

if we take from white light a given colour the remaining colour is the complement of the given colour.' When any two colours or hues which when combined in proper proportion on the colour-wheel produce, by rotation, neutral grey, these two colours each represent the complementary of the other."

Now that wattle-blossom has been proclaimed Australia's national flower, Australians especially will be interested and instructed in a number of new names in the scale of yellows, such as baryta, martius, pinard, picric, massicot, naphthalene, chalcidony, marguerite, chartreuse, &c. King's yellow is missed, but instead there is an "empire yellow," of similar tint.

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### Correspondence.

#### NORTH QUEENSLAND BIRDS.

*The Editors of The Emu.*

SIRS,—Dr. W. Macgillivray, in his most interesting paper on the birds of Northern Queensland, in *The Emu*, January, 1914, remarks that it is doubtful whether the nest and eggs of *Podargus marmoratus* have been obtained. I wish to state that I described the nest and egg in *The Ibis* for July, 1899 (page 361). Dr. Macgillivray also mentions that the eggs of a Cuckoo were found in the nest of *Glyciphila modesta*, and he presumes that they were those of *Cacomantis variolosus*. He is right in his contention, as in 1898 I left an egg of the Cuckoo in the nest of foster-parents until it was hatched and the fledgeling was able to leave the nest. I then secured the specimen and brought it to Melbourne. It proved to be the young of the above-mentioned species.

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### About Members.

DR. George Horne, member of Council, R.A.O.U., is enjoying a well-earned holiday in Europe.

MR. Robert Hall, C.M.Z.S., late president R.A.O.U., is now an orchardist in the Hobart district, Tasmania, and intends to pursue ornithology as a recreation only.

MR. Tom Carter, M.B.O.U., has left Western Australia and returned to England. His temporary address is c/o Dr. M. C. Ward, Marshall's-road, Sutton, Surrey.

MR. Gregory M. Mathews, F.R.S. (Edin.), is on a visit to the Commonwealth in connection with the publication of his great work, "The Birds of Australia." He touched at Perth, and was warmly welcomed at Adelaide by the South Australian ornithologists. He was entertained at Melbourne by the Council of the R.A.O.U. and the Bird Observers' Club respectively. Mr.

Mathews is at present in Tasmania. From there he will proceed to New South Wales and Queensland before returning to Britain, *via* America, in July. Mr. Mathews was accompanied to Australia by Mrs. Mathews and their sons, who remained on the mail steamer until Sydney was reached.

DR. R. W. SHUFELDT, of Washington, D.C., an honorary member of the R.A.O.U., hopes, with Mrs. Shufeldt, to visit Australia during the meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science. Dr. Shufeldt has a world-wide fame as an author and ornithologist. He was collaborator with the late Professor Alfred Newton in the "Dictionary of Birds." He is an unwearied and versatile writer in many branches of ornithology. In addition to the valuable articles on osteology which he contributed to *The Emu* last year, he has written in *Science* (N.S., vol. xxxvii., No. 947) on "New and Extinct Birds and Other Species from the Pleistocene of Oregon," and a highly technical paper, "On the Patella in the Phalacrocoracidae," which appeared in the *Proceedings of the Zoological Society of London*. On the more popular side of ornithology Dr. Shufeldt contributed to the *Popular Science Monthly* for November, 1913, an article on "The National Zoological Garden." In the *Outers' Book* he continues his pleasantly written articles (illustrated) on "American Grouse and their Identification," and in that charming publication, "The Guide to Nature," he has written, with illustrations, on "Some American Wild Fowl," &c., while *The Auk*, vol. xxx., No. 2, p. 318, contains a sympathetic obituary notice of Professor Robert Collett, of Christiania, from the pen of the talented doctor.

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### Obituary Notice.

*The Ibis* for October, 1913, contains a memoir of the late Philip Lutley Sclater, D.Sc., F.R.S., by Mr. A. H. Evans. "Not only was he of world-wide reputation for a long life's work," states the writer, "but the various posts which he held at different periods entitled him to be considered of late the head of that branch of learning to which he was specially devoted, as well as a great power in zoology generally. He always had the welfare of ornithology at heart, and was not only ready but anxious to further any project for its advancement, while his kindness and consideration to all beginners who applied to him were equally characteristic. The names of Bowdler Sharpe, Garrod, and W. A. Forbes will at once occur to us in this connection, but these are a mere drop in the ocean compared to the long list of all who have owed their position or their reputation to his support, and those of them who are still alive will have heard with the keenest regret of his removal from our midst. It may, perhaps, be permitted to the present writer here to strike a personal note by expressing his own feeling of gratitude for all Dr. Sclater's kindness towards him, both in early life and while joint-editor with him of *The Ibis*,