

feebler and less discordant. (From all appearances these birds are becoming rare, and they seem to keep to the western end of the island.) Here we saw a fair number of the Kangaroo Island Scarlet-breasted Robin (*Petræca samueli*, Mathews, *Austral Avian Record*, vol. i., part 4, p. 89).*

One evening we watched a party of Honey-eaters hunting winged insects. They proved to be *Ptilotis cratitia*, but, strange to say, more than one of the mature birds was adorned with wattles that were nearly white. A fair number of Island White-backed Magpies (*Cracticus leuconotus*) were seen, and a few specimens of the Kangaroo Island Raven (*Corvus halmaturinus*, Mathews, "Reference-list Birds of Australia," p. 443). Nearly all the Honey-eaters already mentioned were found in this spot. We worked on towards Rocky River, examining much of the country on each side; but, as the season seemed to be breaking, and rain setting in, we turned our horses' heads homewards. This time we followed the south coast, and passed through much poor country. We camped at the Eleanor River, which proved unproductive. On we went, passing Lake Ada, a pretty pond of water fringed with dark tea-tree. We made a camp at Birchmore's Lagoon and met with a few interesting birds, amongst them being the Kangaroo Island Grass-Bird (*M. halmaturinus*, Mathews, *Austral Avian Record*, vol. i., part 2, p. 43). These birds were in large parties (many being immature), and were hopping about on the shores of the lagoon, some distance from any cover. Close to the edge of the water we saw large parties of the White-eye which Mr. A. G. Campbell named some time ago *Zosterops halmaturina*. In the low scrub, a short distance from the lagoon, we observed a number of Kangaroo Island Scrub-Wrens (*Sericornis ashbyi*, vide Mathews, "Reference-list Birds of Australia," p. 356). We passed through poor sandy country till the Cygnet River was reached, when a change came over the scene; comfortable homesteads, with neat gardens, eucalyptus oil factories, and a macadamized road were features.

Mounting the rise over the township of Kingscote, a lovely evening view presented itself. Nepean Bay lay stretched out below, blue and placid, and far out the little steamer was moving landward. It was not long before we were comfortably lodged in the Ozone Hotel.

Exchange.—Mr. E. D. Barnard, R.A.O.U., Kurrajong, *viâ* Gladstone, Queensland, is anxious to add to his oological collection the eggs of migrants and foreign *Accipitres*.

* According to the law of priority, which Mr. Mathews has apparently overlooked in this instance, likewise in the case of the Island *Meliornis novæ-hollandiæ*, these birds were provisionally named *halmaturina*, in 1906, by Mr. A. G. Campbell—see *Emu*, vol. v., p. 140, fifth paragraph.—Eds.