jewels. But only the males are so bedecked; the females are dressed mostly in quiet browns, with the exception of one species, and this one has an appreciable amount of blue on it.

Included in this work are the emu-wrens. The inclusion is justified by the author—"because few birds are more elfin like in appearance . . . "

The book is well illustrated by photographs and a number of coloured plates. These plates, eight of which are devoted to birds and one to eggs, are a tribute to the artist, who is the author, and would by themselves be worth the price of the book.

A notable feature is the series of distribution maps. These are given in colour, and show at a glance the distribution of the various species.—R.F.

News and Notes

BINDING OF *The Emu*

Members are advised that it is now possible to have their back volumes of *The Emu* bound, in standard binding, at approximately 10/2 per volume. Binding cases will also be available at 4/2 per case. Members desirous of having their volumes bound must send them to the Hon. General Secretary not later than June 10, 1950.

DEFECTIVE COPIES OF *The Emu*

A number of defective copies of the October 1949 *Emu* were distributed by the printer, pages 130 and 131 and portion of page 129 being missing. As reprinting of these pages is contemplated, members with defective copies are asked to notify the Hon. General Secretary at once.

INCREASED SUBSCRIPTION

On account of increases in the cost of producing *The Emu* the Council has increased the annual subscription to 25/- as from July 1, 1950. This increase is certainly not unreasonable in view of costs generally. The Council expresses the hope that all members will realize the justification and continue their membership.

Obituary

MAJOR-GENERAL W. A. COXEN

A link with the days of John Gould in Australia was severed by the death of Major-General Walter Adams Coxen, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., which occurred in Melbourne on December 15, 1949. Major-General Coxen, who was born in Egham, Surrey (England) on June 22, 1870, was a son of Henry W. Coxen, who came to Australia with his uncle and aunt, John and Elizabeth Gould, in 1838—he was the elder son

of Mrs. Gould's eldest brother, Henry Holman Coxen. Young
Henry Coxen (who was aged 14 years when he reached
Tasmania with the Goulds) became, in later years, a pros-
perous pastoralist in Queensland, intermittently spending
several years in England, and lived on until he reached the
age of 92 years in 1915.

Major-General Coxen began his career with the Depart-
ment of Railways in Queensland, but joined the permanent
forces, R.A.A., in 1895. During World War I he served with
the A.I.F. and in the battle that began on August 8, 1915,
he commanded the greatest aggregation of artillery in the
history of war. Later (1930-31) he was Chief of the General
Staff in Australia. Throughout his life he retained interest
in ornithology and pride in the achievements of his ancestral
relatives.—A.H.C.

Mr. Neville W. Cayley died on March 17, 1950. An
obituary notice will appear later.

Correspondence

THE SENEGAL DOVE

To the Editor,
Sir,

In the January issue of *The Emu,* page 191, Mr. Harold
Tarr refers to my report, some time ago, that the Senegal
Dove (*Streptopelia senegalensis*) was in the Toowoomba
district. I find that I have to correct the previous informa-
tion that I had of the identity of the Toowoomba bird.

In a letter from Mr. George Mack dated July 29, 1949,
he describes the Java Dove (*Streptopelia chinensis tigrina*)
and its call, 'coorpooroo-kuk.' I am satisfied that the bird so
common about Toowoomba is the Java Dove.

<div align="center">Yours, etc.,</div>

Murphy's Creek, Q'land.   E. A. R. LORD.
March 11, 1950.

A MATTER OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT

To the Editor,
Sir,

In his article on 'The Distribution of Foreign Birds in
Australia' (*The Emu,* vol. 49, p. 189), Mr. H. E. Tarr
expresses his gratitude to me, among others, for the use
of my field notes. Lest there be any misunderstanding, I
wish to inform your readers that I have never supplied
Mr. Tarr with any field notes on the subject, and therefore