

case, designed on Mr. White's suggestions to hold John Gould's great work, "The Birds of Australia." The volumes are in beautiful order, and are valued at £300.

Further obligations are laid on the Union by the gift of Mr. White's famous collection of Australian birds to the National Museum, Melbourne. This carries, as well as the privilege of inspection in common with the general public during official hours, the special privilege of a monthly meeting in the Bird-room of the National Museum, with Mr. White's collection available for inspection and illustration of papers, discussions, &c.

Working ornithologists again are indebted to Mr. White for the gift of his duplicate specimens to the Union. These are now at the Union's room, and are always available for examination and study.

For years, Mr. White, by sending and maintaining field ornithologists in distant parts of the Commonwealth, has been the sharer with Gregory M. Mathews and Captain White of the honour of chief workers in Australian ornithology. Mr. White has now consummated the work by placing his priceless collection in safe custody, where it is available for scientific workers, and by placing the members of the R.A.O.U. in the fortunate position of having a central meeting room, John Gould's "Birds of Australia" in the library, and a working collection of skins for young students desirous of learning Australian birds. Mr. White, in addition, has announced his intention of making the R.A.O.U. room second to none in the world. Other members of our Union are also assisting, but there is still room for contributions of furniture, eggs, skins, books, and other ornithological publications. The hon. secretary would be pleased to hear from those desirous of contributing at this historic juncture.

Notes.

OWING to financial stringency consequent on the war and the increase in cost of printing, paper, &c., the Council of the R.A.O.U. was reluctantly compelled to reduce the size of the current issue. It is hoped that the next issue will be of normal size.

THE well-known and old-established natural history monthly, *The Zoologist*, having been acquired by Messrs. Witherby and Co., will in future be incorporated with the illustrated monthly magazine, *British Birds*, published by the same firm at 326 High Holborn.

MESSRS. Witherby and Co. have been appointed European agents for the "Journal of the Natural History Society of Siam." The work is illustrated with plates and figures, and deals with all branches of the natural history of that country.