

"to be," for they are a growing part of the living language. The name must be "simple, easily said, descriptive, short, and is much stronger if in some way it ties up the bird's characteristics with familiar ideas." Such "clumsy names" as "White-throated Sparrow" and "Black-and-White Warbler," and "absurd pedantries" like "Pileolated Warbler" and "Protonotary Warbler" are condemned. In summing up, Mr. Thompson Seton says:—"I take it that the business of ornithology is, first, to accumulate correct information about birds and then to diffuse it among the people. If the ornithologists had set out definitely to build an eternal barrier to popular interest in birds they could not have done it better than by establishing such impossible names as are cited above. They never were, and never could be, English names."

### About Members.

BEFORE leaving Perth (W.A.) for England at the end of July, Mr. Tom Carter, M.B.O.U., intended to have a "parting shot" in the historic Shark Bay district, intending to leave Fremantle on 30th April; but the local strike dislocated all shipping, and up to the 13th May the steamer had not started. Mr. Carter, therefore, had reluctantly to abandon his trip north. All members will sympathize with Mr. Carter in his keen disappointment for further field research in such an interesting region, and heartily wish him *bon voyage*.

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"In Australian Wilds" is the title of a new book by Mr. Charles Barrett, C.M.Z.S., to be published shortly by the Melbourne Publishing Co. It will contain 100 illustrations from photographs by the author, the majority being of birds. Some of the chapters deal with experiences during R.A.O.U. camps in the different States; others describe the author's trips with only a guide, white man or aborigine, for company. Another book by Mr. Barrett, written while he was on active service, is being published in Cairo. "Egyptian Hours" deals with phases of nature in Upper and Lower Egypt and Palestine. The illustrations are from drawings by a member of the Royal Air Force.

### Honour Roll.

THE Council of the R.A.O.U. has decided to hang in the Union's room an Honour Roll, on which will be inscribed the names of all members who served in the Great War. Will members who enlisted kindly furnish the secretary with their full names, and state what rank they held, what distinctions (if any) were gained, and other particulars of interest. All interested are invited to assist in making the record complete.