

protected. A license must be taken out to shoot game; the number of each bag is limited, and a return of the number and sex of each species killed must be furnished. Theoretically, even Africa is in advance of Australia. It would be most interesting to know how many birds in the Victorian "big bags" so gloried in were "females or immature males." Is not such heartlessness a menace to any species? In America, as previously pointed out in *The Emu*, not only the shooter of illicit game (over-large bags included), but what the law terms a "common carrier," and the railway authorities who convey such freight by train, are liable to penalties. From India, as well as South Africa, the export of certain forms of game, as well as their products (plumes, &c.), is forbidden, save by special license, and ruthless shooting is thus discouraged.

Corrections.

TURNIX TANKI.—Mr. D. Seth-Smith, F.Z.S., points out that in a reference to an article of his on this bird the range of the species was given not as he intended it to be read (see *Emu*, vol. iii., p. 195). The editors regret that Australia was inadvertently given for the species instead of for the genera.

THE VARIED LORIKEET.—Mr. Reginald Phillipps, in a letter to the editors of *The Emu*, desires them to correct a statement on p. 195 (vol. iii.)—His male bird of this species, he says, "had not the red crown when first received, because it was immature, not because it was a male. . . . It was the owner of the birds who was trying to pass them off as true pairs, the mature specimens as males, the immature as females." It is regrettable that this misreading occurred, and the editors apologize.

Notes and Notices.

THE fourth annual session of the Aust. O.U. will be held in Sydney on the 28th, 29th, and 30th November next. From preliminary arrangements already afoot the function promises to be the most successful yet held.

THE following appeared in the Melbourne *Age* under "Sporting Notes":—"Mount Gambier.—The annual Parrot match was well competed for, and was won by Dr. F. D. Jermyn from H. E. F. Sturm with 15 birds, first miss out conditions. H. Hammer won two sweepstakes afterwards." Why do not the many bird protection societies of South Australia protest against this cruel destruction of indigenous birds? If the Gambier Gun Club must have such sport (?) there is plenty of vermin, and to spare—to wit, Starlings—to shoot.

DONATIONS to the Coloured Figure Fund:—Dr. E. D'Ombraïn, 5s. 6d.; Mr. H. Quiney, 10s.

NOTES, &c., received:—"Migratory Birds," C. G. Lane, Alexandra; "Heron, &c., Rookeries," A. J. Simson, Ulupna West; "Yellow Grass-Parrakeets," T. Hurst, Melbourne; "Flight of Cockatoos," photo. by W. Grant, per favour Dr. E. D'Ombraïn, Casterton; "Young Crested Tern," photo. by J. W. Beattie, per favour J. R. McClymont, Hobart.

MR. CYRIL GRANT LANE, of Alexandra (Vict.), who has already made a name by a work on dogs, has, at the request of Messrs. Hutchinson and Co., of London, prepared a book dealing with some phases of the natural history of Australia.

The Illustrations.

PLATE I., "Nest and Young of the Frogmouth," is from a photo. by Mr. C. P. Conigrave, interesting particulars of which are found in Mr. A. W. Milligan's article on the Wongan Hills, Western Australia.

PLATE II. represents an adult Frogmouth (*Podargus stri-goides*) in characteristic attitude near its nest and young. This picture was taken at the opposite side of the continent to Mr. Conigrave's, on the eastern shores of Port Phillip, by Mr. J. Sears, on the grounds of Dr. Chas. Ryan.

PLATE III. is from a photo. by Mr. D. Le Souëf, and represents the well-known Boobook Owl (*Ninox boobook*), taken at the Zoological Gardens, Melbourne. It is strange that some "bush" naturalists and tyros still confound this Owl with the Frogmouth, averring (erroneously, of course) that the Frogmouth and not the Owl utters the familiar cry of "mo-poke" at night.

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