

having the bare skin above and behind the eye dull greenish-blue, which in *M. lunulatus* is rich orange-scarlet. Of curious nesting sites of the Rock-Warbler (*Origma rubricata*) Mr. A. F. Hull informed Mr. North that a pair had built their nest round a piece of string hanging down inside from the roof of a tent at Freshwater, Manly. This tent, the entrance to which was partially concealed by a rock shelter, was occupied from Saturday to Monday, and every other night, by several youths, but the birds, unconcerned at their presence, had finished the nest, and the female had since the 17th inst. been sitting on a full complement of eggs. Last year, Mr. Herbert E. Ross informed him, a pair had built their nest in a small cave that had been fitted up as a dark-room for photographers, in the rocky and spacious grounds of a well-known resort at Medlow, on the Blue Mountains. At Lane Cove Mr. Arthur Muddle found a nest last year attached to the timbers beneath the verandah of a waterside cottage, and in the same locality several seasons ago Mr. Edgar R. Waite saw a nest containing young attached to the roof inside a bathing-box at Longueville.

Hutton Memorial Research Fund.

A CIRCULAR has been issued by the Philosophical Institute of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand, stating it has been resolved by the Institute that it is desirable that, in memory of Captain F. W. Hutton, a fund be established, to be known as the "Hutton Memorial Research Fund," devoted to the encouragement of original research in Natural Science in New Zealand, such fund when established to be vested in and controlled by the Board of Governors of the New Zealand Institute. These resolutions were followed by a suggestion to the last-named body that, in addition to making grants from time to time to persons engaged in original research, a bronze medal be struck, to be called the "Hutton Medal," and to be awarded at suitable intervals to persons who have made original contributions of special value to the Natural Science of New Zealand. To save time the Philosophical Institute of Canterbury has commenced the collection of subscriptions for the purposes above mentioned, with the view of afterwards handing them over to the New Zealand Institute, and contributed £50 from its funds. The Philosophical Institute desires aid from all kindred bodies in this matter, than which there could hardly be a better method of perpetuating the memory of the late deservedly honoured president of the A.O.U. The Institute makes a special claim for contributions on the ground that, whilst the influence and importance of research is becoming

more and more fully recognized in all parts of the world, New Zealand has as yet taken no steps for its encouragement, and no financial assistance has so far been given to private workers in any department of science. When it is remembered that Captain Hutton unselfishly devoted himself throughout his lifetime to the advancement of Natural Science in New Zealand, and that no worker has done more to increase the world's knowledge of the geology, zoology, and botany of New Zealand than he did, it is peculiarly appropriate that his name should be associated with the first fund established in New Zealand for encouragement of further study of these subjects. We in Australia are almost equally indebted to Captain Hutton, having reaped a portion of the benefits of his work, and the appeal should have equal force here. Contributions should be forwarded to Dr. Chilton, hon. treasurer Hutton Memorial Research Fund, Canterbury College, Christchurch, N.Z.

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