

opportunities present in that neighbourhood for studying bird-life. While there he also studied the habits and language of the aborigines of Lake Boga, and on that subject wrote a valuable paper, which appears in the *Proceedings of the Royal Society of Victoria*, vol. xxiii. (new series). Subsequently he left Lake Boga and entered into business at South Yarra, and became an active member of the Bird Observers' Club in Melbourne. Later, he was elected hon. secretary of the R.A.O.U., and on retirement became a member of the Council of the R.A.O.U. When Mr. H. L. White sent a great number of eggs to the Union as a foundation for a scientific collection, Mr. Stone was appointed curator of the eggs, and held both that office and his office of member of the Council until his death. He was a most enthusiastic worker for the Union, and one of his last efforts was directed to obtaining a complete list of our members who took part in the Great War, so that their names may appear on the honour board placed in the Union's room at Temple Court, Melbourne.

Donation of the "William Snowball" Oological Collection.

SOME years ago General Sir Chas. Ryan, the late Dr. William Snowball, and Mr. Dudley Le Souëf combined in an enterprise to explore the little-known region of Northern Australia, with the object of adding to their respective oological collections northern novelties, and sent Mr. H. G. Barnard afield on their behalf.

Many good specimens were secured, including eggs of the Albert Rifle-Bird, Manucode, and others. Eventually Mr. Le Souëf's collection was acquired by Mr. H. L. White, Belltrees. General Ryan still possesses his treasures in handsome, polished, figured blackwood cabinets, while the late Dr. Snowball's collection, through the thoughtfulness of the trustees (Mr. and Mrs. Robert Porter) of the family has been donated to the R.A.O.U., and will make an important, as well as an historical, addition to the Union's fast growing and useful Museum.

The thanks of members, individually and collectively, go out to the family of the late Dr. Snowball, and their trustees, for this most handsome gift.

Notes.

ON account of the extended printers' strike, the usual April issue was not published until 29th May, 1920.

Owing to pressure on our space some matter has been reduced and some held over.