

At the January meeting Messrs. Lawrence and Littlejohns gave a lantern display which was a revelation to members. Remarkable pictures of the Mistletoe-Bird (*Dicaeum hirundinaceum*), Pilot-Bird (*Pycnophilus floccosus*), and the *Acanthiza* were thrown on the screen.

Dr. Norman M'Arthur, who has been elected chairman of the Game Protection Society, stated that he had been instructed by his society to endeavour to bring about co-operation between the B.O.C., Gould's League, and the society, with respect to the furtherance of game protection.

Bird notes from places as far apart as Macquarie Island and Cooper's Creek were the outstanding feature of the February meeting, which was held at the residence of Mr. George Dyer, North Fitzroy. Dr. Macgillivray, of Broken Hill, President R.A.O.U., related his experiences amongst the birds on his last trip to Cooper's Creek. At Yanco Station he saw the tunnels of the Red-backed Kingfisher (*Halcyon pyrrhopygius*) in the mud walls of a bush hut. White-necked Herons (*Notophox pacifica*) and Shell Parrots (*Melopsittacus undulatus*) were nesting in great numbers. Numerous immature Pied and Black Honey-eaters were met with. Dragon-flies were plentiful, and were being freely taken by Bee-eaters (*Merops ornatus*). Dr. Macgillivray also described the country in the vicinity of the Claudie River, Queensland, where he established three camps in company with Mr. M'Lennan, Mr. J. A. Kershaw, and his son. He described the habits of many of the rarer birds, such as the Cockerell Honey-eater (*Trichodere cockerelli*), Striated Tree-runner (*Neositta striata*), Rifle-Bird (*Ptiloris paradisea*), and the new Parrot that he had discovered—viz., *Eclectus geoffreyi*. This bird nested in the very tall deciduous trees at the time when they were bare of leaves.

Mr. Henderson showed a very fine series of Penguin photos. taken by him when stationed at the wireless station at Macquarie Island. He exhibited an albino skin of the Royal Penguin. These birds lay two eggs, one of which is always infertile. One hundred and fifty thousand birds are killed annually for their oil, but he considered that there was no danger of their becoming exterminated.

Mr. F. E. Howe entertained the members in the city at the March meeting. He read an instructive and scientific paper on the genus *Hylacola*. He went into details concerning the nomenclature, description, distribution, and habits of *H. halmaturina*, *H. caula*, and *H. pyrrhopygia*. A visitor to the meeting was Miss Manfield ("Guide Alice"), of Buffalo, who brought a number of slides showing the life of the Lyre-Bird and the country in which it lives. Miss Manfield promised to give a paper and lantern display on her travels and experiences over the Buffalo Mountains.

Publications Received.

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Proceedings of the Royal Society of Victoria, Vol. XXIX., part I (New Series).

The Victorian Naturalist, Vol. XXXIII., Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8.

The Victorian Education Gazette and Teacher's Aid, Vol. XVI., Nos. 9, 10, 11.

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The South Australian Ornithologist, Vol. II., part 8.
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The Agricultural Gazette of New South Wales, Vol. XXVII., part 4.
The Proceedings of the Linnean Society of New South Wales, Vol. XLII., part 2.
The Ibis (10th series), Vol. IV., No. 4.
The *Ibis* Index from 1895-1912 has also come to hand; it is a bulky volume, and must have entailed much work in its preparation.
Avicultural Magazine (3rd series), Vol. VII., Nos. 10, 11, 12.
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University of California Publications in Zoology, Vol. XI., No. 17; Vol. XVI., No. 16; Vol. XVII., Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.
Proceedings of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, Vol. LXVIII., parts 1 and 2.
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The Auk, Vol. XXXIII., No. 4.
Transactions of the Royal Society of South Africa, Vol. V., part 5.
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THE generous donor who has insisted on being anonymous for 18 months has now given permission for his name to be revealed. He is no other than the chief benefactor of the Union, Mr. Henry L. White, of Belltrees, Scone, N.S.W. For services rendered, Mr. White was years ago elected a life member. Far from taking advantage of this position to reduce contributions, Mr. White suggested the scheme whereby *The Emu* has been improved by the addition of a coloured plate in each issue, and still pays half the total cost (which amounts to about £36 a year).

His gift of £1,000, invested in the War Loan, is now providing the Union with its own centrally-situated room, where the Council regularly meets, and members gather to discuss ornithological problems and welcome visiting ornithologists and members.

The special meeting of the R.A.O.U. on 18th April is likely to become as memorable in the history of the Union as that famous inaugural meeting at Adelaide in 1901. A unanimous vote of the members completed the legal business, and established our Union as a legal entity capable of suing for just debts and owning property. It afforded the necessary opportunity for Mr. White to complete the transfer of his gift. The room contains as one of its chief articles of furniture a beautiful specially-constructed book-