young man. He took keen interest in birds and bird protection, and promoted the "Bird Protection Court" at an exhibition held in Melbourne some years ago. At the Bird Observers' meetings and field outings the late Mr. Rosenhain was the most genial of members, and his loss will be keenly felt.

Second, Mr. E. A. Petherick, C.M.G., the Australian bibliographer, who, in submitting himself to an operation, died at Mount St. Evin's private hospital, East Melbourne, on the 17th September. Mr. Petherick was born at Burnham, Somerset, England, and was 70 years of age. In 1909 Mr. Petherick presented the nation (through the Commonwealth Parliament Library) with an invaluable collection of books, documents, charts, &c. (numbering several thousands—the collection of a lifetime) pertaining to the history of Australia and the early voyages of navigators in the Southern Seas. At the annual session of the R.A.O.U. held in Sydney, 1911, a movement was started to have the Petherick bibliography concerning Australian ornithology published. The movement has not yet borne fruit, and, on purely national grounds, should be set afoot again, perhaps after the war. The work of the "Check-list" Committee would be greatly aided by such an indispensable reference.

All members of the R.A.O.U. will desire to pay tribute to the memory of these two deceased members, and tender their sincerest sympathy to the respective families.

Notes.

THE honorary secretary, Mr. Le Souëf, would be glad of any notes that members can give him from actual observation on the food of birds of prey, especially Eagles.

THE honorary treasurer is desirous of reminding members that subscriptions for the current year are now due. Owing to the great increase of printing cost, he would be glad to receive subscriptions promptly.

FOLLOWING the decision of the vote of members, the Council has decided that the annual congress and camp-out shall not be held this year, and that the election of officers and the business of the annual meeting shall be conducted by correspondence.