

When the addresses were concluded and many questions had been answered, Mr. Mattingley and Mr. Gates voiced the thanks of the R.A.O.U. to His Excellency and Lady Stradbroke for their attendance. In his reply, the Governor showed that he takes a keen and intelligent interest in matters concerning the preservation of the native fauna.

Dr. Leach (President, R.A.O.U.) acted as chairman in his usual efficient style, and expressed the feelings of all the members of the R.A.O.U. present, when he spoke of the strong encouragement so large an attendance afforded.

J. CROSS, Hon. Sec., R.A.O.U.

## Obituary

### FREDERIC CHARLES MORSE.

By the death of Mr. F. C. Morse, of "Banarway," Mogil Mogil, N.S.W., which occurred after a short illness, on January 26th last, at Collaroy, a seaside resort near Sydney, where he was spending a holiday with his family, the Union lost a member who could ill be spared. He leaves a widow, three sons and a daughter.

The late Mr. Morse was born at "Balala" Station, near Armidale, on July 10th, 1874. He was educated at All Saints' College, Bathurst, where he won distinction as a scholar and in many branches of sport.

On leaving school, Mr. Morse went on the land, and for many years managed "Bundy," a well-known property near Coonamble. Afterwards he bought "Coocalla," at Garah, where he lived until last year, when he sold out and purchased "Banarway," at Mogil Mogil.

When quite a boy Mr. Morse began the career of an enthusiastic nature-lover, devoting most of his time to the study of birds. Being a keen and reliable observer, a splendid bushman, a daring climber and a clever photographer, his contributions to *The Emu* and other journals have added considerably to the knowledge of Australian ornithology.

In bird photography, Mr. Morse excelled; the many beautiful pictures which have appeared in *The Emu* indicate his skill in that branch of his life's hobby. His observations on the "Birds of the Watercourse" (Moree) and other articles written under the nom-de-plume "Limacola," were mainly responsible for having that area declared a sanctuary, and his egg collection, replete with full data, ranks amongst the best private collections in Australia.

A man of quiet, unassuming manner, a devoted husband and father, always generous and hospitable, he endeared himself to all those fortunate enough to know him. Whether in camp or in the scrub, Mr. Morse was a delightful companion and a typical Australian. He was a valued and esteemed member of the R.A.O.U., and will be greatly missed by all.